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Besides the critical examination of EU policies, I liked about the MA in European Studies that we were taught a variety of skills, which proved very useful when entering professional life. In Maastricht, we learnt how to draft briefing notes, to write concise analysis in take-home exams, to prepare presentations in teams, and to chair seminars. After completing my degree, I did an internship with a member of the European Parliament. She employed me afterwards as a parliamentary assistant for another year. Today, I work in the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Brussels. As many graduates from Maastricht move to Brussels after their studies, there is a great network of alumni in different institutions and companies. This is great socially as well as helpful from a professional viewpoint.

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