

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 (hand-out)

	Courses taught in Year 1	Courses taught in Year 2	
Period I (September-October)	European Integration: State of the Art (Thomas Conzelmann) Research Methodology of European Studies (Giselle Bosse) Social Science Statistics (Christine Arnold) Writing and Presenting a Resarch Paper (Paul Stephenson) (Periods I and II)	Option A Internship (Giselle Bosse) . Option B Study Abroad (Thomas Conzelmann) . Option C Double Degree (Thomas Conzelmann)	Period I (September-October)
Period II (November-December)	Historizising European Union (Kiran Patel) (Track I) Democratic Governance and Representation in Europe (Christine Neuhold) (Track II) Europe in the World (Hylke Dijkstra & Sophie Vanhoonacker) (Track III) Case Study Methods and Process Tracing (Aneta Spendzharova) (Tracks IIa, IIIa) Methods and Sources in Histrorical Analysis (Vincent Langendijk)(Track I) Linear and Generalized Linear Regression (Luana Russo) (Tracks IIb, IIIb) Writing and Presenting a Resarch Paper (Paul Stephenson) (Periods I and II)		Period II (November-December)
Period III (January)	Research Design (Giselle Bosse) Qualitative Interviewing (Hylke Dijkstra)(Tracks I, IIa, IIIa) Survey Data Methodology (Hans Schmeets) (Tracks IIb, IIIb)		Period III (January)
Period IV (February-March)	The Symbolic Construction of European Community (Kiran Patel) (Track I) Information, Expertise and Politics in the EU (Tannelie Blom) (Track II) EU-Asia Relations in the context of global change (Thomas Christiansen) (Track III) Qualitative Content Analysis (Elisavetta Radulova) (Tracks I, IIa, IIIa) Multilevel and Longitudinal Modeling (Arjan Schakel) (Tracks IIb, IIIb)	MSc Thesis, including thesis seminar (Thomas Conzelmann) . Academic Publishing and Grant Aquisition (Christine Neuhold)	Period IV (February-March)
Period V (April-May)	Research Project (Giselle Bosse) Thesis Proposal (Thomas Conzelmann)		Period V (April-May)
	I = Track Historicizing European Union: European Cooperation since the 19th Century II = Track Politics and Administration beyond the Nation State III = Track Europe in a Globalizing World a = qualitative methods Tracks II & III b= quantitative methods (Tracks II and III)		

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)

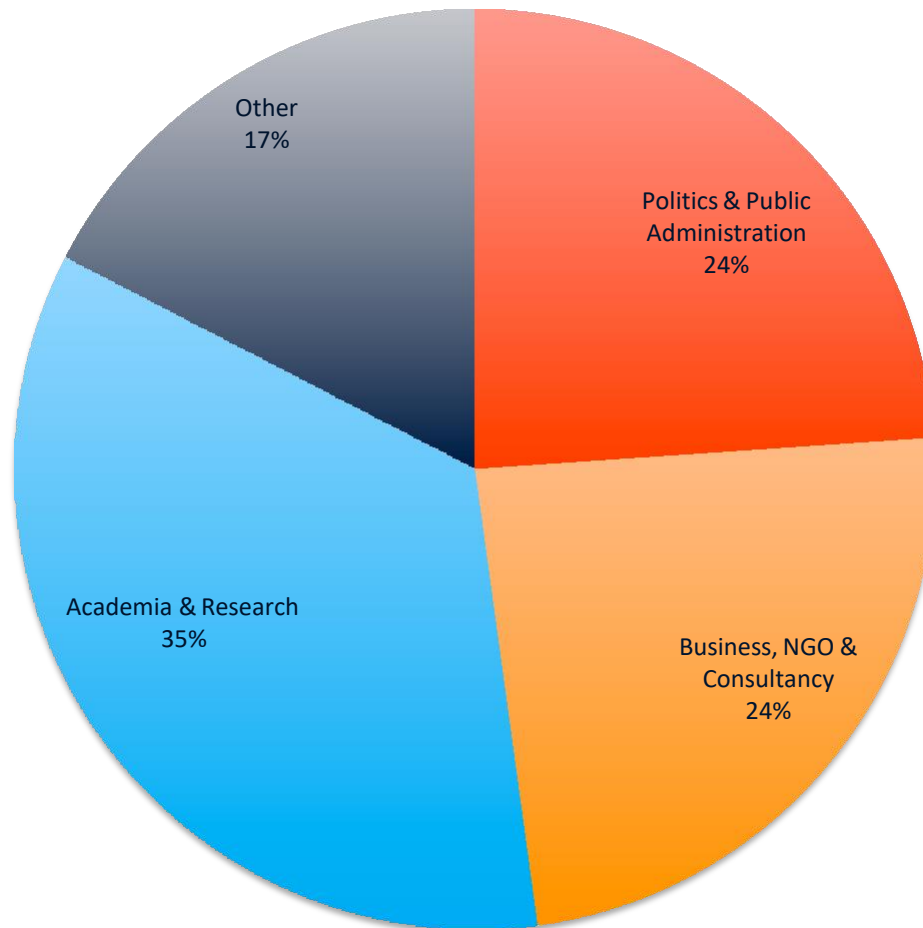
- How to successfully apply for research funding.
- How to get published (academia and non-academic audiences).
- Participation in FASoS Graduate School (PhDs).
- The PhD proposal writing trajectory & PhD Buddy scheme.
- Participation in FASoS Research Group (Politics and Culture in Europe, PCE).
- [Netherlands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