



Master of Arts in International Studies major in European Studies

Introduction

The M.A. in International Studies, major in European Studies at De La Salle University is the first full programme of its kind in the Philippines, combining a broad background in International Relations with a more specific focus on the process of European integration. The graduate programme takes into consideration that the Philippines and the member states of the European Union share common ideals: a belief that economic development can best be attained through a market economy; a respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; an adherence to democratic ideals and institutions; and an external policy based on regionalism as a means of fostering peace and cooperation in world affairs.

The objective of the program is to train graduates who can respond to the needs for specialists of Europe in different fields of endeavor, a need that will grow as the dialogue between Europe and Asia, symbolized by ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting), expands and deepens. The programme is designed not only to enable you to acquire in-dept knowledge of the historical, political, economic, and legal dimensions of European integration but also to develop the analytical skills that will equip you to respond to the new challenges, both intellectual and professional, that the evolution of the European Union poses for its partners.

The M.A. programme builds on the strength in European Studies of La Salle, whose undergraduate major is the first of its kind in the Philippines.

The M.A. programme is distinguished by its multidisciplinary character, with courses offered in economics, history, law and political science. In addition, it gives you the possibility of designing a program that corresponds to your personal interests and career goals. In order to ensure that you become true specialists, the programme requires that you demonstrate proficiency in a European language.

The Curriculum

Core Courses (18 units)

Theories of International Relations
International Political Economy
International Law
Research Methods
The Politics of European Integration
Economics of European Integration

Specialization (12 units)

Contemporary Issues and Trends in International Relations
Contemporary Theories of International Relations
The Development of the International System 1648-1945
East West Relations 1945-1990
International Organization
Contemporary Issues in International Political Economy
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Economic Relations
International Marketing
Readings and Research in International Studies
Law of the European Union
Europe in the World Economy
The European Union in International Relations
The European Union and Asia
European Competition Policy
Market Access to Europe and European Competition Policy
European Business/ Marketing Management
Readings and Research in European Studies



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Comprehensive Examination

Thesis Writing (6 units)

European Language

Competence in a European language will provide you with a unique insight into the diversity of European cultures and facilitate access to a wealth of resources essential for study and research on Europe. Although all of the languages of the member states of the European Union are official languages of the EU, in practice only a limited number of languages is of potential interest to you, unless you desire to specialize in one of the smaller countries. Hence the recommended languages are French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Since it is unlikely you will have acquired such proficiency in your undergraduate studies, you may be authorized to fulfill the requirement by taking at least eight trimesters of courses in the language concerned. However the language courses that you take will not be counted as part of the total number of units necessary to complete the program.

The languages can be studied at accredited institutions in the Philippines (e.g., Alliance Française for French, Goethe Institut for German, Societa Dante Alighieri for Italian, Instituto Cervantes for Spanish) or abroad.