Master in Advanced European and International Studies

European Integration and Global Studies

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About the programme

The **European Integration and Global Studies** programme of the Master in Advanced European and International Studies is targeted at students who have completed their undergraduate studies. It follows a distinctive approach: faithful to CIFE's motto “Learning and living Europe”, participants rotate each trimester during this one-year-programme, moving their place of studies from **Berlin** to **Nice**, and then to **Rome** or **Istanbul**, depending on their choice.

The programme is not only **itinerant**, but **international** and **interdisciplinary** as well, allowing students from all over the world to gain a deep understanding of the role of the European Union in an ever more complex world. From the settlement of international conflicts to the negotiation of trade agreements, democracy promotion or sustainable development strategies, students discover how EU institutions, policies and actors shape our world by exploring case studies and discussing with field experts. At the end of the academic year, students have the option to do a **professional internship**.

Our partners

- **Institut für Europäische Politik**, Berlin
- **Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)**, Rome
- **Istanbul Bilgi University**, Istanbul

**Working language**: English  
**Credit points**: 60 or 90 ECTS
Overview of the academic year

TERM 1
October to December
Starting in Berlin, the term encompasses introductory classes and courses with EU and international organisation experts within the five modules of the programme.

TERM 2
January to March
Continuing in Nice, teachings focus on Europe's policies to explain the importance of the EU’s role on the international stage as well as current challenges the European integration project is facing. During this term, students take their mid-term exams. A one-week study trip takes them to European and international institutions in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg.

TERM 3
April to July
Depending on their choice, students will either study in Rome or Istanbul. In Rome, special focus is given to the Mediterranean region and Africa with particular emphasis on the issues of migration, poverty and food security. In Istanbul, students study the dynamics of EU-Turkey relations and focus on area studies of the Black Sea region, the Caucasus including ENP, and Central Asia. The academic programme concludes with the defence of the thesis and oral exams.

Internship option
Students who have chosen the internship option will pursue the programme by doing a professional internship of 3 to 6 months.

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Teaching modules

Conflict and cooperation in the international system  World politics in the 21st century are confronted with dynamic, multidimensional challenges. The module aims at enriching students’ understanding of the similarities, differences and interactions of national foreign policies in a globalised world. It considers emerging patterns of international politics, including international law and international tribunals, globalisation and transatlantic relations, as well as conflict management.

European integration and external action  This module aims at equipping the students – the next generation of European and international decision-makers – with an expert knowledge of the structures, institutions, law and policies of the EU, as well as of the historical development of European unification, with a special emphasis on the challenges of enlargement.

Federalism and multi-level governance  This module provides an original perspective on contemporary political institutions, through varied federal and multi-level governance frameworks. It deals with issues such as diffusion and balance of power, sovereignty, minorities, democratic representation, conflict resolution, and European integration.

Economic globalisation and sustainable development  The goal of this module is to study the key forces shaping economic globalisation and its challenges in their diverse dimensions. Without going into the details of economic theory, students explore the contribution of these fundamental driving forces to economic development as well as major economic crises. The module includes an overview of major sustainable development issues.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Gain the professional skills and competences to work in European and international organisations! Workshops on:

- Project cycle management
- Intercultural communication
- International mediation and negotiation
- Real-time EU policies case study: practical exercises
- Drafting of position papers and policy recommendations
- Individual career coaching
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 equips 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
Tuition and scholarship funds

Tuition fees: 8900 €
The amount covers tuition and mentoring throughout the year, individual career coaching, the students’ accommodation in Nice, the programme-related travel expenses, the study trip to Brussels, professional skills workshops and simulations, participation in conferences etc. A limited number of scholarships is available for particularly qualified candidates.

Admission requirements

→ A completed first degree (minimum three years of study at university level)
→ Good knowledge of English

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.

Application deadline: 15 May of current year
Carolina de Albuquerque  Portugal, MAEIS 2018/19
Graduate Trainee at the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lisbon

CIFE gave me the opportunity to grow academically, professionally, as well as personally. The diversity of nationalities in class made it possible for me to make an incredible group of friends with different personalities, cultures, and experiences. At the same time, the limited number of students per class gave me the chance to have deep interactions and exchanges with my colleagues, Professors and staff, for which I am extraordinarily thankful.

Etion Parruca  Albania, MAEIS 2007/08
National Monitoring Officer, Head of Presence Office, Political and Public Affairs Unit, OSCE-Presence in Albania

I will always remember fondly my time during the year of Master’s studies at CIFE, as it was a remarkably rich academic, social and cultural experience which resulted in a better understanding of the ties that link us all together in a process of unity in diversity and ever-advancing global civilisation that yearns for co-operation and collective security. In my current work at the OSCE Presence in Albania being tasked to maintain relations with regional and local officials and interlocutors I can’t think of a better academic experience that would have helped me match knowledge with the work in hand.

Isabel Dimitrov  Bulgaria/Canada, MAEIS 2014/15
Community Engagement Advisor for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Cargill

I recall what attracted me to the programme in the first place: learning and living in three dynamic cities, the interdisciplinary nature of the modules, and the small but diverse class size. The experience was all of this and more – it was truly transformative. My classroom was not only what I learned from my professors, it was what I learned everyday in class and outside of class with my classmates, as we discovered our cities, uncovered each other’s perspectives, and challenged our world views in ways we never thought possible. I thank CIFE for creating such a unique environment for its students to thrive in ways which go beyond the conventional route of learning – it is after all, that by doing things in a not so ordinary way that we can achieve the extraordinary.
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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