



Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences /
School of Modern Languages and Applied Linguistics

European Studies - MA (Double Degree)

2 years full-time

Programme Overview

This Double Degree programme taught at two campuses, the University of Limerick and the Europa Universität Flensburg (Germany), aims to give students skills required in a post-Brexit world where knowledge about the European Union and key member states will significantly enhance students' career options, especially in Ireland which will see closer direct links with continental member states. To non-European students the programme gives a more comprehensive understanding of the reality of the European Union by the lived experience in two very different member states in terms of size, culture (including academic culture), language and location. Students will obtain two MA degrees from both participating institutions, the University of Limerick and the Europa Universität Flensburg.

This innovative two-year Double Degree MA programme in co-operation with the Europa Universität Flensburg, Germany is part of UL's response to the changes Brexit is likely to herald. The programme applies the interdisciplinary understanding of European Studies characteristic for UL to postgraduate level and involves key disciplines such as Politics, Law, European Cultural Studies and Modern Languages. The MA in European Studies is a two-year programme with semesters 1 and 2 spent at the home campus and semester 3 and 4 at the partner university, the Europa Universität Flensburg (EUF) for students starting at UL. Alternatively, students can also apply to study at the EUF in first year and spend the second year at UL. While the EUF offers options such as European Economics, European Public Opinion, European Society and Philosophy in Europe, UL focusses on International Politics, European Human Rights Law, Migration and explorations of the issue of identity in European literature as well as (optionally) a range of modules taught through the key languages of French, German and Spanish. The programme is taught in English at both campuses, but students are encouraged to also study an EU language at beginners or advanced level to gain a more comprehensive sense of the multilingual and multicultural nature of the European Union, while also being better prepared for a post-Brexit EU in which competence in EU language will be valued higher than ever before.

Entry Requirements

Applicants must have a primary degree in a related discipline, with first or second-class honours (Level 8 - National Qualifications Authority of Ireland) or an approved equivalent qualification. Candidates should be proficient in the use of English.

What to Include with Your Application

- Qualification transcripts and certificates
- English language qualification(s) if English is not your first language
- Certified English translation of your transcripts/certificates where the original transcripts are in a language other than English.
- A copy of your birth certificate or passport



Programme Structure

YEAR 1 Autumn semester

Core module

PO5017 Graduate Seminar in Institutions and Policies of the European Union

Electives

Select two modules from two different areas of 1, 2 & 3 plus one module in area 4

Area 1 European Politics & Governance	Area 2 European Law	Area 3 European Cultural Studies	Area 4 Skills / Professional Development
PO5016 Graduate Seminar in International Relations	LA6121 Law of the European Convention of Human Rights	3a In English CU6031 Comparative Literature: Cultural Constructions of the Past CU6041 Literature of Migration OCU6011 Language and Culture	LI6031 English Language Proficiency 1
PA6011 Public Administration: Theory and Practice	LA5153 Comparative International Protection of Human Rights Law	3b French/German/Spanish: FR5112 Questions d'actualité dans la France contemporaine (Issues in Contemporary France) GE6021 Deutsch-irische Beziehungen (Irish-German Cultural Connections) SP6001 Español en el mundo contemporáneo (Spanish in the Contemporary World)	RM6021 Research Methodologies in Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies
PO5015 Graduate Seminar in Contemporary Political Theory			CO6001 Professional Development 1: Mastering your Employability

YEAR 1 Spring semester

Select three modules from at least two areas of 1, 2 & 3 plus one module in area 4*

Area 1 European Politics & Governance	Area 2 Law	Area 3 European Cultural Studies	Area 4 Skills / Professional Development
PO5010 Graduate Seminar in European Governance	LA6062 Comparative and European Criminal Justice	3a In English CU6012 Utopian Theory and Texts OR CU6002 Textual Constructions of Cultural Identity: Regional, National, Ethnic, European OR CU6021 Culture and the Market OR HI6062 People on the Move: studying migration	LI6042 English Language Proficiency 2
PO5009 Graduate Seminar in Comparative Politics	LA6132 International Criminal Law	3b In French/German/Spanish FR5102 Theory and Practice of Translation (FRENCH) OR GE6032 Theory and Practice of Translation (GERMAN) OR SP6002 Theory and Practice of Translation (SPANISH)	CO6002 Professional Development 2: Mastering your Employability (3)
PO5007 Graduate Seminar in International Cooperation and Conflict	LA5152 European Criminal Law		

* Optional language modules available for Year 1 (Available for autumn and Spring Semester)

BR4911 - BROADENING: Beginners French
OR **BR4921** - BROADENING: Beginners German
OR **BR4931** - BROADENING: Beginners Spanish
OR **BR4941** - BROADENING: Advanced French (B1)
OR **BR4951** - BROADENING: Advanced German (B1)
OR **BR4961** - BROADENING: Advanced Spanish (B1)





Programme Structure continued

YEAR 2 (at EUF) Autumn semester

Area 1: European Law and Politics	Area 2: European Society and Economics	Area 3: Philosophy and Culture of Europe
Current Topics in European Law and Politics	Europe in the Global Economy	Social and Political Philosophy of Europe: Current Topics and Debates
External Relations of the EU	Challenges to European Society	Cultural Diversity in Europe

*Optional language modules are available at various levels.

YEAR 2 (at EUF) Spring semester

MA Thesis

Research Colloquium in Brussels

Careers

The programme prepares graduates specifically for a labour market in an increasingly integrated European Union, where deeper insights into the workings of the EU as well as economic, legal and cultural aspects of European integration (incl. language skills) will be in greater demand, also in areas at the interface between Ireland and other member states. Job opportunities are typically to be found in the institutions of the European Union, the European Council, the OECD but also in public administration, the diplomatic service, private institutions, cultural and educational institutions, such as colleges, universities or museums, private actors and companies, including consultancy companies; non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as the media. The programme also provides a solid foundation for further research towards a doctorate degree in related disciplines.

How to Apply

To make an application, please visit:
<https://www.ul.ie/gps/european-studies-ma-double-degree>

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