

# European Studies Concentration

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# European Studies Concentration, AY 2020-2021

- The *European Studies Concentration* provides in-depth understanding of the history, politics, economic and security dimensions of US-European relations and prepares students for leadership positions in or related to Europe.
- It consists of **two courses**: *The European Union: Past, Present and Future* (Fall); and *European Politics and Security* (Spring).

# NDU 6094: The European Union; Past, Present and Future- Fall 2020



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This course examines the evolution of the European Union (EU) as a unique geopolitical entity; analyzes the historical, political, and economic origins of current EU governance policies; sets the stage for assessment of the EU as a global power with a significant defense industrial base; and traces implications for US national security strategy in the NATO context. **This course is part of the European Studies Concentration, in direct support to the EUCOM Scholars and administered by the NDU Scholars Program. (Class Limit 15) (2 Credit Hours). This course, along with NDU 6095, counts toward the two-course requirement of the European Studies Concentration.**

TUE, 1230 - 1430, 09/14/2020 – 12/8/2020 (changes to 1400-1600 after 6th lesson)

# NDU 6095: European Politics and Security



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Europe is going through a period of crisis. The rise of illiberal democracy and non-democratic populist movements, Brexit, an increasingly threatening Russia, and the persistence of jihadism challenge stability. This course will provide the context: political, economic, social, and strategic – to understand today and tomorrow’s Europe and its relationship to the United States of America. **This course is part of the European Studies Concentration, in direct support to the EUCOM Scholars and administered by the NDU Scholars Program. (Class Limit 15) (2 Credit Hours). This course, along with NDU 6094, counts toward the two-course requirement of the European Studies Concentration. (Class Limit 15) (2 Credit Hours)**

TUE, 1230 – 1430, 01/04/2021 – 03/23/2021 (Changes to 1400 – 1600 after 6th session)

# **European Concentration Studies and the NDU-EUCOM Scholars Program: How are they related?**

- By a Memorandum of Agreement between the National Defense University and EUCOM, students engaged in policy research related to EUCOM “will tailor their electives to focus on Europe”. The European Studies Concentration program was designed for this purpose.

# European Concentration Studies and the NDU-EUCOM Scholars Program, AY 2020-2021

- The **European Studies Concentration** is aligned with **NDU's EUCOM Scholars Program**, which offers students an extraordinary opportunity for policy research, culminating in a brief to a senior leader on a topic of interest and relevance to EUCOM.
- Competitively selected, EUCOM Scholars are enrolled in the European Studies Concentration to conduct independent research, to include interface with policy-making and policy research agencies and organizations in the US and abroad. EUCOM Scholars (military and civilian students who are US citizens) deliver a research paper and a concise senior-level briefing.

# If you are wondering:

- **Q:** Can I register for the European Studies Concentration program courses if I do not plan to compete for a EUCOM Scholar designation? **A:** Yes. The European Studies Concentration program provides in-depth understanding of the history, politics, economic and security dimensions of US-European relations and prepares students for leadership positions in or related to Europe.
- **Q:** Does the European Concentration program have any prerequisites in subject matter expertise? **A:** No.

# Current Topics & Policy Research of Interest to EUCOM

- **TOPIC 1: NATO'S ROLE IN EUROPE'S MIGRANT CRISIS IN THE POST-PANDEMIC ERA**
- **TOPIC 2: CHINA IN EUROPE AFTER THE COVID19 PANDEMIC**
- **TOPIC 3: PESCO AND NATO: IMPLICATIONS FOR TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY**
- **TOPIC 4:**
  - a) **RUSSIA IN EUROPE**
  - b) **RUSSIA'S STRATEGIC DECISION-MAKING**

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# Questions? Please contact us!

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