

MITRA brochure

Presentation du Master

The Erasmus Mundus Master's degree MITRA - Transnational Migration is a bilingual (English and French) Master's degree in humanities and social sciences. It is one of the only Masters in France specialising in the study of migratory phenomena and aims, through interdisciplinary training, to study these phenomena at different scales (local, national, international) and their impacts on contemporary societies.

The Master's programme is organised by a consortium of 10 universities: University of Lille (France), Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), Babeş-Bolyai University (Romania), University of Wroclaw (Poland), University College Cork (Ireland), University of Szeged (Hungary), University of Granada (Spain), Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (Senegal), and University of Aegean (Greece).

These universities participate in the training of MITRA students by hosting them during the different proposed mobilities.

The first semester takes place at the University of Lille (French) or at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (English). In the second semester, students do a mobility at the Babeş-Bolyai University (French) or at the University of Wroclaw (English). For the third semester, students have the choice between University College Cork (English), University of Szeged (French/English), University of Granada (Spanish), Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Portuguese) or Cheikh Anta Diop University (French).

The University of the Aegean organises summer schools for MITRA students.

At the end of their course, students will have a double (or even triple) degree, depending on their choice of mobility.

Beyond the academic partners, the MITRA Master is also in relation with non-academic partners (MAWON, Rio de Janeiro; DIADEM, Dakar; APECSY, Dakar; NOMADA, Poland; DEEP France, Lille) and academic partners (CESPRI, Cluj-Napoca; IRD Dakar; CIRE, Brussels).

The MITRA Master gives students the possibility to adapt their mobility choices to their research project and scientific interests. MITRA is a master's programme with a dual aim: professionalization and research.

During the Master's programme, students must carry out a compulsory internship of at least 4 weeks full-time (35 hours/week or the equivalent over a longer period) in an organisation or association of their choice, subject to the agreement of the Master's department. The internship is carried out either between S2 and S3, or during S3, or between S3 and S4, depending on the mobility schedule and the location of the host organisation. It gives rise to an internship report and enables students to put theoretical teaching into practice.

The MITRA Master's degree also includes a research dissertation, supervised by at least one member of the teaching staff of a partner university. This work is the culmination of the theoretical, bibliographical and empirical research carried out by the student throughout the programme. During the preparation of the dissertation, students are required to construct and carry out a fieldwork or case study. The defence is carried out between the end of June and mid-July of the second year.

Objectives of the programme

- Knowledge of social science concepts and theories relevant to the study of migration phenomena
- Understanding of the cultural, economic and social contexts of international migration
- Analysis of the public policies of different countries in the field of asylum and refugee reception
- Practice of survey methods in social sciences
- Use of two languages at C1 level (French and English)
- Independent use of other languages
- Ability to position oneself in a multilingual social environment
- Awareness of cultural diversity among interlocutors
- Reflexive awareness of the normative data of one's own culture
- Familiarity with action research practices
- Understanding of the social context in project mode

- Ability to work in a team

Professional insertion and further studies

MITRA trains researchers specialised in the migration phenomena, analysts of public policies on migration and integration (experts in international or territorial organisations) and field workers in the associative sector.

As the Master's degree is dual-focused, MITRA students have the opportunity to enter the workforce after graduation, or to continue their research in a doctorate.

Targeted audience

This master is addressed to candidates with an interest in migration issues, and with an initial training in human and social sciences, law, languages and humanities.

Access details

In order to enter the Master's programme, candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS) in humanities, law, languages or humanities, and by derogation, hold other degrees with professional experience.

As the MITRA Master is bilingual, students must hold a certificate confirming their level (B2 to C2 level, according to the Common European Framework of Reference) in both English and French.

To apply for the Master's degree, an application file must be submitted on the dedicated platform (<https://application.master-mitra.eu/>) and is composed of a CV, transcripts and diplomas obtained, a letter of motivation, letters of recommendation (at least two letters of recommendation must be provided by university professors or professional supervisors), certificates of level in English and French, and a research project. This research project should be relevant to the MITRA themes, current events and include bibliographic references. It will show an argumentation, a use of concepts, a methodology of work and a scientific culture (5-10 pages)

The admission procedure is divided into several stages: Reception and pre-selection of applications, Oral interviews with pre-selected candidates, Dissemination of results.

When applying to the MITRA Master Course, candidates can also apply for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship from the European Commission. As the number of scholarships is limited, the awarding of the scholarship will depend on a precise study of the candidate's file (motivations, background, resources). The scholarship covers tuition fees, living expenses and transport costs for the two years.

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