



Program of the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights at the Free University Berlin



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Where and how can I apply for the MA?

You apply directly to the university where you wish to commence your studies. In order to study at the Free University Berlin, please send your application to:

**European Masters in Children's Rights,
Habelschwerdter Allee 45
Postfach Ewi 7
D-14195 Berlin**

Application forms can be requested from the above address or are available on our website: www.fu-berlin.de/emcr

The number of students is restricted to a max. of 25.

The application deadline is **31 May** for international students and **30 June** for German and EU students.

What are possible fields of work and options of action for the graduates?

- human rights, children's rights and child-aid organisations
- national and international NGOs
- international organisations (e.g. EU, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNHCR)
- research and training related to childhood and children's rights
- international development cooperation
- internationally and intercultural oriented learning
- migration and refugee work
- social affairs ministries, communal administrations
- children's ombudsmen
- journalism

Who can I contact for further information?

For further information please contact Rebecca Budde at: rbudde@ina-fu.org or tel: +49-(0)30-838-53968

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Why European Master in Children's Rights?

Children are the future but also the present, they must be respected as social subjects with own views, ideas and feelings. Children should have the possibility to play an active and responsible role in the design of their living space. Therefore it is necessary to protect their rights and to ensure their full implementation. If children's rights are to be implemented, this world will be a different one. Studying the European MA in Children's Rights will enable you to contribute to making this a reality.

When will the Master start and how long does it last?

The European Master in Children's Rights will be launched for the first time in October 2007 and will last 1 year.

Where can I study the European Master in Children's Rights?

The European Master is a joint interdisciplinary study program of East and West European universities. There are two alternatives on how to study the 1 year program:

1. You begin your studies at one university (e.g. FU Berlin) and conclude the program at another partner university in the second semester. Successful graduation leads to the award of a "dual degree" of the two universities where you studied. In the first cycle of the program (2007/08) this alternative is available at the partner universities: Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, and both universities in Romania

2. Students enrol at a "host university" (e.g. FU Berlin) and have the possibility to take a module at a partner university in the second semester. The credits earned are recognized as part of the curriculum at the host university and forms part of the degree.

Partner universities are:

- Freie Universität Berlin (FU), Germany
- Institute of Education, University of London (IoE), UK
- Universidad Complutense Madrid (UCM), Spain
- Stockholms Universitet, Sweden
- Universiteit van Amsterdam (UvA), Netherlands
- Universitatea Babes-Bolyai in Cluj- Napoca (UBB), Romania
- Universitatea A. I. Cuza in Iasi, Romania

In order to ensure the exchange between the universities, agreements have been signed between the partner universities.

What are the admission criteria/ entrance requirements?

The entry requirements vary at the partner universities. Admission criteria to commence your studies at the Free University Berlin are:

- Interest to work in the area of children and youth (be it on a political, juridical, educational, health level)
- Applicants should have at least 1 year of work experience in the area of child and youth work or similar areas, as well as a first academic degree (BA).

What are the language requirements?

Depending at which partner university you wish to study, different language requirements apply. Joint courses (Modules 1 and 2) are held in English, therefore good knowledge of the English language is needed. At the Free University Berlin it is also important that you have good German skills, as some courses will be held in German. Spanish knowledge is an asset, as some literature and sources are available only in Spanish (this is not a formal requirement)

How much will it cost?

The tuition fee for the European Master is 2800€ for the whole year. Depending on the number of students, the fees may be reduced. In addition, enrolment fees apply for each semester. These vary at the partner universities. At the FUB the fees are about 240€ per semester, including a semester ticket for public transportation in Berlin. Please plan on costs for living in addition to these costs (apartment/room, food, clothing, books etc).

Are there any possibilities of funding/scholarships?

The Department of Intercultural Education at the Free University Berlin unfortunately does not have a scholarship program. Nonetheless there are possibilities to acquire funding/a scholarship for studying the European Master, information can be found on the websites of the German Academic Exchange Service (www.daad.de). The Student Union Berlin also has a collection of funding possibilities on its website: (<http://www.studentenwerk-berlin.de/berlin/03/01/>). We are more than happy to assist you wherever we can in finding funding.

Is it possible to do a PhD after graduation from the European MA in Children's Rights?

After successful graduation, yes.

How are modules taught?

The individual modules consist of at least two complimentary study and learning forms (seminars, lectures, tutorials) and are mainly offered in blocks. The exact plan for each year can be found on our website. The two introductory modules are offered equivalent in content at all partner universities and are accompanied by a tutorial, which is lead through the central **e-learning platform** of the joint MA at the Free University Berlin. In the elective modules, e-learning components are also included.

How are modules assessed?

Each module is concluded with an examination. For each successfully finished module, students receive 10 ECTS (European Credit Points). The final module (internship/research and master thesis) is assessed with 20 ECTS. After successfully concluding all modules, students receive a total of 60 ECTS.