EUROPEAN PUBLIC POLICY, MASTER OF ARTS

The Master of Arts in European Public Policy (MEPP) is a one-year, cohort-based degree program that will prepare students to work with, or for, the institutions of the European Union. This degree program combines rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic and policy-relevant instruction on issues related to EU policies and activities, with hands-on practical training in the skills and techniques required to succeed in the broad EU policy community.

The MEPP builds on the school’s strengths in multi-disciplinary analysis by introducing students to a broad array of concepts and tools from history, economics, international relations, law, and political science.

Degree Requirements

Campus: Bologna, Italy
Credits: 42
Duration: One year, Full-time
Course delivery: In-person

In order to graduate, students must fulfill all degree requirements and earn a cumulative GPA of 2.67 or above.

Curriculum

During the fall term, students complete 16 credits combining specialized EU studies courses with electives chosen from an array of courses offered at SAIS Europe. Upon completion of exams and other requirements for the fall semester courses in January, MEPP students participate (with other SAIS Europe students) in the SAIS Europe career trek to Brussels which focuses on EU institutions, think tanks and consulting companies specialized in advocacy and public policy (non-credit).

In the spring semester, students take relevant EU courses, including a course on ‘Scenarios for the future of Europe’ which culminates in a simulation exercise. In addition, students choose one or more courses related to EU affairs, and additional courses from the broad array of courses offered at SAIS Europe in the spring.

Term | Courses | Duration
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Summer | (4 credits) |  
Microeconomics Risk and International Trade 4 weeks  
Professional Writing Skills 2 weeks  
Fall | (16 credits) | 13 weeks  
History of European Integration  
European Economic Integration  
Law and Institutions of the European Union  
Elective

Spring | (16 credits) | 13 weeks  
Scenarios for the Future of Europe, with Simulated Negotiations  
At least one of: European Foreign Policy, European Financial Markets, or Europe and the Mediterranean Middle East  
Elective(s), if applicable

Summer | (6 credits) | 8 weeks  
EU Simulation Exercise  
Internship/Capstone Report or Original Research Project consisting of approximately 8,000 words

Capstone

Students have the option to choose between an eight-week, focused summer internship or an original 8,000-word research paper under the supervision of a Johns Hopkins SAIS faculty member. The capstone must be completed during the second summer term.

Sample Electives

Students can select any elective offered at the SAIS Europe campus including the following courses:

- Basic Issues of Sub-Saharan Africa’s Political Development
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Policies and Politics of the American Emergency State
- Econometrics
- Economic Survey of Latin America: Global Players or Market Strayers
- Financial Derivatives and Risk Management
- Renewable Energy: Markets, Technologies & Projects
- The Twin Pillars of the Gulf: Iran, Saudi Arabia & Their Gulf Neighbors

1 Courses may vary each academic year.