

Master of Arts Inclusion Studies: Frequently Asked Questions

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1. General information on the program

Why should I study this program?

This unique program gives you the opportunity to study in English in 3 countries in an international cohort on the field of inclusion in an interdisciplinary way, receiving 3 diplomas at the end. Students from diverse disciplines and cultural backgrounds will be brought together to share their way of thinking and to dive into the field of inclusive education.

How does the program define inclusion?

We have a broad understanding of the research field of inclusion. Topics such as disability, race, gender, class, and culture in education will be looked at. Students are invited to bring their own views, definitions, and understandings on the field.

What kind of jobs could I apply for afterwards?

This multiple degree program prepares for working on a European level and gives the opportunity not only for an international career but also for professional roles in education, public administration, non-governmental organizations, and private companies. Typical employment positions include inclusion, diversity or equality officers, coordinators of inclusive education and learning support, social inclusion specialists, project and program coordinators, policy or research assistants, and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) specialists in public institutions and corporate environments. Graduates apply theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the design, implementation, and evaluation of inclusive policies, programs, and organizational practices, working with diverse populations and stakeholders at local, national, and international levels.

Potential Career Paths might be e.g.: Administrative officer, Researcher, Policy/legislation creator, Ethical lobbyist, Project manager, EU-level coordinator, Consultant, NGO worker, Educational Leader, Conceptual expert, Educational Trainer, Facilitator, Professional development trainer, Personal development counselor/ coach

What is the difference between a Multiple Degree and a standard Erasmus exchange?

A 'classical' Erasmus exchange is great! Still, with this multiple degree you get the opportunity to stay for at least 2 semesters abroad, the curriculum is already prepared for you and the recognition is assured. You will travel in a fixed group of students (cohort) and will change the location together. In contrast to Erasmus, here you will get 3 diplomas at the end. The program does not take longer than a classical Master's degree program. It takes 2 years. Still, you will get Erasmus funding for 2 semesters abroad in this multiple degree.

Why is it attractive to receive 3 diplomas of three universities in three countries?

Why not get 3 diplomas within the same time others get 1? Employers will be impressed and you will hold a door opener in your hands.

What is the workload for the program?

This is a full-time program. It is not possible to study part time. It might be the case that e.g. papers for one location still have to be written while students need to switch to the next location already. Students need to organize a few things before and during their stays next to their course work. This will be manageable.

The courses are structured differently at participating universities. E.g. in Ostrava, students will switch each month to the next faculty already having finished their courses from the former faculty. In Bielefeld, all courses will take place over the whole semester once a week.

In which language is the program taught?

The whole program will be in English. There are no German, Czech, or Romanian language skills required.

2. Mobility and social life

When will I be where?

The first semester starts in September in Ostrava with an international summer school. It is not possible to start this program in the summer term. The second semester will start in April in Bielefeld. The third semester will start in October in Suceava. The fourth semester – from February on – mainly includes an online colloquium and the writing of the master's thesis. Students may select the location for this semester.

How can I get to the other locations and how can I get around?

The three locations – Ostrava, Bielefeld, Suceava – are quite good connected by flight connections (e.g. WizzAir via Dortmund, Katowice). It is also possible to travel by train.

The responsibility of getting to the location is to the students. Still, as students will change location with the whole cohort, you will not be alone with that. The respective International Office will provide support.

How do I find a place to live?

You need to change your flat when changing the location and we know that this can be challenging. The respective university will support you in finding a place to stay. Still, students must look for options, and universities cannot guarantee housing. The university staff will advise you the best possible.

How can I connect with other students?

This is one of the smaller study degree programs with limited places what is great as students will be able not to lose sight of each other. A voluntary mentoring program will be offered for participants to be supported by each other and by local students from other degree programs. A regular voluntary come together of the whole cohort will help stay on track with everything.

What happens if I get ill and cannot go abroad?

Repetition of courses is generally possible under certain conditions and will be discussed if this case applies.

3. Costs

How much will the Erasmus grant be?

The grant may change every year.

Current travel rates between all partners: One-time 309€ or 417€ (green travel=without flying)

Monthly Erasmus grant depending on different factors: 540-674€

What do I have to do to obtain Erasmus funding?

Students need to hand in some documents within a deadline to obtain Erasmus funding. The program manager will support you with this. If you hand in everything correctly, Erasmus funding is guaranteed within this program.

What costs will I face?

Your expenses vary according to your personal lifestyle. The following numbers are estimated values given in Euro and may possibly change:

Ostrava:

- Approx. 600€/month for accommodation and living costs (150-280€/month for accommodation; 300€/month other living costs (food, clothes, transport, insurance))
- Approx. 80€/once university fees
- Travel expenses between the locations: approx. 50-500€ once for the flight between the locations strongly depending on flight options

Bielefeld:

- Approx. 900-1000€/month for accommodation and living costs (300-450€/month for accommodation; 500-600€/month other living costs (food, clothes, transport, insurance))
- Approx. 330€/once university fee including transport ticket for the region and reduced meals
- Travel expenses between the locations: approx. 50-500€ once for the flight between the locations strongly depending on flight options

Suceava:

- Approx. 500€/month for accommodation and living costs (150-250€/month for accommodation; 250-300€/month other living costs (food, clothes, transport, insurance))
- University fee
- Travel expenses between the locations: approx. 50-500€ once for the flight between the locations strongly depending on flight options

4th semester: Depending on the location you choose.

Are there tuition fees?

There are no additional tuition fees for the program. You need to pay the university specific tuition fees mentioned above.

Can I have a job next to my studies?

We would not advise you to do this, mainly because of the need to change the locations. Still, it completely depends on your job. If your job does not include too many hours per week and is possible to do it online, why not? Please look at the country's specific legal conditions concerning this. We cannot advise here.

4. Application

What are the admission requirements?

You will find the admission requirements at our program homepage.

How and when do I apply?

The application period is from **November 15th to March 15th**. The program will start in winter term. Starting the program in summer term is not possible.

The application is always to be made to Ostrava University (please look at our program homepage for the link), independent of your former university/ your university 'of origin' and independent of your nationality.

Until when do I have to hand in documents?

You must apply **until March 15th at the latest**. Still, you have time to hand in your bachelor's degree certificate and other certificates until July 15th if we have received your application in time.

When will I get feedback on my application?

We will look through the applications soon after the application deadline and will let you know as soon as possible (probably in April/May).