

# MASTER IN GLOBAL STUDIES

An Erasmus Mundus programme organised jointly by 6 European partners and 9 non-European partners.

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

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; (v) 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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## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

### 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 moet perfecte kennis hebben van het Engels en basiskennis van een andere vreemde taal. Meer info via <http://gesi.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/joint-projects/emgs/application/>.

## 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

The proficiency in English needs to be proven by an official English certificate. More information can found on <http://gesi.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/joint-projects/emgs/application/>.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue](http://www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue)

> by Faculty > Programme types > select your programme

### Application deadline

February 15th, 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 can be found on <https://gesi.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/joint-projects/emgs/fees/>.

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