

# MASTER OF ARTS IN GLOBAL STUDIES

PROGRAMME JOINTLY OFFERED BY GHENT UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG, THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA, ROSKILDE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF WROCLAW

120 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

## WHAT

This international research-based Master is combining perspectives, methods and theories developed in history, the social sciences, cultural as well as area studies and economics to investigate phenomena of global connectedness. We do not believe that globalisation exists as an objectively given, material reality which can be measured; rather we have to understand the phenomena described as globalisation as a bundle of political, economic, social and cultural projects to manage increasing transnational and transcontinental connectedness (the so-called global condition). Therefore, the multi-national class-room of the programme and the cross-over of contributions from various disciplines and universities dealing either with some of these projects or/and with their conflicts and resulting entanglements offer a substantial added value to the study of processes of globalisation. Each year there are almost 150 students spread over two cohorts that are enrolled in the programme. They represent citizens from 45 different nations from all world regions which results in a truly global classroom experience.

## STRUCTURE

The Erasmus Mundus Master in "Global Studies – A European Perspective" is a two-year master's programme divided into four phases (two winter and two summer terms). Students study for one year at one of the European member institutions, and for the second year at another European member university. For an overview of the European member institutions, their specializations and course offer, see <https://globalstudies-masters.eu/about/members/>.

The joint module structure of the EMJMD consists of the following components. In the **first term**, the basic understanding of global studies is presented. This consists of an "Introduction to Global History", an interdisciplinary introduction into "Theories of Global Studies", and a post-disciplinary module on "Methods of Global Studies".

During the **second and third term**, specialized thematic modules on global phenomena based on specific case studies from different world regions are offered. Students have the option to spend the third term at one of the non-European partner universities of the EMGS Consortium. For an overview of the non-European partners, see <https://globalstudies-masters.eu/program/course-offer-at-non-european->

[partner-universities/](#).

In the **fourth, and final, term**, students write their master's thesis as well as attend thesis seminars and colloquia.

In addition, **winter schools** take place each year in December, some weeks after students have started the programme, and focus on introductory information and courses. The winter school familiarises students with the complementary study programme of each partner university.

This process is further strengthened during the **summer schools**, which take place in July of the following year. Co-taught courses focus on methodological aspects and provide important support and advice to students for drafting their master's thesis. A further essential component to start the process of the master's thesis is a workshop in which students present their first ideas about the topic upon which they would like to write. The summer schools finally prepare students not only for the second year in the programme but also for challenges they will face in the labour market after graduation.

## LABOUR MARKET

This international research-based master programme provides excellent training for future careers both inside and outside academia, training experts who can analyse and navigate globalisation processes from multiple perspectives. Our graduates are well prepared for academic positions in the field of Global Studies and related disciplines dealing with global phenomena as well as for jobs in supranational agencies and non-governmental organisations. They are ready to work as intercultural mediators within the fields of development cooperation, economy, management, and beyond while contributing to pioneering scholarship for understanding the past, investigating the present, and debating the future of the global.

In the EMGS programme, students learn:

- to develop a multidisciplinary understanding of processes of globalisation (global history, international studies, political economy, human geography, transregional and area studies etc.), knowledge of how concepts of globalisation worked out in the past and today in different world regions; and
- to have insight into the production of social scientific knowledge and to relate this knowledge production to concepts of globalisation.

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The EMGS programme enables its students:

- to develop the necessary social and communicative skills to work both independently and in collaboration with others in a profoundly multidisciplinary and multicultural context;
- to be aware of one's rootedness in a specific discipline and academic culture and
- to develop general and professional skills for a wide range of possible future employment via internships as well as the skills learned in class that are required for specific labour markets (such as simulations of international conferences, presentations of short memos on complex topics, explanations of the organisational consequences of specific political ideas in a multilevel governance system etc.);
- to compare and apply socio-political concepts and configurations and to investigate their mutual interactions;
- to apply these insights and concepts in the design and execution of an independent study or research project and to present it in a scientifically sound paper, report, or thesis.

For more information about career prospects, see [the career surveys conducted by the EMGS consortium](#).

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

Applicants should meet the following requirements:

- A three-year bachelor's degree or the recognized equivalent from an accredited institution in the humanities or social sciences, with a minimum of 15% global studies-relevant courses;
- Excellent English skills: Proficiency in English needs to be proven with an official English certificate as listed below under Application Documents. Native English speakers must provide proof of knowledge of a language other than English at the A2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
- Knowledge of another foreign language at the A2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (to be proven by a high school certificate and/or an internationally recognized test, score certificates, or equivalent proof of participation in language courses)

For more information on the admission requirements and selection criteria, see: <https://globalstudies-masters.eu/admission/application/admission-and-selection-criteria/>

Selection Criteria: the decision on admission is made by the EMGS Study Purposes and Selection Committee and are based on the following criteria:

- 50%: Academic excellence and quality/recognition of home institution that has awarded the first degree
- 15%: Motivation and academic potential
- 20%: Compatibility of previous degree(s) with the EMGS programme
- 15%: Work experience/professional qualifications

Information on the administrative procedure for admission to this Erasmus Mundus study programme, can be found on the following web page of the coordinating university (Leipzig University): <https://globalstudies-masters.eu/admission/application/application-documents/>. All applications must be made to the University of Leipzig, irrespective of the preferred study places (European member institutions).

- \* Excellent English skills (minimum B2-level according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or UNlcert level II according to the German Association of Language Centres, Language Teaching Institutes and Institutes of Foreign Languages). The proficiency in English needs to be proven by an official English certificate. English native speakers need to provide a proof of knowledge of a language different to their mother tongue on A2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
- \* Knowledge of a further foreign language on A2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (to be proven by the High School certificate and/or international recognized test score certificates or equivalent proof of participation in language courses)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-arts-in-global-studies-en/programma](http://studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-arts-in-global-studies-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### Graduation Fair

[afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies](http://afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies)

### Enrolling institution

Ghent University, University of Leipzig, University of Vienna, University of Wrocław, Roskilde University, The London School of Economics and Political Science

Course website

### Application Deadline (for International degree students)

- March 31, for applicants for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship
- May 31, for self-paying applicants

### Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: [www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements

## Contact

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