

Master in European Contemporary History



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The Master in European Contemporary History is a two-year programme combining seminars in social, political and cultural history with a hands-on training in digital humanities.

(De)coding Europe

A historical perspective is key to understand present and future socio-political issues.

The programme encourages historical approaches to contemporary European issues and provides training on:

- the political and socio-economic aspects of the European integration and construction process;
- the construction of social and cultural identities in Europe;
- intra- and extra-European migration and Europe's relations with other global regions.

Training experts in digital humanities

The master's programme puts special emphasis on Digital Humanities and Public History. Students learn to use digital history tools and methodologies to transfer and adapt traditional narrating techniques and develop their own ways of telling (hi)stories, both for academic and non-academic audiences.

The Digital History Laboratory allows students not only to get in touch with the latest research and technological advances in the area, but to develop their skills, leading to high-quality published projects.

The digital student project on Twitter @Real-TimeWW1 was awarded the first prize at the 2015 European Charlemagne Youth Prize. Students are telling everyday stories of the First World War in 140 characters exactly 100 years after they happened.

Career opportunities

Successful completion of the master's degree will prepare for a career in:

- European and international institutions and organisations;
- political and cultural institutions;
- media and cultural management;
- diplomatic services;
- senior civil appointments;
- secondary education;
- archives and libraries.

The degree also prepares for an academic career (Phd).

Programme

The master's programme functions in a multicultural European and multilingual teaching and learning environment. Students can either specialise in "European history in the long term" or "History of European integration".

The programme is taught in English and French. German may be used in seminar discussions and assignments. The programme is designed for a maximum of 35 students, facilitating problem-based learning approaches and individual coaching.

Students benefit from close co-operation with other master's programmes in European Studies and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. A series of conferences are given by international experts and key players who have helped shape Europe, and have close connections to the Luxembourg-based European institutions.

Admission

The master's programme is open to students with a Bachelor's degree or equivalent (at least three years of higher education in accordance with the Bologna prerequisites) in history. Students from related disciplines such as geography, sociology, anthropology, political sciences, economic, literary studies etc. are also encouraged to apply.

Main criteria for selection are a proven interest in high level academic research, a good knowledge of written and spoken English and French. Knowledge of German as well as practical experience in international/European research contexts (e.g. internships, BA theses) are considered an advantage.

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"I wholeheartedly recommend the Master in European Contemporary History at the University of Luxembourg to everyone seeking to gain a more profound understanding of European integration in a medium- and long-term perspective, of the European Union's evolution and its functioning.

Moreover, I recommend the programme to all those who wish to acquire skills in various disciplines, ranging from Digital Humanities and historical tools to theories and methods from Political Science. Finally, anyone who seeks an opportunity to get to know Europe not merely from an academic perspective, but also in your everyday student life: consider coming to Luxembourg, and to its young and dynamic university!"

Mechthild Herzog, alumna of the Master in European Contemporary History