



Master of Arts in Social Sciences

EUROPEAN UNION – RUSSIAN STUDIES

EURUS is a two-year interdisciplinary MA Programme combining political science, economics, law, history, linguistics and cultural studies. The integrated programme combines the study of two principal regions – Europe and Russia – in one coherent curriculum, providing a comprehensive understanding of political, social, and economic developments in the European Union and its member states, as well as in Russia and its neighbouring countries in transition.

What you will get from this programme?

- Thorough, comprehensive and up-to-date knowledge of policies, politics, economics, law and the history of the European Union and the Russian Federation.
- The academic qualifications necessary to successfully engage challenging tasks dealing with the EU, Russia and their mutual relations.
- Professional competence for advancing the political, commercial, and cultural dimensions shaping the future development of the European Union and the Russian Federation.

Why study in Estonia?

One of the most dynamic new EU member states, and a unique location between the East and West. Due to its favourable location on the shores of the Baltic Sea, Estonia has often been regarded as a bridge between different countries and cultures. The country's complex history and successful transition from a communist past to democracy offers a unique perspective on the problems shaping the future of the region and the continent.

University of Tartu

- **One of the oldest universities in northern Europe.** Established in 1632, UT combines strong academic traditions with innovative thinking. This year the University has been ranked among the top five percent of the world's leading universities in the reputable Times Higher Education - QS World University Rankings.
- **Internationally well connected.** Member of the Coimbra Group, Utrecht Network, European University Association, Baltic Sea Region University Network and other international co-operation networks.
- **Student-oriented, safe and friendly atmosphere.** The University of Tartu offers excellent support systems for international students, personal counselling services, comfortable student residences, a modern library, electronic study information database, IT facilities, etc.



Kristiina Tönnisson, PhD
Director of the EuroCollege
University of Tartu

The European Union and the Russian Federation are geographically close, direct neighbours in Eurasia, and both play a significant and increasingly visible role in today's global politics and economics. Given the great potential for development and mutual co-operation between the EU and Russia, there is an increasing necessity to educate specialists with an excellent knowledge and great competence in the EU and/or Russia.



Olaf Mertelsmann, PhD
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of
Philosophy, Department of
History and Archaeology

Looking at today's political landscape in Europe, it seems clear to me that the MA programme of European Union-Russian studies offers a great opportunity for an interdisciplinary education focusing on current issues and combining them with knowledge about the past. An international classroom and faculty together with the personal experience of a postsocialist country and EU member state at the Russian border provides new insights for students from all over the world.



Matthew Crandall (USA)
MA student since 2008

The magical city of Tartu adds a perfect study environment to an extremely relevant curriculum. The diverse student body and faculty in the EU-Rus program has helped me understand different viewpoints and opinions that I could not have found back home.

The EU-Rus program offers challenging courses taught by teachers from all over Europe and Russia, giving students a proper understanding of the complex European-Russian relationship. The diversity in both faculty and student body adds a richness to the program that is hard to find elsewhere.

General admission requirements 2010:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent (at least 3 years of studies at a higher educational institution).
- Applicants for whom English is not a native language need to provide proof of English language proficiency. Detailed information on accepted tests and scores is available on University of Tartu website.

Application deadline 2010:

Non-EU applicants - April 15

EU applicants - June 1

Estonian applicants - July 2

NB! Applicants graduating in 2010 with diplomas issued later than the set deadlines (e.g. in July), please send the application form and the most recent Transcript of Records by the required deadline.

Application process 2010:

1. Submit an online application form (available on the programme website). You will receive automated confirmation with log in information to track the status of your application.
2. Mail the application with all the necessary documents by indicated deadline to: **International Student Service, University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18, Tartu 50090, ESTONIA**

Documents to be submitted 2010:

- application form for Master's studies;
- copy of the Bachelor's diploma (or highest preceding study level) and diploma supplement (transcript/grade sheet) in the original language (a copy certified by the educational institution issuing the document or a notarised copy);
- certified official translation of the diploma and diploma supplement (transcript/mark sheet) into English;
- certified copy of the upper secondary school certificate and a list with grades (non-EU applicants only);
- certified official translation of the upper secondary school certificate and a list with grades into English (non-EU applicants only);
- official test results of English language proficiency;
- copy of a valid identification document

Curriculum structure:

- **The Introductory Module (24 ECTS)** builds a strong theoretical basis for understanding the different disciplines combined in the programme and also trains the student's academic writing skills and introduces research methods.
- **The General Module (24 ECTS)** provides comprehensive approaches to general developments in the regions: the European Union, Eastern Europe and Russia.
- **The Specialisation Module (24 ECTS)** thoroughly analyses developments in one of the regions.
 1. **The European Union Studies Module (24 ECTS)** is designed for those students who decide to focus their studies and research on EU-related topics. It aims at analysing the structure and policies of the EU.
 2. **The Russian Studies Module (24 ECTS)** is designed for those students who decide to concentrate their studies and research on Russia-related topics. It aims at analysing the realities and policies of the Russian Federation.
- **The Language Module (12 ECTS)** provides knowledge of the foreign language needed for the chosen field of future professional activities.
- **Elective Courses Module (6 ECTS)**
- **Master's Thesis (30 ECTS)**
- **TOTAL: 120 ECTS**

Language of Instruction: English

Program duration: 2 years, which include three semesters of study, and one semester to write the Master's thesis.

Tuition fees:

The fee covers tuition, study materials and supervision of the Master's thesis. Housing, food and other living expenses are not covered by the tuition fee.

Useful information:

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