

We provide an opportunity for

- study/research week in Brussels and Luxembourg, with visits and lectures at all main European institutions and NATO



- study/research week at the European Central Bank in Frankfurt and Applied Sciences University of the German Federal Bank on European financial issues

- a three weeks intensive EU Study Tour (Brussels, Frankfurt, Strasburg, and Luxembourg) in cooperation with Canadian European Studies Network



- studies at various partner universities within the EU Erasmus and other exchange schemes

- research skills development in funded projects on topical European themes



- French language courses

Career opportunities in



- EU/international and national public and private institutions
- political, economic, and legal advising
- diplomatic services
- lobbying at EU level
- international journalism
- doctoral studies with the option of an academic career

Admission requirements

- bachelor degree or equivalent certified documents from an institution of higher education, preferably in Political Science, Economics, Law, History, Philosophy, Communication Studies
- English language skills (TOEFL, other tests or an official letter from an academic institution, confirming English language skills in reading, writing, and comprehension sufficient to ensure successful participation in the programme)

Applicants should submit the following documents

- a completed application form, available online in English at <http://www.lu.lv/eng/admission/degree/degree.html>
- a certified copy of the diploma/degree and diploma/degree transcript. Documents whose original language is not English or Latvian should be accompanied by a translation into Latvian or English
- a copy of passport
- a motivation letter and CV
- two passport sized photos (35 mm x 45 mm)

Deadline for applications

The application package must be received by the University of Latvia by the end of July every year for entering the programme in the autumn of the same year. For the exact date please check the website <http://www.lu.lv/eng/studies/english/european-studies.html>

For the academic calendar please see <http://www.lu.lv/eng/studies/calendar.html>

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EUROPEAN STUDIES MASTER PROGRAMME

Why study Europe in Latvia?

- see Europe from the perspective of a new EU member country
- attend courses given by high-level national and international faculty and EU practitioners
- experience an interdisciplinary approach in interactive and innovative teaching in English, group work, case-solving, and discussion
- study in an international environment of linguistic and cultural diversity
- live in a city of great European cultural history and cultural life with many libraries, conferences, music, museums, exhibits, cinemas and youth clubs



Curriculum of the European Studies Master's Programme

No.	Course title	ECTS Creditpoints			
		1 st year		2 nd year	
		Semesters			
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1.	European Union: Government and Institutions	6			
2.	Economic Integration and Entrepreneurship in the European Union	6			
3.	European Law I – Treaties and Institutions	3			
4.	European Law I – Current Aspects of the Development of European Law	3			
5.	Practical Research Methodology Seminar I	3			
6.	European Integration Theories – Political Aspects and Practice	3			
7.	Harmonization of Laws in the EU	3			
8.	Quantitative Methods in Decision Making / Technology policy of European Union	3			
9.	European Economies and Integration Development in Europe		6		
10.	Political Integration Processes in the World and Latvia		6		
11.	Social Economic Policy: Actual Topics in the European Union		6		
12.	European Law II		6		
13.	Practical Research Methodology Seminar II		3		
14.	Management of European Union Funds and Projects		3		
15.	Macroeconomic Policy in the New Member States			6	
16.	Practical Research Methodology Seminar III			3	
17.	Regional Policy and Social Dimension in the European Economies			6	
18.	Public Relations: Theory and Practice			6	
19.	Economies of the Baltic Countries			3	
20.	Cohesion Policy of the European Union / The Agriculture Policy of Latvia within the Context of the European Union			3	
21.	Practical Research Methodology Seminar IV			3	
22.	Masters Thesis				30
Total:		30	30	30	30

Words from the Director

At the European Studies Programme the international perspective is deeply rooted in all our activities. It is an excellent opportunity to acquire greater skills and competitive personal abilities in EU studies for practice oriented professions and careers in academia. It has been exciting to see our graduates entering successfully active professional life be it in the public or private sectors. We welcome you to join us.

**Professor and Jean Monnet Chair
Dr. Tatjana Muravska**



Central Building of the University of Latvia in Riga

Words from Graduates

**Česlavs Gržibovskis,
(Ministry of Economics
of the Republic of Latvia)**

If someone asks me, whether it has been worth it to study European Studies at the University of Latvia, my answer will be “yes”. My work was and still is connected with European issues; therefore I decided to apply for this programme. European Studies provided me with good understanding of European integration issues, how the European institutions work. I have improved my knowledge in economics, political science and European law. We had a great opportunity to participate in the practical research week in Brussels, where we visited various EU and international institutions together with other students from the University of Bremen. It was very good and positive experience, which helped me in my career.



**Anna Parfjonova,
(The European Parliament)**

In my opinion, the European Studies Master's Programme at the University of Latvia is a tailor-made programme for those who plan to work in the 'administrative heart' of the European Union. A profound theoretical background in European affairs gained during the lectures and participation in the International Study Week in Brussels were the starting points to pursue my career in Europe. A balanced combination of an academic and a practical approach throughout two years of studies taught me not only to acquire but also to apply the acquired knowledge, which is essential for young professionals.



**Līga Sondore,
(State Regional Development
Agency)**

I am thankful to the European studies programme for developing my interdisciplinary analytical skills that I now use daily in my profession. During the studies we had an opportunity to listen to several courses read by experienced foreign professors. I highly appreciated this way of gaining experience from other countries. The studies sustained the connection with the university, and I currently continue my Ph. D. studies in management and participate in research projects – all of this is built on the basis that was given in the European Studies Master's Programme.

