

MASTER'S PROGRAM
EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
TRACK: CONTEMPORARY WORLDS AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES
EUROPE, THE AMERICAS, ASIA
2023-2024

PROGRAM CONTENT

Type of diploma : Master's degree – Arts, Literature, Languages

Presentation

This multidisciplinary master's degree aims to train specialists and researchers in international relations, with specific expertise in the following areas: Europe, the Americas and Asia.

This master's degree gives students the opportunity to acquire expertise in international and transnational issues, by offering teaching and research seminars that propose the study of themes in a transversal approach (geopolitics, multiculturalism, violence and conflicts, gender, new modes of governance, etc.) and on specific cultural areas (North and South America, Europe, East Asia). The Master's program presupposes a good level of general knowledge of the States and societies of the targeted geographical areas and enables students to develop a real aptitude for investigation, analysis, and writing. Also, through transversal questioning in the study of International Relations, the program aims to be innovative in that it implements analytical skills based on multidisciplinary knowledge and multicultural approaches that are now vital for understanding the challenges of a globalized world.

All courses are taught by specialists in the following disciplines: political science, history, civilization, sociology, geography, economics. These teachers offer courses in disciplinary content (generally in English), training in social science research methodologies, and advanced training in one of the following second foreign languages besides French and English, namely Spanish, German, Chinese or Japanese.

This master's degree is supported by a research team that includes teachers-researchers from CY Institute of International Studies and Modern Languages and CY Humanities within CY Cergy Paris Université.

Organization of studies

English (at C1 level) is a prerequisite for acceptance into the Master's program. It is the language in use for many courses starting from the first semester (S1) of the training.

In addition, the candidate must master a second foreign language of his or her choice: Spanish, German, Japanese, or Chinese (at B1-B2 level).

The proposed courses are progressive (from S1/Semester 1 to S3/Semester 3) because they logically evolve from one semester to the next depending on the themes and geographical areas.

The **core courses** address the structures and functions of international organizations and their involvement in the management of international conflicts.

- S1 International Institutions
- S2 European Institutions
- S3 Conflicts in the World

In addition, other core courses focus on other scales of the world order: the city, the regions, and the civil society.

- S1 The Modern City
- S2 The Regions as other geopolitical actors
- S3 The Civil Society and International Environment

Specialty courses focus on geopolitical, economic, and environmental issues in different geographical areas (Europe, the Americas and Asia).

- S1 Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-the Atlantic world
- S1 Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-East Asia
- S2 Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-North America
- S2 Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-Japan
- S3 Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-Latin America
- S3 Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-China

In addition, there are **training courses in cross-cultural communication**, depending on the geographical area, leading to practical case studies.

- S1 Cross-cultural communication : the Atlantic World
- S2 Cross-cultural communication : The Asian World
- S3 Project management

The master's degree also includes **methodological courses** that are essential for entering the professional and research worlds.

- S1 Interdisciplinary research methodology in Social Sciences - 1
- S2 Interdisciplinary research methodology in Social Sciences - 2
- S3 Computer tools for research (statistics, cartography...)

Finally, the master's program includes a **second foreign language**: Spanish, German, Chinese or Japanese in order to give students the ability to integrate the professional world of the targeted geographical areas.

To conclude, all the thematic, methodological and linguistic courses are designed to prepare the student for a **six-month internship** or for writing a **research thesis** in semester 4.

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ALL M2 applications will be submitted exclusively via the *e-candidat* platform

S1 - SEMESTER 1 – 126 hours of classes – 30 ECTS/credits

Course segments (UE) and Course titles	Lecture	Discussion	ECTS/Credits
UE 1 : Core courses (10 ECTS/Credits) - International Institutions - The Modern City. Social and political issues	18 18		5 5
UE 2 : Specialty courses (12 ECTS/credits) - Transatlantic migrations : Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues - Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-East Asia - Cross-cultural communication : the Atlantic World	18 18 18		4 4 4
UE 3 : Research methodology (4 ECTS/credits) - Interdisciplinary research methodology in Social Sciences 1		18	4
UE 4 : Second foreign languages (4 ECTS/credits) - Spanish - German - Chinese - Japanese		18	4

S2 - SEMESTER 2 - 126 hours of classes – 30 ECTS/credits

Course segments (UE) and Course titles	Lecture	Discussion	ECTS/Credits
UE 1 : Core courses (10 ECTS/Credits) - European Institutions - The Regions as other geopolitical actors	18 18		5 5
UE 2 : Specialty courses (12 ECTS/credits) - Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-North America - Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-Japan - Cross-cultural communication : The Asian World	18 18 18		4 4 4
UE 3 : Research methodology (4 ECTS/credits) - Interdisciplinary research methodology in Social Sciences – 2		18	4
UE 4 : : Second foreign languages (4 ECTS/credits) - Spanish - German - Chinese - Japanese		18	4

S3 - SEMESTRE 3 - 126 hours of classes – 30 ECTS/credits

Course segments (UE) and Course titles	Lecture	Discussion	ECTS/Credits
UE 1 : Core courses (10 ECTS/Credits)			
- Conflicts in the World (from traditional to cyber warfare)	18		5
- The Civil Society and International Environment (ONG, Lobbies, media, social networks, public opinion)	18		5
UE 2 : Specialty courses (12 ECTS/credits)			
- Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-Latin America	18		4
- Geopolitical, economic and environmental issues: Europe-China	18		4
- Project management		18	M4
UE 3 : Research methodology (4 ECTS/credits)			
- Computer tools for research and business (statistics, cartography...)		18	4
UE 4 : : Second foreign languages (4 ECTS/credits)			
- Spanish		18	4
- German			
- Chinese			
- Japanese			

S4 - SEMESTER 4 – 30 ECTS/credits

Course segments (UE) and Course titles	Lecture	Discussion	ECTS/Credits
Master's research thesis in European Studies and International Relations ➤ Thesis report and thesis defense			30
OR			
Six-month Internship in an international company, an international organization or an NGO ➤ Internship report and internship defense			30

TOTAL : Courses + Internship or Research Thesis – 120 ECTS

Conditions of admission

The candidate, who holds a degree in the humanities or the social sciences (or equivalent), is admitted on the basis of an application and after a preliminary interview with the program director and some of the teachers. He or she must demonstrate a good knowledge of English, at C1 level, and of a second foreign language, Spanish, German, Chinese or Japanese, at B1-B2 level. The candidate must be curious by nature, interested in the contemporary world and international politics, open to intercultural exchanges and have a good knowledge of foreign languages and cultures

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Professional opportunities

This training can lead to various sectors of activity and train for many jobs including:

- Jobs as mission, cooperation, partnership or project managers for national, European and/or international organizations, within public or private companies, or NGOs
- Careers in social science research after obtaining a doctoral degree
- Jobs in the French and international civil service after competitive examination

The training can also be put to use in professions using the skills acquired in international studies and foreign civilizations, in communication and audiovisual services, corporate archives, human resources, research centers, and specialized publishing in history and civilization concerning the major cultural areas of today's world.

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