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# Master's degree

## European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations

**University of Oldenburg • Oldenburg**

### Overview

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| In cooperation with | Ahfad University for Women Omdurman, Sudan  
Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda  
University of Stavanger, Norway  
University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia  
University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czech Republic  
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa |

| Teaching language | English |

| Languages | The language of instruction is English, but students will be encouraged to enhance bilingual or multilingual language skills. EMMIR builds on and supports multilingualism by offering language courses as well as a mobility path. Students are encouraged and supported to expose themselves to different cultural and economic settings in Europe and Africa. |

| Programme duration | 4 semesters |

| Beginning | Winter semester |

| More information on beginning of studies | The programme starts annually on 1 September. |

| Application deadline | Scholarship applications: December (for the following winter semester)  
Self-funded applications: July (for the following winter semester)  
Please refer to our website for the exact dates. |

| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | 4,500 |

| Additional information on tuition fees | EMMIR charges the following participation costs:  
2,250 EUR per semester for students from Erasmus+ programme countries |
Course Details

**Combined Master’s degree / PhD programme**  No

**Joint degree / double degree programme**  Yes

**Description/content**

EMMIR is a multiperspectival Erasmus Mundus Master’s course of study in Migration and Intercultural Relations run by seven African and European universities. The two-year joint degree programme is fully accredited and is characterised by a strong dimension of student mobility.

In the 21st century, migration processes increasingly contribute to shaping societies. Indeed, the presence of migrants adds emphasis to intercultural relations and intercultural communication, which are of key concern for social cohesion. Moreover, and along with increasingly accelerating tendencies of globalisation, migration contests concepts of the nation state and territorial borders and directs attention to questions of social justice and human rights, conflict, and reconciliation. Migration also leads to the emergence of new concepts of identity and transnational social spaces.

EMMIR responds to these challenges by providing state-of-the-art education in theoretical concepts, empirical and hermeneutic methods plus issue-based, transdisciplinary approaches to migration and inter/transculturality. The programme, combining the expertise of African and European universities, strongly encourages students to critically evaluate the existing body of knowledge, concepts, and theories as well as terminologies, and to conduct their own research projects. The programme is also embedded in a wide network, comprising national and international (non-)governmental institutions as well as professionals in the private and the public sector.

Through the incorporation of Western and Non-Western perspectives, particular attention is given to the question of how, where, by and for whom knowledge is produced, also including, processes and dimensions of academic knowledge production and dissemination. At the same time, the programme aims at synthesising existing knowledge with the goal of developing much needed innovative answers to urgent social and political issues. EMMIR provides room for students as well as for the scholars to ponder on these questions in a mutually enriching dialogue, focussing on a range of phenomena, concepts and theories of migration. Combining the partners’ diverse expertise in migration studies with intersecting fields, such as gender studies, cultural studies, education, and development studies, the curriculum takes into account all forms of migration and displacement.

In order to tie in with social dynamics as well as securing graduates’ employability, the three African and four European universities in the EMMIR partnership join forces with associates in the seven partner countries and beyond. The areas associates are represented by: aid and advocacy, civil society and culture, research and documentation; and local authorities, schools, and continuing education. EMMIR aims at training students to contribute to improved information about the dynamics of migration and to become new professionals, consciously combining their specific national/regional/institutional situatedness and tasks with transnational perspectives, in the specific context of this programme primarily in Europe and Africa but also beyond. On a medium to long-term scale, students – as researchers, programme managers, administrators, teachers, policy advisers – will contribute to the development of critical and innovative concepts that finally better the situation of refugees and migrants.

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**Course organisation**

Student mobility is one of the programme’s crucial features. All students spend the first semester in Oldenburg, Germany and the second semester in Stavanger, Norway, as a group. In the second study year, students start to follow their individual mobility path. The third semester includes a project-based internship and one of the modules offered by EMMIR partner universities. The fourth
semester starts with the proposal colloquium in early December at the University of Oldenburg, after which students are free to design their own mobility according to their Master's theses. They can focus on their research as well as do internships in any country under the direct supervision of one of the full partner universities.

The mobility path exposes students to different approaches to migration theories and policies, as well as varied intercultural relations perspectives. They study in diverse academic institutions located in economic, social, and cultural settings in which they learn through their own experience. Students learn about what shapes migration processes from different angles, including migrants' experiences, which are systematically integrated into the study programme.

EMMIR allows students to develop an individual research focus drawing on the expertise of all involved partners and their specialisation in a decentralised way. Their focus might combine previous knowledge and experiences with a more nuanced understanding of their topic of interest, as well as stronger research skills to address it.

EMMIR has four programme foci: gender, diversity and intersectionality; development, conflict, and justice; representation, power relations, and knowledge production; and education and citizenship. They serve as the foundation students will use to develop their individual specialisation and profile, for example, by combining them with a geographic focus involving one or more of the countries in the partnership, potentially also linked to your individual language skills.

All four semesters are organised in modules according to the European Bologna standard. Each module consists of a number of seminars, lectures, workshops, study trips, tutorials, and other forms of teaching.

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<td>The two-year study plan combines group mobility and individual mobility. While all students spend the first semester in Oldenburg, Germany and the second semester in Stavanger, Norway, as a group they follow their individual mobility path during the second study year. Apart from the proposal colloquium at the beginning of the fourth semester in early December in Oldenburg, they are free to design their mobility including study periods at six of the partner institutions and internships / research stays in any of the partner countries – under the direct supervision of one of the full partners.</td>
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<td>The mobility serves two purposes. First, it exposes students to the variations in migration theories and policies, approaches to intercultural relations and diversity, academic institutions, economic, social, and cultural settings shaping migration processes as well as migrants’ experiences – which are systematically integrated into the study programme. Secondly, it allows students to develop an individual research focus – drawing on the expertise of all involved partners and their specialisation in a decentralised way.</td>
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| Course-specific, integrated German language courses | Yes |
Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

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Additional information on tuition fees

EMMIR charges the following participation costs:

- 2,250 EUR per semester for students from Erasmus+ programme countries
- 4,500 EUR per semester for students from Erasmus+ partner countries

The participation costs cover all obligatory programme activities and health insurance; they do not include room and board as well as other living expenses and travel.

Semester contribution

Enrolment fees and health insurance are included in the participation costs.

Costs of living

- Oldenburg, Germany: 770 EUR to 1,000 EUR per month;
- Stavanger, Norway: about 1,150 EUR per month;
- Nova Gorica, Slovenia: about 600 EUR per month;
- České Budejovice, Czech Republic: 400 EUR to 600 EUR per month;
- Omdurman or Khartoum, Sudan: about 700 EUR per month;
- Mbarara, Uganda: about 500 EUR per month;
- Johannesburg, South Africa: not specified

Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

When applying for EMMIR, applicants are invited to apply for one of a very limited number of Erasmus Mundus scholarship (except if they have benefited from such a scholarship before).

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

Please check the European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) programme website for most recent information.

- The programme builds upon a first degree such as a Bachelor’s degree (or an equivalent qualification) in a field related to migration studies: e.g., social sciences, history, cultural studies, educational sciences, law, economics, development studies and journalism. You are required to send a document to prove your graduation.
- The final grade of the first degree must be a minimum (or equivalent) of C+ and proven by certificates.
- Applicants have to document knowledge of migration studies, intercultural relations, and empirical methods. Modules completed at the undergraduate level, papers, essays, and examination results are considered valid documentation. Preference will also be given to qualified applicants who also have relevant professional experience.

Application process: EMMIR uses an online platform to facilitate the application process. Only after registering with your name and e-mail address you will be able to access the online application form. The application form must be completed online by filling in all the indicated boxes; you will be able to fill it in piece by piece, all data will be saved to our database. You will receive a summary
of all your application details automatically via the application system. This confirmation has to be printed out, dated and signed, and attached to the whole application package including all the documentation required. The application process is only completed when the paper version of your application has arrived at the University of Oldenburg within the given deadline.

Selection process: assessment of the applications will be carried out by the Consortium Committee Selection Board. Applicants who fail to provide necessary documentation will be excluded from further application procedures. Accepted applicants will receive a letter of acceptance from the Consortium Committee as well as an official notification from the University of Oldenburg. The notification of acceptance will contain further information about how to register for the programme and a deadline for registration. If this deadline is not met, the notification of acceptance will be null and void. The Consortium Committee Selection Board takes into account the following: relevance and level of academic qualification, relevance and level of research/professional experience, motivation, and proficiency in a second or third language.

### Language requirements
EMMIR is taught in English. All applicants are requested to document English proficiency at C1 level by the application deadline. Please check the website for further information and acceptable tests of English language competence.

In certain cases, an English language proficiency waiver can be requested. If you request a waiver, please elaborate on your language proficiency and be aware that the consortium might request further proof of language skills.

Applicants whose native language is English must demonstrate proficiency in a second language relevant to migration studies by the application deadline at a level corresponding to the list on the website: [http://www.emmir.org/applications/requirements/](http://www.emmir.org/applications/requirements/)

### Application deadline
Scholarship applications: December (for the following winter semester)

Self-funded applications: July (for the following winter semester)

Please refer to our website for the exact dates.

### Submit application to
Step 1: Apply online at: [www.emmir.org/applications/](http://www.emmir.org/applications/)

Step 2: Send hard copy to:

**EMMIR Consortium Committee**  
c/o University of Oldenburg  
School of Linguistics and Cultural Studies  
A5 1-121  
Ammerländer Heerstr. 114–118  
26111 Oldenburg  
Germany

### Accommodation
Finding accommodation is each student's own responsibility. The EMMIR team will assist students in case of problems.

### Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates
- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Visa matters
- Accompanying programme
Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg was founded in 1973. It is thus one of the youngest academic colleges in Germany. The university seeks to embody open-mindedness while constantly striving to provide academic challenges. The University of Oldenburg is known for its wide range of research and education activities focused on cutting-edge science and training. Teaching is characterised by its interdisciplinary approach and by the intensive support offered to students. A large variety of Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes are offered in the fields of language studies, cultural studies and the humanities, educational sciences, art and musicology, the economic and social sciences, mathematics, computer science, the natural sciences, and the new medicine and health science programmes established in 2012. The constant implementation of new and trend-setting programmes and collaborations are at the core of the University of Oldenburg’s attractiveness. Environmental and energy research, for example, are outstanding interdisciplinary areas of future specialisation for study and research.

About 1,200 international students from more than 90 countries and from all continents choose to study in Oldenburg. The university itself is part of a tight network of international partnerships; today it has collaborations with more than 200 universities around the globe. The university’s name derives from the journalist Carl von Ossietzky (1889-1938), one of Weimar Republic’s most prolific publicists. Soon after the Nazi take-over in 1933, Ossietzky was arrested for his engagement for peace and activism for democracy in Europe. He was imprisoned in various concentration camps, including Esterwegen near Oldenburg. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1935, and a subsequent international campaign led to his release in 1936. Two years later, Ossietzky died in Berlin. Named after Ossietzky, the university’s title elicits reflection on a passionate democrat and a pacifist outlook, while at the same time emphasising science’s profound societal responsibilities.

Two campuses - six faculties
About 15,947 students are enrolled at the University of Oldenburg. The atmosphere is friendly and the size manageable. At the University of Oldenburg, it is easy to get to know other students, and the campus can be navigated easily. The university has two main sites. At Campus Wechloy, you will find the natural sciences (Faculty V and VI), a small cafeteria and outdoor sports facilities. All other faculties, a canteen, the library, the International Office, the examination office, the sports hall, and a swimming pool are located at main Campus Haarentor. Wechloy and Haarentor are located approx. one kilometre apart and are connected by buses and a cycling path.

University location

Oldenburg is located in north-western Germany in the federal state of Lower Saxony. It is within reach of the international airports of Hamburg, Hanover and Bremen. Fast "InterCity" trains connect Oldenburg with other cities.

With its 169,000 residents, Oldenburg is of a manageable size. The city features everything you might need as a student: plenty of social and cultural life. Oldenburg is known as a city of cycling. There are about 270 kilometres of municipal cycling paths. Thus, everything is within close reach: the pedestrian area in the town centre, municipal offices and public institutions, cultural venues like the theatre, the castle,
museums and cinemas, pubs, coffee houses, and clubs, and the University of Oldenburg itself. If you don’t like cycling, you may take the bus, which is free of charge for students.

The city of Oldenburg includes a variety of green spaces, parks and woods. It lies in rural surroundings, with small villages, lakes and moors. The climate is determined by the nearby North Sea. It is rather mild and not too hot in summer, while not too cold in winter. There are plenty of destinations; the North Sea is about 60 kilometres away, the city of Bremen about 50 kilometres away, and the city of Hamburg about 160 kilometres away. You can travel for free with the so-called “Semesterticket”, a rover ticket for buses and trains. This is included with university enrolment. Even the Netherlands are nearby. Trips to Groningen (100 km) and Amsterdam (300 km) are inexpensive. All in all, Oldenburg is a pleasant place to live. It is perfect for your studies; it is cosy but not dozy, manageable and not at all boring.

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