

MASTER IN CONFLICT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

60 ECTS CREDITS – LANGUAGE: ENGLISH – DEGREE: MASTER OF ARTS

COURSE CONTENT

In our current globalised world, conflict and development are closely intertwined. Disentangling these complexities of processes of conflict and development demands a critical stance and an interdisciplinary approach, with insights from various academic disciplines such as political science, anthropology, development studies and sociology. The Master in Conflict and Development Studies allows you to gain insight into the broader thinking about conflict and development related issues, and how to analyse these in a critical manner. You also learn to analyse policy interventions by governments and (inter)national organisations in this domain. The programme structure allows you to choose to put an emphasis on a more policy oriented or a more scientifically oriented approach.

Grounded in fieldwork, the Master in Conflict and Development Studies wants to provide a timely and in-depth understanding of the interrelations between conflict and development. Fieldwork as a method is used to better understand processes of conflict and development and to formulate potential recommendations. This focus on fieldwork is especially valuable for those with an interest in a potential career in professional development aid, as well in the Global South as in the Global North (asylum centers, intercultural and interreligious questions...).

Located in the heart of Europe, the one-year master programme also allows an international body of students to connect to both research and policy-making in this growing field.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The Master in Conflict and Development Studies is a full-year intensive programme.

In the **first semester**, a set of introductory courses will be offered to get acquainted with the politics of conflict and development. These courses do not merely offer an introduction to ongoing debates, but start from a critical reading of influential authors in the field. They provide the conceptual and theoretical groundwork necessary to engage in more specific debates in the second semester. In the first semester you will also be able to deepen your area-specific knowledge. These courses will focus on processes of conflict and development in these specific regions, but also allow you to improve your knowledge of area-specific literatures and debates.

Courses in the **second semester** are aimed at deepening your understanding on either research related or policy-oriented questions. These courses will take the form of research seminars or more direct policy applications. This will allow you to customise your own programme according to your academic and professional interests.

As fieldwork is a central starting point of teaching in the master programme, you will join one of three fieldwork courses. These will allow for a confrontation between theory and practice, whether in the Global South or in Europe. Past fieldwork trips in the South have focused on Uganda, India, Jordan, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Morocco and Kenya, while work in Europe has focused on migration.

The final part of the programme is the master dissertation, in which you will develop your own research project in collaboration with a supervisor. These projects are by nature interdisciplinary and aim towards a critical understanding of your given research question. Many of these dissertations will be fieldwork based, but students can also opt for a literature based dissertation.

If you want to combine your master's degree with a teacher's degree, then there is the option of following an 'Educatieve master' instead of the above described master. The 'Educatieve master' however is a Dutch taught programme. More information can be found on www.ugent.be/educatievemaster.

CAREER PERSPECTIVES

Employability situates itself on various terrains. Primarily in the domain of international development aid, the national or international governmental field, on a European level, in UN-organisations such as UNDP, UNESCO, FAO and the nongovernmental field (national or international development NGO's, peace institutions, information and research centers, such as 11.11.11., Oxfam, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, International Peace Information Service...).

This education however does not limit itself to the classical terrain of international development aid, and also has a value for professions with a focus on the Global South in Europe (asylum centers, organisations that focus on intercultural/interreligious matters, refugee organisations...). Your individual employment options depend on your (master) degree, your possible terrain- or research experience and your language skills.

Want to know more about your career opportunities after this Master's degree? Take a look at our job guide: www.ugent.be/ps/conflict-ontwikkeling/nl/onderwijs/jobwijzer.

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Rechtstreeks:

- Ba politieke wetenschappen
- Ba politieke en sociale wetenschappen
- Ba politieke wetenschappen en sociologie, afstudeerrichting politieke wetenschappen
- Ba Social Sciences

Via schakelprogramma: (62 studiepunten)

- professioneel bachelordiploma

Via voorbereidingsprogramma: (30 studiepunten)

- (ander) academisch bachelordiploma

TAAL

De schakel- en voorbereidingsprogramma's worden in het Nederlands gedoceerd. Je voldoet aan de taalvoorwaarden voor de masteropleiding op basis van je Vlaams diploma.

PRAKTISCHE INFORMATIE

Studieprogramma:

<https://studiegids.ugent.be>

> faculteiten > opleidingstypes > ga naar de opleiding van je keuze

Alternatieve trajecten

Het schakel- en voorbereidingsprogramma kan ook deeltijds gevolgd worden en dus gespreid over 2 jaren. Dat maakt het gemakkelijker om de studies bijvoorbeeld met werken te combineren. Werkstudenten die nog meer spreiding wensen, kunnen een geïndividualiseerd studietraject aanvragen bij de trajectbegeleider van de faculteit.

Wie meent in aanmerking te komen voor vrijstellingen kan voor deze procedure terecht op www.ugent.be/ps/vrijstellingen.

Infomomenten

Masterbeurs

www.ugent.be/masterbeurs

Infosessie

24 april 2019, 15 u. tot 17.30 u., Campus Aula, Aula,

Voldersstraat 9, Gent (doorlopend infobeurs)

www.ugent.be/nl/studeren/masteropleidingen

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

You are eligible for this program if you hold a relevant Bachelor degree. This includes bachelors in sociology or a solid background in social sciences, including social science methodology. Students who hold a Bachelor in Social Science (or equivalent) from a non-Belgian University, are admitted based on an evaluation of the content of their previous studies. The Study Programme Committee will make the final decision whether to accept the application or not. The Study Programme Committee can decide that students need to follow a preparatory course, for instance for students who hold another diploma of bachelor or master than mentioned. This preparatory course only exists in Dutch.

LANGUAGE

More information regarding the required knowledge of English: www.ugent.be/languagerequirements

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme

www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue

> by Faculty > Programme types > select your programme

Application deadline

- for students who need a visa: 1st of March
 - for students who do not need a visa: 1st of June
- www.ugent.be/deadline

Enrolling institution

Ghent University

Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: www.ugent.be/tuitionfee

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MASTER IN GLOBAL STUDIES

An Erasmus Mundus programme organised jointly by 6 European partners and 7 non-European partners.

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The Erasmus Mundus Master Global Studies – A European Perspective is a two-year programme organised jointly by 6 European partners, the University of Leipzig (coordinating university, Germany), Ghent University (Belgium), London School of Economics and Political Science (UK), Roskilde University (Denmark), the University of Vienna (Austria), the University of Wrocław (Poland). In addition there are 9 world-wide partners: Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), Dalhousie University (Canada), Fudan University (China), Jawaharlal Nehru University (India), Macquarie University (Australia), Otago University (New Zealand), University of California at Santa Barbara (USA), University of Stellenbosch (South Africa), University of Yaoundé I (Cameroon).

COURSE CONTENT

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.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Students study for one year at one of the European partner institutions, and for the second year at another European partner university. Students study for one year at one of the European partner institutions, and for the second year at another European partner university. As an additional mobility track, students have the option to spend the third semester at one of the non-European partner universities.

The Consortium's universities share a joint understanding of the field and privilege a comparative and historicizing approach within which local course content differs according to comparative advantages. According to this emphasis upon certain fields within the participating universities and its already existing Master programmes - which the MA in 'Global Studies - a European Perspective' is drawing upon -, students can specialise in particular areas of globalisation research:

- at Ghent University on world history and political economy of global capitalism, global governance and global justice, combined with specific foci on Europe as a global actor, conflict and development in a globalising world, and area studies of Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America.
- at the University of Leipzig on comparative analysis of global entanglements both historically and for the present times, focusing on Eastern Europe, Western Europe, East Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Northern Africa and the Middle East, Latin

America and Northern America

- at the London School of Economics on the economic and social history and analysis of economic globalisation since around 1400
- at Roskilde University on development studies, global political economy and global governance, political culture and civil society
- at the University of Vienna study of international organisations, global history from the year 1500 onwards, as well as area-related analysis of East Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Central Europe and Latin America
- at the University of Wrocław on the analysis of transformation processes in Central and Eastern Europe, security issues, regional cooperation, communications and the media

All modules comprise history, cultural, area studies, social or political based approaches upon historical and contemporary patterns of globalisation and different societal responses, towards these processes.

CAREER PERSPECTIVE

The Master's course prepares students for working in an increasingly multi-polar world. The course is not limited to a single method of interpretation, or one disciplinary approach, but it is designed to equip highly-qualified students with the ability to contribute to the forward-looking debate on globalisation processes in a self-reflective and critical manner – an essential qualification for enhancing one's prospects in the contemporary labour market.

The core qualification aims of the study program comprise competences for dealing with different academic approaches to the phenomenon of globalisation processes, their foundation and problem areas at a scientific level and related to relevant professional fields; the ability to independently work on interdisciplinary problem areas and the adequate presentation of the gathered knowledge in written and oral form.

Further qualification objectives are transferable understanding and academic skills, such as (i) understanding complex global history and international studies problems and framing them in ways which simplify while still retaining relevance; (ii) developing analysis and arguments in pursuance of an independent research question; (iii) skills to gather, deploy, combine and assess evidence of various kinds; (iv) skills to critically examine the arguments and evidence presented by others; (iv) developing consistent arguments and communicating these in clear, concise and persuasive forms. The design of the programme as well as the experiences of former graduates suggests that the fields of employment for EMGS graduates are the public sector (diplomatic service, development cooperation, and consultancy), NGOs, the private sector and basic research. Our aim is to offer for all four fields of employment a study programme that is methodologically deliberated, demanding in terms of content and complemented by research internships.

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Na geschiktheidsonderzoek:

- academisch bachelordiploma in de studiegebieden: sociale en politieke wetenschappen, geschiedenis, taal- en letterkunde, wijsbegeerte en moraalwetenschappen, economische en toegepaste economische wetenschappen, rechten, notariaat en criminologische wetenschappen.
- ander academisch bachelordiploma op basis van behaalde kwalificaties (EVK) of op voorwaarde dat de kandidaat beschikt over voorkennis over Global Studies

TAAL

Je voldoet aan de taalvoorwaarden op basis van je Vlaams diploma.

PRAKTISCHE INFORMATIE

Studieprogramma:

<https://studiegids.ugent.be>

> faculteiten > opleidingstypes > ga naar de opleiding van je keuze

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

The Master in Global Studies aims at excellent students with a first degree in social sciences and humanities and with an interest in issues of globalisation. The minimum application requirements are: a three years bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution in the field of History or Cultural Studies or Social Sciences or Economics with a minimum of 15% Global Studies relevant courses. Prospective students have to apply to the coordinating university (Leipzig) for admission into this master programme. Ghent University cannot accept applications: the selection of students is a joint decision of all 6 European partner universities.

You can find further information and the application form on <http://gesi.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/joint-projects/emgs/application/>.

LANGUAGE

More information regarding the required knowledge of English: www.ugent.be/language/requirements

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme

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Application deadline

March 29th, for applicants for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship.

May 31st, for self-paying applicants.

Enrolling institution

University of Leipzig (and/or other European partners, depending on the mobility track).

Tuition fee

Specific tuition fees apply. This programme is supported by (Erasmus+ and other) scholarships.

More information at www.globalstudies-masters.info

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