

# Master in Advanced European and International Studies

*Mediterranean Studies*



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## About the Programme

The **Mediterranean Studies** programme of the Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) is targeted at students who have completed their undergraduate studies.

The Master follows an original approach: The MAEIS is an **international, interdisciplinary and itinerant programme** which aims to educate the next generation of Euro-Mediterranean decision-makers. Following the motto “Learning and living the Mediterranean”, students rotate their place of study each term, moving from **Nice** to **Tunis** and then to **Istanbul**, including a study trip to **Dakar**. Small class sizes enable students to actively engage with course material; our professors offer personalised advice as students conduct research and write their theses.

The MAEIS is a one-year-programme, subdivided into three terms. At the end of the academic year, students have the option to do a **professional internship**.

### Our partners

- **Université Mahmoud El Materi** Tunis
- **Istanbul Bilgi University** Istanbul
- **Groupe Supdeco** Dakar

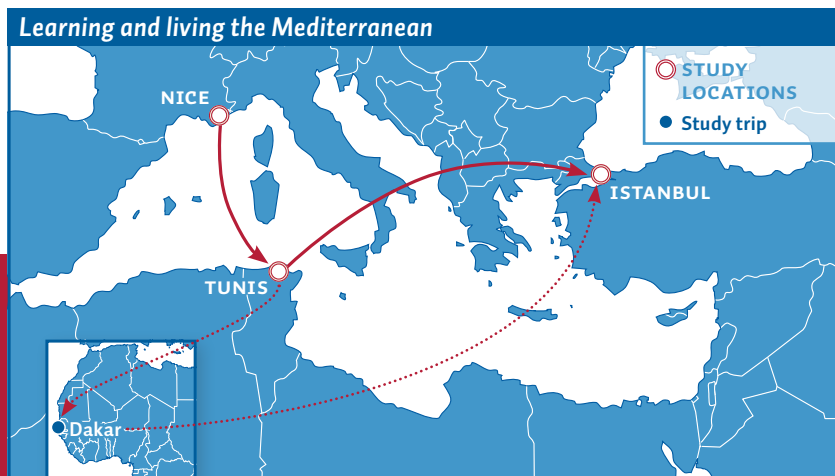


**Istanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi**  
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**Working languages:** English, French

**60 or 90 ECTS**



## Overview of the Academic Year

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- TERM 1**  
October to December
- Starting in **Nice**, students will be introduced to the institutional architecture of the EU and its neighbourhood policy. The term concludes with a simulation and workshops in international negotiations, intercultural communication and EU decision-making practices.
- TERM 2**  
January to March
- Continuing in **Tunis**, on the campus of our partner Université Mahmoud El Materi, students will be given a unique experience of a historic democratisation process that turned the Nobel Peace Prize-winning country into a role model throughout the MENA region. An Arabic language course is compulsory for non-Arabic speakers. From Tunis, students will do a three-week study trip to **Dakar**, Senegal, where they will stay on the campus of our partner Groupe Supdeco Dakar.
- TERM 3**  
April to June
- In partnership with Istanbul Bilgi University, the programme concludes in **Istanbul** with courses tackling the dynamics of EU-Turkey relations, including questions of migration and climate action. Here, students will have the opportunity to advance with their research work and conclude their thesis until June. The programme ends 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 2.5 to 3 months. This can be accomplished through an international organisation, a consultancy, an NGO, a research institute or in national diplomacy.
- Master in Advanced European and International Studies**

## Teaching Modules

**Conflict Management and Peacemaking** The Mediterranean is a case study par excellence for Peace and Conflict Studies. In the last two decades alone, Mediterranean societies have been significantly affected by inter-group violence and inter-state conflicts: from the Western Balkans to Cyprus, from Israel to Palestine, from Libya to Syria.

### **Economics, Sustainable Development, Inequalities and Forms of Poverty**

The US, China and the EU form the three economic poles of globalisation. Since the 1990s we have seen the rise of emerging countries with a shift to Asia. The global economy faces several challenges, including sustainable development and human development. Although it has enabled many countries to escape poverty, it is also a source of deep inequality.

**Regional Integration and Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation** The EU has become a role model of regional integration. How do European institutions and instruments function, including European Neighbourhood Policy? To what extent do the Arab League or the Union for the Mediterranean follow a similar logic of regional integration? And how can we explain the different political transition processes characterising the Southern Mediterranean countries since the Arab Spring?

**Mediterranean Societies and Cultures** Migration, gender and media are policy fields that all Mediterranean societies have in common, but approach differently. This policy-oriented module proposes solutions to the historical, social and cultural challenges Mediterranean societies face today.

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS

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

- Project management
- Intercultural communication
- International negotiation
- Real-time EU policies case study: practical exercises
- Drafting of position papers and policy recommendations
- Risk management

## DEGREE AND RECOGNITION

Graduates are awarded two certifications:

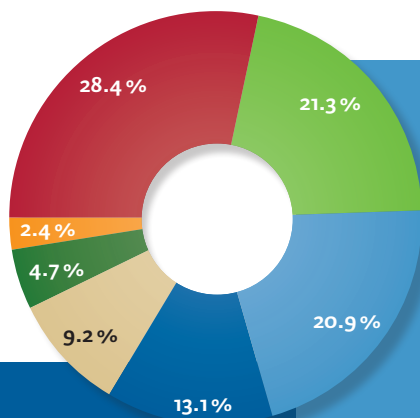
- **Master in Advanced European and International Studies:**  
This is the diploma of CIFE as private institute of higher education, certifying the successful completion of the academic curriculum and granting 60 ECTS or 90 ECTS (with the internship option) credits at Master level.
- The degree qualification **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 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 cover not only academic teaching throughout the year, but also include among others:

- the students' accommodation in Tunis
- the programme-related travel expenses
- the study trip to Dakar

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)
- Active knowledge of English and French

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).



**Reinier Schouten** Netherlands, MAEIS 2019/20  
Policy Officer at the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

*Studying in an international environment in Nice, Tunis and Istanbul gave me deeper insights into Mediterranean-related questions and conflicts, such as the refugee crisis. I particularly appreciated exchanging with teachers from North Africa and Turkey, which shed a different light on the underlying roots and mechanisms of the regional challenges.*



**Leo Liay** Italy, MAEIS 2017/18  
Senior Financial Analyst, Amazon, Philippines

*This Master not only represents a great opportunity to theoretically understand the dynamics characterising the magnificent, but extremely challenging region of the Mediterranean, but also offers the chance to experience it at first hand.*



**Sarah Dahmani** France/Algérie, MAEIS 2015/16  
Chargée de mission à l'Autorité des marchés financiers, France

*Ce programme offre une expérience unique et une immersion totale dans la coopération internationale et la découverte du mode de vie méditerranéen. De nombreuses rencontres avec des acteurs politiques ou membres de la société civile complètent une formation pertinente qui n'hésite pas à allier cours théoriques et thématiques actuelles telles que l'immigration ou encore la transition démocratique en Tunisie. Je définirais ce programme comme une opportunité exceptionnelle de vivre une expérience académique mais surtout humaine incomparable !*



**Sebastian Franzkowiak** Germany, MAEIS 2015/16  
Policy Advisor at the German Development Agency (GIZ) –  
G20 Compact with Africa, Germany

*Facing unprecedented migration and terrorism, with this programme, I felt confirmed in my decision to study the Mediterranean from a cross-country, multi-disciplinary perspective. To better understand the essence and roots of these complex phenomena, and crucially to move away from a eurocentred thinking towards a more nuanced view of our fast changing world. The MAEIS ensures a truly international experience, also on an interpersonal level.*





*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**

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Jean-Claude Juncker is Honorary President of CIFE.

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