

Master of Arts in Social Sciences

European Union – Russian Studies

A two year inter-disciplinary MA-Programme combining political science, economics, law, history, linguistics and cultural studies. The integrated programme binds together the study of two main regions – Europe and Russia – in one coherent curriculum, providing a comprehensive understanding of political, social, and economic developments in the EU and its member states as well as in Russia and its neighbouring transition countries.

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.
- Academic qualification for successfully taking up challenging tasks in dealing with the EU, Russia and their mutual relations.
- Professional competence for advancing 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 the West. Due to its favourable location on the shore 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, it combines strong academic traditions with innovative thinking.
- **Internationally very well connected.** Member of the Coimbra Group, Utrecht Network and other international cooperation networks.
- **Student-oriented, safe and friendly atmosphere.** The University of Tartu offers excellent support systems for international students, personal counseling service, comfortable student residence, modern library, electronic study information database, IT facilities etc.



Professor Gert Rüdiger Wegmarshaus, PhD

**Director of the EuroCollege
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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 World Politics and Economics. Given the great potential for development and mutual cooperation of the EU and Russia there is an increasing necessity to educate specialists having an excellent knowledge and great competence in the EU and/or Russia.

General admission requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent (at least 3 years of studies at a higher educational institution).
- English language requirement: International applicants for whom English is not a native language need to provide proof of English language proficiency. One of the following is accepted: TOEFL – 550 or higher, computer based 213, internet based 79/80; IELTS – 6,5; Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English – C; Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English – B.

Before applying please check for current information at www.ut.ee/studentoffice/studies/ma/english

Application process:

- Submit the online application from <http://ec.ut.ee/studies>.
- Mail the application form with all the necessary documents by indicated deadline to: **International Students Service, University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18, Tartu 50090, Estonia.**
- All applicants will receive confirmation upon receipt of their application and its status. Complete applications will be considered by the Admission Commission and students accepted to the programme will be notified immediately.

Documents to be submitted:

- Application form for Master's studies (included letter of motivation);
- Copy of the Bachelor diploma (or highest preceding study level) and diploma supplement (transcript/grade list) in the original language certified by the educational institution issuing the document or a notarized copy;
- Official translation of the diploma and diploma supplement into English, translation certified;
- **Non EU applicants:** copy of the upper secondary school certificate with a transcript/grade list and official translation of upper secondary school certificate (with a transcript/grade list) into English (both documents certified);
- Official test results of English language proficiency;
- Copy of the valid identification document.

Application deadline:

Complete application package:
May 1 – Non EU applicants
June 1 – EU applicants

Curriculum structure:

- **Introductory module (24 ECTS)** builds a strong theoretical basis for understanding different disciplines combined in the programme and also trains the student's academic writing skills and introduces research methods.
- **General module (24 ECTS)** provides comprehensive approaches on the general developments in the regions: European Union, Eastern Europe, Russia.
- **Specialization module (24 ECTS)** analyses thoroughly developments in one of the regions:
 1. **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. **Russian studies module (24 ECTS)** is designed for those students who decide to concentrate in their studies and research on Russia related topics. It aims at analysing the realities and policies of the Russian Federation.
- **Language module (12 ECTS)** provides the knowledge of 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: three semesters of study, one semester of Master's thesis writing.

Tuition fees:

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

Useful information:

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