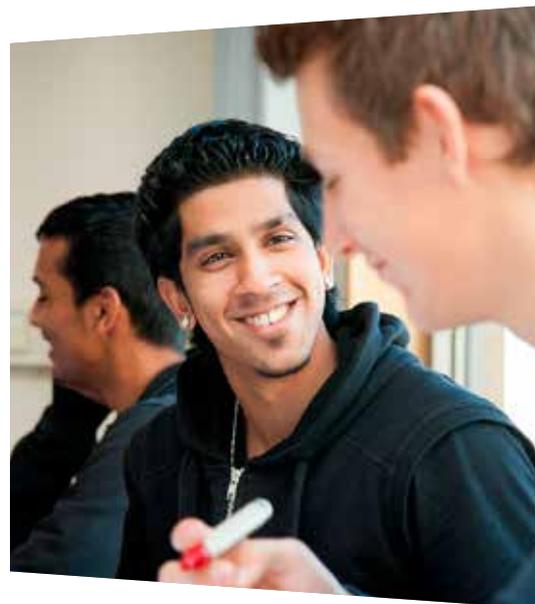


The Big Book of European Studies

A short guide to our interdisciplinary approach to empowering the European Professional to proactively resolve global challenges



For HAVO, VWO
& MBO graduates
and international
students with
equivalent diplomas

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The purpose of this booklet is to provide a brief but comprehensive overview of the European Studies programme, which is part of the Faculty of Management & Organisation at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. First, the mission and vision of the programme will be explained, followed by an overview of the content of the programme and core themes and learning continuums that shape the curriculum. An overview of all courses and assessments has been provided, as well as information about exchange and internship possibilities and procedures pertaining to European Studies.

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1. Introducing European Studies

European Studies is an international and interdisciplinary management programme that aims to educate 21st century professionals for a wide range of (junior) management-level careers in different types of public AND private sector organisations in Europe and beyond, or for an international master's degree in fields related to public policy, European (Union) studies, international relations or international business.

Our Mission: Empowering the European Professional to Proactively Resolve Global Challenges

In an era of accelerated globalisation and rapid technological evolution, contemporary professionals face new challenges that prove the old saying that it is not necessarily the strongest who survive, but those most adaptable to change. At the same time, Europe and the world face major challenges – from climate change to political instability to recovery from the COVID-19 crisis – that require new approaches and multi-stakeholder collaboration. European Studies is an international, interdisciplinary programme that gives young European professionals the tools they need to start an international career, the flexibility to keep up with the changing 21st century labour market and the skills to help organisations take on the big dilemmas of the 21st century.

Rather than focusing on one specific job, we want to get our students ready for anything by combining the disciplines of sustainable business management and public policy with research and communication skills and then adding an international, intercultural and multi-lingual approach that prepares you to meet the needs of employers in the Netherlands and abroad in both the public sector (government, politics, international organisations and non-governmental organisations) and the private sector (small, medium and global businesses).

European Studies graduates are Global Citizens – young, eager professionals who don't just want to see the world. They want to make it better by writing policy advice at a government institution, or creating marketing strategies for non-profit organisations or opening up new markets for export. Our location in The Hague, the International City of Peace and Justice, puts them right in the heart of the global village and offers access to over 160 of the international employers where graduates may want to start their careers.

At European Studies, students explore Europe and the organisations operating within its political, cultural and economic frameworks. They confront big questions, examine different cultural perspectives and prepare for a future in politics, business or the non-profit sector. They get an international experience both in and out of our multi-cultural classrooms, where English is the main language, and have a chance to develop intercultural skills by going on exchange to another country. They develop knowledge while practicing essential skills, including foreign languages, and after demonstrating those skills during a placement in an international organisation, they are ready to start a career in just such a place or to pursue further (international) studies.

In short, an ES degree is a lot like a multi-purpose tool or a Swiss Army Knife: it equips the bearer to handle dozens of different challenges and gets them ready for any challenge the 21st century might throw at them, giving them **Employability through Adaptability**.



There are two versions of the European Studies programme:

- European Studies 4 (ES4) is a four-year Bachelor of Arts programme open to Dutch students with a HAVO, VWO or MBO diploma (at least level 4) and international students with an equivalent qualification.
- European Studies 3 (ES3) is an accelerated, three-year Bachelor of Arts that is open to Dutch students with a VWO diploma and international students with an equivalent qualification, such as a German Abitur or an International Baccalaureate diploma. Due to its accelerated nature, ES3 is more intensive and presents different challenges, including some differences in course and project content, increased complexity and additional self-study.

A Competence-Based Vision for Education

As an applied sciences programme, ES is explicitly designed with a clear focus on what is demanded and valued by the professional field and potential employers. The programme's career-oriented approach can be seen in courses and projects that make use of:

- Real-world professional contexts for learning.
- Simulations of the professional field in and out of the classroom.
- Professional products for assessment where possible.
- The presence of the professional field in the shape of guest lecturers and project partners.
- Field visits and excursions where possible.
- Diverse work placement opportunities.

By providing professional contexts, simulating the field and using professional products for assessment (writing an export plan or policy proposal instead taking exams on export and public policy, for example) including input from the professional field, visiting that field as often as possible and encouraging students to work in a wide range of organisations, ES is able to help students develop knowledge and skills that are in demand throughout the labour market, without committing them to a single discipline or field. .

The programme is constructed around several core competencies. By the end of this programme, each student should be able to:

1. Apply knowledge of Europe to analyse complex challenges related to Europe and its changing role in the world.
2. Apply knowledge of the European Union's multi-level policy framework to advise organizations.

3. Establish professional relationships, and collaborates in an intercultural and interdisciplinary environment
4. Research and critically evaluate contemporary issues, linking theory and practice to formulate concrete recommendations for organizations active in a European context
5. Use English and at least one other European (foreign) language to communicate in a work-related context
6. Demonstrate, in behaviour and attitude, awareness of strengths and weaknesses on the path toward becoming a European professional

These competences provide the framework for the lectures, seminars, workgroups, projects and other activities that make up the European Studies programme and students have the opportunity to demonstrate these competencies by going on exchange to a foreign country, completing a professional work placement and conducting research for a final paper or dissertation.

The European Framework

The knowledge and skills acquired at ES in pursuit of the programme's core competences could be applied at virtually any organisation, anywhere in the world, but they are taught with a specific focus on Europe and especially helpful for careers on the European stage. Europe is, after all, our main context and it is where most graduates work after their studies are complete. As such, everything we do at European Studies has a connection to Europe and its organisations. That can be a political connection or a focus on rules and regulations, a business focus that is connected with European capital and funding or a focus on European culture, norms and values, all of which are essential for working in a European business or public sector organisation.

Ideally, we also strive to empower our students to help Europe's organisations in building bridges across the public/private divide in pursuit of multi-stakeholder collaboration.



2. Entry Requirements

As an international and interdisciplinary programme, European Studies prides itself on its diverse and multi-cultural student body and strives to recruit students with diverse backgrounds and interests. As such, the entry requirements are slightly different depending on those backgrounds and interests.

European Studies 4

Here are the entry requirements for the four-year version of European Studies:

Requirements for Dutch Students:

- A HAVO Diploma – all profiles are accepted.
- A VWO Diploma – all profiles are accepted – though VWO students can also apply for the three-year programme (ES3).
- An MBO Diploma – Level 4.

Students who are missing a subject or lack one of these diplomas can consult THUAs to enquire about Deficiency Tests for missing subjects or 21+ tests for different diplomas. Visit the University website or contact the Central Enrolment Office: CSI@hhs.nl

Requirements for International Students:

- International students with a diploma that is the equivalent of HAVO or VWO can be admitted to European Studies.
- Diplomas are evaluated by the Dutch education accreditation agency called NUFFIC.
- In some cases, an English proficiency test may be required.

For details, see the full [Entry Requirements on our website](#).

European Studies 3

The 3-year fast track is essentially the same degree as the four-year variant, but in a more intensive and challenging format with some slight differences in course and project content and with more self-study. Because ES3 is offered to students with advanced secondary school diplomas, some courses from the four-year programme are not included.

Here are the entry requirements:

Requirements for Dutch Students:

- A VWO Diploma - all profiles are accepted.

Students who are missing a subject or lack one of these diplomas can consult THUAs to enquire about Deficiency Tests for missing subjects or 21+ tests for different diplomas. Contact the Central Enrolment Office: CSI@hhs.nl

Requirements for International Students:

- International students with a diploma that is the equivalent of a VWO Diploma can be admitted to European Studies.
 - This includes an International Baccalaureate, a European Baccalaureate, a German Abitur and A-Levels from the United Kingdom, as well as a wide variety of national diplomas.
- Diplomas are evaluated by the Dutch education accreditation agency called NUFFIC.
- In some cases, an English proficiency test may be required.

For details, see the full [Entry Requirements on our website](#).



Hi. I'm Luiza. Studying abroad is a challenge. A good challenge. Moving from Brazil to Den Haag took me out of my comfort zone and it's making me grow a lot. I am a first-year student and despite all the difficulties that an international student has to face in the first moments, studying at THUAS is surpassing my expectations. I am very glad to say that I chose European Studies as my course. With the international and multi-cultural environment that the program offers, developing my skills seems so much easier. The classes are being extremely interesting, and the personal feedback that we get from each teacher is helping me a lot to improve myself as a student. I chose European Studies and I would choose it again.

3. What Can You Do with This Diploma? Careers & Masters

European Studies is not focused on preparation for any single profession. Given the fast-changing nature of the globalized workforce in the 21st century, young professionals need to be prepared for a wide range of different career possibilities.

ES students graduate with an internationally recognised Bachelor of Arts in European Studies and go on to careers as European Professionals, specialists in European (and global) affairs with the knowledge to work at the (junior) management level in a wide range of fields. They are especially equipped for international careers. They also have the right research, critical thinking, language and communications skills to be ready for anything and the flexibility to adapt to the changing needs of the 21st century. They often work as policy advisors, in (public or private) management, marketing or communications.

International Careers

European Studies graduates work in virtually all fields but one thing that most of their jobs have in common is an international focus. Many go abroad and even those who stay in the Netherlands are usually employed at organisations with an international outlook and a connection to Europe and its affairs. Most graduates work in jobs where they help run, represent or advise organisations in fields like management, marketing, communications/public relations or in policy advice.

The curriculum specifically focuses on the knowledge and skills needed for the following types of jobs:

- Regulatory Affairs/Compliance Officer – advising organisations on (European) laws and regulations while helping those organisations to stay in line with them.
- Junio Policy Officer – advising organisations on their policy decisions and implementing policy directives.
- Public Affairs//Public Relations Officer/Advisor – advising organisations and helping them communicate with external stakeholders, including the media and general public.
- Project Coordinator – managing internal and external projects for organisations, often working together with other stakeholders.
- Fundraiser/Marketeer – Assisting the promotion of an organization among potential customers, donors and other stakeholders.
- Grant Officer – Helping organisations to request and procure funding for important projects.
- Junior European Account Manager – Managing different types of business affairs and business relationships with an organisation's clients.
- Junior European Export Manager – helping organisations do business across borders.
- Corporate Social Responsibility Officer/Sustainability Officer – Helping organisations to draft and uphold principles of sustainability and good governance.

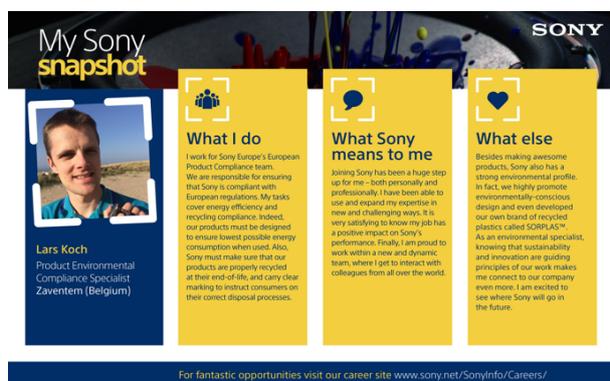
The Jobs Taken by ES Graduates are Very Diverse. Here are a few examples of specific positions graduates have taken:

- Corporate Fundraiser for UNICEF
- Communication Advisor for the City of Delft
- Compliance Officer at Sony
- Marketing Manager for P&O Ferries
- Head of Office at the Association of Defence Counsel Practicing Before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
- Manager of International Sales for ABN AMRO
- Online Travel Consultant for Serco
- Project Leader at the National Youth Council (NJD)
- Junior Field Marketer at Talentsoft
- Business Development at Arlon Graphics
- Project Advisor at the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Netherlands
- Country Specialist at the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Netherlands
- PR and Promotion Manager for the Belgian Embassy in The Hague
- Social Media Worker for SHO Giro 555
- Policy Officer at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Junior Export Manager for Van Stijn Rijnwoud

And here are some of the most common general job titles that many of our recent graduates have:

- Account Manager
- Ambassador's Assistant
- Business Development Analyst
- Compliance Officer
- Consular Officer
- Corporate Communications Officer
- Corporate Social Responsibility Advisor
- Event Planner
- Export Manager
- Fundraiser
- Grant Officer
- Marketing Coordinator
- Online Marketer
- Operations Analyst
- Parliamentary Assistant
- Policy Officer
- Political Advisor
- Project Leader
- Protocol Officer
- Public Relations Officer
- Recruitment Officer
- Sales Manager
- Small Business Owner
- Social Media Analyst
- Social Media Coordinator
- Social Media Marketing Officer
- Sustainability Advisor

Whether they are working as a liaison between Rotterdam harbour and foreign markets, or lobbying in Brussels on behalf of business or political interests, our students are almost always engaged in cross-border careers. Sometimes they take the time to send us a picture or a note. We're always proud of them.



Masters/Graduate Studies

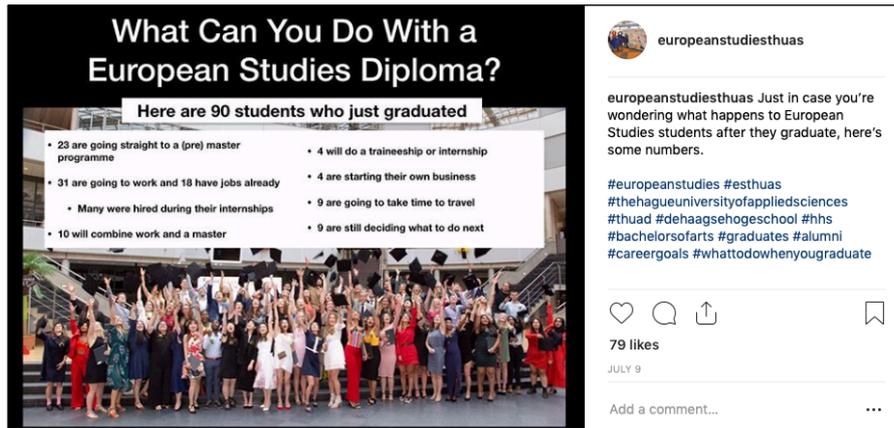
An increasing number of European Studies graduates – especially those in the 3-year programme – are also choosing to continue their education after receiving their BA, in order to dive deeper into specific subjects of interest. The interdisciplinary nature of the European Studies programme makes it possible to choose from a wide range of options.

Some academic universities in the Netherlands require a pre-master year if you want to enrol after completing a Bachelor of Arts at a University of Applied Sciences, so be sure to check the exact requirements of any programme you're interested in. Students who pursue a master's abroad, which many ES graduates do, are rarely subject to such a requirement.

Most of the master's programmes chosen by ES graduates are international in nature. Here are a few examples:

- Crisis and Security Management
- European (Union) Studies
- Intercultural Communication
- International Business
- International Development Studies
- International Humanitarian Action
- International Journalism
- International Marketing
- International Public Management
- International Relations Marketing Management
- Master's in Business Administration (MBA)
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Russian and Eurasian Studies

For more examples and updates on alumni, check out [@europeanstudiesthuas](https://www.instagram.com/europeanstudiesthuas) on Instagram.



Opportunities for World Citizens in the International City of Peace & Justice

Preparing students for an international career requires more than knowledge, skills and language courses. It's about helping them to become World Citizens – members of the global community who are dedicated to engaging with the world around them. ES graduates do not just travel the world. They try to make it a better place, either by developing innovative approaches to business, contributing to constructive government policy or working at non-governmental organisations. What better place to prepare for that than The Hague, the international city of peace and justice? The Hague is home to over 160 international organisations and companies, including:

- Royal Dutch Shell
- The International Criminal Court
- The Peace Palace & International Court of Justice
- Europol & Eurojust
- Global Human Rights Defence
- The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- KPN Telecom
- Aegon
- The European Patent Office

For more information on The Hague's international organisations, visit the [city's website](#), where you can download a complete Guide to International Organisations in The Hague.



4. Programme Overview

European Studies is interdisciplinary and customisable. Students study public and private management, professional skills and languages and they develop as world citizens who are comfortable and capable adapting to different environments and new challenges. They are also committed to using their knowledge and skills to proactively pursue change. Beyond the interdisciplinary core curriculum, ES students carve out their own career path by customising their studies to achieve their own goals.

The Core Curriculum

There is a core curriculum followed by all students that develops their knowledge of management and marketing for both the public and private sectors and develops essential skills. The core curriculum includes the following components

- **Knowledge courses about Europe and the professional context of the programme**
 - Business
 - Politics
 - Culture
- **Professional Communications skills**
 - Presenting
 - Academic and professional writing skills
- **Research Skills and Critical Thinking**
 - Research methods & projects
- **Intercultural Skills**
 - Intercultural communication
 - World citizenship
 - Personal & career development
- **Foreign Languages**
 - All students study French, German or Spanish
 - International students may choose Dutch instead

Knowledge courses are usually taught in a lecture-seminar format, in which theory is explained in large groups and discussed in small groups. Skills and languages are covered in intensive workshops with small groups. Each course is tied to one of the programme's core competencies and provides an international, career-oriented context wherever possible, with a hands-on, practical focus.

The Foundation Year

The first year of European Studies provides the foundation of knowledge and skills needed to become a European professional. You are introduced European business, politics and culture as well as the European Union and its member states. Along the way, you study the businesses, government agencies and non-profit organisations operating within that landscape – the types of organisations in which ES graduates typically start their careers. You'll learn about how these organisations apply the principles of management and marketing and how they collaborate with one another. You'll also work on your professional skills, including research, communication, intercultural awareness and your foreign language. Along the way, you work on your own personal development and career goals.

The Bachelor Phase

After completing the first year of European Studies, you dive deeper into Europe and its organisation, tackling big challenges related to sustainability, peace & security and other themes, while continuing to work on research skills, communication skills and your foreign language. Your intercultural development continues with your exchange and your career development continues with your internship and final project (see below) which are partly customisable.

Customising the Course Load to Carve Out Your Own Career Path

ES offers a standard, core curriculum (though the curriculum is different for the 4-year programme and the 3-year fast-track) but allows for some customisation. At different moments in the programme, students are free to make their own choices in order to pursue their own interests and to personalise their CVS.

Students in the 4-year programme will customise their entire 4th year based on their own career goals, focusing on either business or on politics/public policy with minor courses, as well as an internship and a graduation project in their chosen field. They also have the freedom to select their own courses, within some limits, while on exchange.

Students in the 3-year programme will decide, during their first year, to specialise in either the public or private sector and will take a few specialised courses in years 2 and 3. They will also have the option to choose an internship and graduation project in their preferred field and also have some freedom in selecting exchange courses.

All of this gives students a lot of freedom, but also a lot of responsibility. We offer our students guidance, but expect them to take that responsibility and take charge of their careers.

International Experience

In every phase of the programme, all students will get an international experience in multi-cultural classrooms that include exchange students from all over the world. They will also have the opportunity to go abroad for a five-month exchange, during which they will pursue courses of their own choosing, related to their specialisation. Exchange is required for all Dutch students and optional for international students. After returning to The Hague University of Applied Sciences, students will use the insights gained on exchange for personal development while consolidating their knowledge and skills in a final round of courses and projects.

All students will acquire real experience in the international workplace by completing a 5-month internship at an international or internationally oriented organisation, government agency or company – in the Netherlands or abroad.

Foreign Languages

As part of its commitment to producing international professionals, the European Studies programme prioritises language learning. All students follow at least one modern foreign language throughout the programme – French, German, Spanish or Dutch (for international students only). There are advanced courses (French, German and Spanish Plus) and intensive beginner's courses (Basic French, German, Spanish and Dutch).

Students are strongly advised to follow a Plus course if possible. If you had French, German or Spanish at secondary school, you should stick with it, because there are several advantages, including:

- The possibility of participating in special projects that sometimes include field trips.
- More options for going on exchange – in order to go to most of our French, German or Spanish speaking partner universities, you need a high level of the target language.
- The chance to graduate with a professional level – if you continue your language from secondary school in a Plus programme, you should be strong enough in your skills to work in that language when you graduate.

Basic French, German, Spanish, and Dutch can take you from beginner level to an intermediate level, but you'll want to continue learning on your own if you want to achieve a professional level of fluency. These courses are a good option for students with no previous foreign language experience.

Space in our foreign language classes is subject to some limitations due to fluctuations in student numbers and in the popularity of specific languages. As such, we cannot guarantee placement in specific languages. All students specify a first choice and a second choice when applying for European Studies. We strive to get everyone into their first choice but this cannot be guaranteed.

Study Success

In keeping with standard practice at Dutch universities and universities of Applied Sciences, European Studies students can earn a First-Year Diploma or Propedeuse by completing all of their courses and projects in the first year and earning all 60 credits. Students can enter the second year without a First-Year Diploma, but only if they have earned at least 50 credits in the first year. Students with less than 50 credits receive a Negative Binding Study Advice (NBSA) and have to leave the programme. It is important to get the First-Year Diploma on time, as it can have an effect on the exchange procedures.

ES is a challenging and demanding programme that requires multi-tasking, organisation and self-discipline, as well as full commitment to show up and do the work. Many of our courses – especially foreign languages – require intense practice and that makes full participation essential. It's not easy, and it's not for everyone, but for students who are up to this challenge, it's incredibly rewarding.

Graduation

In order to complete the programme, students will have to tie together everything they have learned in a final research assignment that demonstrates that they are competent in conducting research, dealing with international issues and communicating. Depending on the student and their future plans, this final assignment may involve applied research for a professional assignment provider (an export plan, marketing plan or piece of policy advice) or a more traditional theoretical research dissertation. Either way, it allows students to graduate with additional proof of their capabilities.

5. Going Abroad on Exchange

All European Studies students have the opportunity to go on exchange for 5 months in the third year (for ES4) or the second year (ES3). This is mandatory for all Dutch students and optional for internationals.



After receiving instruction on the application process, students submit an exchange application, specifying 5 countries of preference. Students who meet the criteria for going on exchange on time will be offered a place at a university focused on their specialisation (public or private) in one of those countries. The placement process is complex and, to some extent, competitive. Placement can be competitive, because some destinations are more popular than others and academic results can be used to determine priority. It is very important to attend all of the announced information sessions about this process and to respect application deadlines announced.

All students are assigned to a Country Tutor who helps them prepare and stays in touch with them while they're away.

Exchange Destinations include the following countries. See our exchange site for full details: www.globaloffice.nu

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- USA

Chanda de Korte spent the first half of her third year in Russia, where she had a great time seeing the sights, getting to know the country and spending time with family members who live nearby.

"Studying in Russia is interesting and different," she says, noting that she has encountered some cultural differences. "The strong bureaucracy is very notable here, but my Country Tutor Prepared me for that."



Michelle Looije went to Portsmouth, and describe it as "actually quite amazing. I have already made some amazing new friends from different parts of Europe and the courses I take are interesting. In my free time I'm travelling around, hence my next trip is to a national park in Wales. For me studying abroad is a unique opportunity to get to know other cultures and to see a country from a different side. If you ever get the chance to study abroad, you should definitely do it!"

Minors for International students who do not go on exchange

International students who choose not to go on exchange can follow minors at The Hague University instead. Minors are comprehensive packages of elective courses focused on a more detailed exploration of themes relevant to a student’s specialisation, as well as their personal goals and interests.

6. Work Placement & Final Projects: Professionalisation and Graduation

Whether you’re graduating in three years or four, the last year of the European Studies is about getting ready to graduate and start a career. After a minor that deepens students’ knowledge on a subject of their own choosing, students face their final challenges: a 5-month internship at an approved international workplace and a final research project.

Work Placement

Each student will seek employment at an international organisation, company or government institution, where they will put all of their skills to the test while evaluating their own competences and progress. European Studies maintains a database of placement providers in the public and private sectors, but students can also find a placement on their own, provided that it meets our criteria and has a strong political, economic or cultural connection to Europe. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the programme, there are many possibilities. Here is an overview of just a few of them.

Example Placements

Public Sector Placements	Private Sector Placements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coastal & Marine Union • Curacao Cares • D66 • EP Nuffic • Eurojust • Europe Direct • The EU Delegation to the USA • MasterPeace – European Office • The Ministries of Foreign Affairs & Economic Affairs • The Municipality of Amsterdam • The Municipality of The Hague • The Netherlands Consulate in Dusseldorf • The Partij van de Arbeid (Dutch Labour Party) • The Portuguese Navy • ProDemos • The Province of Antwerpen • The Province of Zuid-Holland • Reliance • SOMO • Stichting Vluchtelingwerk (Foundation for Refugee work) • The Hague Security Delta • World Animal Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABN Amro • Akzo Nobel • Bali Go Live • Be Madrid • Den Haag Marketing • Donkeytrip • Ernst & Young • Holland at Home • Hunkemoller • JD Sports Fashion PLC • Koninklijke Ahold • Koninklijke Verkade • Madurodam • MetricLab • NBTC Holland • Nestle • Park Plaza Hotels Europe • Santa Fe Relocation Services • Topic Travel • Verdel • Vice • Yogyousef

Many students complete their work placement abroad. This map shows all of the countries where students have done placements in recent years, indicated in Yellow.



Students also take an orientation course to help them evaluate options and prepare for the application process. As many as **one in three ES students are offered jobs** after completing their placements.

Final Projects

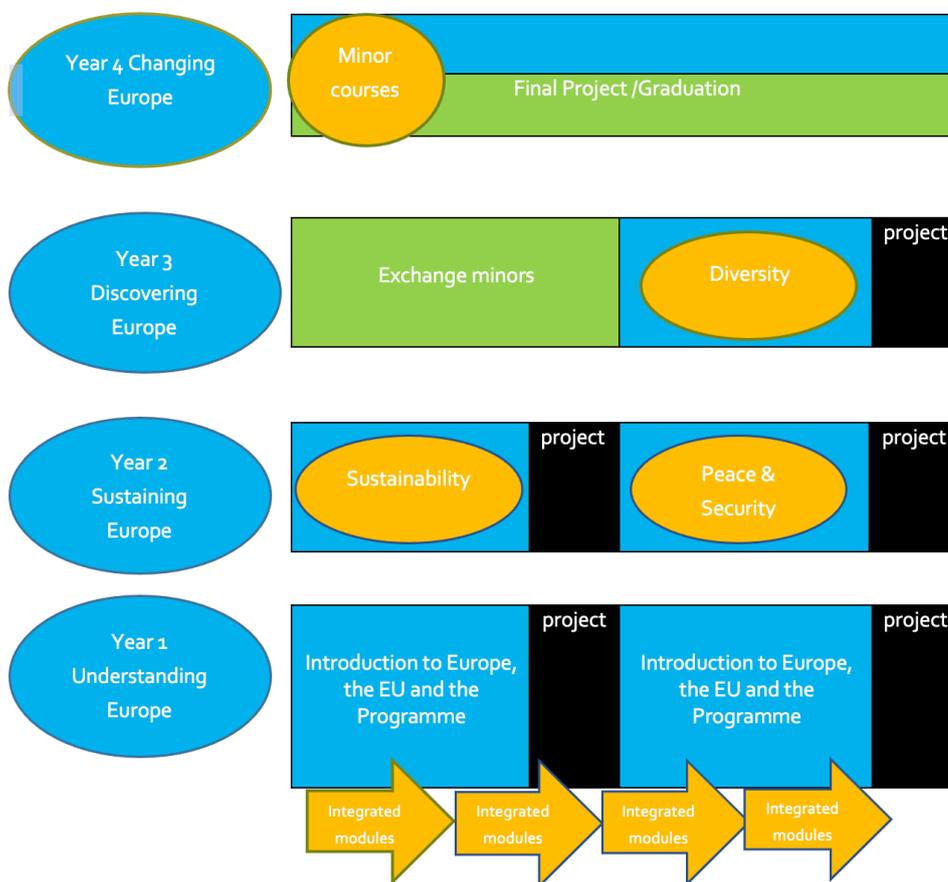
To graduate, students must also demonstrate their knowledge and skills with a final project, resulting in a professional or academic research paper. In selecting a final project, students have the option to choose between conducting applied research for an assignment provider or producing a more theoretical dissertation on a topic relevant to Europe’s public or private sector. Like most choices offered in European Studies, this allows students to customise their studies around their own career aspirations. Applied research projects often involve writing marketing or export plans or providing an organisation with policy advice. Theoretical dissertations more often focus on the analysis of social, political or economic issues.

Students are supervised throughout their research by a member of staff with expertise in their field of research and evaluated by their supervisor and an impartial second reader, as well as an English teacher who evaluates the quality of the writing.

7. Detailed Overview of European Studies 4

Here is a short overview of the entire ES4 programme, followed by a close-up on Year 1. Detailed overviews of years 3-4 are still under construction as ES4 completes a curriculum renewal project, but the Bachelor phase will include more complex courses on European themes that are relevant to your career development. The third year will start with your study abroad experience before taking your knowledge of Europe’s public and private sector organisations to the next level and then customising your studies around a chosen specialisation in your fourth and final year.

European Studies 4 Overview



Year 1: Introducing the Dimensions of Europe

Year 1 introduces Europe, as well as its public and private sector, while encouraging students to develop their professional skills. Students learn management and marketing for both sectors and develop their intercultural and language skills. From left to right you can see the Semester (Sem), the course title, a description, a breakdown of the type of knowledge and skills covered, the teaching and assessment methods used and the relevance towards your career development – most courses offer opportunities to get to know a sector (orientation) and case studies and/or professional skills.

Sem	Course	Description	Knowledge	Skills	Teaching	Assessment	Career Development
1	Introduction to European Politics	Understanding European political processes with integrated English skills	Public Sector	Public Speaking	Lecture-Seminar	Multiple Choice Exam Presentation	Orientation & Case Studies Professional Skills
1	Introduction to European Business	Learning the basics of sustainable business management with integrated IT skills (including Excel)	Private Sector	MS Office Software	Lecture-Seminar	Assignments	Orientation & Case Studies Professional Skills
1	European Culture, Parts 1 & 2	Exploring European cultural history & identity and applying it to European Affairs today with integrated English skills & career orientation	Culture	English Writing Skills	Lecture-Seminar	Written Exam & Portfolio	Orientation & Case Studies Professional Skills
1	Focus on Europe Today	Interactive & multi-lingual class project about the politics, business and culture of European Cities	Interdisciplinary	Project Management Event planning Content Creation Public Speaking Foreign Languages	Group Project	Project & associated assignments	Professional Skills
2	International Cooperation in Europe & Beyond	Studying international organisations and multi-stakeholder collaboration with integrated research & writing skills	Public Sector	Research English Writing Skills	Lecture-Seminar	Written/Multiple-choice exam Paper	Orientation & Case Studies Professional Skills
2	Management and Marketing	Learning how organisations interact with other stakeholders and build relationships through marketing and communication, including digital writing.	Private Sector	English Writing Skills	Lecture-Seminar	Multiple Choice Exam Assignment	Orientation & Case Studies
2	Operating Glocally & Intercultural Communication	Two related courses on the impact of globalisation and the need for intercultural communication skills	Culture	Intercultural Skills	Lecture-Seminar	Multimedia Assignment (Operating Glocally) & Portfolio (ICC)	Case Studies Professional Skills
2	Project Climate Conference	Multi-stakeholder collaboration to tackle global problems	Interdisciplinary	Research, writing, public speaking & foreign languages	Simulation	Project & associated assignments	Case Studies Professional Skills
1&2	Modern Foreign Languages	Development of language skills with a focus on practice & thematic integration with other courses where possible	Languages	Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening	Workshops	Oral, Open Question, Multiple Choice Exams & Portfolios	Professional Skills



My name is Femke. I grew up in Paris and after attending an international high school, I knew I wanted to continue studying in an interdisciplinary area which also largely focussed on languages. I am now in my 4th year and on work placement at an NGO in central Vietnam. At this moment, I am still trying to figure out what my career aspirations exactly are. One thing I know for sure is that I would like to continue my Masters in International Relations or International Development Studies. In the future, I hope to contribute to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

8. Detailed Overview of European Studies 3

The three-year version of European Studies covers the same content and competencies, but in a more compact and challenging package, delivered to a smaller group of students. Some courses given in the four-year programme have been omitted, because ES3 students should have covered them in secondary school, while other subjects are modified and/or different from the four-year programme.

Here is a full overview of the entire ES3 programme.



My name is Taylor and I was an ES3 student. Having experienced both WO and HBO I can definitely say HBO suits me better and prepares me to fully stand on my own feet in today's dynamic labour market. In comparison to a research university, the way of educating focuses more on your skills. When you are required to do a presentation, you are taught first how to present yourself. How do you make sure people listen to you? Another difference is the level of personal attention. My tutor was sincerely concerned in my well-being. Lecturers will greet you in the hallway and know who you are.

Year 1: Introducing the Dimensions of Europe

Year 1 introduces Europe, as well as its public and private sector, while encouraging students to develop their professional skills. Students learn management and marketing for both sectors and develop their intercultural and language skills. From left to right you can see the Semester (Sem), the course title, a description, a breakdown of the type of knowledge and skills covered, the teaching and assessment methods used and the relevance towards your career development.

Sem.	Course	Description	Knowledge	Skills	Assessment	Career Development
1	The Political Dimension	Basic political theory & European political processes	Public Sector		Open Question Exam & Writing Assignment	Orientation & Case Studies
2	Institutions of the EU	An introduction to the European Union and how it works	Public Sector		Multiple Choice Exam	Orientation & Case Studies
2	IGOS and INGOs - World Citizenry at Work	Exploring international government & non-governmental organisations	Public Sector		Open Question Exam	Orientation & Case Studies
1	The Business Dimension	An overview of Europe's economic & business environment	Private Sector	Research	Research Assignment, Simulation Project & Multiple Choice Exam	Orientation & Case Studies

2	Management of Organisations in Europe	Management theory & public/private sector orientation	Interdisciplinary		Multiple Choice Exam	Orientation & Case Studies
2	Foundations of Marketing	Principles of marketing for businesses or other sectors	Private Sector		Assignment & Multiple Choice Exam	Orientation & Case Studies
1	The Cultural Dimension	History, philosophy & European identity	Interdisciplinary		Presentation, Writing Assignment & Multiple Choice Exam	Orientation & Case Studies
1&2	Modern Foreign Languages	Development of language skills with a focus on practice	Languages	Communication	Oral, Open Question, Multiple Choice Exams & Portfolios	Professional Skills
1	Focus on Europe Today & Project Management	Group project involving event planning/content creation that trains students in project management	Interdisciplinary	Project Management, Communication & Intercultural	Project & Portfolio	Professional Skills & Cases
1	English Practicals	Vocabulary building & discussion practice in support of knowledge courses	Interdisciplinary	Communication	Oral Exam	Professional Skills & Cases
1	Introduction to Research Skills	Conducting research and writing APA Style research reports	Interdisciplinary	Research, Communication & Intercultural	Research Assignment	Professional Skills & Orientation
2	Advanced Research Skills	Using advanced research methodology including surveys & interviews	Interdisciplinary	Research, Communication & Intercultural	Research Portfolio with report	Professional Skills & Cases
1	Oral Presentations	Practical Workshops for Public Speaking Skills	Interdisciplinary	Communication & Intercultural	Oral Exam	Professional Skills & Cases
2	Intercultural Communication	Discussing essential aspects of intercultural interaction	Interdisciplinary	Intercultural	Portfolio & Multiple Choice Exam	Professional Skills & Cases
NA	English Writing	Instead of writing courses, ES3 students are offered coaching on their writing, integrated with other courses	Interdisciplinary	Communication, Research & Intercultural	Writing Assignments	Professional Skills & Courses
1&2	Career Development	Supervision & coaching combined with professional orientation activities	Interdisciplinary	Interdisciplinary	Portfolio of assignments & activities	Orientation & Case Studies

Hi, I'm Lara. The 3-year version of ES is like expected and quite interesting but also challenging. Choosing the fast-track version, I knew I was going to have a lot of homework and a packed schedule. However, all tasks have been manageable so far. My first term focuses mainly on cultural aspects of Europe and on writing and communication skills. Especially preparing and giving presentations is very difficult for me because I am not used to it from high school. Nevertheless, all classes suit my interests. Moreover, I am glad that the European Studies programme gives me the possibility to study two new foreign languages. Another aspect I really like about this study is that my classmates are from all over the world and I get to know a lot of different cultures. All in all, I would say that my first weeks here in Den Haag have been quite fun but also much work; meeting friends becomes mostly studying together. I would definitely decide to study ES again and I am excited for the upcoming exam week and term 2.



Year 2: Decision-Making in a European Framework

Year 2 dives into the work that goes on in the organisations and companies introduced in Year 1, looking at how they make decisions, a theme that is present in content and skills courses, where students learn how to influence that process. The core curriculum

continues, but students also study their chosen specialisation in detail and get ready to go on exchange in the second semester. While on exchange, students are free to choose their own courses to further customise their degree.

Sem.	Course	Description	Knowledge	Skills	Career Development	Assessment
1	European Public Policy	Studying the policy process that affects all sectors in Europe	Interdisciplinary		Orientation & Case Studies	Research Assignment & Open Question Exam
	Politics in Practical Application	Public specialisation unit				
1	Decision-Making in the EU	Hands-on experience with European decision-making processes	Public Sector		Professional Skills, Orientation & Case Studies	Essay Assignment & Simulation Project
1	International Relations	Exploring international politics & diplomacy	Public Sector		Orientation & Case Studies	Essay Assignments
1	Strategic Export Management	Private Specialisation Unit				
1	Introduction to Export Management	Key concepts for international business	Private Sector		Orientation & Case Studies	Open Question Exam
1	Strategic Export Marketing Plan	A practical approach to export planning	Private Sector		Professional Skills, Orientation & Case Studies	Marketing Plan Assignment
1	Strategic Planning in the Public & Private Sector	Theory & practice of strategic decision-making in professional organisations in all sectors	Interdisciplinary		Orientation & Case Studies	Research Assignment
1	Issues in 21st Century European Society	Analysis of complex issues approached through multi-media	Interdisciplinary	Research, Communication & Intercultural	Orientation & Case Studies	Video Assignment
1	The Hague Summit + 20	A hands-on simulation of global decision-making in which public & private stakeholders address policy problems	Interdisciplinary	Research, Communication & Intercultural	Professional Skills, Orientation & Case Studies	Open Question Exam, Assignment & Simulation Project
1	Modern Foreign Languages	Further development of language skills with a focus on practice	Languages	Communication & Intercultural	Professional Skills	Oral, Open Question, Multiple Choice Exams & Portfolios
2	(Exchange) Minors	Subjects vary but relate to core ES concepts	Interdisciplinary	Interdisciplinary	Orientation & Case Studies	Various

Year 3: Professionalisation & Graduation

The last year of ES3 is a professionalisation phase in which students prepare for a career or master's degree by completing an internship and a final research project. Along the way, they complete their final specialisation courses and work on foreign languages.

Sem.	Course	Description	Knowledge	Skills	Career Development	Assessment
1	Politics In Practical Application	Public specialisation unit continued				
1	Contemporary European Politics	A detailed examination of 21 st century politics in Europe	Public Sector		Professional Skills, Orientation & Case Studies	Essay Assignment

1	Strategic Export Management	Private specialisation unit continued				
1	Marketing Planning & Strategic Management	Advanced Marketing & business strategy	Private Sector		Professionals Skills, Orientation & Case Studies	Marketing Plan Assignment
1	The Legal Dimension of Europe	An introduction to the legal framework that ties the public and private sectors together	Interdisciplinary		Orientation & Case Studies	Open Question Exam
1	Modern Foreign Languages	Further development of second & third languages with a focus on practice	Languages	Communication & Intercultural	Professional Skills	Oral, Open Question, Multiple Choice Exams & Portfolios
1	Electives	A variety of content courses as substitute for missed exchange credits	Interdisciplinary	Interdisciplinary	Professional Skills, Orientation & Case Studies	Various
2	iReflect	Students reflect on and write about their intercultural development throughout the programme	Interdisciplinary	Intercultural & Communication	Professional Skills	Essay Assignment
2	Final Project or Dissertation	Extended research resulting in a final paper	Interdisciplinary	Research, Communication & intercultural	Professional Skills & Cases	Research Assignment
2	Work Placement	5 months of international professional experience	Interdisciplinary	Interdisciplinary	Professional Skills	Work & Portfolio

9. Minors & Electives

European Studies students follow the same core programme – often called a major – but are also free to customise that programme, to some extent, with their language choice and specialisation, as well as with minors and – in some cases - electives.

Minors

All students choose minors during their exchange period. Those who go abroad select minors at a partner institution while the international students who choose to remain in The Hague follow minors at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Students will also have the opportunity to choose one minor in their fourth and final year. Students can choose one of the minors offered by European Studies, but also have other options.

There are minors offered to all students at THUAS by a variety of programmes, and ES students have access to some specific minors offered by sister programmes like International Communication Management. Here is an overview of some of the European Studies minors. For a complete list of what is offered throughout THUAS, see the Student Portal. Availability is subject to change.

Overview of European Studies Minors

Sem.	Minor	Description	Knowledge/Skills	Assessment	Career Development
1	International Law	Immersion in international public & humanitarian law with a focus on human rights	Public Sector Intercultural	Exams, Essays & Moot Court Presentation	Orientation & Case Studies
1 or 2	Ideas, Ideology & Iconography in (European) Politics	An exploration of the philosophies behind global politics, including political, cultural and religious ideologies & philosophies	Interdisciplinary Intercultural	Essays & Literature analysis assignments	Orientation & Case Studies
1 or 2	Political Communication in the 21st Century	An investigation of politics and mass media in Europe and their impact on one another	Public Sector Communication Intercultural	Essays, Presentations and Exams	Orientation & Case Studies
1	Strategic Advocacy & Lobbying in the EU	Learning the ins & outs of advocacy & influence in the European Union	Public Sector	Presentations & Portfolios	Professional Skills, Orientation & Case Studies

1&2	Eastern European Politics	In-depth study of political & cultural developments in Eastern Europe	Public Sector	Oral Exam Portfolio	Orientation & Case Studies
1 or 2	Strategic Choices	Theory and practice with business strategy including accounting & management practices	Private Sector	Exams & Simulation Project	Professional Skills, Orientation & Case Studies
1	Export Management & European Marketing	Detailed theory & hands-on practice with export policy	Private Sector Intercultural	Open Question Exams	Professional Skills, Orientation & Case Studies
1	Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation in a Global Perspective	Hands-on entrepreneurial experience for students who create their own business or organisation	Private Sector	Written Assignments	Professional Skills, Orientation & Cases
1	Spanish Language & Culture	A chance to explore intensive development of Spanish language skills	Languages Communication Intercultural	Oral & Written Exams	Professional Skills
2	Society & Culture in the English-Speaking World	Studying and analysing the history, society and culture of the world's many English-speaking countries	Interdisciplinary Intercultural	Portfolio & Written Exams	Orientation
2	German Desk	Exploring the nation behind Europe's most powerful economy, past, present and future	Interdisciplinary	Multiple Choice Exam, Portfolio & Presentations	Orientation
1&2	Sex in 3D	Analysing the evolution of human sexuality in the 21 st century and its broader impact on society, business and culture.	Interdisciplinary	Portfolios	Orientation & Case Studies

Electives

Electives are not part of the core European Studies programme, but in some cases, studies who need to compensate for missing Exchange credits take elective courses for compensation. These courses are also offered to exchange students who are visiting European Studies. Here is an overview of the electives offered at European Studies. It is subject to change.

Sem.	Course	Description	Knowledge/Skills	Career Development	Assessment
1 or 2	American Studies	Understanding the politics, economics, culture & history of the EU's largest trade partner and exploring EU-US relations	Interdisciplinary Intercultural	Orientation & Cases	Open Question Exam
1 or 2	Multi-cultural Consumer Behaviour	Exploring complex aspects of consumer behaviour, including cultural factors, that influence marketing	Private Sector Communication Intercultural	Orientation & Cases	Open Question Exam & Exercises
con	Nation & Identity in Contemporary Europe	Examining the role of national identity in a united Europe & and a globalised world and its clashes with supranational ideas & institutions	Public Sector Intercultural	Orientation & Cases	Research & Writing Assignment
1 or 2	Consultancy Skills	Learning the theory of business consultancy and putting it into practice	Interdisciplinary Intercultural	Professional Skills, Orientation & Cases	Research & Writing Assignments
1 or 2	Women & Society	A thematic exploration of gender politics & issues affecting women's position in the world	Interdisciplinary Intercultural	Orientation & Cases	Research & Writing Assignments
1 or 2	Global Development Issues	Exploring the complex realities of the developing world and strategies for assisting in ongoing development	Public Sector Intercultural	Orientation & Cases	Open Question/Multiple Choice Exam
1 or 2	Art & Globalisation	Considering the nature of art & its meaning in the contemporary world	Culture	Orientation & Cases	Writing Assignment
1 or 2	The History of Europe through Music	Using art & music as a guide, students explore key moments in European history & cultural development	Interdisciplinary Intercultural	Orientation & Cases	Presentation, Assignment & Open Question/Multiple Choice Exam

1 or 2	Cultural Theory & Popular Culture	Studying cultural history and the theory needed for its interpretation, then applying it to today's culture	Interdisciplinary Intercultural	Orientation & Cases	Writing Assignment
1 or 2	Personal Leadership	Acquiring personal development skills & insights to stimulate ambition & approach career goals	Interdisciplinary	Professional Skills & Cases	Presentation & Assignment Portfolio
1 or 2	Sex & Media	Exploring the impact of modern technology & media consumption on sex and attitudes towards it	Interdisciplinary Intercultural	Professional Skills, Orientation & Cases	Writing Assignments
1 or 2	Organisational Behaviour	Analysing management challenges for contemporary organisations	Interdisciplinary	Orientation & Cases	Writing Assignments
1 or 2	Corporate Governance	Studying the best practices of organisational governance and applying them to case studies.	Interdisciplinary	Orientation & Cases	Writing Assignment

10. Exams and Assignments

Because of its interdisciplinary and intercultural nature, European Studies uses a wide variety of assessment strategies for courses and projects. Each course is assessed separately with (a mix of) exams, assignments or presentations. Some exams involve multiple choice questions, while others have open exam writing assignments, while others involve both. European Studies also makes extensive use of presentations, oral exams and projects, and generally aims for assessment strategies that challenge students to apply knowledge in a hands-on fashion, often by producing professional products like policy proposals and marketing plans.

Exams and Re-sits

By law, students are given two opportunities per assessment per year whenever possible. For every exam, assignment or presentation, there is a second chance, called a re-sit, for students who missed the first opportunity or would like to improve upon their results.

Exam Procedures

All exam procedures are made known to students in advance, including the timing of exams on the year calendar, registration procedures and grading procedures.

The school year is divided into two semesters and those semesters are divided into two terms. Some courses run for a single term while others last the full semester. As such, there is an exam period at the end of every term, but the number of exams can vary.

Deadlines for assessments that do not include a central exam (essays, reports) are usually scheduled during or after the term and not necessarily during the exam period.

Students register for exams and receive grades using Osiris, an online registration tool. Osiris and instructions for using it are accessible through the Student Portal. Results for all exams or other assessments must be published on Osiris within 15 business days of the exam or deadline. If it takes longer, students are entitled to file a complaint with the Exam Board.

The quality and fairness of exams is monitored by an Exam Board, which also investigates any complaints or problems that arise.

Feedback

Assessment is an important part of the learning process and to make the most of it, students need feedback on their performance. Quality feedback is a high priority at European Studies, which is why all exams are subject to inspection. Exam inspections are scheduled shortly after each exam period and announced for students, who have the option of viewing their exam and requesting feedback. Students are also entitled to view any and all assignments and associated grading checklists during inspection, or by appointment with their teacher.

11. Support and Supervision

European Studies is a challenging programme that demands hard work and personal responsibility. For some students, it can be a big adjustment, but the good news is that they do not have to make that adjustment alone because the programme offers a lot of support.

Supervisors

All first-year students are assigned an Educational Career Supervisor (ECS), a staff member who helps them adjust and coaches them, in addition to helping them keep track of their study progress and guiding career development throughout the programme. They can also offer help in the event of personal problems that can adversely affect schoolwork. In the first year, a student mentor also guides each class.

Supervision is fairly close in the first two years. As students progress through the programme, they are given more autonomy, but they will have mentoring during the most important activities – including the final project and work placement.

The Student Counsellor, Confidential Advisor & School Psychologist

If students encounter personal, medical or other types of problems that affect their ability to study or their results, they can turn to the student counsellor (Decaan), who can offer advice about school regulations and legal matters, financial matters and special support arrangements for students with a disability (including illness, physical disabilities or learning disabilities such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorder). For personal matters, there is a Confidential Advisor who is ready to listen and The Hague University of Applied Sciences has a team of School Psychologists who provide counselling services and a wide range of trainings on dealing with learning disabilities, fear of failure and other issues.



My name is Brendan Verschut, I am a Dutch student at European Studies. I found out about this study by looking at details on the study's website, as well as going to both the trial and open days. Though there are multiple institutes that provides these studies, I heard (through connections) that THUAS was by far the best option, since 'a partner in crime' went to this university as well. As of yet I have had a very positive experience at this study program. Some things may not be so easy for me compared to a non-visually impaired, but both the lecturers and myself always try to look for alternatives should the regular approach hinder me. My motivation and the study's co-operation has allowed me to get this far. I have been complemented for both this motivation and my independence as well as my willingness to co-operate and attempt to solve problems. Finally, I want to add that both the Dean (Decaan) and the Exam Board have been very co-operative in helping and providing the right facilities to make my study and exams possible.

Social Media Support

There is a **Support Network for European Studies Students at HHS** on Facebook for current students. Students go there to ask and answer questions for each other, to share information and study materials, to exchange books and to talk about their studies. Participation is completely voluntary, but very useful. Its address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/151048604907186/>

Further support is available through WhatsApp groups and other informal channels.

12. Our Commitment to Quality: The Code of Conduct

The European Studies is more than a study programme. It's a community of hard-working students, teachers and support staff who work together to build bridges to a successful future. To create the kind of culture that protects that community and provides quality, European Studies has a Code of Conduct: principles to govern the way that people work and interact.

It is not a detailed list of rules. Instead, it states the five basic principles that underlie how students and staff in the ES programme should interact and operate and clarifies five basic agreements about what staff and students at ES should expect from one another. These agreements illustrate the kind of culture that ES is committed to maintaining and serve as a reference point.

The European Studies Code of Conduct

1. We are proud to be here, and committed to participating in the community.

This means that all staff and students have chosen to be a part of the community and are committed to being where they are supposed to be, when they are supposed to be there. It also means everyone commits to being prepared and ready to get to work, and to making the most of every opportunity. The greater the effort, the greater the likelihood of success.

2. We can count on each other to do what is expected of us and to do it in a timely fashion.

Studying and teaching are hard work and require a great deal of multi-tasking and careful time management. Being part of ES means committing to use both in order to guarantee that our work is done (and done well) on time. Students and staff alike are expected to know what is expected of them at all times, by following directions and holding to agreements, and everyone is expected to respect their deadlines.

3. We respect each other as well as each other's efforts and time.

Mutual respect is an essential ingredient in any professional environment. Everyone has a right to feel safe, welcome and valued at ES and all members of the community are committed to making sure that everyone does. This means showing

respect in our communication, our behaviour and the feedback we give on each other's work, and it also means showing respect for each other's limited time. Everyone at ES is committed to working and communicating with maximum efficiency.

4. We set high standards for ourselves and do what it takes to (help each other) meet them.

ES is dedicated to helping its students succeed, but success does not come easy. It takes commitment to maximise your potential to reach the highest possible standards in your work, to earn a diploma that everyone can be proud of. We are also committed to helping each other to reach those standards, bringing out the best in each other, by encouraging and supporting one another and providing constructive feedback to each other. No matter who you are, if you need help, all you have to do is ask for it and be willing to put the work in. When everyone chips in, and makes the most of every opportunity, we can all share in each other's successes.

5. We are honest with each other and honest with ourselves.

Trust and integrity is essential to any professional and a cornerstone of what staff and students at ES can expect from one another. Everyone at ES agrees to take responsibility for themselves and for their work and is expected to behave in an honest and transparent fashion. And, because this is an institution dedicated to learning, we recognize the importance of giving and receiving feedback and then reflecting upon it. When we give feedback, we commit to a constructive approach, and when we receive feedback, we take it seriously and, where applicable, we use it to better ourselves.

In short, all members of the ES community – teachers, support staff and students – have to be able to count on one another. If we want to make the most of our time together, we all have to commit to upholding this code together.

Hi, my name is Socrates and I am a first-year student at European Studies. I chose European Studies after talking with friends who actually did the study and after gathering information on the website of The Hague University of Applied Sciences. European studies is a perfect fit for me as it allows me to explore the cultural, political and economic dimensions of Europe and meet interesting people from all over the world. European Studies is multi-ethnic, multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural! The study is really enjoyable and my classmates are great. It is hard work but so rewarding. It is a perfect fit for me!



13. Optional & Extra-curricular Activities

European Studies offers an intense and complex programme of courses, projects and assignments, but the intercultural learning experience at ES goes beyond the classroom. Students are encouraged to pursue activities of their own choosing to help with their development. As part of their career development, students earn credits for a wide range of tasks relevant to the programme and to their own interests, from independent research to volunteering, study trips or career orientation.

There are also a number of extra-curricular activities and events available for students. In addition to a drama club and a political engagement society, ES has its own student association, HEBOS, which plans parties and field trips – including trips abroad. The Hague University is a community and that community is host to a number of student organisations, sports clubs and other activities, from debates and guest lectures to film screenings. Students are encouraged to take full advantage.

Important Committees

Students can also choose to serve the European Studies programme by joining important committees, including:

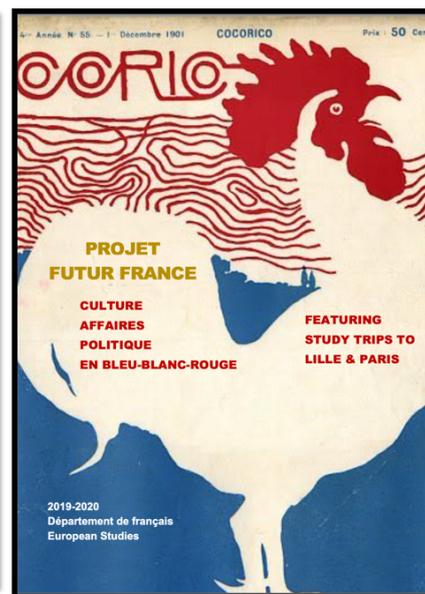
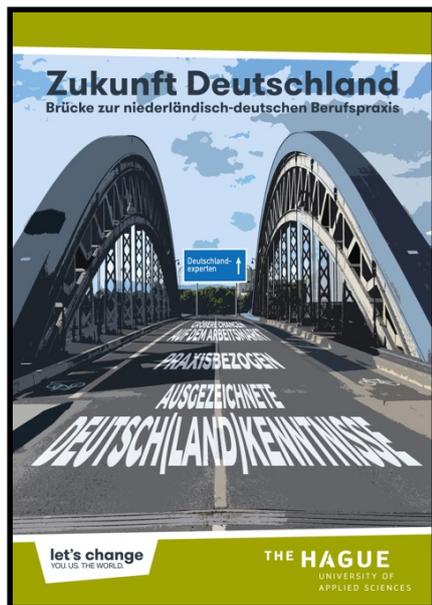
- The Programme or Faculty Committee, which meets with management to discuss the quality of the programme and to represent the interests and concerns of students.
- ESCAPE, our study association/PR Team, which plans parties, study trips and other activities in addition to getting real-life experience with marketing and public relations. See [@escapethuas](#) on Instagram



Pursuing a Future in France, Germany & Spain

European Studies also offers Extra-Curricular opportunities to explore career options in other European countries, with projects that connect to the three main languages studied in our programme. With Futur France, Zukunft Deutschland and Ñ de España, students

dive deep into studying the language, culture, and economics of France, Germany and Spain, complete with film screenings, field trips and – whenever possible, trips abroad.



14. Contact or Visit European Studies

Choosing a study programme is hard work, especially given all of the choices available. The best advice we can give to any student or parent is that it is essential to do your homework and research every study programme in detail to make sure that you find the one that's right for you. To help you in this process, European Studies hosts events, invites you to shadow a student and answers questions on social media.

Open Days

There are three Open Days every year in which you can attend presentations on the programme and meet with staff and students to ask questions. To find out about Open Days or to sign up, visit the office The Hague University of Applied Sciences website (www.hhs.nl).

Contact or Shadow a Student

On the official The Hague University of Applied Sciences website (www.hhs.nl) you can also sign up to be contacted by a current student who will answer your questions, and if you'd like to know more, you can sign up to Shadow a Student for a day. Once you sign up, one of our students will contact you and make an appointment to meet up with you and take you to class, so that you get a real and personal experience with our programme.

The Shadow a Student programme allows for a very personal experience, but if you'd rather visit with a group, we can try to arrange that as well. Depending on demand, European Studies occasionally organises Trial Days, in which a group of visitors is able to come for a full preview of our programme, complete with interactive assignments.

Contact European Studies Directly

European Studies is part of the Faculty of Management & Organisation and you can contact us through our Front Office on business days (Tel. +31 70 445 8600, E-mail: MO-FrontOffice@hhs.nl) but the fastest way to get an answer is to contact us at EuropeanStudies@hhs.nl, where you'll get an answer within one day, 365 days a year.

Find and Follow Us on Social Media

European Studies makes extensive use of social media, where you can get the latest updates about our programme, see what our students and staff are up to and ask questions and get an answer within 24 hours, 365 days a year. We're on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube and are working on launching our Snapchat in the near future.

In the meantime, you can find us on the following channels:

Facebook

European Studies has a [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/europeanstudiesthu/) with general information, news and updates that anyone can access. Here is the direct address: <https://www.facebook.com/europeanstudiesthu/>



Instagram

We also post updates and news about our programme, as well as profiles of students and graduates, on our Instagram page, [europeanstudieshuas](https://www.instagram.com/europeanstudieshuas/). Here is the address: <https://www.instagram.com/europeanstudieshuas/>



YouTube

If you really want to know what it's like at European Studies, but you aren't able to visit, check our [European Studies @ THUAS YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNIC5yxdY1nbg7SpfSvWgxA), where you can see a wide range of videos about our programme, as well as student-made vlogs showing you what student life is like in our programme, at our University, and in the city of The Hague. Here is the address: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNIC5yxdY1nbg7SpfSvWgxA>



15. The European Studies Academic Calendar

European Studies divides the academic year up into semesters. Some courses run for a full semester while others run for half a semester. To give you an idea of what that looks like, here is a draft of the academic calendar for 2021-2022. This calendar is subject to change but gives you a general idea of what to expect.

European Studies 2021-22 Academic Calendar			
Date	Week	Week of School Year	Type of week/Activities (subject to change)
23/08/2021	34	0	Intro Week
30/08/2021	35	1	Classes
06/09/2021	36	2	Classes
13/09/2021	37	3	Classes
20/09/2021	38	4	Classes
27/09/2021	39	5	Classes
04/10/2021	40	6	Classes
11/10/2021	41	7	Classes
18/10/2021	42		Autumn Break
25/10/2021	43	8	Exams
01/11/2021	44	9	Classes
08/11/2021	45	10	Classes
15/11/2021	46	11	Classes
22/11/2021	47	12	Classes
29/11/2021	48	13	Classes
06/12/2021	49	14	Classes
13/12/2021	50	15	Classes
20/12/2021	51	16	Exams
27/12/2021	52		Christmas Break
03/01/2022	1		Christmas Break
10/01/2022	2	17	Project
17/01/2022	3	18	Project
24/01/2022	4	19	Project
31/01/2022	5	20	Project
07/02/2022	6	1	Classes
14/02/2022	7	2	Classes
21/02/2022	8	3	Classes
28/02/2022	9		Spring Break & Re-Sit Exams
07/03/2022	10	4	Classes
14/03/2022	11	5	Classes
21/03/2022	12	6	Classes
28/03/2022	13	7	Classes
04/04/2022	14	8	Classes
11/04/2022	15	9	Classes (1 day off for Good Friday)
18/04/2022	16	10	Classes (1 day off for Easter)
25/04/2022	17	11	Classes (1 day off for King's Day)
02/05/2022	18	12	May Break
09/05/2022	19	13	Classes
16/05/2022	20	14	Classes
23/05/2022	21	15	Classes
30/05/2022	22	16	Classes (2 days off for Ascension Day)

06/06/2022	23	17	Classes (1 day off for Whit Monday)
13/06/2022	24	18	Exams
20/06/2022	25	19	Project
27/06/2022	26	20	Re-sit Exams
04/07/2022	27		Buffer Week for Administration
11/07/2022	28		Buffer Week for Administration
18/07/2022	29		Summer Vacation
25/07/2022	30		Summer Vacation
01/08/2022	31		Summer Vacation
08/08/2022	32		Summer Vacation
15/08/2022	33		Summer Vacation
22/08/2022	34		Summer Vacation

