

European Master in Classical Cultures

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Abstract

The European Master in Classical Cultures is an internationally integrated, interdisciplinary programme in Classical Studies, supported by 12 partner universities from 10 European countries.

Our Partner-Universities are: Rome, Perugia (IT), Münster, Hamburg, Freiburg (DE), Innsbruck (AT), Poznan (PL), Istanbul (TR), Nikosia (CY), Athens (GR), Toulouse (FR), La Coruna (ES).

As an Erasmus Curriculum Development Project, the planning and the implementation of the Masters programme has been subsidised by the European Union since 2006, as it fulfils the criteria for promoting mobility and cooperation in the field of higher education in Europe particularly well.

The unique profile of the EMCC is marked by both its specific international and interdisciplinary design and its aim to promote academic excellence. The obligation of each student to study at no less than two universities teaching in different languages forms the basis of this international programme. Each of the universities at which a part of the credits necessary for a successful completion of the programme has been validated will award a Masters degree (double or multiple).

The diversity of the participating partner universities here provides a great opportunity to refine and extend the programme of study through restructured, complex studies and joint activities. Moreover, the diversity of languages, which characterises Greco-Roman antiquity as much as modern Europe, is emphasised.

The aims of the EMCC may be summarized as follows:

- the examination of the meaning of European identity from synchronic and diachronic perspectives,
- the promotion of interdisciplinary practices,
- the enhancement and dissemination of the rich tradition of academic discourse in different European languages inherent in each of the cultures,
- overcoming the limitations of the curriculum at the individual institutions within a wellstructured and, at the same time, flexible study programme,
- the combination of Classical studies with the inspection of important historical sites within Europe.
- Sustainability.

In the course of the organisation and the implementation of the Masters programme, all three status groups of the participating universities – teachers, students, and administrative staff – will be included in the integration process of the European academic landscape.