

## **EMMIR**

### **European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations**

**Duration:** 2 years

**Course description:**

In the 21st century, migration processes, multidirectional in their spatial as well as social and cultural structure, increasingly contribute to the formation of societies. Consequently, the presence of migrants adds emphasis to intercultural relations and intercultural communication, which are of key concern for social cohesion. Arguably, migration and globalisation may be considered twin processes. They contest concepts of the nation state and direct attention to questions of social justice and human rights, peace and conflict. They also lead to the emergence of new concepts of, for instance, identity and transnational social spaces. Answers to policy questions linked to phenomena as diverse as voluntary and forced migration, internal displacement and transcontinental flows, movement of unskilled labourers and brain drainers need differentiated investigation and evaluation as well as complex negotiation.

The European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) responds to this rising importance by providing state of the art education in theoretical concepts, empirical methods and transdisciplinary approaches to migration studies. The programme, combining the expertise of European and African universities, strongly encourages students to critically evaluate the existing body of knowledge and to conduct their own research projects. Students will have the benefits and challenge of an international learner group where participants' different backgrounds will in itself offer valuable intercultural perspectives for the study of migration. The language of instruction is English, but students will be encouraged to enhance bi- or multilingual language skills.

The programme combines the European JMMIR network and the Euro-African IMMIS network. Consortium members are: University of Oldenburg (UOL), Germany, University of Stavanger (UiS), Norway, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia, University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic, Ahfad University for Women, Sudan plus Makerere University and Mbarara University of Science & Technology in Uganda. The programme combines expertise in migration studies with intersecting fields, such as gender studies, cultural studies, and education and development studies.

The two-year EMMIR programme begins with an intensive phase at UOL, the host of the first semester. In the second semester, all students will move to UiS. In the third semester, students have the opportunity to move on to the partner university of their choice as part of a research team, linked to their internship. Before the final semester, a proposal colloquium will lead to the formation of supervision groups, which will continue in the fourth semester to support the research and thesis writing.

Graduates will be awarded a joint degree from the consortium of universities. They will be qualified to pursue doctoral studies or employment with national and international governmental and non-governmental institutions dealing with migration, intercultural competence and education.

**Website:** <http://www.emmir.org>

**Partners:**

UNIVERSITY CARL VON OSSIETZKY OF OLDENBURG, Germany (Co-ordinating Institution)  
AHFAD UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN, Sudan  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH BOHEMIA, Czech Republic  
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY KAMPALA, Uganda  
MBARARA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, Uganda  
UNIVERSITY OF STAVANGER'S, Norway  
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