

EURO2M - Introduction

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Students can follow the "Master 120 en études européennes / Master 120 in European Studies" as a bilingual programme in French and English or they can choose to take all the courses in English only.

The European dimension is playing a growing role in social and economic affairs, in lawmaking and in the political lives of Member States, and has an increasing influence - directly or indirectly - on the lives of European citizens.

The Master in European Studies aims to prepare students for positions where this European dimension is important.

Classes take place in Louvain-la-Neuve.

Your profile

You

- are considering a career in the public administration, interest representation or consultancy associated with the European institutions, or a job in one of the various economic or social activities which require expertise in European affairs;
- are looking for a course which provides real insight into how the institutions work, the international role and policies of the European Union, and which guarantees a high level of specialisation.

Your future job

Graduates may work as **advisers, representatives**, analysts, managers or in posts in organisations and bodies in some way connected with the European Union. They will be asked to take a **thoughtful, critical stance vis-à-vis Europe, based on the knowledge and analytical elements needed to grasp and evaluate the European integration process.**

Many possible careers will be open to them, in both the public and private sectors.

After the course, graduates find work in:

- one of the many management or executive administrative posts in public administrations or international organisations;
- policy or research departments within the European institutions, in commercial and industrial companies, professional associations, private consultants, planning organisations working in various areas (social, regional, family, social security, etc.);
- international careers (on passing a competitive exam);
- teaching and research.

Your programme

This Master's programme will give you:

- economic, political, legal and historical knowledge related to European integration;
- skills to analyse its internal and external aspects;
- a multi-disciplinary approach to European integration issues;
- a detailed look at a topical European issue;
- subject specialisations involving a number of fields;
- a strong international dimension (a four-month ERASMUS stay as well as bilingual English-French teaching).

Specialisations

Course: "European Governance and societies"

- module 1: Democracy and citizenship
- module 2: Relations extérieures de l'UE et gouvernance globale ;
- module 3: Europe sociale et environnementale ;
- module 4: Economy and digital.

For this programme the student needs to have a working knowledge of French and English, but the course also offers the learning of another language.

EURO2M - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

Students enrolled on the Master [120] in European Studies course are working towards becoming experts in the European public policy with the ability to thoroughly and critically analyse contemporary political phenomena and current political changes, to explain these and act within, for and on society, having formed an understanding of and ethics relating to public service.

The European dimension is playing an increasing role in socio-economic activities, law-making and the political issues of the Member States while impacting increasingly, directly or indirectly, on the lives of European citizens.

The aim of the Master in European Studies programme is to prepare graduates for employment in positions related to this European dimension. They will be working as advisors, representatives, analysts, managers with EU bodies and institutions. They will be expected to adopt a **critical and analytical attitude to Europe, based on the knowledge and analytical elements required for an understanding and assessment of the European integration process**. More specifically, this Master's programme prepares students to work in the fields of public administration (European, national, regional and local), the representation of interests, consultancy and the think tanks that are associated with the European institutions, or in diverse spheres of economic and social activity requiring European studies.

On completion of the decidedly **multidisciplinary** Master in European Studies programme, graduates will be better able to implement **analytical strategies so as to better understand the European integration process and intervene appropriately. They will be able to:**

- display a high level of critical and analytical skills in the field of European integration, based on a deep and specialist knowledge of the European integration process, its economic, political, politico-institutional, historical and legal dimensions and of the different levels of the exercise of political power;
- expertly assess, using appropriate analytical tools and critical detachment, all aspects (economic, political, politico-institutional and legal) of the European integration process both internally and externally and its outlook;

CG4.1. Demonstrate an understanding and knowledge (for the focus chosen) of the issues unique to the different sectors of political life (environment, family, humanitarian, etc.).

CG4.2. Explain and analyse specific contexts and situations:

- Analyse the different regional geographic areas.
- Evaluate political action by sector or area.
- Use robust analytical and diagnostic tools.
- Apply a robust comparative approach.

CG4.3. Advise on “political” action in the broad sense of the term, demonstrating expertise and applying policy advice skills (influence and lobbying strategy, strategies and tools for political communication, negotiation/mediation and marketing).

CG4.4. Contribute to the analysis and/or design of management strategies for real-life political situations, according to the focus chosen.

CG5. Disseminate pertinent political, economic and social information adapted to the targeted sector of the public and interact constructively with the different stakeholders involved in a given situation.

CG5.1. Communicate pertinently, both verbally and in writing, on complex topics/situations in political sciences:

- Select the relevant information required to analyse and compare political situations.
- Present the information in an accurate, structured, clear, precise and well-argued manner (demonstrating an ability to prepare reports, assessments, critical reviews, notes, etc.).
- Adapt the communication (content and form) to the targeted sector of the public and to the intended purposes according to the communication standards specific to the context (popularising, etc.).

CG5.2. Communicate articulately in English, verbally and in writing, in a clear, coherent and well-argued manner on general matters or

- EE.7. Take into account the need to promote cultural diversity and dialogue between cultures within the EU.
- EE.8. Represent the interests of civil society with regard to European institutions.
- EE.9. Share their expertise on the functioning of European institutions with political, social and economic stakeholders at national, regional and international level.

EE-GSE On completion of the specialisation in 'European governance and societies', the student will have developed the following skills, according to the teaching units chosen:

- 'Democracy and Citizenship' module: the student will have gained an in-depth knowledge of the mechanisms governing European society, in relation to human rights and values.
- 'EU external relations and global governance' module: the student will have acquired expertise and a high level of skills in relation to the EU's external action and to the role of the EU as a global player in international relations, in this era of globalisation.
- 'Social and environmental Europe' and 'Economy and digital' modules: the student will have acquired expertise and a high level of skills in the management of European dossiers, focused on the EU's internal policies and decision-making processes.

Programme structure

The study programme is made up of a core curriculum representing 90 credits, as well as one professional focus of 30 credits.

The annual block 1 provides the basic legal, economic, historical and political knowledge necessary to move on the professional focus and to embark upon the writing of a dissertation.

Apart the writing of a dissertation, the annual block 2 is mainly focused on the specialization in the following fields:

- democracy and citizenship
- role of the European Union in the world and global government
- social and environmental policies
- economy and digital

EURO2M Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [90.0]

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

Core courses are structured into 90 credits. All activities take place at the Catholic University of Louvain in Louvain-la-Neuve.

Year



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⊗ LEUSL2113	Digital Europe	Enguerrand Marique (compensates Christophe Lazaro) Patricia Nouveau (compensates Christophe Lazaro) Alain Strowel (compensates Christophe Lazaro)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x
⊗ LDREU2208	European Competition Law	Damien Gerard	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x

● LDROI1226	European Union law	Frédéric Dopagne (compensates Pieter-Augustijn Van Mallegheem) Pieter-Augustijn Van Mallegheem	FR
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Course prerequisites

The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the programme CU for which the learning outcomes must be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registering for that CU.

These activities are also identified **in the detailed programme**: their title is followed by a yellow square.

Prerequisites and student's annual programme

As the prerequisite is for CU registration purposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:

- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.

For more information, please consult the [Academic Regulations and Procedures](#).

Prerequisites list

LEUSL2001 "Mémoire" has prerequisite(s) LEUSL2003

- LEUSL2003 - [Methodology seminar and introduction to master thesis](#)

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the skills expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. Course unit descriptions specify targeted learning outcomes, as well as the unit's contribution to reference framework of learning outcomes.

EURO2M - Information

Access Requirements

Master course admission requirements are defined by the French Community of Belgium Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the higher education landscape and the academic organisation of courses.

General and specific admission requirements for this programme must be satisfied at the time of enrolling at the university.

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed in this table or on this page are to be understood as those issued by an institution of the French, Flemish or German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

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Specific access requirements

PLEASE NOTE: The conditions for access to this course in 2025-26 changed from those issued for 2024-25: a better proficiency of English and French will be required. [There are available here](#). These conditions of access will be official and complete from 1 June 2025. However, they will be available for consultation in the ad hoc section of the 2025-26 study programme from 1 March 2025.

Language competence

The program is available EITHER solely in English OR in both French and English.

Candidates wishing to take the program solely in English will have to provide the following:

- either evidence of sufficient competence in English (level B2 of [the Common European Framework of Reference](#))
- or evidence that they have taken and successfully completed a B2-level course in English
- or a transcript of university grades showing that they have taken and successfully completed at least 3 courses in English during their previous university studies.

Candidates wishing to follow the program in both languages (French and English) will have to provide the following, for both languages:

- either evidence of a sufficient level in both languages (level B1 of [the Common European Framework of Reference](#))
- or evidence that they have taken and successfully completed a B1-level course in English and/or French
- or a transcript of university grades showing that they have taken and successfully completed at least 3 courses in English and/or 3 courses in French during their previous university studies.

The EURO admission panel is the only body able to recognize and validate the supporting documents provided by the candidate

University Bachelors

All other Bachelors	If they have taken the Minor in European Studies	Direct access	If the UCLouvain Admissions Office considers the enrolment application sufficiently complete, it will submit the application to the faculty for a decision.
All other Bachelors	If they have not taken the Minor in European Studies	Access based on application	Additional training to be determined according to the classes already taken: prerequisites in law, economy and political sciences (max. 15 credits)

Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium

Bachelor in Political Sciences Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences		Direct access	
All other Bachelors		Access based on application	Additional training to be determined according to the classes already taken: prerequisites in law, economy and political sciences (max. 15 credits)

Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium

Bachelor of Science in de politieke wetenschappen Bachelor of Science in de sociologie Bachelor of Science in de politieke en sociale wetenschappen		Direct access	
All other Bachelors		Access based on application	Additional training to be determined according to the classes already taken: prerequisites in law, economy and political sciences (max. 15 credits)

Foreign Bachelors

Bachelor in Political and Social Sciences		Direct access	
All other Bachelors		Access based on application	Additional training to be determined according to the classes already taken: prerequisites in law, economy and political sciences (max. 15 credits)

Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about [links](#) to the university

Holders of a 2nd cycle University degree

Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations (Louvain-la-Neuve) Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations (Mons) Master [120] in Sociology Master [120] in Anthropology Master [120] in Communication (Louvain-la-Neuve) Master [120] in Communication (Mons) Master [120] in Communication (shift schedule) (Mons) Master [120] in Law		completed in 1 year (maximum of 75 credits permitted)
All Masters	Access based on application	Additional training to be determined according to the classes already taken: prerequisites in law, economy and political sciences (max. 15 credits)

Holders of a non-University 2nd cycle degree

According to the Government Decree, your initial diploma does not grant you automatic access to this Masters. Nevertheless, you may be able to access the course by taking certain additional classes, over and above your standard programme. Please contact the faculty organising the Masters for information as to the procedure to follow. Any questions on admission to EURO2M should be addressed to Beata Dunaj, tel: 010 478489, beata.dunaj@uclouvain.be

Access based on validation of professional experience

> It is possible, under certain conditions, to use one's personal and professional experience to enter a university course without having the required qualifications. However, validation of prior experience does not automatically apply to all courses. Find out more about [Validation of priori experience](#).

Teaching method

The teaching staff is made up of professors in political science, law, economics and history. Also joining the team are professionals from different institutions and political arenas (e.g. officials from the European Union, members of the European Union, officials from the Belgian Permanent Representation to the EU and journalists) who can bring insight from their experience and who provide expert resources for students' work.

Students can follow the "Master 120 en français" in European Studies

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