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LUANA CAMILLERI

Manager II - Policy Development, Programme Implementation and EU Affairs, Policy Development and Programme Implementation Directorate



“ I highly recommend the M.A. in European Politics, Economics, and Law to anyone interested in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the European Union. The interdisciplinarity of this course provides a unique blend of perspectives, enabling students to develop a well-rounded understanding of the issues facing Europe today. Having joined the course after following my first degree in electrical and electronic engineering, this M.A. provided me with the opportunity to link the competences which I had acquired from a seemingly different field to the political, economic, and legal developments within Europe.

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Course Description

The M.A. in European, Economics and Law provides a strong foundation in European Studies. The course is taught on a seminar basis and is intended to further deepen knowledge of European politics, law and economics so that by the end of the course students can claim to be 'specialised generalists' - graduates with a broad knowledge of the EU but with a deeper specialised understanding in particular areas.

Graduates of the Institute work with the EU institutions, in the public service, in business, the media, consultancy, NGOs while others have continued their studies leading to a Ph.D.

The Institute for European Studies is a multi-disciplinary teaching and research institution at the University of Malta established in 1991 and offering courses in European Studies, which conform fully to the Bologna guidelines, at Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral level. All courses are taught in English.

Course Structure and Duration

The programme may be followed full-time (3 semesters) or part-time (5 semesters) basis. Seminars – designed to encourage students to develop their analytical and critical skills – are normally held in the afternoons on week days. The degree is made up of 90 ECTS credits, of which 60 ECTS credits are assigned to taught study-units and 30 ECTS credits to the Dissertation.

Entry Requirements

The Course is open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree, obtained with at least Second Class (Honours) in European Studies or in an area deemed relevant by the Board of the Institute.

Applicants with a general degree may also apply, and can be accepted on the basis of the outcome of an interview.

The Institute also offers an M.A. Preparatory Programme.

Applications may be submitted online through: um.edu.mt/apply

A Course Finder facility is available at: um.edu.mt/courses

Erasmus+ Programme

The Institute has a number of Erasmus+ agreements with universities across Europe which allow postgraduate students the chance to spend a semester abroad as part of the Master's programme.

European Documentation Centre (EDC)

The EDC, a depository of EU documents, sits alongside the Institute's departmental library, which includes the Institute's dissertation archive. The EDC is equipped with wi-fi facilities.

Placements – Work Experience

European Studies students can obtain work experience and earn credits through a traineeship programme implemented together with leading Maltese and European entities. This programme offers students a better understanding of the work environment and its dynamics, while allowing them to benefit from practical aspects of public and private work-related experience in the area of European Studies. Proper mentorship is also ensured throughout the programme.

Academic Programme *Programme may vary from year to year*

COMPULSORY STUDY-UNITS

- The Law of the Institutions of the EU
- Political and Economic Approaches to European Integration
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

ELECTIVE STUDY-UNITS

- Placements

POLITICS

- The EU in World Politics
- Current Issues in EU Politics
- The EU and its Mediterranean Neighbourhood
- Lobbying in the EU
- The EU Legislative Process and the Political Dynamics of Institutional Negotiations

ECONOMICS

- EU Cohesion Policy
- European Financial Markets
- Advances in EU Trade Policy
- EU Environmental Economics
- EU Development Policy
- The EU and Climate Change
- Current Issues in the Euro Zone

LAW

- The Law of Fundamental Freedoms of the European Union (Internal Market)
- EU and Comparative Competition Law and Policy
- EU and Comparative Consumer Law
- EU Financial Services Law
- EU and International Trade Law and Policy
- EU Constitutional Law
- Fundamental Rights in the EU
- Labour Law in the EU
- Environmental Legislation and Policy of the EU
- EU Transport Law
- EU Migration and Asylum Law