



EUROPEAN STUDIES

OVERVIEW

Founded in 1972, European Studies at UW–Madison connects students and faculty across disciplines to explore Europe's rich history, languages, cultures, and the European Union's global role. European Studies is the consortium of three externally funded research centers in the International Division, including the Center for German & European Studies (CGES), the Jean Monnet Grants from the European Union, and the Center for European Studies. The Center for European Studies—a unit of the International Division—is one of only six **Title VI National Resource Centers** on Western Europe in the United States. Delving deep into Europe's history, languages, and cultures, European Studies offers a comprehensive curriculum with hundreds of courses and 16 European languages.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

European Studies empowers students to tailor their education to their goals. Through hundreds of academic courses, a Certificate in European Studies, and several Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships, students in European Studies cultivate a deep understanding of the region.

Certificate in European Studies: *For undergraduates seeking careers with a European dimension, the certificate showcases a broad and interdisciplinary understanding of European affairs.*

In addition to the courses and the Certificate in European Studies, ES also offers Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the esteemed FLAS fellowships help undergraduate and graduate students increase their expertise in area studies while developing their language skills. European Studies provides funding to students who intend to study or are currently engaged in the study of the following European languages:

✱ Arabic	✱ Finnish	✱ Modern Greek	✱ Portuguese
✱ Danish	✱ Icelandic	✱ Modern Irish	✱ Swedish
✱ Dutch	✱ Italian	✱ Norwegian	✱ Turkish

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

FLAS Fellowships: U.S. Department of Education FLAS fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students provide funding opportunities for UW–Madison students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests.

Research Assistantships: The Center for German and European Studies (CGES) offers assistantships to highly qualified graduate students whose research fits within the CGES research themes for the grant cycle. The **Jean Monnet European Union Center of Excellence for Populism and the Global Economy** also offers two twelve-month research assistantships to support doctoral students working on European affairs and the European Union.

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International Division
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

60+

FLAS fellowships per grant cycle

50+

years in operation

180+

affiliated ES faculty

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Local: *European Studies hosts presentations designed for K-16 educators in the Midwest. Past events include teacher workshops on topics such as Irish and Ukrainian comparative famines for instructors from schools such as Madison East High, Delavan School for the Deaf, Green Bay, and Reedsburg.*



Statewide: *European Studies also offers presentations and workshops designed for businesses, civic groups, and K-14 educators in the greater Wisconsin area. Prior events have included educational presentations and a workshop that helped Wisconsin teachers comply with WI Act 30.*



International: *European Studies actively collaborates with other departments and organizations to facilitate international scholarly exchange. Outreach activities hosted by European Studies are held in a variety of formats, including virtual lecture series and symposia.*

RESEARCH

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): A testament to UW-Madison's preeminence in European scholarship, European Studies is among a select group of only four Centers in North America for German and European Studies funded by the prestigious German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). This grant fosters groundbreaking research through faculty collaboration across disciplines, advancing our understanding of Europe's complex role in the globalized world. UW-Madison Professor Sonja Klocke's 2024-2025 CGES renewal award exemplifies this commitment. Established in 1998, CGES ensures continued support for innovative European research initiatives in the humanities and social sciences.

Jean Monnet in the European Union: European Studies has won major competitive research grants from the European Union since 1998. The latest is the 2022-2025 Jean Monnet EUCE for Populism and the Global Economy, which features 12 political scientists, economists, historians, and anthropologists on campus who study the international role of the European Union and its complicated relationships with member state governments, other global regions, and the world at large. This grant features faculty research and teaching, as well as major outreach activities hosting diplomats, ambassadors, and European Commission officials. There are only 10 such centers funded in the U.S. in the early 2020's.