Master’s in European Studies

European Policy

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The Master's in European Policy provides students with a critical approach to some of the main challenges facing the EU today.

Are you interested in shaping EU and national policy? Would you like to pursue a career in European or international institutions? This interdisciplinary Master's programme teaches you to translate theoretical insights into practical policy solutions. It combines both theoretical and hands-on, empirical training in order to prepare you for a career as a European policy expert within international and national institutions, but also within the broader context of NGOs and the business world.

Taught by experts from the fields of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Law and Political Science, this demanding programme combines lecture courses with small group seminars and offers a unique Humanities perspective on the diverse ideas and identities that contribute to shaping EU policy. It is strongly focused on hands-on field experience, including workshops in Brussels as well as an extended field course that examines the ways in which EU policies ‘touch down’ in different national and regional contexts.
European Geopolitics (6 ECTS)
This course focuses on the role of ‘geographical imaginations’ in shaping European political and geopolitical agendas and Europe’s role in the world, past and present. It engages with a variety of contemporary issues such as immigration and border control, international intervention, and the European Union’s role as a global actor more broadly, in particular in its neighbourhoods.

Internship
The one-year Master’s in European Policy can be extended with an additional internship which you can do at an EU institution, an international organisation or a national or regional administration.

Career prospects
As a graduate of the programme, you are able to place contemporary issues in a broader context and to communicate a sustained analysis of developments in national and European policy. You will be trained to convey ideas across national, disciplinary, and policy boundaries. Graduates go on to become policy advisers for European and international affairs in national administrations, international organisations or EU institutions; policy commentators and researchers in media, NGOs, policy advice, think-tanks, or culture. Employers include the European Commission; the United Nations; and the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.
Entry requirements

The Master’s programme in European Policy is open for application to students with a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university in:

- the humanities or social sciences with a minimum of 30 ECTS (equivalent to a full-time semester of academic studies) taken in the field of International Relations, European Integration and/or European Policy studies. You are expected to have an awareness of basic theoretical notions about European integration, International Relations or critical policy studies.

If you do not meet the entry requirements above, for example if you have a degree from a Dutch University of Applied Sciences (hbo) or an equivalent thereof, you may be eligible for admission after completing the pre-Master’s programme European Studies. For more information, please see:

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