

## Summary

The Network of Universities and other Academic Institutes proposes the Master en Affaires Euro-Méditerranéennes (MAEM) / Master in Euro-Mediterranean Affairs (MEMA).

This **unique, high quality, innovative Euro-Mediterranean Master Programme** seeks to contribute to foster the integration between Europe and the Southern & Eastern Mediterranean.

The MAEM/MEMA Master Programme prepares participants to become highly-qualified **professionals** and **new leaders** with a genuine **Euro-Mediterranean outlook**, who will be highly suitable for immediate employment in local, national and international public and private organisations.

The **one-year Programme** is designed for young graduates (bachelor degree) as well as for those who are already employed and wish to continue their education and training. All citizens from Europe, the Southern & Eastern Mediterranean and elsewhere can apply for the Master and be admitted.

The Programme is **attractive for public and private sector organisations** that operate in the Euro-Mediterranean domain and are willing to offer their personnel an additional opportunity for advanced training, as well as for young graduates who have the chance to get in contact with those organisations that work "in the field" thus creating the conditions for their future career.

The **Second Session of the MAEM/MEMA Master Programme will start on 11 August 2008 and end on 16 October 2009**. Enrolment has started on 30 November 2007 and ends on 18 April 2008. Late applications may be accepted.

## The MAEM/MEMA Network

The MAEM/MEMA Network is made up of a large number of **Universities** and **other Academic Institutes** from the **entire Mediterranean Area** which have been working together since 2001.

The Network intends to contribute to an enhanced Euro-Mediterranean integration by offering a **unique educational programme**:

- The **Master MAEM/MEMA** for full-time students.

In addition, the Network:

- Provides the possibility for individuals to attend **one or more single courses** of the MAEM/MEMA Programme;
- Develops **training courses** on the key issues of Euro-Mediterranean affairs, for the public administration, the private sector and the third sector.

In addition to its educational activities, the Network intends to:

- Develop joint **research projects**;
- Organise **conferences**;
- Engage in **other forms of cooperation** to further Euro-Mediterranean integration.

## Context & Objectives

The members of the MAEM/MEMA Network are convinced that while much has been done in order to **further integration** between Europe and the Southern & Eastern Mediterranean, much more remains to be done.

In addition, they observe that a **concrete, specific, direct working knowledge of the "other side" of the Mediterranean** is rather limited.

They also underline that any contribution to an increased Euro-Mediterranean integration should be based on the principles of **democracy** and **sustainable development**.

The MAEM/MEMA Network contributes to the Euro-Mediterranean integration process by means of its **unique and advanced education and training programme**, whereby the **Master en Affaires Euro-Méditerranéennes (MAEM) / The Master in Euro-Mediterranean Affairs (MEMA)** represents the key building block. This enhances the creation of a **genuine Euro-Mediterranean vision** – as opposed to regional or national perspectives.

*MAEM/MEMA graduates will:*

- Be highly **employable** in a wide variety of institutions and organisations that deal with political, social, economic, and cultural relations in the Euro-Mediterranean Area;
- Have an **enhanced understanding** of the differences and the similarities of the political, social, economic, cultural, security and legal contexts in the Euro-Mediterranean Area;
- Possess the **skills and competences to work in a multi-cultural environment** and be capable of negotiating solutions suitable to all parties involved;
- Have **specific knowledge** and **know-how** in order to intervene concretely on relevant political, social, economic, cultural, security and legal issues that concern the Euro-Mediterranean Area;
- Have the capacity to actively contribute to the advancement of **sustainable development, integration** among all parties, increased observance of **human rights**, furthering of **political reform** and democratisation in the Euro-Mediterranean Area.



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## Uniqueness

MAEM/MEMA is a unique programme from several points of view:

- **Contents**

The MAEM/MEMA Programme deals with the key aspects of the relations between Europe and the Southern & Eastern Mediterranean Countries, as well as the major domestic developments which have an impact on the advancement of **sustainable development**, increased observance of **human rights** and furthering of **political reform** and **democratisation** in the Euro-Mediterranean Area. It analyses these aspects with a number of **tools of multiple disciplines**, ranging from Economics to Sociology, from Demography to Political Science and from International Relations to Law;

- **Courses**

Courses have been designed with the aim of combining theory and practice. In this respect, theoretical introductory lessons are complemented with the analysis of practical and **“real world situations”** (e.g. case studies);

- **Approach**

The Programme adopts a thematic approach, instead of a more traditional geographic one. Thanks to the thematic approach, the addressed subjects are tackled and analysed through the lens of a Euro-Mediterranean perspective. In other words, the Programme has a **strong comparative approach**;

- **Teaching personnel and support staff**

The lecturers are experienced and often renowned academics working for the Universities which are members of the Network, as well as external professionals.

**Each course is taught by two lecturers**, one expert of Europe and one expert of the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean. This approach allows to combine different perspectives and to emphasise different points of view.

Furthermore, two **qualified tutors** assist both students and lecturers throughout the entire Master Programme;

- **Students**

The Programme accepts students from all countries. Efforts are made to achieve a **balanced national as well as gender participation**;

- **Teaching sites & living experience**

Thanks to the Master's structure and organisation, during the academic year participants study and live in **different places of the Mediterranean region**. This allows students to directly and intensely experience different realities of the Mediterranean.

## Students

The MAEM/MEMA Master Programme aims to enrol students who are:

- **Not yet employed** and wish to continue their education in order to prepare themselves for the labour market;
- **Already employed** (e.g. public servants and/or private sector practitioners) and willing to take up a further education programme in order to improve their career perspectives.

The basic entry requirements are the following:

- **A Bachelor-level degree (minimum 3 years)**, in social sciences and related disciplines, recognised by all MAEM/MEMA member universities;
- Good working knowledge of **English** and **French** (candidates must be able to understand, speak and write one of the two languages and at least understand the other one), being **English and French the official teaching languages of the Master**.

## Grants

The Network makes major efforts to obtain **grants** from public and private sector institutions **for prospective MAEM/MEMA students** for their tuition fee and offers a limited number of partial tuition waivers.

## Sponsorship

The Network seeks **organisations** and **individuals** who are willing to:

- **Provide one or more grants** for students to enrol in the MAEM/MEMA Master Programme;
- **Support the MAEM/MEMA Network** or one of its member institutions (with funds or with services), in order to cover part of the Programme's costs and therefore allow tuition waivers to be given to students.

Public and private organisations can become partners of MAEM/MEMA which allows to:

- **Improve their image**;  
Increase their **visibility** in the Euro-Mediterranean Area;
- Facilitate the access for their **employees** to the education and training programmes offered by the MAEM/MEMA Network;
- Establish direct contacts with MAEM/MEMA **graduates**, being highly qualified candidates for possible vacancies;
- Take advantage of the education and training resources that the MAEM/MEMA Network makes available to its members, also in the form of **tailor-made courses**.

For more information for prospective students and for potential institutional partners, please contact the MAEM/MEMA Secretariat

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