

LUISS 

School of Government

Master in European Studies: EU Institutions and Public Policy



The Master in European Studies (MES) is a one-year program aimed at training future experts in European Union affairs, EU institutions, and international organizations.

This highly professional full-time Master provides students holding at least a Bachelor’s Degree (or an Italian Laurea Triennale) with both broad and specialized knowledge of the functioning of European institutions and of policy areas related to the EU, such as migration, security, Eurozone politics, and the Common Market.

Combining theoretical and practical approaches, the Master enables students to understand the political, economic, and cultural dynamics among EU actors, as well as between the EU and external partners. It offers excellent preparation for a career within EU institutions, international organizations, or private companies operating in an international context.

OBJECTIVES

The main features of the MES program include:

- Practical training for EPSO selection procedures
- Training in Policy Advice and EU Programming
- A Simulation Exercise on negotiation and decision-making processes in EU institutions
- Training in Academic Methodology and Communication
- A seminar-style teaching approach with a small class of up to 25 students
- A specific focus on the political and economic challenges of the Mediterranean area
- An international environment, with students from different countries
- Full access to the facilities of one of Italy’s top-ranked higher education institutions
- Excellent academic expertise provided by an international faculty
- Strong professional links and networking opportunities through regular meetings with EU experts and practitioners
- Access to national and international institutions based in Rome

The competences acquired through this Master allow access to the following professional areas:

- Policy Analyst
- Employment in European Institutions and International Organizations
- Employment in Private Companies operating at the international level

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- European Politics in the 20th Century
- European Macroeconomics
- European Institutions
- Policies and Policymaking in the EU
- Challenges to European Democracy
- Policy Lab
- Learning Policy Advice
- EU Programming: Financial, Economic, Design, and Management Aspects
- EPSO
- Simulation Exercise: Negotiation and Decision-Making in European Institutions
- Change and Conflict in the Mediterranean: Libya in Regional Perspective

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

EPSO Course
 Our preparatory course consists of two days of in-class lessons and exercises, during which students are introduced to all stages of the competition to become EU officials. The course provides guidance on how to best approach the various selection phases, including computer-based testing and the assessment stage in Brussels.

This competition, held annually, recruits EU officials and functionaries. The EPSO exam has been in place for several years, and all permanent staff of the EU institutions are now selected through this procedure.

Through the EPSO competition, candidates may access all EU institutions, such as the European Commission, the

Council of the European Union, the European Court of Auditors (ECA), the Court of Justice of the EU, the European Parliament (EP), the Committee of the Regions (CoR), and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

The skills acquired during the course are also valuable for selection processes in other international organizations.

EU Project Management
 This intensive two-day training course is designed for students interested in participating in EC-funded programs and projects. It provides an introduction to Project Cycle Management (PCM), the standard procedure for implementing programs and projects. PCM is the official methodology required by the European Commission and many bilateral donors and follows a specific sequence of phases.

The course focuses on both theoretical and practical aspects of all project phases – programming, identification, formulation, implementation, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and audit. It combines theoretical explanations with practical exercises, using examples of approved proposals discussed in working groups and Q&A sessions.

CAREER SERVICE

The Career Service supports students in their transition to the professional world through tailored guidance and training:

Application Lab & Job Interview Workshop
 Develop essential skills to craft an effective CV and master interview techniques while building connections with potential employers.

One-to-One Career Guidance
 Receive personalized support to refine your CV, prepare for interviews, explore career paths, and create a strategic action plan aligned with your goals.

Career Service Initiatives
 Participate in the Luiss Career Day, an exclusive networking event connecting students with leading Italian and international employers.

Job Opportunities
 Throughout the academic year, students receive regular updates on job openings and professional opportunities aligned with their program.

Internship Administrative Support
 Assistance and guidance are provided for all administrative procedures related to internships.

CAREER SUPPORT PROGRAMS
Junior Program – tailored for students seeking a curricular internship and entering the job market for the first time.

Senior Program – designed for experienced professionals, offering coaching sessions and soft-skill development to enhance career advancement.

FACULTY

The program is led by **Giovanni Orsina**, Director of the Department of Political Science at Luiss University.

The Academic Coordinator is **Lorenzo Liso**, Luiss School of Government.

The faculty includes distinguished professors and professionals in international affairs from around the world.

COSTS

Tuition is € 9,500

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's Degree

LOCATION

Luiss Guido Carli, Rome – Italy

ATTENDANCE

In presence

DURATION

12 month 60 cfu



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