

Contemporary Europe



After centuries of conflict, Europe has recently regained a unity not seen since the Roman Empire, with the European Union being the most advanced form of supranational government on the planet. Although Europe no longer dominates the globe through its extensive empires, Europe's global impact lives on in philosophical ideas, literary traditions and practices of government.

The major in Contemporary Europe at the Australian National University (ANU) is designed for students interested in contemporary developments in the region. The program allows you to integrate diverse interests under one field of enquiry. Studying Contemporary Europe is a perfect way to combine international relations, politics, history, sociology, philosophy, literature and cultural studies, as well as being an ideal accompaniment to learning European languages.



Learning Outcomes

- Analyse Europe as a cultural, geographical and political concept;
- Assess the political, social, economic and cultural legacies of Europe's past;
- Explain the main challenges facing Europe and the EU at the beginning of the twenty-first century and into the future;
- Recognise and reflect on the relationships between European cultures, art and traditions, and the social and political history and institutions of contemporary Europe; and
- Evaluate recent developments in European cooperation and unity and contrast these to continuing cultural and political tensions.

Study program

The Contemporary Europe major requires the completion of 48 units (8 courses) in:

- European Politics
- European History
- International Relations
- European Society and Culture

Students may choose to study Contemporary Europe within a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Languages. You may also combine any of these Bachelor degrees with other degrees on offer at ANU through the flexible double and vertical degrees.

Scholarships and Prizes

There are a number of scholarships available to current ANU students to help with the cost of your studies. Donors and benefactors, external organisations and the Australian Government fund many of the scholarships we offer. Visit the ANU scholarships page to find out more: anu.edu.au/students/scholarships



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Honours in Contemporary Europe Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws

I chose ANU because it is in a fantastic student city. The campus is extremely beautiful and there are so many great courses on offer. I chose my degree and major because it combined my interests of German, history, and politics. I find all the academics really approachable and the degree is so rewarding. There are lots of opportunities on offer to broaden your academic horizons.

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