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What is the College of Europe?

- Founded in 1949, the College of Europe was the first and is one of the most reputed institutes of European postgraduate studies.
- More than sixty years of excellence in European studies: a unique institution.
- It relies on a large worldwide network.
- As the careers of many alumni illustrate, the College degree opens up rewarding professional prospects in Europe and at the international level.



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One College – Two campuses



Bruges campus



Natolin (Warsaw) campus



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College “Quick facts”

- Locations
One College – Two campuses: Bruges – Belgium & Natolin (Warsaw) - Poland
- Degree awarded
Master (accredited NVAO)
- Duration
10 months (September-June)
- Working languages
English and French
- Student body
+440 postgraduate students from over 55 nationalities/average age: 26
- Teaching staff
230 professors and practitioners from over 20 nationalities + 35 teaching assistants
- Funding
Whole or partial scholarships, student loans and self-financing
- Alumni
Professional network of more than 10.000 alumni



History and “raison d’être”

- College’s origins: 1948 Hague Congress
- Three founding fathers:
 - don Salvador de MADARIAGA, a Spanish statesman, thinker and writer in exile;
 - Reverend Father Karel VERLEYE;
 - Dr Hendrik BRUGMANS, intellectual leader of the European Movement at the time, who became the first Rector of the College of Europe (1950-1972).



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History and “raison d’être”

- 1949:

The establishment of a College where university graduates from many different countries could study and live together.

- 1993:

Second campus was opened in Natolin (Warsaw) - Poland in the wake of the changes in Central and Eastern Europe.



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History and “raison d’être”

- Guest speakers at the Opening Ceremonies:



1987-1988:

Mr François MITTERRAND,
President of France,
Bruges campus



1988-1989:

Mrs Margaret THATCHER,
Prime Minister of Great Britain,
Bruges campus



1998-1999:

H.R.H. Prince Philippe,
Prince of Belgium,
Natolin (Warsaw) campus



2002-2003:

Mr Valéry GISCARD d'ESTAING,
President of the European Convention,
Bruges campus



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History and “raison d’être”

- Guest speakers at the Opening Ceremonies:



2005-2006:

Mr Javier SOLANA,
High Representative for the
Common Foreign and Security
Policy,
Secretary-General of the
Council of the European Union,
Bruges campus



2005-2006:

Mr Viktor YUSHCHENKO,
President of Ukraine,
Natolin (Warsaw) campus



2007-2008:

Rt Hon. David MILIBAND,
Member of Parliament for
South Shields and Secretary of
State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs,
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History and “raison d’être”

- Guest speakers at the Opening Ceremonies:



2008-2009:

Mr Hans-Gert PÖTTERING,
President of the
European Parliament,
Natolin (Warsaw) campus



2009-2010:

Mr Jerzy BUZEK,
President of the
European Parliament,
Bruges campus



2010-2011:

Mrs Angela MERKEL,
Chancellor of the Federal
Republic of Germany,
Bruges campus

History and “raison d’être”

- Guest speakers at the Opening Ceremonies:



2011-2012:

Mr José Manuel BARROSO,
President of the European Commission,
Natolin (Warsaw) campus



2011-2012:

Mr Giorgio NAPOLITANO,
President of the Italian Republic,
Bruges campus



History and “raison d’être”

- Selected speakers:
 - Mr Lionel JOSPIN, Former Prime Minister of France;
 - Mr Nikiforos DIAMANDOUROS, European Ombudsman;
 - Mrs Michèle CONINSX, Vice-President of Eurojust;
 - Mr Bill GATES, Chairman and Chief Software Architect, Microsoft;
 - Mr Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council;
 - H.E. Mr Alexander STUBB, Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade;
 - Mr Yves LETERME, Former Prime Minister of Belgium
 - H. E. Ambassador Nobutake ODANO, Former Head of the Mission of Japan to the EU
 - Mr Joaquín ALMUNIA, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Competition
 - Mrs Danuta HÜBNER, Former Commissioner for Regional Policy



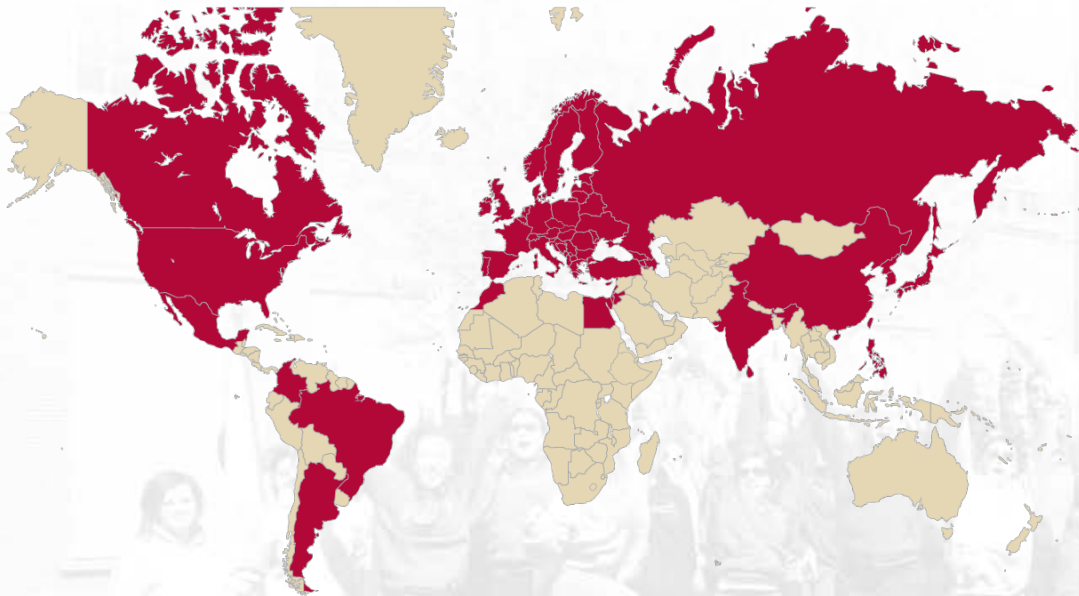
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The College of Europe students



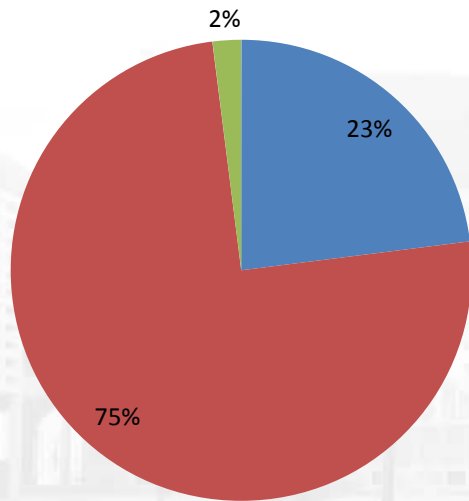
Postgraduate students: 400-450
Nationalities: +55
Average age: 26
Age range: 21 - 38

'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Promotion' students (2011-2012)



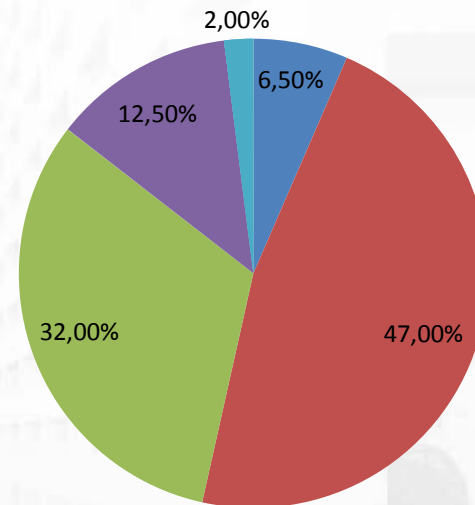
The College of Europe students

Previous university degree(s) awarded after completion:



- Bachelor degree (BA) Licence (3 ans) 180-240 ECTS
- Master's degree (MA and MA+) Master (2 ans) 90-120 ECTS
- Doctoral degree/Doctorat (3 ans)

Knowledge of languages



- 2 languages/langues
- 3 languages/langues
- 4 languages/langues
- 5 languages/langues
- (+)6 languages/langues



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Study Programmes

Natolin (Warsaw) campus:

- Master of Arts in **European Interdisciplinary Studies**
(The Internal & External Dimensions of the European Union)

4 Majors:

- Governance in the EU
- The European Single Market
- The EU as a Regional Actor
- The EU as a Global Actor

Study Programmes

Bruges campus:

- Master of Arts in EU International Relations & Diplomacy Studies
- Master of Arts in European Economic Studies
- Master of Arts in European Economic Studies
Specialisation: European Economic Integration & Business
- Master of Arts in European Economic Studies
Option: European Law & Economic Analysis
 - Master of Arts in European Political & Administrative Studies
 - Master of European Law (LL M)
 - Master of European Law (LL M)
Option: European Law & Economic Analysis



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Study Programmes

Timeline of the academic year

First semester:

- Compulsory Courses
- Exams in December
- Natolin (Warsaw) study trip to Turkey





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Study Programmes

Timeline of the academic year

Second semester:

- Optional Courses / Seminars & Master's Thesis
- Exams in May & June
- Study Trips both campuses / all programmes





Admission & Scholarships

- Admission Requirements:
 - Relevant university degree with good results
 - Good working knowledge in English and French
 - Strong interest in European integration

- Application Process:
 - Online application
 - Supporting documents should be sent to the College and to the respective National Selection Committee if applicable
 - No application fees



Admission & Scholarships

- Selection Procedure:
 - Applications reviewed by Selection Committees along with the College of Europe
 - Individual interviews
- Over 70% granted full or partial scholarships
- Fees cover:
 - Tuition
 - Accommodation in Residences
 - Infrastructure (internet in each room)
 - Meals (except on Sundays and public holidays on the Bruges campus)
- 2012 - 2013 fees:
 - Natolin (Warsaw) campus: € 20.000 (free of bank transaction costs)
 - Bruges campus: € 22.000 (free of bank transaction costs)



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Student Life

Students are supported by the Student Affairs Office



Student activities:

- Student-organised conferences & activities
- Student Bar
- Conferences, debates
- National parties
- Sport activities
- Exhibitions
- Radio broadcasting
- Charity work
- Host family project
- Discovery days



Careers Office

Career Activities during the academic year:

- Seminars on cover letter & CV writing
- Workshops on CV writing
- Workshops on interview techniques
- Networking evenings
- Career days





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Alumni Network

Alumni Association:

- Headquarters in Brussels
- Online alumni community
- Network of more than 10.000 alumni
- Alumni newsletter
- Cooperation with the Careers Office

Alumni Relations College of Europe:

- The College of Europe is currently strengthening links with all its alumni through the creation of a new database and organisation of events such as an alumni networking evening.



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Famous Alumni

- **Mr Nick CLEGG**, British politician, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Liberal Democrats, former Member of the European Parliament (Mozart Promotion 1991-1992)
- **Mrs Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT**, Prime Minister of Denmark and Leader of the Social Democrats (Denmark), Member of the European Parliament (Charles IV Promotion 1992-1993)
- **Mr Mikołaj DOWGIELEWICZ**, Polish Secretary of State for European affairs and economic policy (Walter Hallstein Promotion 1995-1996)
- **Mr Manuel MARÍN**, former President of the European Commission (Guiseppe Mazzini Promotion 1973-1974)
- **H.E. Mr Alexander STUBB**, Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade (Ramon Llull Promotion 1994-1995)
- **Mr Nikola POPOSKI**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Macedonia (Montesquieu Promotion 2004-2005)
- **And many more..**



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Development Office

- Established in Bruges in 1996 as a service of the College of Europe
- Offers professional services for and in cooperation with individuals, universities, public bodies, private companies and non-governmental organizations all over the world
- Portfolio includes:
 - Professional training in EU affairs: training catalogue (open for registration); tailor-made courses (on demand)
 - Academic cooperation projects
 - Services for the EU institutions
 - Projects development in partnership
- Exclusive networking possibilities with EU professionals, professors, alumni and partners



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