

OSF/Maastricht University Scholarships in European Studies 2013-2014
Student profiles, Eligibility

1. MA European Studies

- is a one-year interdisciplinary Master of Arts programme
- is taught entirely in English
- is a selective programme, with a maximum of approximately 90 students
- requires solid preliminary knowledge of European history, the institutional structure of the EU and methods / theories of social science
- combines theoretical expertise, project work and skills training
- offers three specialisations: 1) European Politics and International Relations, 2) European Public Policy and Administration, and 3) Europe from a Global Perspective
- leads to the completion of a significant piece of original writing (a thesis of 12-15,000 words) by the student acting in the capacity of independent researcher
- boasts a diverse, international student body (25-35 nationalities)
- prepares students for administrative and policy-oriented positions
- uses a project-based educational methodology

Student profile

The master's programme in European Studies is for graduates with a bachelor's / undergraduate degree who are seeking to prepare for an international career or work on policy issues in an international context. The programme requires a profound knowledge of European studies in general and the European Union in particular but is suitable for students coming from other arts and humanities fields wishing to develop an in-depth knowledge of EU affairs.

Graduates with degrees in European Studies or other related and relevant fields will be admitted on a selective basis. Relevant fields include political science, international relations, international law, international economics, contemporary history and cultural studies.

Requirements

- a bachelor's degree from a European Studies programme or a relevant academic field (e.g. politics, law, history), which has provided sound foundations and insights into European issues, or which has provided some familiarity with the use of political science theory, the role of institutions and the processes of policy-making;
- non-native speakers or applicants who have their undergraduate degree in a language other than English must have one of the following language qualifications:
 - IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5
 - TOEFL with a minimum score of 575 (paper-based), 233 (computer-based) and 90 (internet-based)
 - Cambridge Proficiency Certificate (grade A, B, C)
 - Cambridge Advanced Certificate (grade A, B, C+)

2. MA European Public Affairs

is a one-year international Master of Arts programme

- is a selective master's programme with a maximum number of 30 students.
- courses are taught in English.
- consists of professional education that is research-based and practice-oriented
- is multi-disciplinary and focuses on the main theories and issues in European governance and transnational policymaking
- offers training in academic skills and professional competences: communication, negotiation, presentation, policy evaluation, critical reasoning, analytical decision making, group work and self-evaluation
- uses a project-based educational methodology.
- provides advanced professional training for people interested in internationalising their curriculum in a scholarly manner.

Student profile

The programme is directed toward:

- university graduates interested in an international career in EU governance or lobbying
- professionals whose position requires scholarly expertise in the European public domain
- career-driven active participants and team player

As students come from a host of countries, both European and non-European, and the programme relies on teamwork and personal interaction, inter-cultural cooperation is a crucial requirement for participation in this programme.

Requirements

- a bachelor's degree from a relevant academic field (political science, history, law, international relations, economics, social science, business administration, humanities or liberal arts), with a certified list of grades and a CV indicating relevant work experience
- Particularly motivated students can also hold a degree in science or another discipline. Practical experience in the form of an internship or a job related to European public affairs is considered an asset.
- non-native speakers or applicants who have their undergraduate degree in a language other than English must have one of the following language qualifications:
 - IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5
 - TOEFL with a minimum score of 575 (paper-based), 233 (computer-based) and 90 (internet-based)
 - Cambridge Proficiency Certificate (grade A, B, C)
 - Cambridge Advanced Certificate (grade A, B, C+)

3. MA European Studies on Society, Science and Technology (ESST)

- is a one-year international and interdisciplinary Master of Arts programme,
- offers one diploma from Maastricht University and a certificate from the European Inter-University Association on Society, Science and Technology
- is a selective programme with a maximum of 30 students
- courses are taught in English

- trains ‘problem-solvers’ who address the complexities in current science and technology driven societies.
- trains ‘bridge-builders’ who are able to explore and understand the interrelated worlds of the scientists, engineers, politicians, and citizens by examining the politics, economics, values, history, and discourse of today’s societies
- will equip students to effectively utilise concepts and methods from a wide range of disciplines
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- will provide students with an opportunity to study and to carry out independent research during the second semester at another partner university in another European country
- prepares students to pursue a university career (via a relevant PhD programme), or for work in public or private research institutes or agencies, in government, in industry or consultancy
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Student profile

The programme is aimed towards students who enjoy working in an international environment and are interested in the complexities of the technological culture we live in. ESST allows students with a humanities, social and natural sciences, and engineering background to enrol.

In a period that is heading towards an ever more complex society, there will be an increasing need for experts with a profound and critical understanding of the relation between research, innovation and today’s social realities in order to address related challenges facing Europe and the world at large.

Graduates of this programme are well prepared for an academic career as well as for a wide spectrum of professional activities, such as policy maker or analyst, a consultant, a journalist, or a science and technology manager or advisor at governmental institutions, NGO’s, or private companies.

Requirements

- a bachelor’s degree from a relevant academic field (social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, economics or humanities)
- non-native speakers or applicants who have their undergraduate degree in a language other than English must have one of the following language qualifications:
 - IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5
 - TOEFL with a minimum score of 575 (paper-based), 233 (computer-based) and 90 (internet-based)
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