

**Resolution 2020-2021G**

**Resolution to Approve New Major, European & Transatlantic Studies, in Bachelor of Arts  
in International Studies**

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: February 8, 2021

WAIVED Right to Comment by Faculty Senate: February 15, 2021

Staff Senate:

Graduate Student Assembly:

Student Government Association:

Second Reading: February 22, 2021

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First Effective Date to Declare Major: Fall 2021

First Effective Date to Graduate: Spring 2023

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech has been awarded a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Commission (EC); and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech has been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Commission (EC); and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech has established close academic ties with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, and the Atlantic Council of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech is in the process of establishing a Center for European Union, Transatlantic, and Trans-European Space Studies (CEUTTSS) – *A Jean Monnet Center of Excellence*; and

**WHEREAS**, CEUTTSS teaching and learning mission is associated with an undergraduate inter/multidisciplinary academic program in the field of European and Transatlantic Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of faculty members in the Department of Political Science but also in other departments and colleges have international reputations, active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching responsibilities in the area of European and Transatlantic Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of students already take courses associated with European and Transatlantic Studies demonstrating curriculum strength, post-graduation success, and a growing interest in this field of study; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing demand at the federal level for employees specializing in European and transatlantic affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, students in the Major in European & Transatlantic Studies will be prepared for pursuing a wide-range of careers in the fields of diplomacy, security, international organization, defense, intelligence, and homeland security; and

**WHEREAS**, the title European and Transatlantic Studies is recognizable and understandable to high school and college students seeking a program related to security and foreign policy.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOVED** that the Major in European & Transatlantic Studies be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies effective Fall 2021 and the proposal forwarded to the President for approval.