

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

The University of Malta traces its origins to the founding of the Collegium Melitense which was set up in 1592. Today, it hosts over 11,000 students following full-time and part-time degree and diploma courses. The University of Malta is the highest teaching institution in Malta. It is publicly funded and its structures are in line with the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area. It strives to provide courses that are relevant to contemporary needs of the industry and employers.

INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

The Institute for European Studies is a multi-disciplinary teaching and research Institute at the University of Malta offering courses in European Studies which fully conform with the Bologna guidelines, including Bachelor degrees, Masters and Ph.D courses. The Institute also operates a number of Erasmus agreements for staff and student exchanges. Graduates of the Institute have found jobs in the public sector, in business, with the EU Institutions, the media, consultancy firms, NGOs and some have also continued with further study. Founded in 1991 as the European Documentation and Research Centre (EDRC) it acquired a status of a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in 2004. The Institute has also developed links with various research networks such as the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), LISBOAN, two Euro-Mediterranean networks EUROMESCO and FEMISE as well as the European Association of Development Institutes (EADI).



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MA in European Studies

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THE MA IN EUROPEAN POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND LAW

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The MA in European Politics, Economics and Law provides a strong foundation in European Studies. It includes compulsory study-units in these subject areas and a wide range of electives on key topics, including lobbying in the EU, EU treaties and laws, the politics and economics of European Integration, the EU's external relations, EU cohesion policy, climate change and current political and economic developments.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND DURATION

This MA course may be followed on a full-time (12 months) or part-time (24 months) basis. 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. Seminars are normally held from 15:00 to 17:00 on week days.

WORK PROSPECTS AND ACCESS TO FURTHER STUDY

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.

Placements – Get 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.

Work Prospects

Graduates of the Institute benefit from an above average employability, successfully working with the EU institutions, in the public service, in business, the media, consultancy and NGOs. MA graduates have also continued their studies leading to a PhD. Many working professionals join our MA to acquire EU expertise needed in their job.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The course is open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree, obtained with at least Second Class (Honours) in European Studies and similar areas deemed relevant by the Board. Applicants from a different background are also encouraged to apply and may be admitted based on an interview. Applicants with a general degree may also apply. Our MA students have a diverse background and come from many areas including Economics, Law, International Relations, Finance, Pharmacy, Public policy, and Tourism. We also attract students from overseas.

MA IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION STUDIES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Apart from the Master's in European Politics, Economics & Law, the Institute of European Studies also offers an MA by Research, the MA in European Integration Studies. This is an MA by research course directed towards students with a very good research project who can undertake independent research under supervision. The programme may be followed on a full-time (18 months) or part-time (36 months) basis. The degree is made up of 90 ECTS credits, of which 10 ECTS credits are assigned to taught study-units and 80 ECTS credits to the dissertation.

Further information about these courses (and an application link) can be retrieved using the University of Malta's course finder: um.edu.mt/courses For other MA information, contact: europeanstudies@um.edu.mt

European Documentation Centre (EDC) & Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC)

The Institute hosts the European Documentation Centre (EDC), a depository and library of EU documents and publications and the Europe Direct Information Centre. The EDC and EDIC are open for students and the public during regular working hours and provide WIFI access. The EDC and the EDIC also regularly hold events with invited guest speakers.



The Masters Degree served as an important platform to build further knowledge on European policies and economics. It opened windows of opportunities in terms of carrier development as well as further training, in Malta, Europe and beyond.

Fabian Psaila
COREPER II Coordinator
- EU Secretariat, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
Graduated in 2005.



The Masters course proved to be an eye-opener as regards the social world and its different dynamics to the pharmaceutical world I come from. I will use knowledge gained to re-direct my career to this interesting field.

Glorianne Camilleri
Pharmacist.
MA Student 2016-2018.



The Master's Programme proved to be a great opportunity to deepen my knowledge of European politics, economics and law. Having learned the theory, I was well-equipped to develop a career in European affairs.

Marija Elena Borg
EU Funding Executive -
Malta Business Bureau.
Graduated in 2017.