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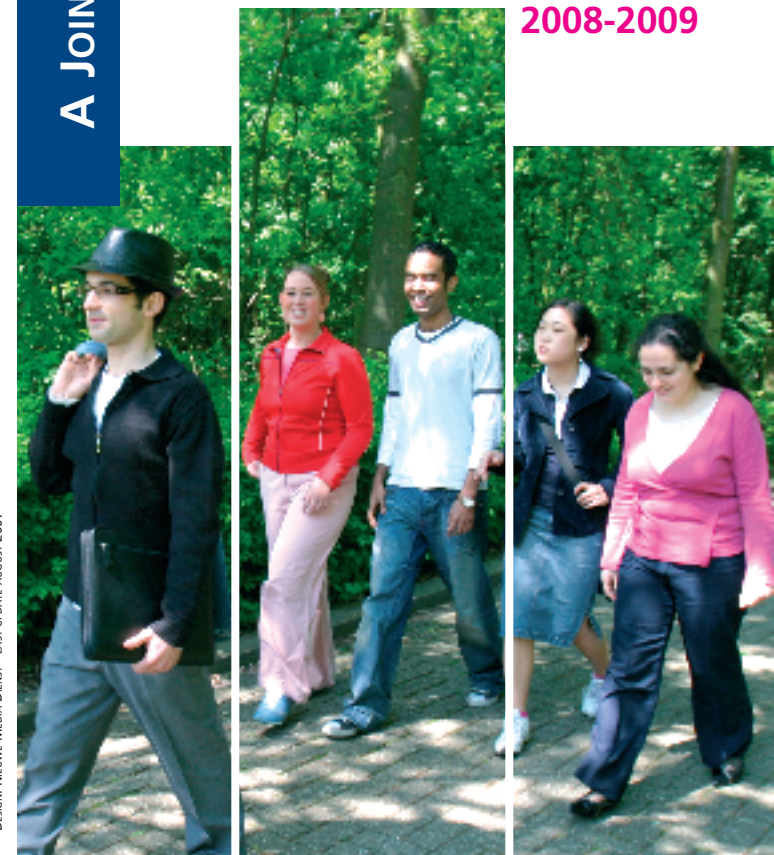


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## **M.A. DEGREE IN ECONOMICS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

**2008-2009**



## GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

This master programme in economics is essentially geared to students interested in careers in research, in government and international organisations, and in research and strategy departments of large banks and industrial and commercial corporations.

## PARTNERS

The programme is organised by a consortium of seven partner universities:

- Universiteit Antwerpen, Antwerp, Belgium
- Università degli Studi di Bari, Bari, Italy
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium
- Universidad de Cantabria, Santander, Spain
- Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France
- Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze, Czech Republic
- Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent, UK.

## DIPLOMA

The programme leads to an M.A. *Economics of International Trade and European Integration*.

The diplomas are jointly awarded by the partners and are signed by the Rector, President or Vice-chancellor of each partner university.

In July 2002 the M.A. was selected by the EUA (European University Association) to participate in the EUA Pilot Project 'Joint Masters in Europe'. The project is supported by the DG for Education and Culture of the European Commission.

In September 2005 the M.A. was selected by the European Commission as an Erasmus MUNDUS Consortium Master Course. The programme started operating as such from the academic year 2006-2007 onwards.

## STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master programme has a workload of 60 ECTS credits, the taught part consisting of 43 credits and the dissertation of 17 credits. The study programme is full-time and runs over 12 months. It is taught by staff of the seven partner institutions.

## TIME SCHEDULE

### First term at Staffordshire University or Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille: mid September to the end of December

In the first term students study at either Staffordshire University in the UK or Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille in France. They will study the following subjects:

- Advanced Microeconomics (6 credits)
- Advanced Macroeconomics (6 credits)
- Econometrics (6 credits)
- Mathematics for Economists - optional (1.5 credits)
- French language - optional (1.5 credits) (France only).

### Second term at Universiteit Antwerpen: January to the start of the Easter vacation

At the end of the first term the two groups move from the UK or France to Belgium where the courses of the 2nd term are taught at Universiteit Antwerpen.

- Economics of European Integration - part 1 (4 credits)
- Open Economy Macroeconomics (6 credits)
- Selected Topics in EU Policy Seminar - part 1  
This course has a total of 4 credits and is spread over the Antwerp and the Prague term.
- Dutch language - optional (1.5 credits)
- Academic Writing - optional (1.5 credits).

### Third term at Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze: end of the Easter vacation to the end of June.

The whole group moves to the Czech Republic for the third part of the course.

- Economics of European Integration - part 2 - Transition (2 credits)
- International Trade: Theory and Policy (6 credits)
- Selected Topics in EU Policy - part 2
- Czech language - optional (1.5 credits).

Students must choose 2 out of the 5 optional subjects offered.

The dissertation (17 credits) is finalised during the fourth term. Dissertations can be submitted up to October 31st.

A precise timetable will be made available separately.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA AND ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

The programme is open to students who have earned 240 ECTS credits in an economics or applied economics university study programme or have a bachelor degree in these areas that is considered by the Joint Studies Board to be equivalent.

Applicants that are enrolled in the final year of their academic programme should submit an official letter in English from their university confirming that the student is expected to finalise his/her course at the end of the current academic year, and submit up-to-date authenticated transcripts with the results of the previous years.



The proficiency in English of the students of the participating universities is checked by the local academic coordinators. Students from other universities should submit proof of a computer-based TOEFL level of minimum 230 (or its equivalent in the so-called next generation TOEFL score system), or an IELTS grade of at least 6.5, or submit proof of having studied at least one academic year in an English-language programme.

The selection criteria are common to all students and relate primarily to study results.

All the candidates should submit the appropriate application form on the website. Non-MUNDUS students should apply before **June 30, 2008** at the latest, and also send a copy of the application form to the partner university where they enrol. The application deadline for Erasmus MUNDUS and Erasmus MUNDUS 'Special Window' students is **December 31, 2007**.

## FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Erasmus MUNDUS and Erasmus MUNDUS 'Special Window' students receive a grant from the European Commission of 21000 euro (10 monthly instalments of 1600 euro plus a fixed amount of 5000 euro), and enrol at the University of Antwerp, the coordinator of the Erasmus MUNDUS consortium. The Erasmus MUNDUS students for the academic year 2008-2009 pay a tuition fee of 7000 euro.

3rd country non-Mundus students enrol at one of the partner universities, and pay the same tuition fee as the students with an Erasmus MUNDUS scholarship. European students enrol at one of the partner universities. They possibly may profit from an Erasmus SOCRATES grant. For more information on this, please contact a partner university.

