

What can I do with a major in **MODERN EUROPEAN STUDIES** from Valparaíso University?

Description of major:

Throughout all of the modern centuries, Europe has been central to the cultural, economic, and political development of the entire West as well as a major force in shaping events and patterns of change in the world beyond the West. Through this interdisciplinary program, students will gain a broad knowledge of Europe from the 16th century to the present. This program of study will help students prepare for a professional future in the cultural arts, public affairs, and business fields with a European dimension. For a comprehensive understanding of Europe, students may take the Modern European Studies program as a complementary major in conjunction with a regular department major. Students in the program must meet the general education requirement in a European Language such as French, German, or Spanish. Students are also encouraged to participate in one of the European study abroad programs to gain even more insight into the European culture.

Relevant skills for a MODERN EUROPEAN STUDIES major:

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| ◆ Adapt to new environments | ◆ Have a sensitivity to people of other cultures | ◆ Plan and design projects |
| ◆ Analyze and compare cultures | ◆ Have foreign language competency | ◆ Research |
| ◆ Analyze communication situations | ◆ Help | ◆ Review/evaluate |
| ◆ Analyze community needs | ◆ Inform | ◆ Select and train |
| ◆ Appreciate diverse cultures/culturally aware | ◆ Lead discussions | ◆ Solve problems |
| ◆ Communicate well, both orally & in writing | ◆ Listen & clarify | ◆ Summarize/present results |
| ◆ Critique and organize | ◆ Make decisions | ◆ Take risks |
| ◆ Diagnose problems | ◆ Operate independently | ◆ Teach |
| ◆ Explain concepts | ◆ Organize people and ideas | ◆ and others! |
| ◆ Guide | ◆ Organize/classify information | |
| | ◆ Overcome barriers | |

Sample work activities for Graduates in MODERN EUROPEAN STUDIES (some may require an advanced degree)

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| • Announcer (radio, TV) | • Foreign Attendant | • Intelligence Specialist |
| • Anthropologist | • Foreign Exchange Program Director | • International Broadcaster |
| • Art historian | • Foreign Export Marketer/Translator | • International Relations Specialist |
| • Biographer | • Foreign Information Officer | • International Trade Economist |
| • Booking Agent | • Foreign Language Translator | • Interpreter |
| • Caseworker | • Foreign Student Advisor | • Interviewer & Claims Adjuster |
| • Community Organization Worker | • Foreign Tax Accountant | • Language Researcher |
| • Community Relations & Service Advisor | • Foreign Travel Escort Officer | • Linguistic Scientist |
| • Customs Inspector | • Government Advisor | • Manager, Industrial development |
| • Editor, foreign news broadcast | • Immigration Inspector | • Manager, World Trade |
| • Employment Interviewer | • Importer/Exporter | |
| • Flight Attendant | | |

- News writer/Foreign Languages
- Policy Maker
- Professor/Instructor – university/college
- Program Coordinator
- Public Relations Manager
- Researcher
- Road Manager
- Special agent/FBI
- Teacher, middle/high school
- Teacher, second language/international
- Tour Guide
- Training Instructor
- Translator, computer
- University Language Lab Director
- Writer, technical publications
- and others!

Potential hiring institutions for MODERN EUROPEAN STUDIES majors:

- ◆ Advertising department & agencies
- ◆ Agency of International Development
- ◆ Air, bus, and rail lines
- ◆ Airports
- ◆ Banks, savings & commercial
- ◆ Chambers of commerce
- ◆ Civil Service Commission
- ◆ Colleges & Universities, domestic & abroad
- ◆ Commerce Department
- ◆ Consumer Affairs Office
- ◆ Education Department
- ◆ Federal Communications
- ◆ Federal Trade Commission
- ◆ Foreign Service Department
- ◆ Government agencies
- ◆ Hotel chains
- ◆ Immigration & Naturalization Service
- ◆ Import/export companies
- ◆ International Studies/International Exchange Organizations
- ◆ International Businesses/Corporations
- ◆ Investment firms
- ◆ Library of Congress
- ◆ National Archives
- ◆ News bureaus
- ◆ Peace Corps
- ◆ Public relations firms
- ◆ Public service organizations
- ◆ Secondary schools, domestic & international
- ◆ Travel agencies
- ◆ United Nations
- ◆ US Armed Forces
- ◆ Visitors & convention bureaus
- ◆ Vista
- ◆ and others!

Area of further education for MODERN EUROPEAN STUDIES majors:

- Anthropology
- Business Administration
- City & Regional Planning
- Conflict Resolution & Mediation
- Demography & Population Studies
- Divinity Studies/Seminary
- Eastern European & Russian Studies
- Economics
- Education
- European Studies
- French
- Geography
- German
- Hispanic Studies
- Holocaust Studies
- Human Services
- International Affairs
- International Business
- International Development
- International Security
- Italian
- Japanese
- Jewish Studies
- Law
- Linguistics
- Nonprofit Management
- Philanthropic Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Psychology
- Public Policy & Administration
- Romance Languages
- Rural Sociology
- Russian
- Scandinavian Languages
- Slavic Languages
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sustainable Development
- Travel & Tourism
- Western European Studies
- and others!

Sources of additional information for MODERN EUROPEAN STUDIES majors:

- VU College of Arts & Sciences: Interdisciplinary Programs: <http://www.valpo.edu/meur/>
- EscapeArtist.com: International job marketplace. <http://jobs.escapeartist.com>
- EUBusiness.com: contains information on the European Union as well as information on actions taken by various European governments. It is also a good source for information on many of the larger corporations headquartered in Europe. <http://www.eubusiness.com/>

- Eurograduate Live: features thousands of Graduate Opportunities across Europe. You can also find expert advice on Career Planning, useful links to other great sites and details about postgraduate options. <http://www.eurograduate.com/>
- International Civil Service Commission: The International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) is an independent expert body established by the United Nations General Assembly. Its mandate is to regulate and coordinate the conditions of service of staff in the United Nations common system, while promoting and maintaining high standards in the international civil service. <http://icsc.un.org>
- International Monster.com: The international component of the popular Monster Board web site. <http://international.monster.com/>
- OverseasJobs.Com: the Web's #1 resources for international employment and work abroad. Expatriates and job seekers can search the job database by keywords or locations and post a resume online for employers to view. <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.: Develops the expertise of its members and others involved in teaching English to speakers of other languages to help them foster effective communication in diverse settings while respecting individuals' language rights. <http://www.tesol.org/>
- Teaching Jobs Overseas: Topics include: international teaching, teaching overseas, teaching abroad, American and international schools, overseas jobs, international employment, etc. <http://www.joyjobs.com/>
- The Electronic Embassy: a resource of and for the Washington, DC embassy community. <http://www.embassy.org/>
- United Nations Homepage: Various information on the United Nations, including recent news, publications, etc. <http://www.un.org/>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Various resources and websites devoted to arts & humanities studies. <http://vos.ucsb.edu>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- *100 Best Nonprofits To Work For*
- *Alternatives To The Peace Corps : A Directory Of Third World And Us Volunteer Opportunities*
- *Book Of U.S. Government Jobs : Where They Are, What's Available, And How To Get One*
- *Career Opportunities In Politics, Government & Activism*
- *Careers For Foreign Language Aficionados & Other Multilingual Types*
- *Careers For Travel Buffs & Other Restless Types*
- *Careers In International Business, 2nd Ed*
- *Directory Of Foreign Consulates And International Trade Assistance Organizations In Chicagoland*
- *Directory Of Jobs And Careers Abroad*
- *Essays That Worked For Law Schools : 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Law Schools*
- *Essays That Worked, For Business Schools : 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Business Schools*
- *Federal Personnel Guide 2005*
- *Global Resume And CV Guide*
- *Great Jobs For Foreign Language Majors*
- *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Guide To America's Federal Jobs : A Complete Directory Of Federal Career Opportunities*
- *Guide To Homeland Security Careers*
- *How To Get A Job In Europe*
- *Inside Secrets To Finding A Career In Travel*
- *International Directory Of Voluntary Work*
- *International Jobs: Where They Are And How To Get Them, 6th Ed*
- *Job Surfing : Working Abroad : Using The Internet To Find A Job And Get Hired*
- *Opportunities In Foreign Language Careers*
- *Opportunities In Government Careers*
- *Opportunities In Library And Information Science*
- *Opportunities In Overseas Careers*
- *Opportunities In Social Science Careers*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences*
- *Teaching English Abroad : Talk Your Way Around The World!*
- *and others!*

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