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Master of Arts in European Studies: Transnational and Global Perspectives

Group Humanities
and Social Sciences



Study Europe in our international, interdisciplinary and highly specialised one-year Master's programme taught at one of the oldest and most highly regarded research universities in continental Europe! Only 25 minutes from the EU headquarters in Brussels!

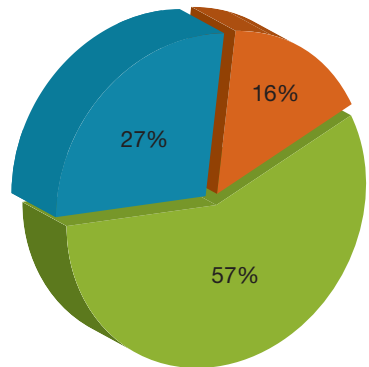
The Master of Arts in European Studies: Transnational and Global Perspectives

The international Master of Arts in European Studies: Transnational and Global Perspectives (MAES) is a one-year interdisciplinary programme that focuses on Europe as a continent of strong interactions across national boundaries and constant exchanges with the outside world.

We welcome ambitious and talented students from all over the world and various disciplinary backgrounds. Our top-level, research-based education enables our graduates to anticipate and find solutions for complex global challenges that transcend national and disciplinary borders.

MAES benefits from the vibrant academic community at the University of Leuven. Founded in 1425, the University of Leuven is one of the most highly regarded research universities in Europe and is a member of the League European Research Universities (LERU) today. It is consistently ranked among the best universities in continental Europe.

Student Background in 2011-2012



- Belgian students
- EU students
- Other international students

Thanks to a perfect mix of different nationalities and a great variety of courses, MAES not only teaches you European integration – it makes you feel it.

(Thomas Holenweg, Switzerland)



History

The Centre for European Studies at the University of Leuven was founded in 1988 with the ambition of providing international students with a high-quality education in European Studies from one of the oldest universities in Europe and in the immediate vicinity of



the European Union headquarters in Brussels. In 2008, the European Commission designated the Centre for European Studies a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, citing the Centre's "high level of internationally-recognised research and publications" in its evaluation report.

The Centre is also a partner in various Erasmus Mundus programmes funded by the European Commission. In 2011, the Master of Arts in European Studies (MAES) added two new specialised modules in view of the increasing importance of Europe-Asia relations and to maximise the university's expertise in the area of globalisation.

European Studies in Leuven is one of the best programmes as it not only offers a high quality education but also great career opportunities.

(Gwi Il Yung, Korea)

MAES is a highly stimulating programme that allows students to discover the many facets of Europe in an interdisciplinary fashion. The wide range of challenging courses and the opportunity to make friends from all over the world make it an unforgettable experience.

(Maurits Meijers, The Netherlands/Germany)

Admission requirements

The Master of Arts in European Studies programme admits holders of the following university degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Political and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Science in Economics, Bachelor of Communication, Bachelor of History, Bachelor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor (of Arts) in European Studies;
- Any Master's degree in the humanities;
- A Master's degree in other disciplines if the candidate has professional experience in European Studies.

MAES is a demanding and specialised interdisciplinary programme. You are strongly advised to apply only if you have obtained a 'cum laude' ('honours' / 'with distinction') level of distinction in previous studies.

For more information on the admission requirements, language requirements and rules governing exemptions, visit our homepage: www.ghum.kuleuven.be/ces



Application deadlines

The application deadlines are:

- for Non-EEA-students: 1 March
- for EEA-students: 1 June

The EEA (European Economic Area) includes all members of the European Union, plus Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.

All students should register before the start of the academic year.

The transnational scope of the MAES programme was not only evident in the curriculum, which was challenging and flexible, but also in the diverse backgrounds of the students and professors. I earned a degree from a top European university and developed friendships with people from across the globe.

(Chris Uebelhor, United States)

Programme

The programme consists of one compulsory part, four interdisciplinary modules, a limited number of electives and a thesis written under the supervision of one of the professors teaching in the programme. Students choose one of the following modules:

- I. Transnational Perspectives on European History, Diversity and Culture focuses on transnational dynamics and historical diversities;
- II. EU External Relations analyses the external policies and relations of the European Union within new forms of global governance;
- III. Globalising Europe investigates different dimensions of globalisation and their relevance for contemporary European society, politics and culture;
- IV. Europe-Asia: Interactions and Comparisons illuminates the diversities, parallels and interactions between Europe and Asia.

Within each module students follow courses from various disciplines.



Many of the lecturers have experience engaging with EU institutions themselves. The programme also successfully strikes a balance between theory and practice and encourages you to think about how to apply the knowledge you learn.

(Simon Rapple, Ireland)

**MASTER OF ARTS IN EUROPEAN STUDIES:
TRANSNATIONAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES****60 credits****COURSE****CREDITS****Obligatory Courses****30**

- Transnational and Global Perspectives on Europe: Ideas, Theories and Methodologies
- Master's thesis

Four Specialised Modules**minimum of 24 credits****Module I: Transnational Perspectives on European History, Diversity and Culture**

- Main Political Currents in Modern Europe*
- Governance in the European Union
- Nationalism in European History
- Linguistic Aspects of Ethno-Cultural Diversity
- Ethnic Relations: Majorities and Immigrant Minorities in Europe
- European Perspectives on Religion

Module II: EU External Relations

- EU External Policies: Decision-making, Implementation and Global Perception
- European Foreign Policy
- Constitutional Law of the EU*
- The Law of External Relations of the EU*
- Economic Aspects of European Integration*
- External Dimensions of EU Policies

Module III: Globalising Europe

- EU External Policies: Decision-making, Implementation and Global Perception*
- European Expansion, Exchange, and Globalisation
- Global Environmental Politics
- Political Philosophy and Ethics of Globalisation
- The Law of International Organisations
- European Economy in a Global Perspective

Module IV: Europe-Asia: Interactions and Comparisons

- Transnational and Global Perspectives on East Asia*
- EU External Policies: Decision-making, Implementation and Global Perception*
- InBev-Baillet-Latour EU-China Chair courses
 - China and Global Politics
 - The Economics of China
 - Chinese Law from a European Perspective
- Global Perspectives on Contemporary India
- Eurasia: Transnational and Global Perspectives

Additional elective courses**minimum 6 credits**

* *Compulsory course in the module*

For detailed descriptions on this programme's courses and for the course timetable, please consult www.kuleuven.be/coursecatalogue

Career prospects



Our alumni work for a wide range of governmental and non-governmental employers. They hold positions in European and other international institutions, in national administrations, and in national and multinational diplomacy. They are responsible for European affairs in private companies, lobby groups and non-governmental organisations. Others inform the public about

European affairs as journalists and cultural officers. Many became researchers and professors in European politics, economy, history and culture at universities all over the world.

The University of Leuven and the MAES programme provide you with both an intellectual and international atmosphere that prepares you for a career in today's globalised world of knowledge.

(Florian Schmitz, Germany)

Beyond its remarkable reputation in the field of theoretical research, the programme also equips graduates with the practical capacity to be qualified for positions in the EU institutions, IOs, NGOs, governments, multinationals, etc., and has close links to these institutions. Many enriching opportunities are offered during the academic year. Undoubtedly, MAES is an ideal programme for those who would like to pursue either a challenging political career or a successful commercial career.

(Jia Liu, China)

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