

# Master in Advanced European and International Studies

*Applied European Policy and  
Governance Studies*



**NICE CANTERBURY BERLIN**



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## About the Programme

The **Applied European Policy and Governance Studies** programme of the Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) is designed for highly motivated, multilingual students who seek to analyse political, social and economic dynamics as the next generation of European decision-makers. The programme is taught in two of the working languages of the European institutions (**English** and **French**), with a trilingual **German** option.

Faithful to CIFE's motto "Learning and living Europe", participants rotate their place of study each term, moving from Nice to Canterbury and then to Berlin. The programme is international and interdisciplinary, inviting students from all over the world to gain a deep understanding of how EU institutions, policies and actors shape our world through case studies, study trips and discussing with field experts. At the end of the academic year, students have the option to pursue an internship to further their professional development.

### Our partner

■ University of Kent Canterbury



**Working languages:** English and French,  
with a trilingual German option

**60 or 90 ECTS**

### Learning and living Europe



# Overview of the Academic Year

## **TERM 1** October to January

Starting in **Nice**, the programme encompasses four teaching modules and a professional skills module, academic skills workshops, conferences and seminars on current European and international affairs.

## **TERM 2** January to April

In partnership with the University of Kent in **Canterbury**, students choose two courses from the university's School of Politics and International Relations curriculum. During this period, an excursion to **London** is organised to study EU-UK relations. Students also travel to **Brussels**, **Strasbourg** and **Luxembourg** on an extended and intensive study trip to EU institutions and international organisations.

## **TERM 3** April to July

In **Berlin**, students delve deeper into questions of European policy, with an emphasis on the Eastern Neighbourhood and external relations. Students taking the **trilingual option** follow courses in German on Germany's position within Europe and visit relevant institutions. Students also complete their Master thesis and take their final exams during this term.

## Internship option

Students who have chosen the internship option will pursue the programme by doing a professional internship of 2.5 to 3 months.

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## Teaching Modules

### European Integration and Governance

- History of European Integration
- Dynamics of European Integration
- EU Institutions and Law: History and Reform
- Public Opinion, Politicisation and Euroscepticism
- Political Change, Democratic Backsliding and the Rule of Law

### EU Policies and Flagship Initiatives

- Climate Policy
- Migration, Citizenship and Identity
- EU Flagship Initiatives (e.g. The Green Deal, Digital Agenda)
- Current EU Policy Agenda

### EU Neighbourhood and External Relations

- Theory and Practice of International Relations in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries
- The EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy
- European Neighbourhood Policy
- Transatlantic Relations and Relations to China, Russia and Other Regions
- International Security and Conflict Resolution

### The European Economy and Globalisation

- Introduction to Economics, the European and Global Economy
- The Single Market and the Economic and Monetary Union
- Economic Interdependence and External Trade Relations of the EU and Selected Regions
- Equality and Inclusion: Social Policies in the EU
- Competition Policy

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS

This module equips the participants with professional skills and competences that will enable them to work in the context of the European and international organisations. Seminars and workshops on:

- Negotiation Skills and Intercultural Communication
- European Council Simulation
- Real-time EU policies case study: practical exercises
- Drafting of position papers and policy recommendations
- Project Cycle Management
- Career Coaching

## Academic Studies with an Applied Approach

- Academic studies at the crossroads of theory and practice – students learn by doing
- Variety of teaching methods and interactive formats, including presentations, discussions, case studies, role plays, etc.
- Applied studies with vocational approach to “be fit for the job” in European institutions and international organisations
- Career coaching and support
- Networking opportunities with the CIFE Alumni network

## Trilingual Option

Students who choose the trilingual option will attend additional courses (taught in German) on Germany’s European policy, the federal structure of Germany and the European policy of the German Länder. It will also encompass visits to the Bundestag, Federal Ministries and Representations of a federal state in Berlin. The trilingual option entails an extra written assignment in German on a topic related to Germany’s European policy. Students not taking the trilingual option can also participate in these activities on a voluntary basis.



## Tuition and Scholarship Funds

Tuition fees cover not only academic teaching throughout the year, but also include among others:

- the students' accommodation in Berlin
- the programme-related travel expenses
- the study trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg
- the study excursion to London

A limited number of scholarships is available for qualified candidates who are unable to cover the cost of their studies.

## Admission Requirements

- A completed first degree (minimum three years of study at university level)
- Strong English skills and a good command of French
- For the trilingual option, an intermediate level of German is required.

As an international and interdisciplinary programme, this Master is open to candidates of all nationalities and academic backgrounds.

More detailed information can be found online at [www.cife.eu](http://www.cife.eu).





## DEGREE AND RECOGNITION

Graduates are awarded two certifications:

→ **Master in Advanced European and International Studies:**

This is the diploma of CIFE as private institute of higher education, certifying the successful completion of the academic curriculum and granting 60 ECTS or 90 ECTS (with the internship option) credits at Master level.

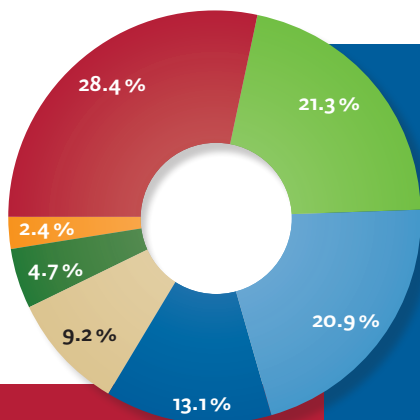
→ The degree qualification **Policy Officer in European and International Organisations** is recognised by the French state as a degree at Master level (level 7 EQF)

## Career Prospects

Graduates of this programme work for European institutions, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, national diplomacy, consultancies, research institutes as well as for the private sector. The programme has provided them with the necessary knowledge, skills and competences required on the job market of international and European organisations. Since its foundation in 1954, over 5000 students from more than 110 countries have graduated at CIFE. The practice of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) in our programme has been monitored by an official counsellor of the European Commission.

### Professional Fields of Recent CIFE Graduates

- International and EU Organisations
- Companies and Banks
- National Governments and Administration
- Research and Teaching
- Consultancy and Advocacy
- International Humanitarian Sector/NGOs
- International Media





*For more than 60 years the Centre international de formation européenne has been promoting the values of Europe, European integration and governance, multilingualism and student mobility through its European and international higher education programmes. As CIFE President I am pleased to be able to contribute to the next stage in the development of this academic institution.*

### **Herman Van Rompuy**

President Emeritus of the European Council  
Belgian Minister of State  
President of CIFE

## **Centre international de formation européenne**

CIFE is a private institution of higher education and research, founded in 1954 with its main office in Nice and offices in Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul. It receives special funding in the framework of the Jean Monnet Programme of the European Union. For over 60 years, we have been unstinting advocates of European integration through our international and interdisciplinary study programmes.

Jean-Claude Juncker is Honorary President of CIFE.

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