



# EUROPEAN MASTER OF ARTS IN EUROCULTURE

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The European Master of Arts (M.A.) in Euroculture, activated at the University of Udine, is a first level Master programme (under Italian law) worth 90 European credits (ECTS), or 90 Italian CFU.

It is offered by a network of eight European universities: Deusto (Bilbao, Spain), Göttingen (Germany), Groningen (the Netherlands), Kraków (Poland), Olomouc (Czech Republic), Strasbourg (France), Udine (Italy) and Uppsala (Sweden).

Students who enrol at the University of Udine spend the first and the third semester in Udine and the second in a partner university of their choice.

## AIMS

The programme develops around the core topic "Europe in the Wider World", which is common to all partner universities. It is an interdisciplinary, multilingual course, which provides graduates with advanced education for professions and activities where knowledge of European culture and EU institutions is particularly important. Graduates are thus competitive in an increasingly international employment market.

More in detail, the course provides students with the means necessary to analyze social phenomena on a European scale, to understand how European institutions and organizations work, and to reflect on historical and cultural factors which play a key role in the process of European integration.

## STRUCTURE AND TEACHING PROGRAMME

The Master course is built on four common founding elements.

**1. Core Fields of European Culture.** Its main objective is the acquisition of knowledge and analytical tools relating to European culture in terms of different but interconnected paradigms (mobility, transfer, intervention, and cooperation). Through both theoretical concepts and methodological approaches and knowledge, students are oriented toward a profound reflection on European cultures.

**2. Eurocompetences.** The teaching activity is based on an interdisciplinary approach, oriented toward problem-solving and structured around projects; an internship offers students the opportunity to integrate academic knowledge with professional training.

**3. Intensive Programme.** Students attending all the universities of the network will meet for an intensive 10-day course, scheduled for the end of the second semester. It constitutes an important opportunity for intercultural group experience and further exploration of the themes dealt with during the first and second semesters. It consists of classes, lectures, a Career Day, study trips, and seminars for the presentation and discussion of the research papers prepared by the students.

**4. Research.** Seminar activity built around the theme "Europe in the Wider World" will focus attention on specific thematic areas, stimulating the students' understanding of the origin and evolution of cultural identities and processes of transformation as well as the impact of worldwide political and social developments on European cultures and vice versa.

The Master course is organized in three semesters.

### First semester (October 2010 – January 2011) Acquisition of competences, 30 ECTS

- > Core Fields of European Culture, 25 ECTS
- > Eurocompetences I, 5 ECTS

The following courses are offered during the first semester:

- > History of European Ideas and Cultures, 5 ECTS
- > Modern European History, 5 ECTS
- > Contemporary European History, 5 ECTS
- > European Union Law, 5 ECTS
- > Europlanning, 5 ECTS
- > Eurocompetences I, 5 ECTS

### Second semester (February 2011 – June 2011) Development of competences, 30 ECTS

- > Eurocompetences II, 10 ECTS
- > Research seminars, 10 ECTS
- > Intensive Programme, 5 ECTS
- > M.A. thesis (first part), 5 ECTS

Students attend courses at a partner university of their choice, with a study grant offered by the European Erasmus programme (in specific cases, subject to the approval of the Master Staff Council, the second semester can be attended at the University of Udine, which will host students coming from partner universities). At the end of the semester, all students attend an Intensive Programme to be held at the University of Göttingen (June 2011). All the courses offered during the second semester are in English.

### Third semester (October 2011 – January 2012) Application of competences, 30 ECTS

- > Internship or research seminars, 15 ECTS
- > M.A. thesis (second part), 15 ECTS

Attendance is obligatory for all activities taken at the University of Udine, with a minimum requirement of 75% (100% for the internship). Alternatively, students must pass specific exams. Didactic activities offered by the partner universities are subjected to individual university policies.

English language courses organized by the Audiovisual and Linguistic Centre (CLAV) of the University of Udine are free of charge for students enrolled in the Master programme.

Students may obtain credits for pertinent and certified professional experiences and for academic courses that do not constitute a requisite for admission.

## THESIS

The final thesis consists in a dissertation written in English and prepared under the guidance of two supervisors (a staff member of the University of Udine and one from the university where the student spends the second semester) on a subject related to the subject matters of the Master programme.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

Enrolment in the Master programme requires one of the following degrees:

- > Italian Undergraduate degree;
  - > Italian Graduate degree;
  - > a foreign degree of equivalent standing;
- and a good knowledge of English.

An admission test seeks to evaluate the candidates' curriculum and other titles and to verify their proficiency in English and high motivation toward the course. The test will take place on **28th September 2010** at 4 p.m. in the meeting room of the Department of Law, via Treppo 18, Udine. Applicants living outside Italy can substitute the test with an interview (by telephone or by means of electronic devices).

**There is a maximum of 15 students admitted to the course.** Should the number of candidates declared suitable exceed the places available, an order of admittance will be drawn up on the basis of the marks they obtain in the admission test. Preference between candidates with equal marks will be given to the younger one. If free places remain after the date of the test, the Master Staff Council may consider the late admission of other candidates provided that they apply before 15th October 2010.

Applications for admission to the Master programme are to be presented by **27th September 2010**

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They shall include:

- a certificate (or a formal declaration) proving possession of the degree required, including a list of the single courses taken and the exam marks obtained;
- a formal declaration concerning the curriculum vitae and the possession of professional, cultural and scientific qualifications. If the application is sent by post or via a third party, candidates shall include the complete photocopy of a valid identity document.

The date of applications sent by post will be determined by the Ufficio Protocollo of the University.

The order of admittance to the course will be published on 29th September 2010 on the University's official noticeboard in via Mantica 3.

## ENROLMENT

Once the admission to the course has been decreed, a formal request for enrolment (on paper subject to stamp duty of Euro 14,62) shall be presented no later than **4th October 2010**, together with the receipt for payment of the **first fraction** of the enrolment fee amounting to **Euro 1.500,00**.

Students shall also enclose two photographs suitable for identity documents, one of them accompanied by a declaration of authenticity, exempt from stamp duty.

The **second fraction** of the enrolment fee, amounting to **Euro 1.000,00**, shall be paid no later than 30th September 2011.

For students enrolled in the Graduate course in European Studies, the enrolment fee for the Master course is Euro 750,00 which must be paid fully at the moment of enrolment. The same fee may also be applicable to students enrolled in other Graduate courses of the University of Udine considered compatible with the Master programme.

The University of Udine will apply for scholarships or other initiatives of financial support for students.

## DEGREES GRANTED

Students who successfully complete the Master course receive a double degree issued by each of the universities of study.

The University of Udine issues the Master of Arts degree in Euroculture:

- > to students who are enrolled in the Master programme at the University of Udine and satisfy all the requirements of the programme, including the semester attended at a partner university;
- > to students who are enrolled in one of the partner universities and satisfy all the requirements of the programme, including the semester attended at the University of Udine.

According to Italian law, a Master course of the minimum duration of one year is valid for the recognition of maximum 3 points in the recruitment system of primary and secondary school teachers.