The European studies minor provides a foundation for students interested in European history, cultures, geography, politics, and economics. In this interdisciplinary curriculum, students examine Europe’s formative concepts and institutions. Understanding how Europe is connected to complex global developments — such as democratization, human rights, religion, revolution, industrial capitalism, modern art and the welfare state — helps students better understand the modern world, while applying lessons from the region locally and globally.

As a European studies minor, students work set a course of study from multiple departments and gain proficiency in a spoken language. Students also study music and literature, along with public health, the environment and more. The minor makes an excellent addition to a primary area of study in languages and cultures, political science, law, pre-health, business or nonprofit administration and more. European studies is one of six interdisciplinary minors focused on international regions and global themes.