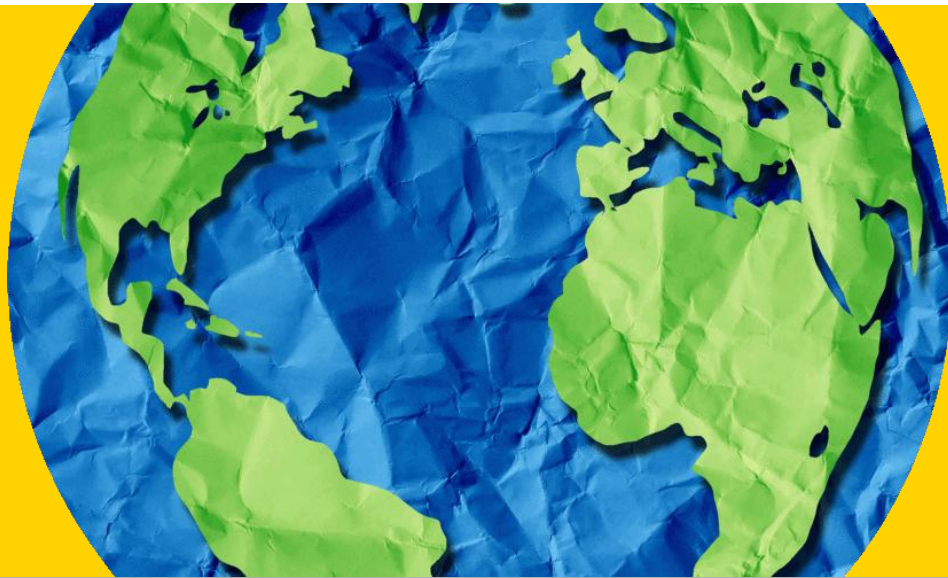


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# Erasmus Mundus Master Global Studies

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# Erasmus Mundus Master Global Studies

- Two-year internationally organised Master programme
- Founded in 2005 by four European universities:
  - Leipzig (coordinator), LSE, Vienna, Wroclaw
  - Roskilde joined in 2010
  - Ghent joined in 2015
  - LSE is not part of the consortium anymore. Instead, a [Double Master in Global Studies and Economic History](#) was launched in 2023.
- Nine non-European partner universities
- Courses are offered in English
- International composition of the student body
- Funded by the EU's excellence programme "Erasmus Mundus"

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# Erasmus Mundus Programme

## Objectives of the Erasmus Mundus programme:

- to promote a quality offer in higher education with a distinct European added value
- to encourage and enable highly qualified graduates and scholars from all over the world to obtain qualifications and/or experience in the EU
- to improve accessibility and enhance the profile and visibility of higher education in the EU

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/)



# Global Studies as a research field

- **Transnational:** focused on the analysis of ideas, processes, events, etc that appear across national boundaries and cultural regions.
- **Interdisciplinary:** global phenomena are of various nature and can not be explained from the perspective of one discipline only
- **Both contemporary and historical:** the contemporary patterns of globalisation can be fully understood only by analysing their historical precedents.
- **Postcolonial and critical:** critical examination of eurocentric approaches and academic imperialism; comparative perspective and the notion of multiple globalisations

# Master of Arts in Global Studies

- **Research-based Master:** combining perspectives, methods and theories developed in multi- discipline to investigate phenomena of global interconnection.
- Understand the phenomena described as **globalisation** as a combination of various projects to manage increasing transnational and transcontinental connectivity.
- The **multinational classroom** of the programme and the **cross-over** of contributions from **various disciplines** and **universities** offer a substantial added value to the study of processes of globalisation.

# Study programme

## 12 modules of 10 ECTS – common features:

- Semester 1: introduction to Global Studies
- Semester 2: studying concrete themes from different disciplines and world-regional angles
- Semester 3: *optional 3<sup>rd</sup> semester abroad* studying concrete themes from different disciplines and world-regional angles
- Semester 4: Master thesis and courses helping students to frame their individual work within the larger research agenda of Global Studies

All modules comprise history, cultural, area studies, social or political science approaches to historical and contemporary processes of globalisation

See: <https://globalstudies-masters.eu/program/a-joint-curriculum/>

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# Mobility track

## First Year (sem 1 & 2) - European Study Places

Gent

Leipzig

Roskilde

Vienna

Wrocław



## Second Year (*Optional 3<sup>rd</sup> sem mobility\**)

USA

Canada

Australia

South  
Africa

India

Ethiopia

Cameroon

New  
Zealand

China

South  
Korea



## Second Year (sem 3\* & 4) - European Study Places

Gent

Leipzig

Roskilde

Vienna

Wrocław

# International Master

Consortium of 5 European partners:

- University of Leipzig (Germany) – **coordinator and contact**
- Ghent University (Belgium)
- University of Vienna (Austria)
- University of Wroclaw (Poland)
- University of Roskilde (Denmark)

See: <https://globalstudies-masters.eu/about/members/>

## Ghent University (Belgium)

World History and Political Economy, Conflict and Development, Europe as a Global Actor, and area studies of Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America.



## Leipzig University (Germany), Co-ordinating institution of the Consortium

Comparative analysis of global entanglements both historically and for the present times, focusing on Europe, Africa, the Middle East, East Asia, and the Americas as well as on the transregional ties between these parts of the world.



## Roskilde University (Denmark)

Development studies, global political economy and global governance, political culture and civil society



## University of Vienna (Austria)

International organizations, global history from 1500, a regional focus on East Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Central Europe, and Latin America.



## University of Wroclaw (Poland)

Recent transformation processes in Central and Eastern Europe, security issues, regional cooperation, communications, and media.



# International Master

## Nine worldwide partners:

- Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)
- Dalhousie University (Halifax, Canada)
- Fudan University (Shanghai, China)
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, India)
- Macquarie University (Sydney, Australia)
- University of California at Santa Barbara (USA)
- University of Otago (Dunedin, New Zealand)
- Stellenbosch University (South-Africa)
- University of Yaoundé (Cameroun)
- *Sogang University (South Korea)\* from AY25-26*

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## Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)

Peace and Security, Gender Studies, Human Rights and Development Cooperation



## Dalhousie University (Canada)

International Developmental Studies, Environmental Issues and Comparative Theory



## Fudan University (China)

Modernity in Asia and Europe compared, Modern Chinese History and International Relations from a Chinese Perspective



## Jawaharlal Nehru University (India)

Focus on Economics, Levels of Regional Development in India, Government and Politics in India



## Macquarie University (Australia)

Globalization and Sustainable Development, the International System and the North-South Relationship



## Otago University (New Zealand)

Studies of Asia, Europe and Latin America, Global Governance, etc.



## University of California at Santa Barbara (USA)

Global Culture and Religion, Sustainable Development and the Environment, Contemporary Globalization



## University of Stellenbosch (South Africa)

Focus on Global Political Economy, Conflict Studies and Negotiating Transition



## University of Yaoundé (Cameroon)

Socio-cultural, Political and Economic Aspects of Postcolonialism



# Joint activities in the programme

- Joint admission and selection procedure
- Circulation of Information: newsletter, website, mailing list
- Assessment of courses and the consortium performance
- Joint degrees of five university
  
- Winter and Summer School (First year)
- Online lectures and seminars
- Graduation Ceremony (November of graduation year)

[EMGS Graduation Ceremony 2025](#)

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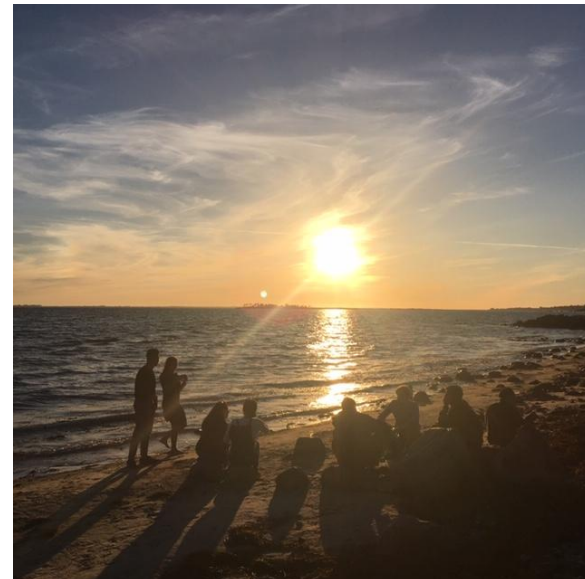
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# Winter school



Belgium, Lokeren,  
December 2025

# Summer school



Jagerspris, Denmark,  
July 2017

# Graduation Ceremony



Gent, Belgium,  
Nov 2024



# Who are we? EMGS @ UGent

Administrative seat:

- Faculty of Political and Social Sciences  
in cooperation with the Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Academic contact and representative to the consortium:

- Prof. Dr. Michael Limberger
- Dept. of History (Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Campus Ufo, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 35)

Programme coordination and administrative contact:

- Ana Rubia Juraszek and Marissa Van Laecke
- Dept. of Conflict and Development Studies (Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Campus Ufo-Technicum, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 41)



# Who are we? EMGS @ UGent

Prof. Dr. Michael Limberger

EMGS Academic Director

- Department of History (Faculty of Arts and Philosophy)
- Early Modern History
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EMGS Programme Coordinator

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## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE: MODULES

First year <https://studiekiezer.ugent.be/2026/master-of-arts-in-global-studies-KMGSJD-en/programma#id3>

(First year + course schedule per semester)\*

1. Foundation
2. Global governance and Global Justice
3. Global History and Globalisation
4. Europe as a Global Actor
5. World Societies: regions in Global Studies
6. EMGS Joint Winter and Summer School

\* Programme subject to change

# EMGS @ UGent

## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE: MODULES

*Second year <https://studiekiezer.ugent.be/2026/master-of-arts-in-global-studies-KMGSJD-en/programma#id4>*

(Second year + course schedule per semester)\*

1. Global History and Globalisation
2. Europe as a Global Actor
3. World Societies: regions in Global Studies
4. Conflict and Development in a Globalising World
5. Master Thesis

\* Programme subject to change

# Admission criteria

**Applicants should fulfill the following minimal requirements:**

- A three-year bachelor's degree or the recognized equivalent from an accredited institution in the humanities or social sciences, with a minimum of 15% global studies–relevant courses
- Excellent English skills: Proficiency in English needs to be proven with an official English certificate. Native English speakers must provide proof of knowledge of a language other than English at the A2 level
- Knowledge of another foreign language at the A2 level (to be proven by a high school certificate and/or an internationally recognized test, score certificates, or equivalent proof of participation in language courses)
- The recognition of the respective documents and degrees is based on the requirements set by the German Central Office for Foreign Education.

See: <https://globalstudies-masters.eu/admission/application/admission-and-selection-criteria/>

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# Selection criteria

## Following criteria:

- 50%: Academic excellence and quality/recognition of home institution that has awarded the first degree
- 15%: Motivation and academic potential
- 20%: Compatibility of previous degree(s) with the EMGS programme
- 15%: Work experience/professional qualifications

The decision on admission is made by the EMGS Study Purposes and Selection Committee

# Application

## Documents to be included in the application:

1. A curriculum vitae in English (cf Europass)
2. Motivation letter in English
3. Proof of nationality (e.g. copy of passport)
4. Proof of residence (only for applicants who wish to apply for the Erasmus Mundus scholarship, scholarship holders must study at universities outside of their country of residence)
5. High school diploma or equivalent
6. Official high school transcripts
7. University diplomas
8. Official transcripts from your university
9. English language certificate test results (TOEFL, IELTS, CPE/CAE)
10. Proof of knowledge of another foreign language
11. One recommendation letter by an academic teacher
12. If applicable, proof of extracurricular activities and work experience

Apply online via this [link](#)

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# Application

## Deadlines:

- 28 February 2026, 23:59 CET (application for admission & Erasmus Mundus grant)
  - 31 May 2026 23:59 CET (application admission for “self-paying” students)
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- Announcement: between early June to end of July
  - The application for EMGS is at Leipzig University

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# Fees and support

## Participation costs:

- €2600 per year (all nationality)
- Do not cover travel costs to/from Winter and Summer schools
- Full participation costs will be incurred for each extra semester

## Support:

- Students with special needs can apply for financial support
- Regular Erasmus + scholarship for mobility between European partner universities (from year 1 to 2)

[GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

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# Further information

- [Facebook page](#)
- [Official website](#)
- [Linked65In](#)
- Contact coordinating University – Uni. Leipzig:
  - European Master in Global Studies  
Global and European Studies Institute  
Emil-Fuchs-Str. 1, 04105 Leipzig, GERMANY
  - For any question **regarding the application** (requirements, documents and procedure), please contact: [em@uni-leipzig.de](mailto:em@uni-leipzig.de)
  - See also [FAQ](#)