

## **EURO CULTURE**

### **Society, Politics and Culture in a global context**

**Duration:** 24 months

**Course description:**

Europe today is a place where old cultural traditions are adapting to digital modernity; a place where economic crisis is forcing new experiments in politics and international relations; a place where the emergence of multi-cultural, multi-religious societies is causing intense debate; a place where young people are working hard to lead the transition to an environmentally sustainable society; and, finally, the setting for the bold experiment in international politics that is the European Union – one that is struggling to emerge from crisis and find its place in the world, even as it celebrates its historic achievements.

Our two-year master programme offers great opportunities if you are interested in understanding—and shaping—today's Europe. Selected by the European Commission as an Erasmus Mundus Programme of Excellence, Euroculture is ideal for students who understand that Europe's future will be shaped not only by economics and politics, but also by struggles over identities, values, and heritage. Our programme will equip you with the tools to understand the vital interplay between culture and politics in European society. With an interdisciplinary approach that combines courses from at least two leading European universities with an internship and practical training, Euroculture prepares you to make a difference in careers like diplomacy, international business, research, journalism, cultural management, and European administration.

Euroculture is a two-year, multi-university master programme focused on the study of modern European society, culture and politics in a global context. We focus on questions of cultural identities and social values that play a vital role in today's debates about Europe and its place in the world. Euroculture stands out from traditional European Studies programmes in several ways:

Our interdisciplinary courses offer you a broad and deep training, exploring modern European society through history, political science, law, sociology and cultural and religious studies. We supply you with the skills to see below the surface of contemporary issues.

Our practical, skills based courses, called Eurocompetence modules, equip you with communicative and project management skills. These courses will help you to turn theory into practice and to develop the intercultural skills needed for working in transnational businesses, organisations and networks.

Throughout the programme students choose at least two of the eight highly-ranked European universities in the Euroculture consortium in which to study. Some students return to their home university for their last semesters, others remain at their second-semester university while European students who wish to obtain more of a global perspective may opt to study at one of our non-European partner institutions: the choice is yours!

You can tailor the programme to prepare yourself for a career in academia or for a wide range of professions which require in-depth knowledge of European political and cultural issues. In the third semester, you can choose whether to take an internship in a broad variety of fields or to follow a research track at a consortium university. European students may apply to spend a research semester at one of our partner universities in India, Japan, Mexico or the United States.

Euroculture graduates have found work in the fields of cultural management, government, research, journalism, policy-making, international business, NGOs, and European institutions; equally others have pursued careers in academia, taking up PhD research in many fields in the humanities and social sciences. Courses are conducted in English, with a very diverse student body. You will hone your intercultural skills in our classrooms as our students come from across Europe and around the world.

The total number of credits required for completing the programme is 120 ECTS. All courses are taught in English, applying students need to proof that their English level is sufficient. Students obtain a joint degree where legislation allows. The programme recruits students world-wide. The requirement for admission is at least three years of higher education (BA, BSc or equivalent) in a field relevant to

the Euroculture programme: European Studies, History, Law, Theology, Linguistics, Literature, Philosophy, International Relations, Area Studies, Cultural Studies, Anthropology or Sociology.

**Website:** <http://www.euroculturemaster.eu>

**Partners:**

UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN, Nederland (Co-ordinating institution)  
PALACKY UNIVERSITY OF OLOMOUC, Czech Republic  
UNIVERSITÉ DE STRASBOURG, France  
GEORG-AUGUST UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN, Germany  
VIDHYAPEETH UNIVERSITY IN PUNE, India  
UNIVERSITY OF UDINE, Italy  
OSAKA UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LETTERS, Japan  
NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO, Mexico  
JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, Poland  
UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO, Spain  
UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, Sweden  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS, United States

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**Maximum grant:**

623 600 € (30 000 € consortium + 593 600 € scholarships), 2012  
554 000 € (30 000 € consortium + 524 000 € scholarships), 2013  
351 000 € (30 000 € consortium + 321 000 € scholarships), 2014  
648 000 € (30 000 € consortium + 618 000 € scholarships), 2015