



BACHELOR OF EUROPEAN STUDIES

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In this unique joint programme organised by eight universities, you study the fundamental aspects and values of the European Union as well as European states and societies. Adopting a multidisciplinary approach, you reflect on the role of Europe in the world and master research skills needed to analyse key issues related to Europe. Our extensive mobility programme will not only teach you about Europe but also expose you to the lived experience of unique European environments and cultures.

DURATION

BA: 3 years (full-time), 180 ECTS

APPLICATION

- Online application: www.kuleuven.be/application
- Students with a Flemish degree: www.kuleuven.be/inschrijven

APPLICATION DEADLINE

www.ghum.kuleuven.be/baes

TUITION FEE

- EEU-students: € 2000
 - non-EEU students: € 6900
- www.kuleuven.be/tuitionfees

MORE INFORMATION

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KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Truly international**
 You choose two to three destinations out of **eight countries**. A compulsory **winter school** allows for additional short-term blended mobility. Immersing yourself in different European cultures, you will develop transversal skills that are high in demand both in domestic and international work environments.
- Truly multidisciplinary**
 After a joint multidisciplinary curriculum, you choose a major and a minor out of **seven fields of study**, benefiting from the in-house expertise of all partner universities. You are also encouraged to take up an **internship** in order to enrich your professional experience.
- Truly you**
 Thanks to the many options, you can tailor the programme to fit your needs, interests and aspirations.
- Truly multilingual**
 At the end of the programme you master a **second European language**, in addition to English, acquiring for yourself clear added value on the European labour market.

MOBILITY

Throughout the programme, you will be enrolled in a 'start university' and a second (and possibly a third) university, depending on the pathway you choose.

- Semester 1 & 2: you **always** reside in your start university.
- Semester 3: you either stay at your start university **or** you already go to your second university.
- Semester 4 & 5: you **always** reside in your second university.
- Semester 6: you either stay in your second university **or** you go to a third university. If you choose to go to your second university in semester 3, then you can also choose to return to your start university in semester 6.

This way you will always reside at least three semesters away from your start university.

YEAR 1 START UNIVERSITY	SEMESTER 1.01	Start university required	
	SEMESTER 1.02	Start university required	
YEAR 2 START UNIVERSITY / INTERNATIONAL YEAR	SEMESTER 2.01	Start university	University 2
	SEMESTER 2.02	University 2	University 2
YEAR 3 INTERNATIONAL YEAR / START UNIVERSITY	SEMESTER 3.01	University 2	University 2
	SEMESTER 3.02	University 2 or University 3	University 2 or University 3 or Start university

BACHELOR PROGRAMME

The programme (180 ECTS) spans three years, divided into six semesters.

- In semesters 1, 2 and 3 (92 ECTS), you follow the **truncus communis**, including introductory courses to various disciplines, multidisciplinary courses on Europe, a methodology track and language courses.
- In semesters 4, 5 and 6, you choose a **major and a minor module** (78 ECTS) and you develop a bachelor's thesis (10 ECTS).

You choose one major module for up to 60 ECTS (Elective Courses 1 - 5) and one minor module for at least 18 ECTS (Elective Course 6) out of two different fields of study:

- Law
- Politics and International Relations
- Sociology, Communication and Education
- Business and Economics
- Philosophy
- History
- Languages and Culture

Each university offers different modules, so your university and specialisation choices are linked.

COURSE	ECTS
SEMESTER 1	32
European Cultures and Societies	10
Language	4
Intro. to History	6
Intro. to Politics	6
Intro. to Economics	6
SEMESTER 2	32
Intro. to Economics of the EU	4
Language	4
Intro. to Law	6
Intro. to Philosophy	6
Qualitative & Quantitative Methods	6
Research Track 1	6
SEMESTER 3	28
European Integration	10
Intro. to EU Law & International Law	6
Intro. to International Relations	4
Research Track 2	8
SEMESTER 4	30
Elective Course 1 or Internship	6
Elective Course 2	12
Elective Course 3	12
SEMESTER 5	30
Elective Course 4	18
Elective Course 5 or Elective Course 5a & Internship	12
SEMESTER 6	28
Elective Course 6	18
Bachelor Thesis Laboratory	4
Bachelor Thesis	6

DESTINATIONS

Your start university is always one of the four degree-awarding partner institutions:

- KU Leuven
- Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Uniwersytet Jagiellonski w Krakowie

Important: your start university does not have to be located in your own home country. If you are eligible for the programme, you may start in any one of these four universities.

Your second (and third) university is one of the degree-awarding partners or one of the following mobility partners:

- Freie Universität Berlin
- Helsingin Yliopisto/Helsingfors Universitet
- Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- University of Edinburgh

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE

- A degree of secondary education (European Qualification Framework level 5) awarded by a Member State of the European Union, provided that you can be admitted in that Member State to a programme equivalent to the BAES,
- OR a degree of higher education awarded within the European Union,
- OR a degree or certificate awarded within the European Union which is deemed equivalent to the degrees mentioned in the categories above.

LANGUAGE

- English language proficiency of level B2, to be proven by means of
 - an IELTS test (minimum score 6.5),
 - a TOEFL test (minimum score 90),
 - or a Cambridge English Exam (minimum overall score 176, minimum sub scores 169),
- OR a degree of secondary or higher education obtained in Australia, English speaking Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the UK or the USA,
- OR a degree awarded within the European Union in which at least 12 hours per week were taught in English during your last year or during the entire secondary education on a weekly basis.

MASTER PROGRAMMES

The Bachelor of Arts in European Studies gives way to many master programmes, depending on which university you will enroll in. The list below is a short selection of master programmes. Visit our website for more detailed information.

KU LEUVEN

- Master of European Studies: Transnational and Global Perspectives
- Master of Cultural Studies
- Master of Criminology
- Master of Social and Cultural Anthropology
- Master of International Business Economics and Management
- Et al.

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

- Master in Legal Studies
- Master in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe
- Master in International Politics and Economics
- Master in International Relations
- Et al.

UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID

- Master's Degree in European Union and the Mediterranean
- Master's Degree Erasmus Mundus in Parliamentary Procedures and Legislative Drafting
- Et al.

UNIwersytet Jagiellonski w Krakowie

- Master in European Studies
- Master in Security Studies
- Master in Transatlantic Studies
- Et al.

Freie Universität Berlin

- Master East European Studies (online programme)
- Master International Relations Online (online programme)
- Et al.

Helsingin Yliopisto/Helsingfors Universitet

- Masters in European and Nordic Studies
- Masters in Russian and East European Studies
- Et al.

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

- Master in European/International Affairs
- Et al.

CAREER PERSPECTIVES

The Bachelor of European Studies grants access to multiple master's programmes in Social Sciences, Cultural Studies, Arts, Economics, Law and Philosophy.

As a bachelor of European Studies, you will have a deep understanding of the complexities of Europe and European organisations, which have become increasingly important in the context of ever-deeper European integration and globalisation. In addition, students will develop a full suite of transversal skills acquired through intra-European mobility, language skills and group work carried out in a multicultural context.

You will therefore be ideally placed to take on key positions in a wide variety of leading international companies and organisations. In addition to Europe-focused organisations, European studies graduates are attractive candidates for national and subnational public services, transnational consultancy and lobby groups, national economic sectors, cultural sectors and news organisations.

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