

MA PROGRAMME IN EUROPEAN STUDIES (MAES)

Programme requirements for the 2026/2027 cohort

MA students are required to earn minimum 120 ECTS points, consisting of:

- The courses listed under each specialisation, chosen as part of the student's individually tailored curriculum
- Two semesters of foreign language training (Polish beginners' to intermediate level, or French, German and Russian at beginners' level)

Please note: only one language will be counted as part of the 120 ECTS

- Workshops in methodology, academic writing and speaking, as well as the MA seminars
- an MA thesis.

The degree is completed when the student passes the MA exam and thesis defence.

In their first year of study all MA students must complete the following mandatory courses:

- European Civilisation (60h, 10 ECTS)
- European Integration Theory and Practice (30h, 5 ECTS)
- 'Academic Skills' seminar (30h, 5 ECTS)
- one subject from the 'Research Methods' group (Qualitative or Quantitative Methods) (30h, 5 ECTS)
- one 'Language Course' –120 hours over two consecutive semesters of the same language (120h, 12 ECTS)
- 'Health and Safety in Education' Training (4h, - ECTS)
- Master Proseminar in the 2nd semester of their studies (20h, 3 ECTS)

In their second year, each student must complete:

- Master Seminar & Thesis (incl. Protection of Intellectual Property Rights) from the 'Master Seminar' group in the 3rd and 4th semesters of their studies (all together: 40h, 30 ECTS)

Furthermore, over the course of their studies, each student must fulfil the requirements specific to their selected track.

STUDY TRACKS (SPECIALISATIONS)

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES

(COHORT 2026/2027)

Students must gain at least 30 ECTS to complete this track.

15 ECTS by completing the following specialisation courses:

- Political and Social History of CEE in the 20th Century: from the turn of Centuries to the end of World War II (30h, 5 ECTS)
- AND:
- Political and Social History of CEE in the 20th Century: from World War II till the collapse of the Communist system (30h, 5 ECTS)

PLUS one of the following:

- Foreign and International Relations in CEE - theories revisited (30h, 5 ECTS)
- OR:
- Foreign and International Relations in CEE - view from the field (30h, 5 ECTS)

The remaining 15 ECTS need to be selected from the optional courses within this track.

Optional courses for this track:

- Anthropology of Heritage and Memory in Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Economy of Central Europe: from Transition to EU Membership (30h, 5 ECTS)
- EU Integration and Politics in the Balkans (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Europe as a Normative Power: Central European Perspectives (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Gender, Democracy and Citizenship in CEE (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Meaning and Value of Democracy from a Philosophical Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- International Standards of the Rule of Law (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Religion, Diversity and Toleration in Central and Eastern Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Security and Democracy in Europe after 1989. A Central European Experience (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Practical Aspects of Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Internship (150h, 5 ECTS)
- Internship (Research – 240h, 15 ECTS)

Any remaining ECTS necessary to complete the program would need to be collected by first taking at least two courses from the other specialisations (i.e. European Culture and Heritage or EU Studies) or an Internship, and then by taking any optional course on the MA level from the ISE offer. The management of the Institute will indicate which courses will be available in a given academic year.

EU STUDIES (COHORT 2026/2027)

Students must gain at least 30 ECTS to complete this track.

15 ECTS by completing the following specialisation courses (one from each category):

1. EU Institutions & the Decision-Making Process: Policy Practice in the EU (30h, 5 ECTS)

OR: EU Institutions & the Decision-Making: The Political System of the EU (30h, 5 ECTS)

and

2. Introduction to Finances in the EU (30h, 5 ECTS)

OR: EU Foreign and Security Policy: Europe and global challenges (30h, 5 ECTS)

and

3. EU Administration, Justice and Home Affairs: Actors, Norms and Challenges (30h, 5 ECTS)

OR: EU Administration, Justice and Home Affairs: Towards a European Administrative Space (30h, 5 ECTS)

The remaining 15 ECTS need to be selected from the optional courses within this track.

Optional courses for this track:

- Contemporary Crises and Conflict (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Economy of Central Europe: from Transition to EU Membership (30h, 5 ECTS)
- EU Foreign and Security Policy: Europe, NATO and Transatlantic Security (30h, 5 ECTS)
- EU Integration and Politics in the Balkans (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Meaning and Value of Democracy from a Philosophical Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- International Standards of the Rule of Law (30h, 5 ECTS)
- New and Critical Approaches to Security in Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Political Challenges to European Integration (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Practical Aspects of Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Internship (150h, 5 ECTS)
- Internship (Research – 240h, 15 ECTS)

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EUROPEAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE (COHORT 2026/2027)

Students must gain at least 30 ECTS to complete this track.

15 ECTS by completing the following specialisation courses:

- Theory and Practice of Heritage (30h, 5 ECTS)
- AND:
- Legal Protection of Heritage (30h, 5 ECTS)

PLUS one of the following:

- Europeanisation and Transformation of Collective Identities: Theoretical Considerations (30h, 5 ECTS)
- OR:
- Europeanisation and Transformation of Collective Identities: From Concepts to Analysis (30h, 5 ECTS)

The remaining 15 ECTS need to be selected from the optional courses within this track.

Optional courses for this track:

- Advanced Academic Research Design (15h, 5 ECTS)
- Anthropology of Heritage and Memory in Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Antisemitism after Auschwitz in Comparative Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Challenges to the European Identity: The Rebirth of Nationalisms in Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Citizenship, Mobility and Multiculturalism in Europe: From Concepts to Practices (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Citizenship, Mobility and Multiculturalism...: Theories and Processes (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Culture and Society in Central Europe. Dilemmas of Identity and Pluralism (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Heritage of Holocaust and Pop-Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Meaning and Value of Democracy from a Philosophical Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Political and Social History of CEE in the 20th Century: from the turn of Centuries to the end of World War II (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Political and Social History of CEE in the 20th Century: from World War II till the collapse of the Communist system (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Practical Aspects of Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
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