

EPICUR Triple Master's Programme in European Geopolitics, International Security and Law (EGISL)

Programme Overview

The EPICUR Master's programme in European Geopolitics, International Security and Law (EGISL) is a programme of excellence jointly offered by three partner universities: Sciences Po Strasbourg (University of Strasbourg), Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (Poland), and the University of Southern Denmark (Denmark), all members of the EPICUR Alliance.

This programme is intended for candidates with a strong academic background in political science, international relations, law, European studies, contemporary history, or social sciences, who aspire to pursue careers in an international environment. Highly selective, it admits a cohort of 15 students each year (5 per partner university) and provides an immersive experience in a multicultural learning environment. It aims to train experts capable of analysing contemporary global dynamics and playing an active role at the international level.

Taught in English over two years (120 ECTS), the programme is based on mandatory mobility across three countries – Poland, Denmark, and France – offering a unique academic experience in Europe. Students develop strong adaptability skills as well as an international outlook that is highly valued in today's interconnected world. At the crossroads of law, security, geopolitics, and international relations, the programme combines academic excellence with a practical approach through workshops, simulations, and contributions from professionals, enabling students to better understand the realities of the professional world.

Among its key strengths is the choice of elective courses, including EPICUR modules, taken alongside students from other partner universities of the Alliance in flexible formats (on-site, online, hybrid), providing a truly international campus experience.

Career Opportunities

Training experts to address tomorrow's international challenges

This study programme prepares students for careers with an international, European and territorial dimension, at the intersection of law, security and international relations. Graduates work in both the public and private sectors, performing analytical, advisory and strategic roles within European and international institutions, ministries and public administrations, local and regional authorities, NGOs, think tanks and companies, or pursue further studies at the doctoral level.

Study Structure

Year 1 – M1

Semester 1 – Poznań (Adam Mickiewicz University), Poland

Foundations in public international law, international organizations, and human rights protection. Analysis of key actors and interactions between legal systems (international, national, EU), as well as the role of international and European courts and institutions.

Semester 2 – Odense (University of Southern Denmark), Denmark

Advanced study of legal and institutional frameworks applied to international conflicts. Critical analysis of modern warfare, its evolution, and the links between conflict, politics, and society. Study of the legal frameworks governing contemporary conflicts (jus ad bellum, jus in bello) and their practical application, including participation in the MOISL crisis simulation.

Year 2 – M2

Semester 3 – Strasbourg (Sciences Po Strasbourg), France

The third semester builds on the legal and security foundations acquired during the first year to explore geopolitics, borders, and multi-level diplomacy within the EU. Multidisciplinary approach **to international crises, territorial conflicts, and cross-border cooperation, complemented by practical training in conflict mediation, negotiation, interest representation, and project management.** Students follow courses from the GEODIP Master's programme (Geopolitics, Borders and Territorial Diplomacy).

Semester 4 – Master’s Thesis (mandatory)

Completion of a Master’s thesis supervised by the home university, with the possibility of co-supervision by a faculty member from a partner university, depending on the chosen topic. An internship may also be undertaken alongside the research work, subject to approval by the programme coordinator.

Key skills: Advanced legal reasoning; critical and strategic thinking; research and analytical skills; negotiation and diplomacy; crisis and conflict management; decision-making; intercultural competence; teamwork; and project management.

Degrees Awarded

At the end of the program, students receive a master’s degree from each of the three partner universities:

- Master’s in Geopolitics, Borders and Territorial Diplomacy, from Université de Strasbourg
- Master of Science in International Security and Law, from University of Southern Denmark
- Master of Science in European and International Law*, from Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań
**(subject to holding a bachelor’s degree, students who do not meet this requirement but have completed 180 ECTS may submit an individual application to Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań).*

Admission (Application-Based)

Requirements

- Hold a bachelor’s degree or equivalent (180 ECTS) at the time of enrollment
- Demonstrate research methodology skills in the social sciences, acquired either through previous studies or a bachelor’s thesis.

Application File

- Detailed CV + Motivation letter in English highlighting the multidisciplinary nature of your background, professional or extracurricular experiences, and career goals.
- Official transcripts.
- Proof of English proficiency (official certification, language test, or signed and stamped certificate less than 2 years old) – minimum level C1.

Selection Process

5 candidates selected each year by Sciences Po Strasbourg

1. Application submitted via the E-candidat platform ([calendrier des candidatures](#))
2. If shortlisted, candidates are invited to an admission interview (online possible) conducted in English before a jury in June.

Contacts

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Further information

- **Download the programme brochure** Excellence Without Borders: Three Universities, Three Degrees, a Unique Three-Country Journey (PDF).
- **Visit the dedicated Master’s page** on the EPICUR Alliance website: [Triple Master: European geopolitics, international security and law – EPICUR Alliance](#)