



Open Enrolment Semester Programmes

History, Culture and Arts in Europe

In 1992 the Maastricht Treaty led to the creation of the European Union (EU) with its motto “Unity in Diversity”, but what is European identity? How do the lessons of the past teach us about society today? These questions are at the heart of European culture and society, and hinge on difficult questions about European history and conflict.

Founded by the Romans, controlled by the Spaniards, besieged by the French, and occupied by the Germans, the picturesque city of Maastricht personifies how European history has served as a prologue to the present. At the crossroads of three borders and cultures, it is the perfect setting for students to investigate Europe’s past, present and future by exploring artistic movements and social history, as well as philosophical and cultural ideas, from a European perspective.

Investigate the roots of European identity and culture

Students are directly enrolled at Maastricht University (UM). They can take classes at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASoS) - awarded the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for outstanding education and research on European integration, the Center for European Studies (CES) and the highly selective Liberal Arts and Sciences programme at University College Maastricht (UCM).

Courses

Students can choose from more than **400 bachelor-level courses taught in English** at UM. At least half of the courses should be selected from the programme-related majors below.

Majors		
• Art (History)	• Globalisation	• Religious Studies
• Cultural Studies	• History	• Sociology
• Environmental Studies	• Literature	• Urban Studies
• European Studies	• Media Studies	• Women’s Studies
• Film Studies	• Philosophy & Ethics	

CES coordinators help students select courses to suit their academic goals. They guide them through the academic process and work with them to **build a personalised curriculum**.

Every student will enrol in a **CES core course** which combines strong academics, integrated field trips and unique hands-on experiences. During this course, students can undertake an **Independent Study Project (ISP)**. A complete course overview can be found on the CES website.

Integrated study trip and cultural weekends

Introduction

The programme starts with a two-week introduction, which includes CES services, the **Berlin Study Trip**, a tour of Maastricht and the surrounding area, UM orientation, a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) workshop, a cultural awareness lecture and integration into Dutch student life.

Berlin Study Trip

The adventure begins with a five-day trip to Berlin, which provides a vivid European context for this programme. Students will visit, for example, former concentration camp Sachsenhausen and the Bundestag. The trip also includes programme-specific visits.

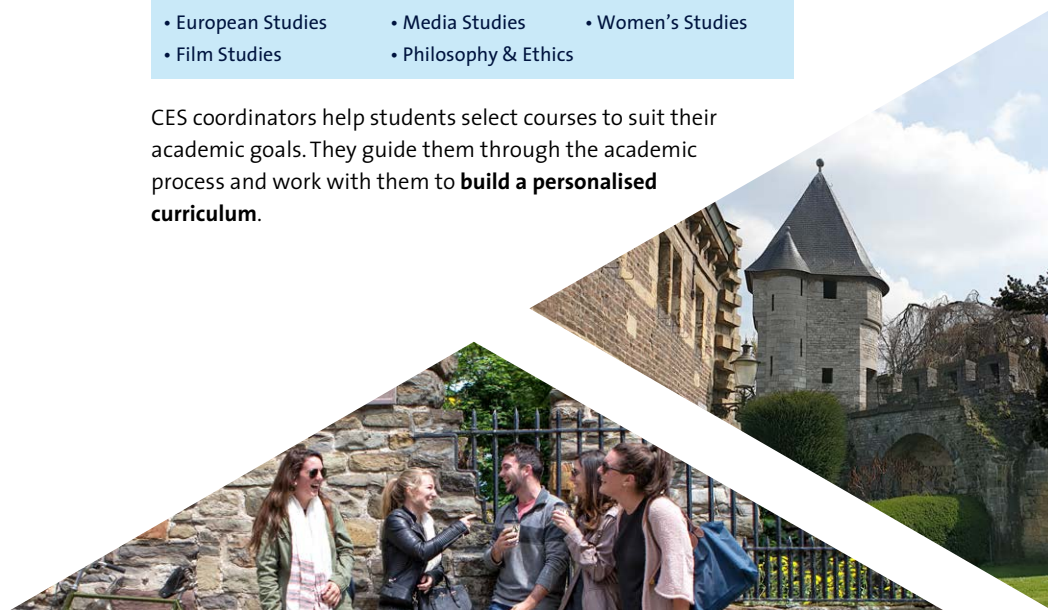
Cultural Weekends

If it Ain’t Dutch it Ain’t Much

Students explore political and cultural highlights in The Hague, are immersed in Dutch culture at the open air museum Zaanse Schans and bond with the group over the creation of their very own Delft blue tile.

A Taste of Paris

Students indulge in the city of lights and its cuisine, and experience the rich architectural and artistic beauty.



“CES took us to some of Europe’s greatest cities and educated us on their history and current state of affairs. In particular, it really deepened my appreciation for Berlin. Their staff is also fantastic.”

Luke van Lant, *University of Southern California*

Academics

Programme structure

This programme is structured as follows:

- 18-week semesters;
- Block periods 1 and 2 in fall, block periods 4 and 5 in spring;
- Two courses per block, with the option of adding a language course or skill;
- Possibility to earn 24 - 32 ECTS per semester (in most cases, 2 ECTS are equal to 1 American credit).

High academic standard

CES programmes are designed for enthusiastic and intellectually curious students dedicated to expanding their academic horizons while abroad. To ensure that students do well, CES offers extensive academic advising, workshops and continuous support.

Practical information

Programme dates

Spring 2020	17 January - 6 June 2020
Fall 2020	14 August - 19 December 2020
Spring 2021	15 January - 5 June 2021

Should students have internship plans that require an early departure at the end of a spring semester, CES will endeavour to help them select courses accordingly.

Tuition

The tuition fee for Spring 2020 is € 8,100* and includes:

- Registration at Maastricht University;
- Academic advising;
- All courses;
- CES course materials;
- Extensive introduction including the Berlin Study Trip;
- CES weekend and field trips;
- CES services (such as an airport pick up, a Dutch SIM card and 24/7 emergency assistance).

Housing

Most CES students stay at the International Student Guesthouse of Maastricht University, where they have the following options:

- Single or double room (shared bathroom facilities);
- Private kitchen or communal cooking facilities.

Housing costs for Spring 2020 range from € 2,644 to € 3,879*.

Visa & residence permit

- Most students require a temporary Dutch residence permit (VVR) for stays longer than 90 days. For Spring 2020 the cost for a temporary residence permit is € 171*;
- Some students will need a visa (MVV) to enter the Netherlands. CES assists students with every part of this process.

Insurance

Students need sufficient health care, liability and travel insurance for the duration of their stay. Most students are covered through their home university. Please refer to the CES website for more information.

Application requirements

Applicants are required to:

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Be in good academic standing.

CES programmes are competitive. Therefore, early application is recommended. More information about the programme and the online application form can be found on the CES website.

Application deadline

Spring 2020	1 October 2019
Fall 2020	1 April 2020
Spring 2021	1 October 2020

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