European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations

Facts and figures

Start: Winter semester
Duration: 4 semesters
Degree: Master of Arts
Language: English
Admission restricted
Fee-based, Erasmus+ scholarship

Application and enrolment

Admission requirements
General admission requirements:
www.uol.de/stud/549en

Language skills:
English native speaker, first degree in English or equivalent tests

Application
Application deadline: 15 January

German university degree:
Online application
www.emmir.org/applications

EU or international applicants:
www.emmir.org/applications

Further information

European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations website
www.emmir.org/

Degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg
www.uol.de/en/students/degree-programmes

Financing your studies
www.uol.de/en/students/fees/financing-your-studies

Optional period abroad
www.uol.de/en/going-abroad

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The European Master's degree programme in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) is the first African-European-Asian Erasmus Mundus Master programme in migration studies. Run by three African, four European, and two Asian partners, the programme is facilitated by a wider network of associate partners.

EMMIR is unique in focusing on migration through an intercultural approach. It equips students with profound theoretical and methodological skills in migration studies and allows them to conduct fieldwork primarily in African, Asian, and European contexts. EMMIR is a multidisciplinary two-year master's programme (120 ECTS) designed to address key issues in a field of study that is just emerging. With over 220 graduate students from 62 different countries, we receive more than 400 applications per year for the 30 to 35 places available.

The programme is considered one of the world's best transnational master's programmes in migration studies, and graduates receive an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree. EMMIR integrates knowledge from migration studies, intercultural relations, and a wide variety of related fields, such as gender studies, cultural studies, education, and development studies.

Career opportunities

EMMIR graduates can pursue doctoral studies or seek employment with national or international governmental and non-governmental institutions dealing with migration, intercultural competence, and education, in connection with development and/or gender issues.

Focus areas

The programme enables students to address questions of migration and intercultural relations based on transdisciplinary and transnational training through multi-perspective approaches, allowing them to find solutions for issues related to contemporary and future migration, including forced and undocumented migration, climate change, and environmental migration, social cohesion, and justice.

Language skills

The ability to speak several languages is one of the admission requirements in EMMIR and the consortium's language policy encourages the flexible use and further development of language skills in research, in internship contexts, and for publications. Students are required to publish summaries of their internship reports and their MA thesis in various languages to reach out to non-English speakers and practice the professional use of these languages. EMMIR also provides the basis for acquiring new languages, including German as the most widely spoken language in the EU as well as several lesser spoken European languages (Norwegian, Czech, Slovene). For all of these, classes are offered to EMMIR students. Students are also encouraged to learn African and Indian languages as well as Arabic, and to develop those skills further.

Stay abroad

Student mobility is one of the programme’s key features and the EMMIR study plan combines both group and individual mobility. The students spend the first semester in Oldenburg, Germany (UOL) and the second semester in Stavanger, Norway (UIS), together with the entire group. They then determine their individual mobility path for the third semester, which includes a project-based internship and one of the modules offered by EMMIR partner universities. The fourth semester starts with the proposal colloquium in early December at UOL, after which the students are free to design their own mobility based on the topic of their master's thesis.