



MA in COMMUNICATION and METHODS in EUROPEAN POLICY MAKING

Credits: 120 ECTS

Stage: Yes

Working language: English

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Presentation

This programme was designed with the specific aim of teaching students the complex methodology through which the policies of the European Union take form, in connection with the political changes in member states and enlargement.

The MA, through the experience and the qualification of its teachers, provides students with the skills which are most requested by European agencies and institutions: the skills necessary for the analysis and evaluation of European policies and their application within the specific historical and cultural backgrounds of the various countries and explaining the ways in which these policies are communicated.

European Union policies are the product of the will and orientation of the countries that form the Union and which they express at the different conferences. They are also, however, the product of the will and the orientation of the European Parliament, the European Commission, and the organisational structure that the European Union has progressively given itself.

In other words, EU policies are the result not only of original political will but, especially, they define themselves and become operative in an extremely complex process governed by political decisions taken at different levels (European Parliament and Commission, first of all) as well as by their operational translations realised by the General Directions, their offices and programmes.

For EU policies it is thus very important to make these methods explicit and transform them into a training process for the student who wishes to become part of the European Union organisation, or who already works in close contact with it, or who is preparing to take advantage of the opportunities it offers.

From this derives the need for the training in the methods and processes of European policies and the methods of communication designed to ensure their optimum implementation. Such training is offered in a specific Master, with strongly vocational courses dealing with methods of European policy-making from a political, social, organisational and procedural

perspective, as well as of its effectiveness and efficiency.

At the end of this study, made up of highly focused courses and exercises, the student will possess a clear understanding and thorough knowledge of current methods, but also of the possible evolution of these methods owing to the enlargement of the European Union to the rest of Europe and of their communication.

Objectives

- to teach students the complex methodology through which the policies of the Union take form, from political decisions taken in inter-state conferences to the EU definition of such policies and to the operational processes and the results expected from such EU policies
- to develop students' sensitivity to the methods' dynamics according to the political changes of the member states and the enlargement of the European Union
- to equip students with an understanding of policy-making in the European Union from the supranational and intergovernmental to the local levels as well as with an awareness of the issues involved in the relationship between member states and supranational institutions
- to use the specific historical and cultural backgrounds of the various countries in order to make sense of the individual countries' agendas and to identify different policy scenarios
- to provide students with the instruments to communicate the methods and adoption of European Policies

MA Admission Requirements

In order to be admitted to the MA, applicants must be in possession of a first-level degree or an equivalent qualification obtained in a foreign university.

The MA admission form has to be submitted to the MA Secretary of the University of Trieste following the procedure described on the website www.units.it/master

Foreign Students

Non-EU citizens who do not have a valid residence permit in Italy must submit the pre-enrolment application form through the Italian consulate which is responsible for their territory, which will send the documentation to the University.

To obtain this assessment, the applicant must attach to the pre-enrolment application form the following documents:

- degree certificate, mentioning exams passed, translated and given legal authentication by the Consulate
- declaration of the value of the qualification.

Admission Fees

The amount of the admission fee is fixed by the University of Trieste. However, in order to facilitate participation in the MA of students coming from countries whose living standards do not allow them to bear the costs during attendance of the course, the Consortium has decided to differentiate the fee amount accordingly.

Therefore non-EU citizens coming from countries with a Gross Domestic Product lower than that of the EU-15

Courses

- Institutional EU Integration model
- EU Social Integration model
- History of European Integration
- EU Law
- EU Institutional Framework
- International Law
- EU Foreign and Security Policy
- EU Financial and Budgetary Policy
- EU Social Policy
- EU Programmes

country with the lowest GDP (Portugal), could obtain a fee reduction of about 70%.

Scholarships

The IUIES - International University Institute for European Studies, which organises the MA, in order to in order to facilitate the participation of students coming from countries whose living standards do not allow them to bear the costs during attendance of the course, annually awards a certain number of scholarships (food stamps) to Non-EU citizens coming from countries with a Gross Domestic Product lower than that of the EU-15 country with the lowest GDP.

Each scholarship provides 520.00 Euro for each month of attendance with the intent of meeting the board and lodging requirements of students during the months in which compulsory lectures are held.

- Policy Analysis
- The Future of Europe
- Mass Communication techniques
- EU communication techniques
- Stakeholders in the EU Policy Making Process
- Lobbying in the EU
- Leadership in Regional Innovation
- Diplomatic Discourse
- Work placement / Summer School