

International Graduate Center  
Hochschule Bremen · Germany  
City University of Applied Sciences



Full-time master program

# Master in European Studies (M.A.)

 MASTER OF ARTS  EN  FULL-TIME



## WELCOME

“ Since 1999, the Master in European Studies Program has been preparing students for leadership roles in the private and public sector.”

“Small intercultural groups allow for individual teaching and learning experience and close contacts to our international lecturers and staff. Join our international student body and benefit from our long experience.”

**Prof. Dr. Christiane Trüe**  
Program Director  
Master in European Studies (M.A.)



## PROFILE

### Full-time Master 100% in English

**With Europe integrating at accelerated speed, in spite of some setbacks, it has become increasingly important for graduates from Europe and from outside alike to develop an in-depth understanding of the central economic, political and administrative issues of the European Union at all levels, and to acquire the skills and tools to work with, or within, European institutions.**

The degree program has been running successfully since 1999 and offers places for up to 25 participants. It is designed to provide an interdisciplinary education and training experience for tomorrow's leaders and managers of European affairs in the public and private sectors, as well as for their counterparts in countries outside the EU. Our objective is to prepare students for European leadership roles in the private and public sectors. We have designed the program to provide a comprehensive and up-to-date study of economic and political dynamics in Europe, as well as its legal background. Studies in European private and public management, in European economics, law and policy making, an intensive seminar in Brussels plus a period

of practical training offer an ideal combination of theoretical knowledge, management and/or public sector training, practical skills and European expertise. The Master in European Studies faculty is composed of international and domestic university lecturers and EU practitioners. Emphasis is laid on an interdisciplinary and interactive approach to teaching and learning, group work, discussions and a lively exchange between participants. Due to the international set-up of the program, students will be exposed to cultural and personal differences that arise in a multicultural setting. This is an enriching and beneficial asset as students get familiar with working across cultures and in international teams.



## PERSPECTIVES

Our Master in European Studies program helps you to understand the European Union and to work with or within it. With this in-depth understanding of central economic, political and administrative issues at all levels you will be well equipped to take on a leadership role and to contribute to change and development within the EU:

### BUSINESS & EUROPEAN EXPERTISE

Based on the highest scholarly standards, we deliver opportunities to develop a European perspective and broaden your knowledge and skills in significant aspects of European economics, policy making, law and management. Due to the demanding time frame, high academic standards and a very diligent work schedule are required.

### INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

International friendships forged at the IGC often endure decades after graduation, serving as a valuable resource for developing your career. Our program coordinates the European TAURUS network – created to encourage interaction between a variety of European master programs and helping to develop a European perspective on public and private sector leadership and encourages student exchange.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For admission to the program we require the following qualification and documentation:

- **Bachelor's degree** in Political Science, Law, Management, Economics, Business Studies, International Relations (or related; depending on content)
- **Preferably one year of work experience** (proof/employer's certificate)
- **Essay** demonstrating motivation for the program and career goals
- **Letter of recommendation** from an employer / university teacher
- **Curriculum vitae**
- **Proof of the applicant's university degree**
- For non-native speakers: **proof of English proficiency with TOEFL** (Test of English as a foreign Language) **80 IBT** ("Internet-based") or **IELTS** (International Language Testing System) 6,0 or **CEF** (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) B.2
- **Passport photograph**
- **Copies of either birth certificate or passport**

## FACULTY AND RESEARCH AT IGC

90%

SHARE OF FACULTY WITH INTERNATIONAL WORK/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

40%

OF TEACHING DELIVERED BY RE-KNOWNED EXPERTS FROM BUSINESS PRACTICE

95%

SHARE OF FULL-TIME FACULTY WITH A PHD DEGREE

107

TOTAL NUMBER OF FACULTY

Not only in student body, but also in academic staff IGC sets great store by internationality and professional diversity: About 90% of the lecturers have international work and/or teaching experience, making an important contribution to share the intercultural skills of the students. Furthermore, we are part of an active network to encourage interaction between a variety of European master programs.

Members include:

- Riga Stradins University – Latvia
- University of Latvia
- The Hanze University – Groningen, NL
- Sheffield Hallam University – UK
- Metropolitan University Prague – CZ
- University of Gdansk – Poland
- Manipal University, Centre for European Studies – India
- Sichuan University – China

## KEY FACTS

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| Degree title:         | Master of Arts (M.A.)                                   | Program start: | October  |
| Structure:            | Full-time program                                       | ECTS           | 60   |
| Instruction language: | English   | Tuition fee:   | 9,800 Euro* + approximately 380 Euro contribution to student services per semester, including free usage of public transportation in and around Bremen and Lower Saxony, Germany<br>*(As of 02/2020) |
| Class size:           | Approx. 25 students                                     |                |  |
| Program duration:     | Two semesters, including master thesis and oral defense |                |  |

Application deadline: please see our website

- ✓ Option to participate in several field trips (not included)
- ✓ Option to take German language courses (one course for free)
- ✓ Work-seeking visa of 18 months for Germany after graduation

## ALUMNI CAREER

The program provides practice-oriented post-graduate education with an international emphasis and thus gives sound preparation for careers in European and international institutions, government and administration, business, NGOs or for further European academic research.

Graduates have a broad field of opportunities to choose from, including economic and legal adviser activities, positions in private and public management, lobbying activities, political offices and functions and in the diplomatic ser-

vice. Students from outside the EU find excellent job opportunities worldwide with companies, banks and organizations cooperating with European partners, as well as in government and administration, in particular of accession states and states with specific agreements with the EU. Our career development program and courses in intercultural management, team building and personal skills prepare students for international careers. An introduction to German history, economy, culture and a three-day visit to Berlin offer additional insights, on top of the Brussels excursion week.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSISTANCE (ISA)

Living and studying in another country is both exciting and interesting. At the same time it means a lot of organizational and administrative work. When you come to study at the IGC you will be provided with assistance in this department. Our ISA service will support and advise you from the beginning on. They will pick you up upon arrival, help you in finding accommodation, extending your visa, opening a bank account and they offer cultural events, excursions and parties.

## CURRICULUM

### 1st Semester

Institutions, Policy-Making and Regions in the EU

EU Business Law

European Economic Integration

Management of Funds

European Public and Private Management I

### 2nd Semester

The EU as a Global Player

European Public and Private Management II

Master Thesis and Colloquium

## ALUMNI

Studying MES has caused me to get to know more about the approaches of the European Union towards the current demanding and controversial topics of the world from economic and politic to the very significant issue of environment and climate change.

"I chose Master of European studies as a complementary study and combined it with my previously acquired knowledge in engineering to boost my ability for my prospective positions. As an international student who comes from the outside of Europe, I recommend this interdisciplinary course to the applicants who seek a change in their future careers and want to experience a vibrant and different work condition.

The last but not least, the diversity of the instructive materials of this course in the areas of European law, business and management which are taught by the professional and experienced lecturers is a criterion which should be taken into consideration while deciding to study MES."



**Morteza Etzadibehzadi**  
Iran

MES was a unique opportunity for me in experiencing such an international environment."

"I gained a thorough knowledge of EU affairs. In addition, the combination of public & private management theories and practice, makes me feel self-confident and having an advantage in the job market."



**Fjorinda Baholli**  
Albania

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"As a non-European citizen, the master program was of particular interest, allowing me to get introduced to the European Union, its institutions, policies and economic aspects, through the diversified and in-depth courses tutored by experienced and devoted instructors. The cultural rich group of students made me experience the interculturalism on a daily basis, contributing to building on my inter-personnel skills; a key asset for my professional career."



**Sana Arousse**  
Tunisia  
Project Consultant for the Enterprise Europe Network Bremen at DD Die Denkfabrik GmbH, Bremen

## IGC – STUDY IN THE HEART OF BREMEN

The International Graduate Center (IGC) was founded by Hochschule Bremen City University of Applied Sciences as an interdisciplinary Graduate School for Management and Leadership.

For applicants with a first university degree IGC offers several MBA and Master degrees in the area of international and European business and management. The IGC guarantees a postgraduate education which satisfies both academic and job requirements in equal measure. With six fulltime and three part-time master programs IGC is one of the largest

providers of continuing education on master's level in Germany.



STUDENTS



NATIONALITIES

### OUR PROFILE FOCUS: SUSTAINABILITY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A strong commitment to sustainable management education and to ethical behavior in business is a key feature of IGC, with sustainability and social responsibility lying at the core of our value orientation. This is reflected in our expectation of every member of the school to respect our core values, in the demands we set ourselves on resource-efficient and sustainable management, and in the design of our curricula.

IGC has become a member of network associations in the field of management development to further develop its profile focus and its quality system.



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### QUALITY

HSB City University of Applied Sciences has already received several prestigious awards for the quality of its international and practice-oriented teaching. Accordingly, we have committed ourselves to a high quality standard. Our Master in European Studies holds national accreditation by ZEvA and AQAS. ZEvA and AQAS are independent, non-governmental accreditation agencies in Germany, which assess and approve of various aspects of the program, such as study plans and organization, academic and teaching quality, relations to practice and internationalization.

The IGC is dedicated to a practice- and application-oriented study approach, a truly international and intercultural orientation, as well as presenting an ongoing dialogue between academia and business practice. Offering all of this, the IGC is a reliable partner for the academic training of leadership personnel and managers.

