



Politics, Law & International Relations in Europe

Human rights, democracy and the rule of law are the core values of the European Union (EU). Yet in light of challenges such as migration and societal integration, Brexit and the rise of Euro-scepticism, the future of the EU is far from certain. In a world of converging cultures and different political and legal systems, *Politics, Law & International Relations in Europe* students explore how policy-makers negotiate between member states with a range of different nationalities, languages and agendas.

The Netherlands holds an unparalleled position in the international legal field and is at the forefront of civil liberties and human rights. Maastricht is a stone's throw away from the International Criminal Court in The Hague, as well as the European Parliament in Brussels, the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. At these institutions, students can examine national agendas, opposition to political union and the roles of international actors such as NATO and the UN.

Classes with a distinct European focus

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 internationally renowned European Law School (ELS), 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		
• European Law	• International Relations	• Public Policy
• Human Rights	• Legal Studies	
• International Law	• Political Science	

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.



"This programme provided a perspective into European politics and law that was not only engaging but also relevant to our travels and everyday life on the continent. CES understands that study abroad is the experience of a lifetime and is there to help you get the most out of it!"

David Sullivan, Clark University



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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