MASTER EU INTEGRATION!
Specialised Master in EU Interdisciplinary Studies

- Interdisciplinary approach (Political Science, Law, Economics)
- Specialised career development workshop
- Internship and mentoring
- International mobility to Japan

Institute for European Studies of the ULB
Half a Century of Innovation in European Studies
What is this specialised master all about?
The Specialised Master in EU Interdisciplinary Studies is a 60-credit course, taught in English. It provides an in-depth study of European political, economic, social and legal integration issues.

Whom is it for?
Young professionals seeking specialised knowledge of EU integration can follow this advanced programme, designed for students with an academic background in Political Science, Economics, History, Law or other related disciplines.

Degree delivered
A 60-credit, specialised master’s degree.

Skills acquired
❯ A clear understanding of the challenges of EU, global and regional integration
❯ Expert knowledge of EU institutions & the EU’s main policies
❯ Specialised knowledge in the field chosen: “Economic Governance and Policies in Europe”, “Migrations, rights and policies in Europe” or “EU integration, Regionalism and Global Governance”
❯ Strong analytical and oral/written argumentation skills
❯ A working-level of English

career prospects
This Specialised Master’s degree prepares graduates for a career in:
❯ European, national or local institutions
❯ Private companies
❯ Interest groups and representations
❯ NGOs
❯ Media and communication

Student life
Community life at IEE-ULB is embodied by Eyes on Europe and SAIES (Students Association of the Institute for European Studies). Both actively organise events and outreach activities, including publications.
Core courses
European Integration through Law
History of European Integration
Decision-making in the EU
European Economic Governance
Rotating International Chair

Internship and career development
Mobility
(Waseda University, Japan)

Elective Modules
Economic Governance and Policies in the EU
› Law and Economics of EU Trade Policy
› European Competition Policy: Theory and Cases
› Economics of European Integration European Macroeconomics

Migrations, Rights and Policies in the EU
› European Asylum and Migration Law Migrant
› Integration Policies in Europe International migrations in Europe
› Border and migration control

EU Integration, Regionalism and Global Governance
› Comparative Regionalism
› The rule of law and mutual trust in global and European governance
› The politics of (in)security: national, regional and global debates
› Rotating Chair-University of Waseda

Interdisciplinarity in course distribution

- Transdisciplinary - 36.67%
- Law* - 16.67%
- Economics* - 10%
- Internship* - 10%
- History - 10%
- Social Sciences* - 3.33%
- Political Science* - 13.33%

*average value (the actual value depends on the choice of options)
The core module (25 credits) includes a set of courses that deal with fundamental topics in EU studies, including: EU law, decision-making at the EU level, history of European integration and European economic governance. These courses provide you with the required academic knowledge to engage in the elective courses and modules. One of the courses is taught by a guest professor from the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge.

**European Integration through Law**

The course focusses primarily on constitutional and institutional EU Law, and it is conceived for students in European Studies who don’t have a legal background. The objective is to give an overview of the European legal order (in particular of the European Union).

**History of European Integration**

This course offers students the keys to interpreting European integration, without limiting the object of study to institutional processes nor to an integration of European societies disconnected from it. The course provides a foundation to students aiming for a career in EU institutions and helps to understand today’s Europe.

**Decision-making in the EU**

The course provides students with in-depth knowledge of the decision-making processes of the European Union. It deals with the fundamentals of the EU and with European integration theories. It introduces the functioning of EU institutions and covers its decision-making procedures and modes of governance.

**European Economic Governance**

The course examines the EU integration process and the evolution of economic governance from the perspective of the creation of a single market and currency. A strong policy orientation is combined with a political economy perspective. Special emphasis is given to the economic crisis and how the EU responded to it.

**Rotating International Chair**

In the context of the international Chair Ganshof Van der Meersch, funded by the Wiener Anspach Foundation, a professor from Cambridge or Oxford University teaches a course each year. Students can familiarise themselves with the methods of English universities and discover a disciplinary (political science, history, law, economy) in relation with Europe.
Internship and career development

An innovative seminar is organised to offer you the skills to develop a professional project and career plan. Internship is compulsory. Students must write a final dissertation (15 credits) based on the professional experience gained during the internship and the seminar. Internships can only take place from April to September (the minimum duration of the internship is 192 hours) to allow students to follow courses and devote enough time to their professional plan.

The objective of this course is to accompany you in the path to a clear professional project and a strong grasp of the job market. At the end of the seminar, students should have:
- A clear professional project
- A good knowledge of tools and methods allowing them to find a job/traineeship and develop a career
- A grasp of the job market based on their interests (mapping)
- A developed network

Mobility (Waseda University, Japan)

As of 2018, students from this Specialised Master can benefit from an annual exchange programme allowing two (2) IEE-ULB students to attend the second term at the University of Waseda, Tokyo, Japan (15 credits). The programme is part of a wider collaboration with the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies (GSAPS).

Students interested by the mobility to Waseda University are required to notify their interest to the coordinator before October 22nd. To this end, they should submit to Anne Weyembergh (Anne.Weyembergh@ulb.be) a motivation letter and a two-page essay (on a topic of their choice) as well as previous academic records.

“Mobility is a prime opportunity to the continuous process of identity-building, of learning and discovering a culture at the antipode of ours; it contributes to the personal enrichment of the citizens of tomorrow, and allows us to create ever stronger links that bind us together with other nations. As Erasmus said: ‘If you keep thinking about what you want to do or what you hope will happen, you don’t do it, and it won’t happen.’ So, don’t hesitate and go for this life-changing opportunity you’ll never forget,”

Nadia Flécheux, class of 2019.
Depending on your needs and professional ambitions, you can choose among three elective specialisation tracks (20 credits each). Each module follows an interdisciplinary approach, as it addresses key topics in EU studies from the perspectives of Political Science, Law, History and Economics.

**Track 1 Economic Governance and Policies in the EU**

**Law and Economics of EU Trade Policy**
This course provides a comprehensive discussion of the economics of trade liberalization, the legal discipline of the WTO and the interplay between law and economics in this area. We pay particular attention to the legal and economic aspects of dispute settlement at the WTO.

**European Macroeconomics**
The course helps student acquire the ability to provide a coherent analysis of key European macroeconomic mechanisms and policy issues. It covers, among other topics, European macroeconomic policy issues: External imbalances in the Euro Area, banking crises, the post-crisis slump in Europe.

**Economics of European integration**
This course covers the underlying economic principles of the ongoing process of European (dis)integration. It presents both micro- and macro-economic tools that permit to analyse European integration and its political processes. It combines elements from international trade, industrial organization, labour economics and monetary and fiscal policy focused on the EU (dis)integration process.

**European Competition Policy: Theory and Cases**
This course combines theoretical analysis, case studies (antitrust) and positive analysis of industrial sectors. Recent developments in industrial organization on questions relating to entry, to predation by capacity-building or long-term contracts, to equilibria in industries subject to increasing returns or network effects, and to firm location are also covered.

**European Asylum and Migration Law**
This course analyses the institutional, legal and policy framework of the visas and external borders policies, of the immigration policy (admission for different purposes and status of immigrants, integration policy, fight against illegal migration and return) and of the asylum policy and their external dimension.

**Track 2 Migrations, Rights and Policies in the EU**

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*The 3 elective specialisation tracks*
Migrant Integration Policies in Europe
This course examines state responses to immigration in European countries. It looks into the empirical issue of immigrant integration in a limited number of societal fields. The objective is to prepare students to participate ‘at cruise speed’ in central academic and policy debates on the topic of immigrant integration.

International Migrations in Europe
This course examines international migrations in Europe from both a theoretical and an empirical angle. Following a detailed overview of concepts and theoretical frameworks, students focus on the major trends and transformations of international migrations and their management in Europe (and beyond).

Border and migration control
Students learn about policies, practices, and consequences of border and migration control in the US and in Europe, the relation between the construction of the European Union and the development of specific policy instruments.

The Rule of Law and Mutual Trust in Global and European Governance
Participants will understand and reflect on the broader definition of rule of law and mutual trust and the normative, legal and political dimensions of these principles and have a comparative understanding on how the EU and other international organizations promote them. They will be able to explain how these principles are implemented and why the integration process is based on them.

The Politics of (in)Security: National, Regional and Global Debates
The overall theme of the course is the politics of (in)security, particularly in the European and EU contexts. Over the last 20 years, security issues have become increasingly central to the debates on European integration. Security-related developments have also triggered numerous controversies that suggest we need to pay attention to the way security concerns are constructed, including in the EU context.

Rotating Chair-University of Waseda
This course allows students to benefit from an international teaching programme. After an introduction presenting the main theories of regionalism and interregionalism, professors present and discuss case-studies with the students (for example ASEAN, Mercosur and African Union).
Admission granted following submission of a dossier and decision by the jury

Applications are accepted based on academic criteria, in particular through an evaluation:

1 › Of the quality of the academic record of the candidate (results obtained during previous studies, but also relevance of previous studies completed and their capacity to prepare the student to follow the programme)

2 › Of the student’s motivation and project,

3 › Of his/her international profile (including linguistic skills).

4 › A sufficient command of English is necessary to follow the courses, to carry out the required works, to present the exams and to be able to claim to the success of this Specialised Master.

For detailed information of the admission requirements, please visit


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