

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

European Integration and Global Studies



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About the Programme

The **European Integration and Global Studies** programme of the Master in Advanced European and International Studies is targeted at students who have completed their undergraduate studies. It follows a distinctive approach: faithful to CIFE's motto "Learning and Living Europe", participants rotate each trimester during this one-year-programme, moving their place of studies from **Berlin** to **Nice** and then to **Rome** or **Istanbul**, depending on their choice.

The programme is not only **itinerant**, but **international** and **interdisciplinary** as well, allowing students from all over the world to gain a deep understanding of the role of the European Union in an ever more complex world. From the settlement of international conflicts to the negotiation of trade agreements, democracy promotion or sustainable development strategies, students discover how EU institutions, policies and actors shape our world by exploring case studies and discussing with field experts. At the end of the academic year, students have the option to do a **professional internship**.

Our partners

- **ESI European Stability Initiative** Berlin
- **Luiss School of Government** Rome
- **Istanbul Bilgi University** Istanbul



Working language: English

60 ECTS



Overview of the Academic Year

TERM 1
October
to December

Starting in **Berlin**, the term encompasses introductory classes and courses with EU and international organisation experts within the five modules of the programme.

TERM 2
January
to March

Continuing in **Nice**, teaching focuses on Europe's policies to explain the importance of the EU's role on the international stage as well as current challenges the European integration project is facing. During this term, students take their mid-term exams. A one-week **study trip** takes them to European and international institutions in **Brussels, Strasbourg** and **Luxembourg**.

TERM 3
April to June

Depending on their choice, students will either study in **Rome** or **Istanbul**. In Rome, special focus is given to the Mediterranean region and Africa with particular emphasis on the issues of migration, poverty and food security. In Istanbul, students study the dynamics of EU-Turkey relations and focus on area studies of the Black Sea region, the Caucasus including ENP and Central Asia. The academic programme concludes with the defence of the thesis and oral exams.

Internship option

Students who have chosen the **internship option** will pursue the programme by doing a professional internship of 3 to 6 months.

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Teaching Modules

Conflict and Cooperation in the International System

- Theories of international relations
- Conflict and violence studies
- Major conflict zones in the Mediterranean and Eastern Europe
- Foreign policy analysis of major global actors
- International law and transitional justice

European Integration and External Action

- History of EU integration
- EU institutions and policies
- Current EU challenges and reform projects
- EU external relations with major actors
- Enlargement and partnership projects

Federalism and Multi-Level Governance

- Comparative analysis of federal institutions and states
- Institutional challenges of multi-level governance
- Federalism as a tool for conflict resolution (with case studies)
- Federalism as a methodology

Economic Globalisation and Sustainable Development

- The global economy
- Characteristics and challenges of economic globalisation
- EU economics: policies, challenges, reforms
- Key challenges of sustainable development: climate change, energy, access to water

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Gain the professional skills and competences to work in European and international organisations! Workshops on:

- Project cycle management
- Intercultural communication
- International mediation and negotiation
- Real-time EU policies case study: practical exercises
- Drafting of position papers and policy recommendations

Study Trip to 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 Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg is an essential part of the programme. 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:

BRUSSELS

- Council of the European Union
- European Commission
- European External Action Service

LUXEMBOURG

- Court of Justice of the European Union
- European Investment Bank

STRASBOURG

- European Parliament (during a plenary session)
- Council of Europe
- European Court of Human Rights



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 Strasbourg, Luxembourg and 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)
- Good knowledge of English (minimum C1)

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.





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).



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 equips 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.

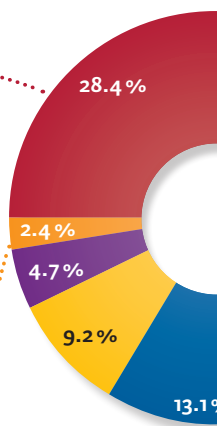


Carolina de Albuquerque

Portugal, 2018/19

International Cooperation Officer, DG INTPA,
European Commission

CIFE gave me the opportunity to grow academically, professionally, as well as personally. The diversity of nationalities in class made it possible for me to make an incredible group of friends with different personalities, cultures and experiences. At the same time, the limited number of students per class gave me the chance to have deep interactions and exchanges with my colleagues, professors and staff, for which I am extraordinarily thankful.



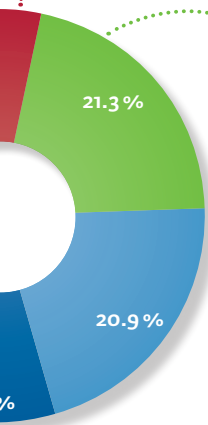
Professional Fields of Recent CIFE Graduates

- European Institutions and International Organisations
- Companies and Banks
- National Governments and Administrations
- Thinks Tanks, Research and Teaching
- Consulting and Lobbying
- Humanitarian Sector, NGOs and Social Enterprises
- Media and Communications



Doortje Batema Netherlands, 2023/24
Schuman Trainee, European Parliament

During the important 2024 election year, I had the unique opportunity to study in Berlin, Nice and Istanbul. Exploring European integration and global studies during such a pivotal time and learning from diverse perspectives across Europe and the Middle East truly enriched my understanding. And just as importantly, I made friends from all over the world. Our study trip to Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Brussels gave me fascinating insights into the workings of EU institutions.



Lowie Vueghs Belgium, 2021/22
Senior Consultant, EY Ernst & Young

The nice thing about this Master was the great diversity of lecturers – academics and professionals – coming from various universities and different backgrounds. To have practitioners sharing their insights with you is a major advantage of the programme, because it prepares you in a very concrete way for the time after your studies and equips you with the professional skills required on the European and international job market.



Matilde Baggio Italy, 2023/24
Newsroom Strategy Editor at Politico Europe, Brussels

My experience at CIFE was a transformative one, both academically and personally. The small class sizes created an engaging, collaborative environment, allowing for meaningful discussions between peers and lecturers. Living and studying in three unique and distinct cities not only expanded my world view but also pushed me to adapt in unexpected ways – whether it was navigating new cultures or balancing the rigorous demands of the coursework. For anyone seeking an intellectually stimulating experience that also pushes you to grow personally, I highly recommend CIFE.



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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Shaping Europe's Future Through Education

CIFE is a private institution of higher education and research, founded in 1954 with its main office in Nice and offices in Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul. It receives special funding in the framework of the Jean Monnet Programme of the European Union. For 70 years, we have been un-stinting advocates of European integration through our international and interdisciplinary study programmes.

Jean-Claude Juncker is Honorary President of CIFE.

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