Dear Michael,

My apologies for not getting back right away. I have been constantly on the road the last two weeks.

The core faculty of EUS, consisting of myself, Professor Somer-Topcu (Political Science/EUS), Alexander Joskowicz (Jewish Studies/EUS) and Henning Grunwald (EUS) voted 4-0 in unanimous support of the following proposition:

We would like to change the name of "Modern European Studies" to the simplified "European Studies," as sometimes we have students interested in the earlier periods, and we certainly have abundant faculty in these periods. This will not affect course offerings.

Best, helmut

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Dear Professor Smith,

Last year, Dean Sloop spoke with you about changing the name of the Major in Modern European Studies to European Studies, dropping the word “Modern.”

To implement this change, a quick CEP proposal is needed as soon as possible. To help with the tedious items, I have created the “black” and “red” catalog copies, which are attached. There are just two additional small items that are needed.

Please send, at your convenience, a formal email from you including:

*A report of a vote (for and against) of the EUS advisory committee (or of the faculty affiliates of EUS) *A brief rationale
**Program of Concentration in Modern European Studies**

Designed for students who seek to broaden their awareness of the European experience and to prepare for international careers or advanced study, the program in European studies (EUS) offers majors disciplinary breadth as well as expertise in a specialty of their choosing. Most EUS majors also participate in one of the Vanderbilt study abroad programs in Europe and/or reside in the International House on campus. The interdisciplinary major consists of 42 hours of course work, to be distributed among various disciplines as indicated in the following. Emphasis is on political, cultural, economic, and related trends or events especially since the early modern period. Advising is crucial to the successful completion of the major in EUS. Advising forms and declaration of major forms are available in the Max Kade Center for European and German Studies (MKC). In consultation with the director and/or associate director of the Max Kade Center, students choose a thematic focus and specific courses that will fulfill the requirements for the major. This focus can consist of a thematic or comparative topic (such as culture and society during a particular epoch), a regional or subregional topic (such as European integration, the Iberian Peninsula, the Baltic region), or the culture and society of a particular nation (such as France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain). In addition to the core requirements, majors take relevant courses in history, social sciences, and the humanities, as well as a foreign language of the student’s choice. Special activities of the MKC include a visiting lecture series, international symposia, and informal faculty-student luncheon seminars. Both academic scholars and public figures are invited to campus to address European and transatlantic affairs.

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- EUS 201, European Society and Culture (3 hours).
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- 6 hours in Political Science, PSCI 210, West European Politics, and PSCI 211, The European Union, or appropriate substitute(s) with the approval of the EUS adviser.
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**Electives (15 hours)**
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- 3 additional hours in history
- 3 additional hours from other social science fields
- 9 hours from the humanities

**Other Issues Relating to the Major**
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Joint Major Option
The Max Kade Center houses the program in European studies which collaborates with several departments to create joint majors in French and European studies, German and European studies, Italian and European studies, Russian and European studies, Spanish and European studies, and Spanish, Portuguese, and European studies. These options are offered as collaborations between the European studies program and the Departments of French and Italian, Germanic and Slavic Languages, and Spanish and Portuguese. Please see the detailed information on the joint major options under the departmental headings in this catalog. Students selecting one of these options will be advised by their major adviser in the language department as well as their adviser in the European studies program. Advising guidelines with appropriate course selection are readily available in the Max Kade Center.

Honors Program
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Dear Jonathan and Timothy,

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My best,

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