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EUI students are intensely sought after by policy institutes, such as the ECB, because of the excellent training as well as the European and international outlook of the EUI. The Institute offers not only one of the best Ph.D. programmes in Europe, but it competes with the best US universities for placement of its students in policy institutions and academia.

Marcel Fratzscher

Head of Division at the European Central Bank

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The European University Institute (EUI) offers one of the world's largest and most distinguished graduate and post-graduate programmes in the social sciences. A distinctly international institution, the EUI was founded in 1972 by the original member states of the European Communities to provide advanced academic training and to promote academic research at the highest level.

Today it hosts a community of scholars – roughly 55 full-time faculty, 550 doctoral candidates, 100 post-doctoral fellows, 100 visiting faculty and fellows and 150 administrative staff – drawn from over 50 countries. These scholars conduct research at the institute's historic campus in the hills above Florence in the areas of Political and Social Sciences, Economics, Law, and History and Civilization.



Organized for Success

The EUI's efficient mix of coursework, seminars and regular student supervision enables 80% of our candidates to complete their degrees – most in less than four years. Our alumni hold leading academic and professional positions in Europe and beyond. Depending on the discipline, between 50% and 80% of our graduates find positions in academia. Others find excellent opportunities in European organizations (European Commission, European Central Bank) and International organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund as well as in both public and private sectors in many countries.

Dedicated to Diversity

The EUI has no national affiliation; there are no hosts and no guests. This includes the Institute's faculty, which hails from some of the finest universities in Europe and beyond, and which covers a wide range of teaching and research topics. In addition, its extensive visitors' programmes attract leading academics and policy makers who take part in conferences, symposia and workshops, all of which are open to members of the institute. These include a strong network of alumni, who are encouraged to continue their participation in EUI activities.

Unparalleled Resources

Research at the EUI is supported by a first-class library led by a team of experienced librarians and information specialists. A “hybrid” library, both print and digital collections are available, including 3000 current print journals, approximately 10,000 full-text electronic journals and over half a million volumes in law, economics, history and civilization, and political and social sciences. In addition, the EUI hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union Institutions (1952-1978) according to the thirty years’ rule. A unique collection, it shares the premises with the archives of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and European Space Agency (ESA), among others.

Linked to the Real World

The EUI is home to the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS). This policy and research centre, founded in 1992 and funded by both EU, national and business sources, develops interdisciplinary research and promotes work on the major issues facing European Union integration and society. The Centre hosts research projects, as well as a range of working groups and ad hoc initiatives. While the RSCAS offers well-regarded post-doctoral opportunities (through Jean Monnet Fellowships), its resources are open to the EUI community as a whole, allowing all our scholars to gain practical insights into their particular fields of study.

I spent many of my days in the EUI's excellent library, arguably the best for European Studies.

Nuno Severiano Teixeira
New University of Lisbon

Unique Post-Doctoral Programme

In 2006 the EUI launched, in addition to the fellowships offered by the Robert Schuman Centre, an avant-garde one or two-year fellowship in the social sciences and humanities. Instead of treating a post-doctoral programme as a transitional period to be spent in virtual isolation, the EUI Max Weber Programme brings together 40+ diverse fellows all of whom live, work and converse together. Integrating academic preparation and research practice activities, it is oriented to reflect on and develop international standards of excellence in academic practice. With a strong emphasis on academic communication, the programme also embraces other professional aspects of an academic career, such as grant application, publishing, mentoring, refereeing and competing in the job market. The largest post-doctoral programme in the social sciences in Europe, Max Weber Programme fellowships are financed entirely by the European Union.

Department of Political and Social Sciences

The Department is led by fifteen full-time professors covering four sub-disciplines: comparative politics, sociology, international relations and social and political theory. These sub-disciplines share a common emphasis on social and political change in Europe at all levels – national, subnational and transnational.

The Department favours a multi-faceted approach to research projects and theses, many of which cut across traditional boundaries. To increase the variety of perspectives, short, intensive workshops on specific subjects are led by visiting speakers from other universities.

The EUI is a university without walls or barriers between different departments. It is a place where study, work and social life go hand in hand.

Ling Li

Jean Monnet Fellow



Economics Department

The teaching in the doctoral programme is based on formal, high-level coursework in the areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, as well as in research methodology. On top of this foundation, the department offers advanced and specialized graduate courses, depending on the – quite broad – interests of the current staff. In addition, visiting speakers give weekly seminars on a diverse range of topics.

If you want to work effectively internationally, it is vital to get over the cultural barriers. It allows you to get a handle on the individual, irrespective of nationality... Once you have learnt that skill, you can apply it in Asia, South America or anywhere. I think that's one of the great lessons I learnt at the EUI.

Eli Leenaars
Executive Board, ING Group

Department of History and Civilization

The Department places a strong emphasis on the development of a transnational and comparative approach to the history of Europe from the medieval period to the present. While the Department celebrates Europe's diversity, as represented by the many nationalities that participate in our programme, it is committed to moving beyond national perspectives on history.

The Department focuses on integrating national historiographies into a broader European perspective, in both methodological and thematic contexts. Research conducted under the auspices of this Department seeks to relate history to the concerns of contemporary Europeans. To this end, interdisciplinary cooperation with other departments is encouraged.





Department of Law

The Department takes a comparative and contextual approach to the study of European and International law. The Department's professors hail from many countries and therefore constitute a large corpus of expertise on national legal systems. This facilitates comparative work, as it highlights the fact that different legal systems today cannot be treated as if they existed in a territorially delimited world. As regards context, law is not treated in a purely technical exercise, but is examined as it relates to social, cultural political and economic factors.

The department offers two distinct programmes, namely the four-year doctoral programme and the one year LL.M. programme. Unlike many other LL.M. programmes, the EUI programme requires participants to follow a number of advanced courses and seminars along with first-year Ph.D. researchers with the aim to develop a substantial piece of research. LL.M. participants may apply to continue on to the Ph.D. programme.

The Programmes

A Four-Year Structured Doctoral Programme

The purpose of the programme is to prepare researchers to develop and defend their theses. To this end, the first year is devoted to acquiring a solid background for the doctoral work and to the design of the proposed research. The second and third years are dedicated to research, fieldwork, data collection and writing of the thesis, under close supervision. The fourth year is dedicated to finishing and defending the thesis; part of the year may also be used for professional or university traineeships, and teaching opportunities.

Max Weber Fellowships

Designed for junior post-docs who plan on pursuing an academic career, this programme focuses on improving teaching, research skills and other academic skills.

Jean Monnet Fellowships

Offered at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS), these fellowships are for junior academics at an early stage in their careers. They are closely associated with the ongoing research programme of the RSCAS.

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships

Open to established, internationally-recognized academics, these fellowships last up to ten months under the auspices of one of the Institute's four departments.

Other Fellowships

The EUI also hosts several other fellowships financed by extra-university sources, such as the Marie Curie Fellowships etc.





Applying

Information about admissions criteria, deadline, criteria and grants for the EUI's various programmes is available at:

www.eui.eu/About/InfoFor/ProspectiveResearchersFellows.aspx

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