



# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

*Mark A. Emmert, President*

November 24, 2008

Dean Ana Mari Cauce  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Box 353765

Dear Ana Mari:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in European Studies. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2008.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Emmert  
President

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Donnen (with enclosure)  
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Mr. Todd Milton, J. D. (with enclosure EURO-20080327)

JUN 04 2008



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE  
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

OFFICE USE ONLY  
Control #  
E480-20080327

After college/school review, send a signed original and 8 copies to FCAS, Box 355850.

For information about when and how to use this form: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf>

College Arts & Sciences	Department or Unit International Studies	Date 3/27/08
----------------------------	---	-----------------

**New Programs**

- Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ degree.
- Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_ degree with a major in \_\_\_\_\_
- Leading to a \_\_\_\_\_ Option within the existing major in \_\_\_\_\_
- Leading to a minor in \_\_\_\_\_

**Changes to Existing Programs**

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in Euro. Studies within the Bachelor of Arts
- Revised Requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_\_ within the major in \_\_\_\_\_
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Changes**

- Change name of program from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for \_\_\_\_\_
- Eliminate program in \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Effective Date:

Quarter:  Autumn  Winter  Spring  Summer Year: 2008

Contact Person Stephanie Welch	Contact's Phone 206 - 543 - 7320	Contact's Email snwelch@u.washington.edu
-----------------------------------	-------------------------------------	---

**EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

See attached.

**CATALOG COPY**

Catalogue Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if you request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

60 credits as follows:

1. 10 credits of a ~~foreign~~ language at the third-year level or beyond
2. ~~45~~ credits of core courses, including EURO 301 (5 credits), SIS 201 (5), and a survey course on modern Europe (5)
3. One quarter (10 credits minimum) of ~~foreign~~ study
4. 15 credits from approved list of electives
5. EURO 494 ~~EURO 496~~, Senior ~~Research~~ Seminar (10 credits)
6. See adviser for specific course options.

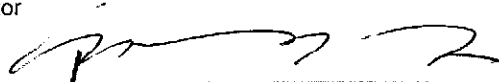
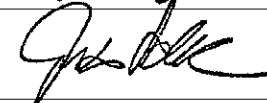
**PROPOSED CATALOG COPY**

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications)

60-65 credits as follows:

1. 10 credits of a modern European language at the third-year level or beyond
2. 20 credits of core courses, including EURO 301 (5 credits), EURO 302 (5), SIS 201 (5), and a survey course on modern Europe (5)
3. One quarter (10 credits minimum) of study in Europe
4. 15 credits from approved list of electives
5. EURO 494, Senior Seminar (5 credits)
6. For optional Research-intensive Track: EURO 495, Senior Thesis (5 credits). Criteria and admission procedures are described at <http://jsis.washington.edu/advise/catalog/eur-ba.html>
7. See adviser for specific course options.

**SIGNATURES (required)**

Chair/Program Director		Date 3/28/08
Dean	Judith A. Howard	Date MAY 29 2008
College Committee		Date MAY 29 2008
Faculty Council on Academic Standards	John Schaeferberger	Date Nov. 21, 2008

UoW 1503 (12/05) REVERSE

RESET FORM

## Rationale for Proposed Change

From its inception an element of the European Studies major has been a pair of capstone courses (EURO 494-495, Senior Research Seminar I-II) dedicated to preparation of a substantial research paper. At present EURO 494, a topical seminar, requires a paper that serves as a “tune up” project for the senior thesis; EURO 495 is the thesis seminar in which students complete a long research paper under the guidance of the program chair (who serves as instructor for EURO 495) and a faculty adviser.

This scheme worked well in the early years, when the program graduated 10-20 students per year—this in spite of the program’s having no line faculty prior to Professor Sabine Lang’s appointment in 2005. It grew increasingly less manageable as the cohort of seniors climbed above 30.

Today, with a senior cohort that is approaching 50, the major has grown too large to staff EURO 495 as originally conceived. In the past two years the program has managed it for 35-40 seniors because of the exceptional efforts of the program chair (who holds no appointment in JSIS) and a cluster of dedicated faculty thesis advisers who volunteer their time on top of their other duties.

It is not simply the size of the senior cohort, but also its character that has changed. The European Studies major has grown impressively in popularity, but the senior thesis is not at the core of its appeal for many of today’s majors. In the 1990s, an element of self-selection stemming from the major’s study-abroad and third-year foreign language requirements attracted stronger-than-average students to the program. Many planned to continue their educations in graduate programs. The senior thesis, consequently, was manageable and valuable for their future plans. Today, with the greater international emphasis across the University’s curriculum European Studies majors are planning for more diverse careers for which the thesis is not essential. In the faculty’s view, the Euro senior thesis is now most appropriate for students who may be interested in graduate school, or who want a B.A. program that shares some characteristics with an honors experience.

The current proposal makes EURO 495 an optional course for students who want a research-intensive experience in the major. We propose to admit students to this research-intensive track on a rolling basis, until a maximum of 20 students are slated for a given year’s thesis seminar (*details below*). We would continue to offer EURO 495 once annually, in spring quarter. Its title would be modified to “Senior Thesis.”

To keep the major at 60 credits, EURO 302 will be added as a requirement for the major. EURO 302, The Politics and Cultures of Europe, is designed to explore in depth certain topics introduced in EURO 301; as its name suggests, its focus will shift regionally and also with respect to disciplinary emphasis in the both humanities and social sciences.

Under the new requirements, European Studies majors still will be required to complete a significant research paper in EURO 494. This course will be amended to be called simply, “Senior Seminar.” Unlike EURO 495, the program can expand—within limits—

available seats in EURO 494 by arranging cross-listings to share space in the seminars of cooperating departments.

Admission to research-intensive track: The preferred point of entry will be junior year, with no admission to the research-intensive track later than spring of the junior year, unless the EURO 495 class for the following spring is not full. In that case, entry in fall of the senior year would be possible. Later admission would occur only in extraordinary circumstances, since experience has shown that successful work in EURO 495 requires at least two quarters of preparation and effort.

Students would be apprised of the research-intensive track upon declaring the major. Details on procedures would be available in program literature and on the web page. Applicants would be reviewed on a rolling basis, and evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Personal Statement
- Performance in EURO 301, SIS 201, and the required European Survey
- Overall UW GPA
- Completion of at least one year of foreign language, with second year under way
- Completion of at least 20 credits in the major

Other modifications in the proposed catalog language are intended to make more explicit certain aspects of existing program requirements (e.g., “one quarter of foreign study” becomes “one quarter of study in Europe.”)