University of Regensburg

Despite its long history and medieval old town (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Regensburg is a young city – every fifth inhabitant is a student. This is particularly obvious in the town centre: an abundance of bars, pubs, and restaurants make the city's historical centre the place to be (when you’re not on campus). The university is situated south of the city centre and is very easy to reach by bus. When you’re on campus, you will find it easy to get around – all the important spots are in walking distance from each other. No matter if you’re going to a lecture, the library, your professor’s office hours, or just to meet your friends for a nice cup of coffee in one of the many cafeterias, it won’t take you longer than a few minutes to get there. If you choose to come to the University of Regensburg, you will become one of the 25,000 students, researchers, and teachers from more than 100 different countries that make our university the great place that it is.

Application

The MA in European Studies starts once a year in October. Please apply until June 1 for the following winter semester.

Send your application to european.studies@ur.de as one PDF-file.

For more information on the programme and the application process, please visit our homepage: www.go.ur.de/mes

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Aims & Contents of the Programme

The master’s programme in European Studies is designed for students interested in expanding their knowledge about Europe’s past, present, and future. Due to the fact that the programme is taught entirely in English, international students without knowledge of German have the chance to study a transdisciplinary, innovative master’s programme here at the University of Regensburg. The MA European Studies is structured into three core areas:

- History and Politics
- Economics and Law
- Cultural and Literary Studies

The focus is on conveying an integrated and networked perspective for understanding developments, functions and decisions and to identify opportunities, challenges and problems at the European level. The third semester can be spent abroad at a select European Erasmus partner universities which provide an adequate number of courses taught in English to cover the subject areas of the master’s programme. During the third term, it is also possible to take a limited number of language courses in order to broaden one’s understanding of Europe’s linguistic diversity. Non-German speaking students who choose to stay in Regensburg during the third term can opt to take a course in ‘German as a foreign language’.

Course structure

The programme consists of eight modules (90 credit points including the master’s thesis) that have to be completed at the home university and an additional 30 CP from the partner university where students spend their third semester. These 120 CP can be accumulated within four semesters. Thus, courses worth around 30 points should be selected each semester.

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<td>1. Semester</td>
<td><strong>Transdisciplinary Introductions</strong> to the three core areas taught by four faculties.</td>
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<td>2. Semester</td>
<td><strong>Advanced Seminars</strong> and two additional courses in Intercultural Communication and Writing.</td>
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<td>3. Semester</td>
<td><strong>Study abroad</strong> at one of our Erasmus partner universities!</td>
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In their first semester, students should take the courses in Module 1, 2, and 3. This is equivalent to the desired 30 CP. In the second semester, they should do the thematic Modules 4, 5, and 6 as well as Module 7 on intercultural communication. The number of courses students take during the semester abroad depends on the university they go to. Students should aim for 30 CP during the third semester as well. The third term can be spent in Regensburg, too, if a student does not want to go abroad. The fourth semester should be dedicated to the master’s thesis and the academic writing course that goes with it.

Advantages of the Programme

- A transdisciplinary approach to Europe
- Taught entirely in English
- A semester abroad at one of our Erasmus partner universities
- No tuition fees
- Live and study in a bustling historic town

Career prospects

Students of this master’s programme receive an education that allows them to go into a broad variety of fields after they have finished their studies. The transdisciplinarity of the programme, the fact that it is taught entirely in English, and the strong international component through the semester abroad prepare students for careers in the institutions of the European Union, national or transnational government agencies, associations, NGOs, companies with a transnational or European focus, or jobs in the field of tourism and cultural exchange. An academic career is also possible.