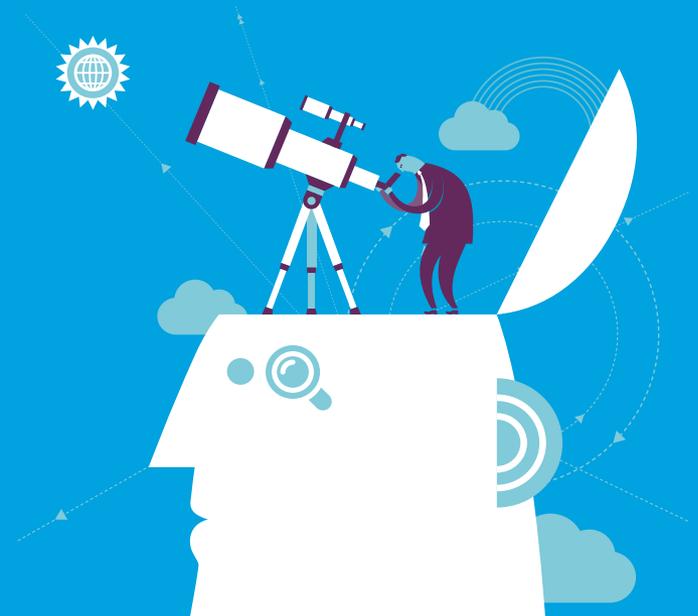


# MSc European Studies (Research)

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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)**
- **Ranked #1 MA in European Studies in the Netherlands (Keuzegids 2018)**
- **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)	<p>European Integration: State of the Art (Thomas Conzelmann)</p> <p>Research Methodology of European Studies (Giselle Bosse)</p> <p>Social Science Statistics (Christine Arnold)</p> <p>Writing and Presenting a Resarch Paper (Paul Stephenson) (Periods I and II)</p>	<p><b>Option A</b></p> <p>Internship (Giselle Bosse)</p> <p>.</p> <p><b>Option B</b></p> <p>Study Abroad (Thomas Conzelmann)</p> <p>.</p> <p><b>Option C</b></p> <p>Double Degree (Thomas Conzelmann)</p>	Period I (September-October)	
Period II (November-December)	<p>Historizing European Union (Kiran Patel) (Track I)</p> <p>Democratic Governance and Representation in Europe (Christine Neuhold) (Track II)</p> <p>Europe in the World (Hylke Dijkstra &amp; Sophie Vanhoonacker) (Track III)</p> <p>Case Study Methods and Process Tracing (Aneta Spendzharova) (Tracks IIa, IIIa)</p> <p>Methods and Sources in Historical Analysis (Vincent Langendijk)(Track I)</p> <p>Linear and Generalized Linear Regression (Luana Russo) (Tracks IIb, IIIb)</p> <p>Writing and Presenting a Resarch Paper (Paul Stephenson) (Periods I and II)</p>		Period II (November-December)	
Period III (January)	<p><b>Research Design (Giselle Bosse)</b></p> <p>Qualitative Interviewing (Hylke Dijkstra)(Tracks I, IIa, IIIa)</p> <p>Survey Data Methodology (Hans Schmeets) (Tracks IIb, IIIb)</p>		Period III (January)	
Period IV (February-March)	<p>The Symbolic Construction of European Community (Kiran Patel) (Track I)</p> <p>Information, Expertise and Politics in the EU (Tannelie Blom) (Track II)</p> <p>EU-Asia Relations in the context of global change (Thomas Christiansen) (Track III)</p> <p>Qualitative Content Analysis (Elisavetta Radulova) (Tracks I, IIa, IIIa)</p> <p>Multilevel and Longitudinal Modeling (Arjan Schakel) (Tracks IIb, IIIb)</p>		<p>MSc Thesis, including thesis seminar (Thomas Conzelmann)</p> <p>.</p> <p>Academic Publishing and Grant Aquisition (Christine Neuhold)</p>	Period IV (February-March)
Period V (April-May)	<p><b>Research Project (Giselle Bosse)</b></p> <p><b>Thesis Proposal (Thomas Conzelmann)</b></p>			Period V (April-May)
	<p>I = Track Historicizing European Union: European Cooperation since the 19th Century</p> <p>II = Track Politics and Administration beyond the Nation State</p> <p>III = Track Europe in a Globalizing World</p> <p>a = qualitative methods Tracks II &amp; III</p> <p>b= quantitative methods (Tracks II and III)</p>			

# Courses in Year 1 (all students)

- Period I

RES5013. European Integration: State of the Art

RES5014. Research Methodology of European Studies

RES5021. Social science statistics

- 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. Historicizing European Union

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

## II. Democratic Governance & Representation in Europe

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

## III. Europe in a Globalising World

- RES5019. Europe and the World
- RES5020. EU-Asia Relations in the Context of Global Change

# 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; 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 <b>Research Seminar (lecture)</b>		11.00 – 13.00 <b>Skills Training</b>	11.00 – 13.00 <b>Research Seminar (lecture / tutorial)</b>	
13.30 – 15.30 <b>Methods course</b>	13.30 – 15.30 <b>Methods course</b>	15:30 – 17:30 <b>Research Colloquium 'Politics and Culture of Europe'</b>	13.30 – 15.30 <b>Research Seminar (tutorial / workshop)</b>	

# Your future

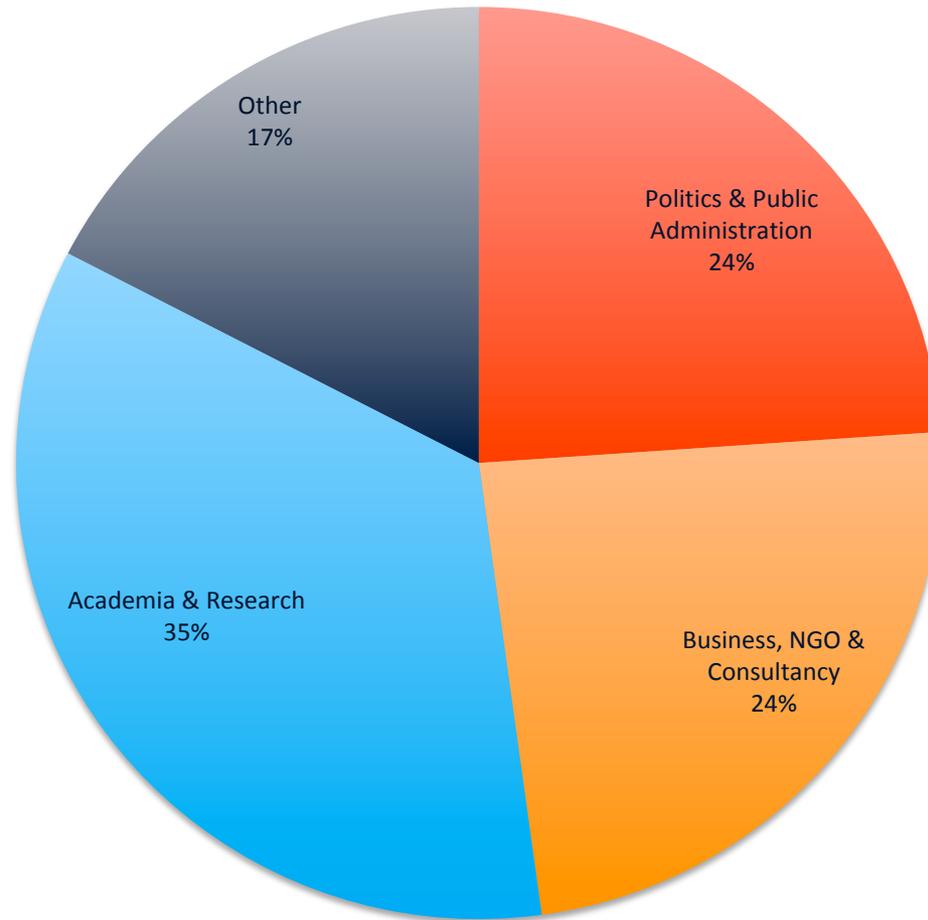
Our graduates have gone on to **PhD positions** at universities, such as:

- University of Bamberg, Germany
- Marie Curie PhD candidate, Loughborough University, UK
- Leiden University, The Netherlands
- European University Institute, Italy
- University of Cologne, Germany

And careers in **professional organizations**, 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

## MSc ES Alumni: Job Profiles



# 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](#)

- Graduates from a relevant university bachelor's programme
- You must have strong academic abilities, not be afraid to work hard, and have a keen interest to pursue research in the field of European integration.

# Director of Study

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# QUESTIONS?

