

# 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 bilingual 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** and **Banjul**. 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 Dakar

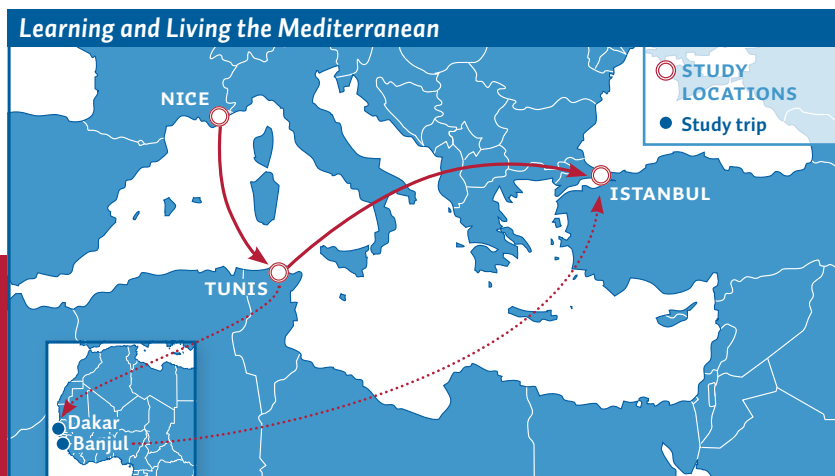


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**Working languages:** English, French

**60 ECTS**



# Overview of the Academic Year

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- TERM 1**  
October to December
- The term in **Nice** focuses on European integration in order to analyse and understand Euro-Mediterranean relations. The courses present the institutional architecture of the EU and its neighbourhood policy, while addressing political, geopolitical, historical, economic and migration aspects of the EU. The term concludes with a workshop on international negotiations and a simulation game.
- TERM 2**  
January to April
- In **Tunis**, courses are devoted to analysing the processes of transformation in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean in a globalised world, with a particular focus on the Maghreb. Studying in Tunisia, on the campus of our partner Mahmoud El Materi University, offer students a unique experience of a historic process of democratic transition, with its benefits and limitations. Students learn in an intercultural environment. From Tunis, they will travel to **Dakar** in Senegal and **Banjul** in Gambia.
- TERM 3**  
April to June
- In **Istanbul**, on the campus of our long-standing partner Istanbul Bilgi University, students follow courses on Turkey's geopolitics, the evolution of its relations with the EU, the challenges of the sub-region, risk management, populism and minorities. They also take part in a project management workshop. The programme concludes with the defence of the thesis and the final oral exam.
- Internship option**
- Students who choose the internship option will pursue the programme by doing a professional internship of 3 to 6 months.
- Master in Advanced European and International Studies**

## Teaching Modules

### **Conflict Management and Peacemaking**

- Theories of International Relations and Geopolitics
- Causes and Dynamics of Conflicts
- Intergroup and Interstate Violence
- Theories of Peace and Conflict Resolution
- The Mediterranean at the Heart of International Relations

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

- Overview of the Global Economy
- The European Economy: Assets, Limits and Challenges
- Development Economics: The Case of Africa
- The Challenges of Sustainable and Human Development
- Poverty and Inequalities

### **Regional Integration and Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation**

- The European Institutions
- European Integration
- Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation
- Regional Cooperation and Development Aid
- Sovereignty and Federalism

### **Mediterranean Societies and Cultures**

- The Challenges in the Mediterranean Region
- Issues in the Maghreb: Climate, Gender, Youth
- Migration Questions
- Democratic Transition Processes
- Cross-Border Confrontations

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

- Project Management
- International Negotiation
- Intercultural Exchanges in Practice
- Risk and Catastrophe Management
- Drafting of Position Papers and Decision-Making Tools

## Study Trip to Dakar and Banjul

One of the best ways to understand the Maghreb in the context of Africa is to visit another region of the continent: Sub-Saharan Africa. During an extended study trip to **Dakar, Senegal** and **Banjul, Gambia**, students will have the opportunity to delve deeper into the topics of development and inter-African migration. They will attend classes on the campus of our partner Groupe Supdeco and exchange with a variety of local and international actors.

Recent activities include:

- Meeting with the EU Ambassador to Senegal
- Round table on Europe-Africa relations
- Visits to NGOs focusing on development challenges (hunger, education, health)
- Discovery of Gorée Island and its slave house
- Workshops on diplomatic negotiation techniques



## 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 and Banjul

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).







## DEGREE AND RECOGNITION

Graduates are awarded two certifications:

- **Master in Advanced European and International Studies:**  
This is the diploma of CIFE as a private institute of higher education, certifying the successful completion of the academic curriculum and granting 60 ECTS 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 120 countries have graduated at CIFE.

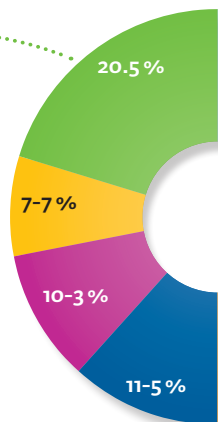


### Sebastian Scheufele

**Allemagne, 2015/16**

*Conseiller pour la coopération bilatérale avec la Tunisie au Ministère fédéral de la Coopération économique et du Développement, Allemagne*

*Ce programme m'a conforté dans ma décision d'étudier la Méditerranée dans une perspective pluridisciplinaire et transnationale. Pour mieux comprendre des phénomènes complexes comme la migration ou le changement climatique, et surtout pour passer d'une réflexion eurocentrique à une vision plus nuancée de notre monde multipolaire, le programme garantit une expérience véritablement internationale, y compris sur le plan interpersonnel. Le programme et l'expertise régionale m'ont très bien préparé pour mon parcours professionnel et mon poste actuel dans la coopération tuniso-allemande.*



### Professional Fields of Recent Graduates of the Programme

- National Governments and Administrations
- Private Companies
- Humanitarian Sector, NGOs and Social Enterprises
- Consulting and Lobbying
- European Institutions and International Organisations
- Think Tanks, Research and Teaching
- Media and Communications

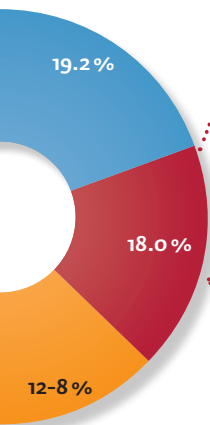




**Michele Rattotti** Italy, 2021/22

Project Manager at 4evergreen Alliance, Belgium

I immediately understood that this Master would be the perfect choice for me as an EU enthusiast with a passion for the Mediterranean region. You will live like a local in four very diverse countries, learning the theory from the teachers and in practice through your daily life. The programme provides a set of professional training courses, simulations and workshops. Unlike traditional universities, lectures at CIFE are interactive sessions, offering a great space for debate with teachers and fellow students.



**Jessica Powers** United States, 2023/24

Project Associate for PPR-Nord Haiti at DAI Global

From Nice to Tunis to Dakar to Banjul to Istanbul – this programme was a truly enriching experience. Our cohort studied beyond the classroom through visits to NGOs, international organisations and via partnerships with local universities. Representing more than a dozen countries, the students of this cohort made my experience all the more worthwhile and created a space for personal and professional growth.



**Marie-Solenne Yace** Côte d'Ivoire, 2019/20

Consultante en Protection à l'Organisation internationale pour les migrations (OIM), France

Ce programme est une réelle immersion dans l'univers de la coopération internationale, tant par son aspect multidisciplinaire que par la diversité des étudiants et des enseignants qui enrichissent les débats et apportent une multitude de perspectives sur les thématiques étudiées. Je garde un souvenir chaleureux des sessions de discussions à la fin des cours, démontrant du caractère consciencieux et de l'engagement des enseignants à s'assurer que notre apprentissage et nos perspectives dépassent le cadre de la formation académique.



*For 70 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

### *Shaping Europe's Future Through Education*

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