

Press Release

“European Master in Migration Studies”: A New Programme and Network of the University of Neuchâtel

Neuchâtel, November 15, 2017. The University of Neuchâtel is promoting a new mobility and learning programme with European partners in migration studies. The *European Master in Migration Studies (EuMIGS)* aims to promote the mobility and cross-country learning of students and the exchange of teaching staff between eight high-level institutes of migration research and their respective master programmes. The new exchange programme coordinated by the Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS) at the University of Osnabrück has been officially launched with the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding. Students of this master programme will receive a double degree from both, their home and host university.

The University of Neuchâtel takes actively part at this EuMIGS-Network with its Master in social Science and its specialization in migration and citizenship studies. Other master programmes are currently located in Linköping and Malmö (Sweden), Copenhagen (Denmark), Rotterdam (The Netherlands), Liège (Belgium), La Coruña (Spain) und Osnabrück (Germany). Additional partners from Barcelona (Spain), Lyon (France) und Groningen (The Netherlands) are waiting to join at the next possible moment.

Double Degree mutually recognized

Centrepiece of the network is a Double Degree Programme between, at the beginning, five participating universities (<https://eumigs.eu/double-degree>). In this programme, the master students spend the respective second year of their studies at one of the partner master programmes in another country. Upon successfully finishing their studies, they will receive an attractive double degree from both, their home and host university. Students will have the chance to specialise according to the specific focal points of their home and host institutions, to get to know other academic and disciplinary perspectives on migration and related topics, and to discover the migration realities of another country and another city.

The first exchange students of the *European Master in Migration Studies* are expected for Fall 2018. Application deadline for participating in the double degree programme in the academic year 2018/19 is 31 December 2017.

Teaching Staff part of the exchange

Teaching staff in the participating master programmes will also enter into a regular exchange and give seminars and lectures at the partner programmes. Foreseen are also joint training activities for all EuMIGS-double degree students of the same cohort.

Besides the Double Degree Programme, EuMIGS offers as a second mode of mobility in terms of individual exchange for a certain number of months on the basis of ERASMUS+ grants (see <https://eumigs.eu/about-eumigs>).

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