



Erasmus Mundus Master of Arts

EUROCULTURE



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Erasmus Mundus Master of Arts in Euroculture, activated at the University of Udine, is a first level Master course (under Italian law) worth 120 European credits (ECTS), or 120 Italian CFU. It is offered by a network of eight European and four non-European universities: Deusto (Bilbao, Spain), Göttingen (Germany), Groningen (the Netherlands), Kraków (Poland), Olomouc (Czech Republic), Strasbourg (France), Udine (Italy), Uppsala (Sweden), Indiana (United States), UNAM (Mexico), Osaka (Japan), Pune (India). The label "Erasmus Mundus Master of Excellence" granted to the Euroculture programme by the European Commission is a sign of recognition of its outstanding quality as a top joint Master course. All teaching activities are held in English.

The mandatory mobility is a crucial element in the Euroculture programme. Students who enrol at the University of Udine spend the first semester in Udine (home university), move to another European partner university (host university) in the second semester and participate in the Intensive Programme at the University of

Olomouc (June 2015). During the third semester, the mobility to a non-European partner university is a possibility for the best European students. In the fourth semester Euroculture students return either to their home or host university.

AIMS

The programme develops around the core topic "Europe in the Wider World", which is common to all partner universities. It is an interdisciplinary 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 six common founding elements.

1. Core concepts of European society, politics and culture.

The main objective is the acquisition of advanced knowledge and research skills related to European integration and its various dimensions, such as multiculturalism, current political governance, European identity and evolving socio-political processes. The core concepts approach integrates historical and cultural perspectives, social relations, political and legal issues, and religious traditions within a European context.

2. Eurocompetence. This teaching activity has been designed in order to prepare students for their professional life and enhance their employability. It gives special attention to the integration of academic knowledge with professional training by means of project-related case studies and group work. Eurocompetence modules are characterized by a problem-oriented approach, which includes project organization and management.

3. Intensive Programme. Students from all partner universities meet for an intensive 8-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, and seminars for the presentation and discussion of the research papers prepared by the students.

4. Research. Seminar activities 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.

5. Internship. Work placement is a fundamental experience which enables students to apply academic knowledge in a professional track. It consists of at least 16 weeks of work at a suitable European affairs related organization or institution (embassies, governments, and other international, European or regional organizations).

6. Thesis. The final thesis consists of a dissertation written in English and prepared during the third and fourth semester under the guidance of two supervisors (a staff member of the University of Udine and one of the host university).

The Master course is organized in four semesters.

First semester (October 2014 – January 2015)

Location: University of Udine

Acquisition of competences – 30 ECTS

- > Eurocompetence I - 5 ECTS
- > Core concepts of European society, politics and culture - 25 ECTS:
 - History of European Ideas and Cultures, 5 ECTS
 - Multilingualism, Multicultural Citizenship and European Integration, 5 ECTS
 - Modern European History, 5 ECTS
 - European Political Systems, 5 ECTS
 - European Union Law, 5 ECTS

Second semester (February 2015 – June 2015)

Location: Host university

Development of competences – 30 ECTS

Students enrolled in Udine attend courses at one of the 7 other European partner universities of the Euroculture network with a study grant offered by the Erasmus programme. Students can indicate two preferred locations and are placed at either one of them. The structure of the second semester is:

- > Eurocompetence II - 5 ECTS
- > Methodology and theory seminars - 10 ECTS
- > Research seminars - 10 ECTS
- > Intensive programme (University of Olomouc, June 2015) - 5 ECTS

Third semester (October 2015 – January 2016)

Location: University of Udine or other European or non-European partner university or internship providing organization (Only EU/EEA-EFTA/candidate countries students can apply for non-EU mobility. In this case students can indicate two preferred locations: a selection is made according to students' academic profile and research project).

Location for internship: the host institution.

Interaction of competences – 30 ECTS

- > Internship or research seminars - 25 ECTS
- > M.A. thesis (outline) - 5 ECTS

Fourth semester (February 2016 – June 2016)

Location: University of Udine or host university

Application of competences – 30 ECTS

- > Eurocompetence III - 5 ECTS
 - > M.A. thesis (completion and discussion) - 25 ECTS
- 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.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

Enrolment in the Master programme at the University of Udine requires one of the following degrees:

- > Italian Undergraduate degree
- > Italian Graduate degree
- > a foreign degree of equivalent standing

Euroculture candidates are selected according to selection criteria common to all partner universities. Proof of English skills has to be provided unless students have graduated in English or studied in an English speaking country for at least two semesters.

There is a maximum of 25 students admitted to the course

Applications for admission to the Master programme are to be presented by means of an online application tool (<http://www.euroculturemaster.eu/AdmissionsFinancing//Onlineapplicationtool2014-16/Default.aspx>)

The deadline is 30th September 2014

Enrolment

Once the admission to the course has been decreed, a formal request for enrolment shall be presented no later than **10th October 2014**, together with the receipt for payment of the first instalment of the tuition fees

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TUITION FEES

The Master programme distinguishes two types of students, with a different level of participation costs:

- > Students who are nationals or residents of any EU Member States or EEA-EFTA States or candidate countries for accession to the EU
- > Third-country students (students from all other countries)

The fee for EU/EEA-EFTA/candidate countries students is:

- > € 1.400 each semester for students who do not receive a grant fully covering the fees and already have an adequate insurance. Students who are not covered by an adequate insurance should pay extra € 900 for the whole programme.
- > € 1.775 each semester for students who receive a grant fully covering the fees. Students who are not covered by an adequate insurance should pay extra € 900 for the whole programme.

The fee for third country students is: € 4.000 each semester including insurance.

All tuition fees and university administration and diploma costs are covered by the participation costs for the 120 ECTS Master course. Books, accommodation and travel costs are NOT included in the participation costs.

GRANTS AND FEES REDUCTION VOUCHERS

Erasmus programme grants are available to support second semester mobility.

The Master is included in the 'Youth Guarantee' project of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region. The student who qualifies under the project can obtain a grant covering fully or partially the tuition fees of the Master. For information about the benefits and requirements of the 'Youth Guarantee' project you may check the website www.regione.fvg.it/rafvfg/cms/RAFVG/formazione-lavoro/formazione/FOGLIA4/ or send an email to garanzigiovani@uniud.it.

The students who don't receive a grant fully or partially covering the fees can apply for a fee reduction voucher. The voucher is in the form of a partial reimbursement of tuition fees after the successful completion of the course. The amount of the reimbursement is € 1.000 for the whole programme.

DEGREES GRANTED

Students who successfully complete the course receive the Erasmus Mundus Master of Arts degree in Euroculture, a joint degree issued by each of the universities of study.