

MA Contemporary European Studies



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Politics, Policy and Society

(‘Euromasters’ and ‘Euromasters with Trans-Atlantic track’)



Why study the 'Euromasters' at Bath?

Our Masters programme in Contemporary European Studies ('Euromasters' and 'Euromasters with Trans-Atlantic track') provides you with:

- A genuinely outstanding and unrivalled international learning experience, qualifying graduates for a wide range of top jobs in European and international institutions
- The opportunity to study in internationally diverse postgraduate communities at the following prestigious world-class institutions:
 - University of Bath
 - Freie Universität Berlin
 - Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
 - Sciences Po Paris
 - Univerzita Karlova v Praze
 - Università degli Studi di Siena
 - University of Washington, Seattle

For more information about the Euromasters Consortium please visit: <http://go.bath.ac.uk/euromasters-eu>

- An enthusiastic and approachable teaching team who are internationally renowned experts in their research fields
- A clear geographical perspective to contemporary European studies and a solid analytical framework in a unique blend of theory and empirical analysis.

Structure of the programme

The MA in Contemporary European Studies is a full-time (two year) programme. You will gain a broad comparative understanding of European Union (EU), US politics, policy and social evolution as well as specialist knowledge of key issues in the Euro-Atlantic area.

The first semester, the Core Module, is taken at the University of Bath. You will then take two taught semesters (Specialist Module 1 and Specialist Module 2) at one or two partner sites, followed by the completion of a 15,000 word Research Dissertation to be submitted by September in the second year. Students must spend at least one semester away from Bath and can write their Research Dissertation at one site where they have studied during the first three semesters of the programme.

On successful completion of the programme, you will receive an MA degree which is awarded jointly by the University of Bath on behalf of the Euromasters Consortium and which is fully recognised in the countries of all participating universities and throughout the EU and beyond.



Study plan options

Core Module Site (September – January)	Bath				
Specialist Module 1 Sites (February – June)	Bath	Berlin	Paris	Prague	Seattle
Specialist Module 2 Sites (September – January)	Bath	Berlin	Paris	Siena	
Research Dissertation Sites (until September)	Bath	Berlin	Paris	Siena	

Location and Language of instruction

Applicants must demonstrate clear evidence of ability to work academically at the appropriate level in the language of instruction at their chosen Specialist Module sites:

- University of Bath English
- Freie Universität Berlin German
- Humboldt Universität zu Berlin German
- Sciences Po Paris French
- Univerzita Karlova v Praze English
- Università degli Studi di Siena English
- University of Washington (Seattle) English

As students are able to determine their programme of study so that all semesters are taught and examined in English, we welcome applications from students who do not have German or French competency.

Learning and teaching

The Euromasters programme is a truly international experience with regard to teaching, learning and living. Our programmes consist of self-contained units, taught and assessed on a semester basis. As you progress through each semester and successfully pass the examinations, you will receive credit for the units, thus providing you with a clear indication of your academic progress.

Teaching takes the form of lectures, classes and seminars. Lectures are quite formal, whereas classes and seminars involve interaction between the lecturer and a small number of students for study skills and discussion. Teaching methods will vary across the consortium according to cultural practices.

Methods of assessment

Assessment consists of a combination of coursework essays, class exercises, projects, oral presentations and examinations. We also place strong emphasis on developing presentation and discussion/communication skills which, in many units, is part of the assessed work.

“The Euromasters programme has allowed me access to a new and exciting academic sphere which is international in flavour, supportive, and diverse in content. One strength of the programme is its access to a wide array of European expert academe, both on site with the wonderful teaching staff at the University of Bath, and at any one of the partner institutions on the continent and in the US. The programme has a feeling of openness, and is not shy in presenting its academic demands. Yet, the department manages to support its students throughout, many of whom like myself have a non-European Studies background. I feel that the University has an eye on the ever-changing and ferocious world of work in designing its programmes, a strength not to be underestimated.”

Lawrence Templeton

current student

Core Module and Specialist Module 2

Compulsory units

European security (SM 2)

European Union politics & policy-making (CM)

Scopes and methods of politics and international relations (CM)

Optional units

Comparative European politics

Societal modernisation and the transformation of democracy

International terrorism

International relations theories

International security: theories and concepts

European security

Foreign policy analysis

Comparative European social policy

Specialist Module 1

Compulsory unit

European foreign policy

Optional Units

Organised crime in Europe: threats and challenges

International security: the contemporary agenda

Britain and Europe

National security of the UK: policy, strategy and practice

International organisations in world politics

The politics of sustainability: environmental security and international relations

Compulsory units

European foreign policy

This unit aims to give you a critical understanding of the range of theories and perspectives used in the study of European foreign policy and the global role of the European Union. You will have the opportunity to develop substantive knowledge on the range of policies developed by the EU that encompass the EU's external relations, development policy and foreign and security policies, and to critically assess the developing global role of the EU.

European security

In this unit you will study the main currents in the academic and policy debate on Europe security; assessing the utility and explanatory power of different theories and approaches to European security. Discussion of the main security challenges facing Europe and the role of the EU, NATO and individual states in addressing them will take place, allowing students to develop skills in international political analysis.



European Union politics & policy-making

In this unit you will analyse the framework in which policy-making in the EU is set and assess some of the major policy issues which confront the EU in the 21st century. These include the social policy consequences of integration, the embryonic security and defence policy, the future of the CAP and the territorial redistribution of political power.

Scopes and methods of politics and international relations

This unit gives you the opportunity to examine the 'nuts and bolts' of academic research, focusing on the history of social science and development of political science as a discipline. The unit will also impart research methods from across the department, including qualitative and quantitative data gathering methods.

Research Dissertation

The dissertation allows students to explore the methods, concepts and theories that they have encountered in the taught elements of the programme. Students will examine a topic of their own choice and be encouraged to make an original contribution to the field of international studies or European studies.

Career opportunities

Graduates from the Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies are highly valued by employers and our alumni have pursued careers in a variety of exciting international areas, from international organisations and think-tanks to multinational corporations and worldwide consultancies.

The Euromasters programmes are highly regarded by employers for the depth and breadth of knowledge and analysis that they purvey. The hands-on international experiences graduates gain is valued highly. Graduates from these programmes have been employed all over the world in a wide variety of international organisations, multinational corporations, public bodies or policy-formulating institutes. Many students have also proceeded directly to doctoral research.

“Since completing the Euromasters Programme I have worked in three different sectors on three different continents: first for an international exchange programme in the US, then for a leading international public health NGO in Paris, and now in an international business consultancy based in India. Having such names as University of Bath and Sciences Po Paris on one’s CV will certainly catch the eye of any informed HR executive. However, what I gained by participating in Euromasters goes far beyond a fancy degree. Participating in the programme gave me the opportunity to collaborate with top students and professors from a variety of academic and personal backgrounds. This has helped me to adapt to new cultural and professional situations and has provided me with both the confidence and the intercultural skills that employers in today’s highly-competitive global market look for in young potential employees.”

Margot-Marie Bigg

(Euromasters student 2003-2004 from USA)

Some of our academic staff

The academic team teaching our postgraduate programmes is highly regarded internationally and easily accessible to you: we value student and staff interaction. The quality of our staff is widely recognised; Bath is ranked 4th for Politics in the UK (*The Complete University Guide, 2013*).

Dr Gian Luca Gardini
Lecturer in International Relations and Latin American Politics

Gian Luca is currently the Director of Studies of the Politics Masters offered by the Department. He also coordinates the Bath Latin American Network and co-directed the European Research Institute (2007-2010).

Dr David J. Galbreath
Reader in Politics and International Relations

David is a political scientist and has a research focus on contemporary European security and comparative minority rights. He is the editor-in-chief of *European Security*.

Dr Lisbeth Aggestam
Lecturer in Politics and International Relations

Lisbeth’s work focuses on foreign policy in and of the European Union. She also works on the role of ethics in international relations.

Prof Adrian Hyde-Price
Professor of International Politics

Adrian focuses on European security in the wider context, including Europe’s relationship with the Middle-East.

Dr Alexander Kelle
Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations

Alexander researches international security governance and international humanitarian law. He is the former Director of Studies of the MA International Politics programme.

Prof Charlie Lees
Professor of Politics and Head of Department

Charlie’s research includes the fields of European and comparative politics, environmental politics and policy, and methodology.

Dr Sue Milner
Reader in French and European Studies

Sue’s research interests lie in the field of employment relations and employment and social policy, at European Union level and in its member states.

Entry requirements and application procedures

To enrol on the MA in Contemporary European Studies you should demonstrate the following:

- A good honours degree or UK 2:1 equivalent in a social science discipline or although other background or experience will be considered.
- An acceptable level of English. For those whose first language is not English a good standard of written and spoken English is required IELTS 7.0 (with not less than 6.0 in each of the four components) or TOEFL 580 (paper-based test) or 237 (computer-based test) with a score of not less than 4 in TWE or 92 (internet-based test) with not less than 21 in each of the components.
- Ability to work academically at the appropriate level in the language of instruction at their chosen Specialist Module site/s.

If you wish to improve your English proficiency before commencing your studies, pre-sessional language training can be arranged through the University's English Language Centre: www.bath.ac.uk/elc/courses

Funding

International students applying for this programme may apply to the University of Bath Scholarships Scheme. Other funding may be available, such as the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme (CSSS) (for non-UK students from Commonwealth countries).



For more information on funding, fees and how to apply to this programme, please visit the website: www.bath.ac.uk/study

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