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Joint International Degree

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Arts in European Studies

UCM - KUL - UNIBO - UJ

Syllabus

TYPE OF SUBJECT	ECTS
Truncus Communis	96
Major and Minor Specialization	78
Bachelor Thesis	6
Total	180

YEAR ONE	ECTS
European Cultures and Societies	8
Introduction to Economics of the EU / Introduction to EU Law & International Law (students choose one)	6
Introduction to History and Philosophy	12
Introduction to Law and Economics	12
Introduction to Politics and International Relations	12
Language Part I (French, German, Italian or Spanish)	4
Methodology and Research Design (incl. Quantitative & Qualitative Methods)	12

YEAR TWO	ECTS
Elective Course 1 (Major specialization)	6
Elective Course 2 (Major specialization)	6
Elective Course 3 (Major specialization)	6
Elective Course 4 (Major specialization)	6
Elective Course 5 (Major specialization)	6
Elective Course 6 (Major specialization)	6
Elective Course 7 (Major specialization)	12
Elective Course 8 (Major specialization)	12

YEAR THREE	ECTS
European Integration	12
Introduction to Economics of the EU / Introduction to EU Law & International Law (students take the one not chosen in year 1)	6
Language Part II (French, German, Italian or Spanish) & Academic English	6
Research Design II and Thesis Lab	6
Elective Course 9 (Minor specialization)	6
Elective Course 10 (Minor specialization)	6
Elective Course 11 (Minor specialization)	6
Bachelor Thesis	6

Knowledge acquired

The Bachelor of Arts in European Studies (BAES) is an innovative and unique joint degree, created in collaboration by ten universities, all members of the Una Europa Alliance.

Universidad Complutense de Madrid is one of the four institutions awarding this degree, alongside KU Leuven (Belgium), Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna (Italy) and Uniwersytet Jagiellonski w Krakowie (Poland).

This programme delves into the core principles and values of the European Union as well as the diverse States and societies within Europe. Employing a multidisciplinary approach, it explores Europe's role on the global stage and provides students with research skills to analyse critical European issues. Through an extensive mobility programme, students not only acquire knowledge about Europe but also immerse themselves in an international environment, fostering personal growth.

The BAES programme has a duration of three years (180 ECTS) spread over six semesters:

- In semesters 1 and 2, students cover a foundational course on European Cultures and Societies, one language course, an introductory course on essential methodology, and introductory courses to various disciplines (Politics, International relations, Law, Economics, History and Philosophy), always from a European perspective.
- In semesters 3 and 4, students will study a major specialization comprising 60 ECTS in one of fields indicated below.
- In semesters 5 and 6, students will complete their education with two seminal courses on core European matters, one additional language course and one additional course on methodology; they will also follow a minor specialization of 18 ECTS in a different field from that of the major specialization; and, ultimately, they will prepare and defend their Bachelor Thesis.

Major and minor specializations may deal with the following fields of study:

- Law and Criminology.
- Politics and International Relations.
- Sociology, Communication and Education.
- Business and Economics.
- Philosophy.
- History.
- Languages and Culture.

Mobility

Each student will be linked to a "start university" where semesters 1 and 2 will be taken. The start university is always one of the four Degree Awarding Universities, namely KU Leuven, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie or Universidad Complutense Madrid.

The major specialization (semesters 3 and 4) will take place at a second university. In addition to the four universities jointly awarding this degree, some major specializations can be taken at six other universities within the Una Europa alliance, which operate as mobility partners in the BAES programme.

- Helsingin Yliopisto / Helsingfors Universitet.
- Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- The University of Edinburgh.
- Universität Zürich.
- University College Dublin.
- Leiden University.

Finally, for the completion of the programme in semesters 5 and 6, students should be in one of the four Degree Awarding Universities. Thus, they may return to their start university; or, alternatively, they may stay in their second university or go to a third university, provided that this second or third university is KU Leuven, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie or Universidad Complutense Madrid.

Professional opportunities

If you envision a career in international organizations, the European Union, national public services, diplomacy, the private sector, think tanks, interest groups, or non-governmental organizations, this degree is designed for you. BAES students are prepared for positions in leading international companies and organisations, and will also be attractive candidates for national public services, transnational consultancies and lobbying, journalistic organisations, and economic and cultural sectors. The Bachelor of Arts in European Studies gives access to a wide range of Master's Degree Programmes in Social Sciences, Cultural Studies, Arts, Economics, Law and Philosophy.

About Una Europa: Eleven leading European research universities have come together to create this unique alliance. They have been educating Europe for over 1,000 years. Together, they teach over 500,000 students and count almost 100,000 university staff among their network, with digital learners numbering in the millions.

Una Europa aims to draw on their collective strengths to create a truly European interuniversity environments, a University of the Future.

Important Note: This international joint degree requires a specific admission process at the coordinating university, KU Leuven. Deadline: 1 April 2026. Additionally, students choosing UCM as "start university" and holding a high-school degree issued in Spain must follow an extra pre-admission process, on top of the standard application via KU Leuven, to access the BAES programme. More detailed information at <https://ghum.kuleuven.be/EN/baes> and www.ucm.es/BAES



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Grados UCM



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Field of Study: Interdisciplinary

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Faculty of Law
Campus de Moncloa
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KU Leuven

<https://ghum.kuleuven.be/EN/baes>

Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna

<https://corsi.unibo.it/1cycle/EuropeanStudies>

Jagiellonian University in Kraków

<https://baes.uj.edu.pl/>

For further information: <https://ucm.es/BAES>

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