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International Studies: Specialization in European Studies

The **European Studies Double Degree Master Program** (ESIS) is the result of the cooperation between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece) and the University of Torino (Italy), two of the most renowned academic institutions in the field of International and European Studies in their respective countries.

The Program pursues a comprehensive knowledge of Europe as a political, economic, social and cultural space, and of the European Union as a model of regional integration and as a global actor. It is intended for **highly motivated students** who want to pursue a career in the European institutions or in those private and public entities (Foreign ministries, local authorities, NGOs, enterprises, interest groups, etc.) interacting with the European Union. It also provides a **first-rate learning opportunity** to those students from non-EU countries who are interested in studying the European history, society, law, institutions and policies.

The Program seeks to offer a comprehensive analysis of the institutional and legal framework of the European Union and its relations with the rest of the world, the policies it adopts and implements, the impact of these policies on the Member States and the dynamic relations between the EU institutions and the Member States in a multilevel governance framework. In addition, the Program offers a truly European experience in two historic cities with a strong academic tradition and vocation; a stimulating international and multi-cultural environment, exposing students to different national and academic perspectives towards the EU and European integration; a particular focus on Southern Europe and the Balkans, on how Europe is perceived from its periphery and

on the external perceptions of the EU as a global actor.

The Program includes as a core component **'Region Europe'**, the international program of the University of Turin on Europe and its role in the world (**regioneurope.eu**). Involving professors, experts and students from all over the world, Region Europe contributes to expose students to different perspectives and voices from EU and non-EU countries, EU stake-holders and institutions.

Through a planned visit to the EU institutions and NATO in Brussels and to EU and international agencies in Torino, students can be introduced to the real functioning of EU governance and of other international institutions.

PROGRAM PROFILE

Awarded titles

After the completion of the Program (120 ECTS), every student is awarded **two post-graduate degrees**, by the University of Torino (Laurea magistrale in Scienze internazionali LM-52) and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Master's Degree in International Studies: Specialization in European Studies).

Duration

Two academic years. In the first year, students attend courses at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, while in the second year they attend courses at the University of Torino. In other words, the class made of up to 40 selected students attends courses in Thessaloniki and Torino together.

Final dissertation

In order to be awarded the two degrees, students are required to write a single final dissertation under the supervision of a member of the academic staff of one of the two participating universities.

Academic offer

Year one: UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI ECTS

- Constitutional Law of the EU 10
- History and Institutions of European Integration 10
 - Euroscepticism: Parties, Policies, and People 10
 - EU Area of Freedom, Security, and Justice 10
 - EU Governance and Policies 10
 - Electives (2 out of 4 courses, 5 ECTS each) 10 Politics and Government in Southern Europe A Comparative Analysis Fundamental Rights in Europe Political Systems in the Balkans EU-Africa Relations

Total ECTS 60





ECTS Year two: UNIVERSITY OF TORINO

- 9 The International Role of the EU
- 6 Region Europe Lab
- 9 The Economics of European Integration
- 9 Global Political Economy: Regions and Networks
- 9 Comparative European Societies
- 9 Elective (1 out of 3 courses, 9 ECTS each): Arabic Language (basic or advanced)
 Chinese for Economics and International Relations (basic, intermediate or advanced)
 Stratégies Discursives en Français Contemporain
- 9 Thesis preparation and defence
- **60 Total ECTS**

PARTICIPANTS AND ADMISSION

Each academic year, up to 20 Students are selected and admitted by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and up to 20 by the University of Torino. Please check the websites of the **School of Political Sciences** (University of Thessaloniki) and of the **Department of Cultures, Politics and Society** (University of Torino).

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees for students enrolled in the Program through the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki amount to 1500 Euro per semester and are due for each of the two semesters of study in Thessaloniki. Students enrolled in the Program through the University of Torino will pay the standard UniTo student fees.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MOBILITY

Financial support to mobility is made available by each University. For further information please check the websites

of the **School of Political Sciences** (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) and of the **Department of Cultures, Politics and Society** (University of Torino).

STEERING COMMITTEE AND CONTACT DETAILS

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