

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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## Master's degree



# Society, Politics & Culture in a Global Context – Euroculture

**University of Göttingen • Göttingen** 

### Overview

Degree	Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's degree in European Studies
In cooperation with	Network: https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/network-2
Teaching language	• English
Languages	Courses are held in English only.
Full-time / part-time	<ul> <li>full-time</li> <li>part-time (study alongside work)</li> </ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters, 5 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	For all details, please refer to the following website of the entire Euroculture consortium: https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/programme-outline.
Application deadline	1 December (nine months prior to the start of the Master's programme) for students planning to apply for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship  The online application form for self-financing applicants starting their studies on 1 October will be open until 30 September (applications will be assessed within 10-15 working days from 1 March onwards).
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/how-to-apply/tuition-fees
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	Euroculture: Society, politics and culture in a global context is a transdisciplinary, international and inter-university Erasmus Mundus Master's course, and a Programme of Excellence supported by the

EU. Euroculture as a concept highlights the many different expressions and manifestations of Europe from both inside and outside. In light of the ongoing transformation of Europe and the enlargement and integration of the EU in a global context, a growing impact and awareness of cultural dispositions, conflicts and exchanges can be observed. The undeniable relevance of values, identity concepts or perceptions calls for sensitive and well-informed professionals in this field. The programme aims to prepare graduates from Europe and non-EU countries for professions and research areas in which knowledge of present-day Europe and European Union institutions is of relevance. Since its foundation in 1999, the focus of the programme has been on cultural and social developments in Europe as well as on norms, values and identity-building processes. Three faculties at the University of Göttingen as well as eleven partner universities in Europe and the wider world (i.e. India, Japan, Mexico, Canada and the United States) participate in the integrated Euroculture programme. Through the mobility between the partner universities, students gain experience with different languages, perspectives and cultural practices. In addition to a comprehensive knowledge of European matters, students master specific practical competences, such as project management, intercultural communication, as well as preparation of research and of professional project proposals.

#### **Course Details**

#### Course organisation

Euroculture in Göttingen comprises four semesters with eleven affiliated universities that cooperate within the Euroculture consortium. Students will spend the first semester in Göttingen (the "home" university) and the second semester at another European partner university (the "host" university). At the end of the second semester, all students and staff members come together for a seven-day intensive programme to present and discuss independent research projects. During the third semester, students either pursue an internship (professional track) or attend additional courses (research track). The internship can be done at various institutions and organisations. The research track can be followed at one of the eight European universities, or in the case of European students, at one of the four non-European partner universities of the consortium. In the fourth semester, the students return either to their home or their host university.

### A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

### Certificates for specific modules are awarded

Yes

#### International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

### Integrated study abroad unit(s)

The second semester of the Euroculture programme must be spent at one of the Euroculture partner universities. The third semester (research track) can be spent either at a European partner university or, in the case of European students, at a non-European partner university. Alternatively, students can do an internship during the third semester at an organisation or institution relevant to Euroculture (professional track).

#### Integrated internships

Students may choose to do a 18-24 week internship or professional track during the third semester. Due to the transdisciplinary nature of the Euroculture programme, students tend to have varying interests. Therefore, they undertake internships in many different sectors. On our website, you will be provided with a sample list of places where Euroculture students have completed their internships. Depending on the particular emphasis of their studies, students choose either to do an

internship or to participate in the research track during the third semester. The research track is offered by the University of Göttingen or the European partner universities (open to all students) as well as by international partner universities in India, Japan, Mexico, Canada and the United States (this track is open to our EU students only).

### Special promotion / funding of the programme

- ERASMUS+
- Other (e.g. state level)
- DAAD
- DAAD development-related postgraduate course

Name of DAAD funding programme	Study Scholarships - Master Studies for All Academic Disciplines • DAAD
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

### Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	1,475 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/how-to-apply/tuition-fees
Semester contribution	The fees in Göttingen include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains (in Lower Saxony and Bremen) and city buses in Göttingen free of charge. Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens.  Fee: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee "Semesterticket": http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html
Costs of living	The average cost of living in Göttingen is modest compared to other major university cities in Germany. Currently, expenses for accommodation, food, health insurance and books are about 800 EUR per month. Please note that fees for health insurance may vary according to age. For further information, please see the following link: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above- mentioned funding opportunities within the university	Erasmus Mundus scholarships https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/how-to-apply/erasmus-mundus-scholarship-programme  Alternative funding https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/how-to-apply/alternative-funding

### Requirements / Registration

### Academic admission requirements

Candidates must have completed a first-cycle degree (academic BA/BSc degree) with a good grade in a discipline of relevance to Euroculture, e.g. in the Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences, such as European Studies, History, Theology, Linguistics, Philology, Literature, Philosophy, International Relations, Political Science, Law, Economics, Cultural Studies, Anthropology, Psychology or Sociology, or in another study course relevant to the Euroculture programme. (Please contact us if you are interested in studying Euroculture but are not sure whether your educational background is relevant.)

The following criteria will be taken into consideration:

- academic excellence: overall mark and quality of first degree
- academic potential, based on the time spent on obtaining the first degree and the manner of conducting studies
- motivation to study the Euroculture programme (including the applicant's expectations)
- language abilities
- work experience in related fields
- experience of having worked or studied abroad
- personal competencies and extracurricular activities relevant for successful participation in the Euroculture programme, such as the ability to work and learn in an interdisciplinary environment, to carry a heavy workload and to participate in group work
- academic and, if possible, professional references

For details, please refer to http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/31861.html.

#### Language requirements

If your native language is not English, proof of English skills must be provided:

- TOEFL paper-based 580 or TOEFL Internet-based 90
- IELTS minimum overall score 6.5, with no part score (listening, reading, writing, speaking) under 5.5
- CAE Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: C1 or Cambridge Proficiency in English: C1

Alternatively, we accept applicants who have studied in an English-speaking country for at least one year, or students who have English as their language of instruction during the whole duration of their Bachelor's studies. Only the CAE, IELTS and TOEFL tests are regarded as valid tests by the Euroculture admission board. Any other English test might not be considered valid and might thus prevent admission.

#### Application deadline

1 December (nine months prior to the start of the Master's programme) for students planning to apply for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship

The online application form for self-financing applicants starting their studies on 1 October will be open until 30 September (applications will be assessed within 10-15 working days from 1 March onwards).

#### Submit application to

https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/online-application-system

How to apply: https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/how-to-apply

### **Services**

#### Possibility of finding parttime employment

The university supports students in finding part-time jobs in local industries and businesses. A number of student jobs are also available at the university. They are announced on the following website: www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de

Please note that restrictions may apply with your scholarship or visa. Foreign applicants should note that it is not easy to find a job to finance their studies, as German students are also searching for jobs. Some proficiency in German may be indispensable to your job search. Non-EU students are permitted to work a maximum of 120 full days (240 half days) per year.

In close cooperation with the career service office, the Euroculture programme also supports students in finding relevant internships and jobs upon graduation.

#### Accommodation

Students are required to find their own accommodation for their stay in Göttingen. However, there are a number of organisations that can help with this.

The Accommodation Service of the International Office supports international students who are enrolled at the University of Göttingen in finding accommodation and serves as a point of contact for related queries. The Accommodation Service also publishes suitable offers from private landlords in Göttingen and collaborates with the Student Services ("Studentenwerk"). As the number of available accommodation options in Göttingen is limited, it is highly recommended to contact the Accommodation Service as early as possible.

For further information, please see the following link: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/617883.html.

Other students choose to live in a "WG" (shared apartment) with German students or other international students.

#### Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Göttingen offers individual support to facilitate your successful transition from the academic to the professional world — whether you want to work in Germany or abroad. Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, the Career Service provides topic-specific "Career Impulse Sessions", workshops, online learning modules, and a qualification programme in "Building International Careers" as well as digital career tools and a virtual community for international employment opportunities: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html.

## Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Accompanying programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Pick-up service

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/practical+stuff/88104.html

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