

## OBJECTIVES



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. Today there are numerous signs to indicate that it will continue as one of the world's several most significant areas far into the future. For a comprehensive understanding of Europe, it is necessary to study it in terms of time and space and to inquire into the major currents detectable in its cultural, economic and political life, past and present. The Modern European Studies Program affords an opportunity for this broad study. By combining courses from various departments, it spans the modern centuries (i.e., from the sixteenth century to the present) and explores present thought and issues from a variety of perspectives. Designed to address the needs of students who consider an understanding of movements, issues, and achievements associated with modern Europe as an essential part of a broad liberal education, the Program will provide a natural extension or supplement for a number of traditional departmental majors. It affords a particularly strong background for students planning to pursue graduate work in a field involving knowledge of Europe, and for those preparing themselves for a professional future in the cultural arts, public affairs, and business fields with a European dimension. For those hoping to work in educational, informational and journalistic areas related to Europe, the Program is an ideal course of study.

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