Welcome to the laboratory of the European renaissance
Cutting-edge education
Dynamic professors, small group teaching and a challenging mix of practical skills and language training, as well as international projects and competitions, define the College’s extremely varied academic programme. Prominent world leaders and decision makers are regular guest speakers and enter into challenging discussions with students on European and international affairs.

History
The College of Europe was founded in 1949 by leading European figures such as Salvador de Madariaga, Winston Churchill, Paul Henri Spaak and Alcide de Gasperi in the wake of the first Congress of the European Movement in The Hague in 1948.

The idea was to establish an institute where university graduates from many different European countries could study and live together in preparation for careers related to European cross-border cooperation.

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BRUGES & STUDENT LIFE

At the heart of Europe
The College of Europe is located in the stunning medieval city of Bruges, only one hour away from the city centre of Brussels, the capital of Europe. This proximity facilitates close interaction with the major EU institutions, representations and think tanks but also with the many headquarters of multinationals, numerous NGOs and international organisations.

Exceptional student life
Studying, living and working with nearly 350 students from over 55 different countries for 10 months, in residences spread across the city of Bruges, offers the perfect opportunity to practice one’s intercultural skills on a daily basis. In-depth discussions on major political and economic matters are nurtured. Besides a high-level academic programme, a year at the College of Europe is full of exciting student-led activities.
A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE
European Economic Studies

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Hands-on approach to current issues
This programme offers a comprehensive coverage of European economic integration. Courses combine rigorous economic analysis with critical assessment. Small group work ensures a professional level and approach.

The programme also offers four tracks including the options European Law and Economic Analysis & European Public Policy Analysis where students get the opportunity to work in mixed teams of economists and lawyers or political scientists.

The specialisation European Economic Integration and Business has a specific focus on business issues at EU level and on regulation that impacts on corporate strategy.

European Political and Governance Studies

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Top-notch professionalisation opportunities
High-level education provided by a mix of seasoned practitioners and highly respected academics. Dynamic professors, small group teaching and an award-winning one-month simulation game. Develop your skills, specialise and improve your CV with the high-level curricular and extracurricular activities of the department.

The option European Public Policy Analysis offers an innovative cross-over between economics and political science.
EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies

Professional skills training
In addition to acquiring a comprehensive understanding of EU diplomacy, students improve their analytical, communication, negotiation, language and other professional skills. The experts teaching comprise academics from top universities, trainers from think tanks and practitioners from various sectors. The professor-student ratio is around 1:2.

European Legal Studies (LLM)

Cutting-edge education
The programme covers European law in depth and comprehensively. It establishes a balance between the substantive and the constitutional aspects of European law, and emphasises both the increasing complexity of EU law and the context in which it is evolving.

It also offers an option in European Law and Economic Analysis where students get the opportunity to work in mixed teams of lawyers and economists on current issues in EU competition law and policy. Working in small groups on case studies gives students a chance to get hands-on experience of handling competition cases.

Transatlantic Affairs

A unique joint degree
The 21st century brings with it numerous complex challenges for the United States and the European Union. These challenges have to be taken up by a new generation of leaders across public and private sectors. This 2-year joint Master of Arts, in cooperation with The Fletcher School (Tufts University, Boston area) prepares graduates for positions of transatlantic leadership.

This project is funded with support from the European Commission.
Admission requirements
Successful applicants to our Master degrees hold a relevant university degree, speak English and in most cases French, are familiar with the EU institutions and are ready to engage in an intense yet rewarding year of studies.

Language requirements
The two working languages of the College of Europe are English and French. Candidates can apply to some study programmes with a lower command of one of these two languages. Occasionally students are admitted on condition that they improve specific language skills.

Fees & scholarships
The fees of € 29,000 (academic year 2024-2025) include tuition, registration, examinations and the study trip. The fees also include board and lodging, and cover on-campus accommodation and most meals.

Many scholarships are available from different sources. Every year around 70% of admitted students benefit from a full or partial scholarship.

CAREERS & NETWORK
Promising careers and alumni network
Our more than 15,000 graduates mostly pursue careers of responsibility in Europe and beyond, both in the public and private sector. The primary career destinations of our alumni are not only the EU institutions, foreign services, national administrations and international organisations, but more and more alumni develop their profession in consultancy, business, media and think tanks.