

# Frequently asked questions & answers

*about the EUS Double Degree programmes with Olomouc and Rome*

## **Who is eligible to apply for a Double Degree?**

You need to be a student of the Master programme European Union studies and must have passed the mandatory classes according to the Curriculum – i.e. at the beginning of your (first) semester abroad all the courses including the third semester. Exception: students participating in the Double Degree with LUISS may skip the course Transformation to Central and Eastern Europe (including the excursion to Olomouc).

## **When can I apply for the Double Degree programme?**

SCEUS will open applications around the middle of March. Keep an eye on our social media channels for an announcement. The deadline for LUISS is 30 June and Palacký mid-October (after the excursion in the third semester) of the respective year.

## **Can I apply to both Double Degree programmes?**

Yes. Since the deadlines for going to Rome and Olomouc differ—the end of June or mid-October, respectively—it is allowed to apply for Olomouc when you do not get the chance to go to Rome. The other way around is unfortunately not possible.

## **When will I hear whether I was accepted or not?**

We will process the applications after the deadlines. You will hear back within a month at last after this.

## **How do I increase the chance of being selected?**

We will base our judgment on grades obtained during the EUS master's programme and motivation (half a page suffices). We advise to let us know why you are the person to obtain a spot.

## **How many people can go to Olomouc and Rome?**

A maximum of eight students per university.

## **How long does the programme run in Olomouc and Rome?**

Olomouc: students will spend one semester in the city, starting mid-February until mid-May. Your exams start directly after that until the end of June. For precise dates, please visit the university's web page for an academic calendar.



Rome: students will spend two semesters in the city, starting from the beginning of February (directly after the end of the exam period in Salzburg) until the end of April. Students are to choose whether to have their exams in May or June, or spread courses among those two months. The winter semester starts in the second week of September until November's end. Exams are again in December, January, or both. For precise dates, please visit the university's web page for an academic calendar.

### **How does the thesis work?**

Students will write one combined thesis for SCEUS and the other university. They will have to find supervisors at both universities. To this end, we advise students to start searching for a topic and supervisor while still in Salzburg. A common ground with the Salzburg-based supervisor will make it easier to look for another in Olomouc or Rome. Touch base with your coordinator there to see what is possible based on your topic.

### **When will I graduate from the programmes?**

From the start of your time abroad you have a little more than a year to graduate. The exact process and timeline you will receive at the start of the programmes. Participants of the DD LUISS will graduate in Rome first and in Salzburg afterwards, participants of the DD Olomouc do it the other way round because of the different administrative procedures of the respective universities.

### **Which degrees do I receive in Olomouc/Rome?**

In Olomouc you will earn a *Magister* in European Law and EU Policies, and at LUISS a *Laurea Magistrale* in International Relations with a specialisation in either Diplomacy or Mediterranean Governance.

### **How do I get Erasmus+ funding?**

Selected students may apply for Erasmus+ funding via PLUS' International Office before their November deadline. For more information, visit their [website](#). Here you will find the required documents and contact details for when you run into questions. Note: you won't receive funding if the double degree university lies in your home country (i.e., Italians and Czechs won't receive funding if they go to Italy and the Czech Republic, respectively), except if you have a confirmed residence in Austria for your time abroad. This is mainly relevant for the second semester abroad, if you cancel your residence in Salzburg in the meantime.

### **Can I do a regular Erasmus as part of the regular EUS programme?**

Yes, it's possible to undertake a standard Erasmus semester abroad. However, please note that the EUS curriculum does not include a minor, which would typically be the most suitable



option for such an exchange. As a result, you'll need to manage the process independently and may face some impacts, such as a study delay. If you're committed to studying abroad, we recommend planning it for either the second or fourth semester. For available options, please consult the International Office at the University of Salzburg. Be aware that while you won't be able to enrol in European Union Studies (or an exact equivalent) at a partner institution, you may find other interdisciplinary programs that align with your interests.

