

MSc European Studies (Research)

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- A **two-year** (120 ECTS), international Master of Science Degree Programme in European Studies.
- A **multi- and interdisciplinary, research-oriented** programme focusing on historical, cultural, political, social, and economic aspects of the process of European integration.
- Aimed at students of different national and academic/disciplinary backgrounds.
- Training for a **career that requires strong research competences**.
- Tailored study: **Your research interests come first!**

Unique features

- **A small, close-knit community of students and researchers**
 - (average intake 12-15 students p/a)
 - Tailored study: Your research interests come first!
- **More than 90% international students**
- **Awarded 'Top Rated Programme' label** (Keuzegids 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- **Ranked #1 MA in European Studies in the Netherlands** (Keuzegids 2018, 2019)
- **Top-rated academic staff** and study support
- **Graduation Packages:**
 - **Double Degree** program with Cologne
 - **Study Abroad**
 - **Research Internships**



Overview curriculum MSc ES Year 1 (hand-out)

Tracks	Form / Code	Seminar title	ECTS	Course period	Grade
Period 1	8 weeks				
all	RES5013	European Integration: State of the Art	5	1	1-10
all	RES5014	Introduction to Research Methods of European Studies	6	1	1-10
all	RES5509	Writing and Presenting a Research Paper	2	1	E-P-F
Period 2	8 weeks				
1	RES5015	Historicising European Union	8	2	1-10
2a, 2b	RES5030	Democratic Governance and Representation in Europe	8	2	1-10
3a, 3b	RES5019	European Foreign Policy	8	2	1-10
2a, 3a	RES5022	Case Study Methods and Process-Tracing	5	2	1-10
1	RES5023	Methods and Sources in Historical Analysis	5	2	1-10
2b, 3b	RES5024	Linear and Generalised Linear Regression	5	2	1-10
Period 3	4 weeks				
all	RES5510	Research Design	4	3	E-P-F
1, 2a, 3a	RES5025	Qualitative Interviewing	3	3	1-10
2b, 3b	RES5026	Survey Data Methodology	3	3	1-10
Period 4	8 weeks				
1	RES5010	The Symbolic Construction of European Community	8	4	1-10
2a, 2b	RES5006	Information, Expertise and Politics in the EU	8	4	1-10
3a, 3b	RES5020	The EU, the US, Russia & China: Competing Approaches to Global Governance	8	4	1-10
1, 2a, 3a	RES5028	Qualitative Content Analysis	5	4	1-10
2b, 3b	RES5029	Multilevel and Longitudinal Modelling	5	4	1-10
Period 5	12 weeks				
all	RES5031	Research Project	10	5	1-10
all	RES5511	Thesis Proposal	4	5	E-P-F

Courses in Year 1 (all students)

- Period I

RES5013. European Integration: State of the Art

RES5014. Introduction to Research Methods of European Studies

- Period I/II

RES5509. Writing and Presenting a Research Paper

- Period III

RES5510. Research Design

- Period V

RES5031. Research Project

RES5511. Thesis Proposal

Thematic tracks (Year 1)

I. Histories of European Integration

- RES5015. Historicising European Union
- RES5010. Symbolic Construction of European Community

II. Democracy and Representation in Europe

- RES5030. Democratic Governance and Representation in Europe
- RES5006. Information, Expertise and Politics in the EU

III. Europe and the World

- RES5019. European Foreign Policy
- RES5020. The EU, Russia & China: Competing Models of Global Governance

Methods specialisations (Year 1)

- **Track I – Historical / Qualitative methods**
RES5023. Methods and Sources in Historical Analysis
RES5025. Qualitative Interviewing (research training)
RES5028. Qualitative Content Analysis
- **Tracks IIa / IIIa - Qualitative methods**
RES5022. Case Study and Process-Tracing Methods
RES5025. Qualitative Interviewing (research training)
RES5028. Qualitative Content Analysis
- **Tracks IIb/IIIb - Quantitative methods**
RES5024. Linear and Generalised Linear Regression Analysis
RES5026. Survey Data Methodology (research training)
RES5029. Multilevel and Longitudinal Modeling

Graduation Packages (Year 2)

- **Double Degree:** Spend the second year at Cologne University, Germany.
- **Study Abroad:** Spend the first semester of the second year at one of our exchange universities – Mannheim University, Germany; TU Munich, Germany; Sciences Po Grenoble, France; Hitotsubashi University Tokyo, Japan; University of Portsmouth, UK. **Scholarships available!**
- **Research Internship:** Spend up to five months in the second year pursuing an internship with one of our professors or at a think tank, EU institution or NGO in Brussels. **Scholarships available!**

Skills trainings and other opportunities (Year 2)

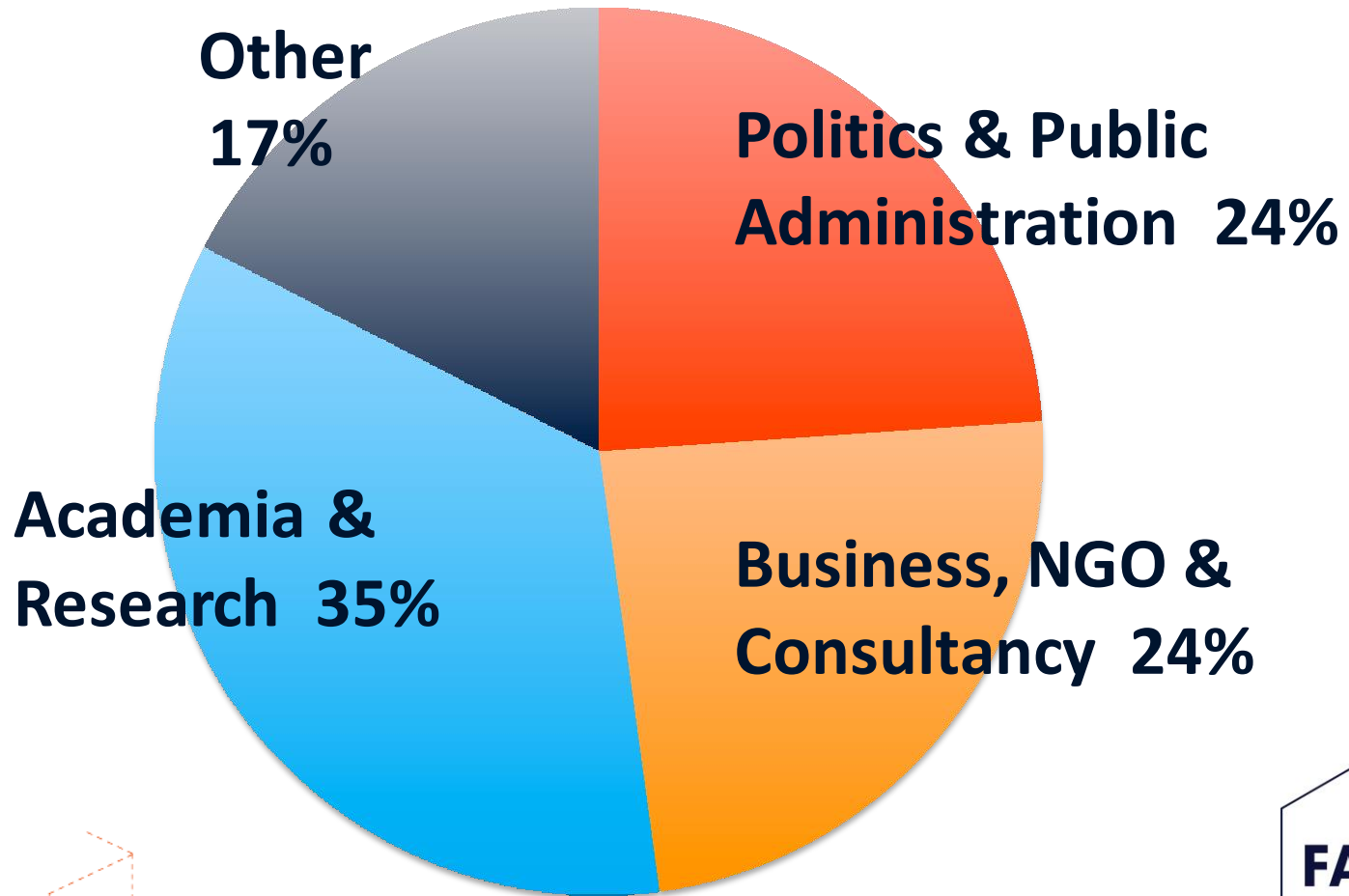
- How to successfully apply for research funding.
- How to get published (academia and non-academic audiences).
- Participation in FASoS Graduate School (PhDs).
- The PhD proposal writing trajectory & PhD Buddy scheme.
- Participation in FASoS Research Group (Politics and Culture in Europe, PCE).
- [Netherlands Institute of Government](#) and [Research School Political History](#) participation



Your 'average' week in the MSc ES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.00 – 13.00 Research Seminar (lecture)		11.00 – 13.00 Skills Training	11.00 – 13.00 Research Seminar (lecture / tutorial)	
13.30 – 15.30 Methods course	13.30 – 15.30 Methods course	15:30 – 17:30 Research Colloquium 'Politics and Culture of Europe'	13.30 – 15.30 Research Seminar (tutorial / workshop)	

Your future



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- Careers in **professional organisations**, including the following:
 - Diplomat, Foreign Ministry, Netherlands
 - Research Officer, European Parliament Research Service
 - Journalist, European Journalism Centre
 - Analyst, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels
 - Analyst, Deutsche Telekom, Department Research & Development
- **PhD positions** at universities, such as:
 - University of Bamberg, Germany
 - Marie Curie PhD candidate, Loughborough University, UK
 - Leiden University, The Netherlands
 - European University Institute, Italy
 - University of Cologne, Germany

Admission Requirements

- All candidates should meet the **general requirements**:
 - submit your curriculum vitae,
 - write a letter of motivation,
 - submit two writing samples,
 - demonstrate proficiency in English.
- Also check the required documents under [Admission and registration](#).
- A relevant university bachelor's programme.
- You must have strong academic abilities, not be afraid to work hard, have a keen interest to pursue research in the field of European integration.

Director of Study

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