

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

*Applied European Policy and
Governance Studies*



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About the Programme

The **Applied European Policy and Governance Studies** programme of the Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) is designed for highly motivated, multilingual students who seek to analyse political, social and economic dynamics as the next generation of European decision-makers. The programme is taught in two of the working languages of the European institutions (**English** and **French**), with a trilingual **German** option.

Faithful to CIFE's motto "Learning and Living Europe", participants rotate their place of study each term, moving from Nice to Brussels and then to Berlin. The programme is international and interdisciplinary, inviting students from all over the world to gain a deep understanding of how EU institutions, policies and actors shape our world through case studies, study trips and discussions with field experts. At the end of the academic year, students have the option to pursue an internship to further their professional development.

Working languages: English and French,
with a trilingual German option

60 ECTS



Overview of the Academic Year

TERM 1
October to
December

In **Nice**, students follow introductory classes in EU history, EU economics and current European and international affairs. They also benefit from professional skills workshops with EU experts. The term concludes with a simulation of an EU Council summit.

TERM 2
January to April

The programme continues in **Brussels**. In addition to their academic studies, students have the unique opportunity to combine theory and practice by visiting numerous EU and policy-related institutions. Throughout the term, they will meet and exchange with experts and practitioners working in the European capital. Students also travel to **Strasbourg** and **Luxembourg** on an intensive study trip.

TERM 3
April to July

In **Berlin**, students delve deeper into questions of European policy, with an emphasis on the Eastern Neighbourhood and external relations. Students taking the **trilingual option** follow courses in German on Germany's position within Europe and visit relevant institutions. Students also complete their Master thesis and take their final exams during this term.

**Internship
option**

Students who choose the internship option complete a professional internship of 3 to 6 months.

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Teaching Modules

European Integration and Governance

- History of European Integration
- Dynamics of European Integration
- EU Institutions and Law: History and Reform
- Public Opinion, Politicisation and Euroscepticism
- Political Change, Democratic Backsliding and the Rule of Law

EU Policies and Flagship Initiatives

- Climate Policy
- Migration, Citizenship and Identity
- EU Flagship Initiatives (e.g. The Green Deal, Digital Agenda)
- Current EU Policy Agenda

EU Neighbourhood and External Relations

- Theory and Practice of International Relations in the 20th and 21st Centuries
- The EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy
- European Neighbourhood Policy
- Transatlantic Relations and Relations to China, Russia and Other Regions
- International Security and Conflict Resolution

The European Economy and Globalisation

- Introduction to Economics, the European and Global Economy
- The Single Market and the Economic and Monetary Union
- Economic Interdependence and External Trade Relations of the EU and Selected Regions
- Competition Policy

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS

This module equips the participants with professional skills and competences that will enable them to work in the context of the European and international organisations. Seminars and workshops on:

- Negotiation Skills and Intercultural Communication
- European Council Simulation
- Real-time EU policies case study: practical exercises
- Drafting of position papers and policy recommendations
- Project Cycle Management
- Career Coaching

Visiting the European Institutions

One of the best ways to learn about European and international organisations is to visit them. That is why a study trip to Luxembourg and Strasbourg is an essential part of the programme. During the study trip and the whole term in Brussels, the students meet with public officials who explain the mission of their institution and aspects of their work. These visits enable the students to gain an insight into the working environment of European and international organisations, to make useful contacts and to learn about recruitment procedures.

Among recent visits:

- Council of the European Union
- European Commission
- European External Action Service
- Court of Justice of the European Union
- European Investment Bank
- European Parliament (during a plenary session in Strasbourg)
- Council of Europe
- European Court of Human Rights



DEGREE AND RECOGNITION

Graduates are awarded two certifications:

- **Master in Advanced European and International Studies:**
This is the diploma of CIFE as a private institute of higher education, certifying the successful completion of the academic curriculum and granting 60 ECTS credits at Master level.
- The degree qualification **Policy Officer in European and International Organisations** is recognised by the French state as a degree at Master level (level 7 EQF).

Trilingual Option

Students who choose the trilingual option will attend additional courses (taught in German) on Germany's European policy, the federal structure of Germany and the European policy of the German Länder. It will also encompass visits to the Bundestag, Federal Ministries and Representations of a federal state in Berlin. The trilingual option entails an extra written assignment in German on a topic related to Germany's European policy. Students not taking the trilingual option can also participate in these activities on a voluntary basis.



Tuition and Scholarship Funds

Tuition fees cover not only academic teaching throughout the year, but also include among others:

- the students' accommodation in Berlin
- the programme-related travel expenses
- the study trip to Luxembourg and Strasbourg
- the excursions in Brussels

A limited number of scholarships is available for qualified candidates who are unable to cover the cost of their studies.

Admission Requirements

- A completed first degree (minimum three years of study at university level)
- Language skills: English and French B2 minimum,
For the trilingual option: German B1 minimum
Levels should be obtained by the start of the academic year.

As an international and interdisciplinary programme, this Master is open to candidates of all nationalities and academic backgrounds.

More detailed information can be found online at www.cife.eu.



Career Prospects

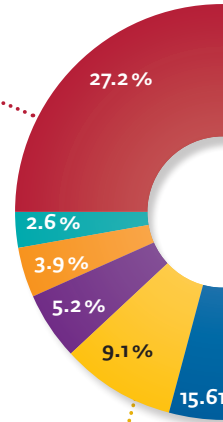
Graduates of this programme work for European institutions, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, national diplomacy, consultancies, research institutes as well as for the private sector. The programme has provided them with the necessary knowledge, skills and competences required on the job market of international and European organisations. Since its foundation in 1954, over 5000 students from more than 120 countries have graduated at CIFE. The practice of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) in our programme has been monitored by an official counsellor of the European Commission.



Quite Ottens Netherlands, 2023/24

Political Affairs Intern at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Rabat, Morocco

This past year, I've lived in three countries, diving deep into EU policy, economic integration and foreign affairs, while enhancing my skills in intercultural communication and negotiation. Highlights included a European Council simulation on migration, visits to important EU institutions and defending my thesis on EU Counter-Terrorism. It was an amazing year with amazing people!



Professional Fields of Recent Graduates of the Programme

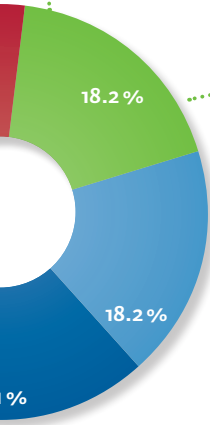
- National Governments and Administrations
- European and International Organisations
- Consulting and Lobbying
- Companies
- Think Tanks, Research and Teaching
- Humanitarian Sector, NGOs and Social Enterprises
- Finance and Banking
- Media and Communications



Julien Bigdely France/Iran, 2023/24

Chercheur junior en politique, Assemblée parlementaire de la Méditerranée, République de Saint-Marin

Tout au long de l'année, j'ai approfondi mes connaissances sur l'Union européenne, de l'histoire de son intégration aux complexités de son fonctionnement institutionnel, les défis et les opportunités de son projet économique, son rôle en matière de politique étrangère, de sécurité et de défense, et bien plus encore. Complétée par des ateliers de compétences professionnelles sur les techniques de négociation, la communication interculturelle et la rédaction de notes de synthèse, cette année a été une expérience formidable et enrichissante dont je me souviendrai toujours.



Grace Olivia McCarthy Ireland, 2022/23

HRVP and President's Correspondence, EEAS

My year at CIFE was filled with transformative experiences, where I studied diverse modules in English, French and German. CIFE also organised institutional visits to Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Berlin, which offered insights into the practical dynamics of European and national affairs. This programme has deepened my knowledge of European policymaking, governance and external relations and has prepared me for my next chapter.



Arnisa Tepelija Albania, 2014/15

Doctoral Candidate (SJD) in Comparative Constitutional Law, CEU

The trilingual Master at CIFE provided me with an enriching and mind-broadening experience. Its modus operandi constitutes the definition of the Europe of many points of view, of finding a constructive compromise and common solutions. The top teaching methods from our most honoured lecturers and the stimulating environment projected me and my brilliant friends-for-life classmates towards our aspirations.



For 70 years the Centre international de formation européenne has been promoting the values of Europe, European integration and governance, multilingualism and student mobility through its European and international higher education programmes. As CIFE President I am pleased to be able to contribute to the next stage in the development of this academic institution.



Herman Van Rompuy

President Emeritus of the European Council
Belgian Minister of State
President of CIFE

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