

# EMA 2021/2022 Call for Applications

## PRESENTATION

The European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA), organised by the Global Campus of Human Rights, is a one-year post-graduate course that provides a practice and policy-oriented approach to learning that combines legal, political, historical, anthropological, and philosophical perspectives of human rights and democratisation with skill building activities and a field trip exercise. EMA is organised by 42 participating universities representing all EU Member States and managed by the jointly owned Global Campus of Human Rights. The University of Padua, Italy, assumes the role of university of first enrolment on behalf of the consortium.

Students are taught by leading academics representing EMA participating universities, experts and representatives of international organisations (including the European Union, the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe-OSCE) and NGOs while studying in a multicultural environment.

EMA students, upon completion of all course components, are expected to **gain both academic and practical skills**: on the one hand, the ability to conduct independent and interdisciplinary academic research in relation to human rights and democratisation issues; on the other hand, skills which are relevant to human rights practitioners such as reporting, fact-finding and project management.

## CONTENTS OF THE EMA PROGRAMME

### FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTER

The academic year of the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation is divided into **two semesters**: the first semester (September to February) in Venice-Lido and the second (February to July) at an EMA participating university situated in the European Union, UK or Switzerland. The second part of the programme is conceived as a university exchange, which implies that students will be hosted for the second semester activities in a university located in a country other than their home country.

The EMA Programme, being multidisciplinary and wide-ranging, includes lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, skill-building sessions and individual research.

The EMA **first semester** curriculum consists of a core programme, made up of thematic sections (the first stream) aimed at the plenary group of students, and a series of second stream activities consisting of units devised for smaller groups.

*First stream courses* are organised in thematic sections as indicated below (they are subject to modification):

- TS1: Human Rights Institutions, Mechanisms and Standards (United Nations; Council of Europe; EU; OSCE; Organisation of American States; African system; perspectives on Asia);
- TS2: Globalisation, Development and Human Rights (Stakeholders in Economic Globalisation: States, International Economic Organisations, Companies, NGOs; Human Rights and Development; Business and Human Rights; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights);
- TS3: Human Rights in Context: Historical, Philosophical, Religious and Anthropological Perspectives;
- TS4: Building and Protecting Democracy (Regime Change and Democratic Consolidation; Transition and Transformation Processes; Governance; Political Participation; Electoral Processes)
- TS5: Human Rights, Peace and Security + Field Trip (Humanitarian Law; International Criminal Law; Security and Vulnerabilities; Field Missions; Terrorism and Human Rights). In the a.y. 2021/2022 students participate in a field trip to Kosovo.

*Second stream courses* consist of different components such as a series of Cluster classes that foster advanced knowledge of human rights issues; rolling seminars on international law, philosophy and international relations; weekly sessions on academic skills; and some semester-long special projects involving students in the production of collective events.

During the **EMA second semester** students relocate to one of the 42 participating universities to follow courses in an area of specialisation of their own choice and to undertake personal supervised research for their master's thesis.

## ASSESSMENT

First semester assessment is made on the basis of written and oral assignments and exams. Only successful students are allowed to proceed to second semester courses. During the second semester, students will attend further specialised courses, the assessment of which will be based on the practices of the hosting universities.

## DEGREE

After successfully passing exams and completing a Master's thesis, students will be awarded the "European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation", which is worth 60 ECTS credits. The diploma is jointly conferred by the universities of the Global Campus of Human Rights/EMA network that have ratified the Joint Degree Agreement ('Inner Circle Universities').

Graduates receive one of two versions of the joint diploma, which is based on the ECTS credits or an equivalent thereof they held at the time of admission (either 180 or 240), which in turn are required for admission to postgraduate programmes in the Inner Circle Universities, according to the relevant national or other applicable legal framework:

- The Universities of Graz, Padua, and Ca' Foscari Venice issue the EMA diploma to students having accessed the EMA programme holding a university degree of 180 ECTS credits or recognised as equivalent thereto;

- The Universities of Graz, Padua, Ca' Foscari Venice, Deusto (Bilbao), Ruhr-University Bochum, Hamburg, and Ljubljana issue the EMA diploma to students having accessed the EMA programme with a university degree of at least 240 ECTS credits or recognised as equivalent thereto.

The national equivalent value attributed to the EMA Joint Programme varies among the Inner Circle Universities as follows:

- for the Italian universities (Padua, and Ca' Foscari University Venice) the EMA Degree corresponds to a "Master Universitario di primo livello" (see DM 270/2004);
- for Ruhr-University Bochum the EMA Degree corresponds to a master's title as envisaged by par. 66, Hochschulgesetz (HG) 16.9.2014;
- for the University of Deusto – Bilbao the EMA Degree corresponds to a "Título de Máster" recognised by the Real Decreto 1393/2007 de 29 de octubre;
- for the University of Graz the EMA Degree corresponds to the title recognised by the UG 2002 (BGB1 n. 120/2002);
- for Hamburg University the EMA Degree corresponds to a "Master of Peace and Security Studies" (MPS) as foreseen by the 1 Abs. 2 Ordnung für den postgradualen Studiengang;
- for the University of Ljubljana, the EMA Degree corresponds to »magistrski št. druge št., mag. člov. prav. in demo. according to the Odločba Sveta NAKVIS št. 6034-46/2015/15.

### PLACES AVAILABLE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

EMA is open to a maximum of 90 candidates from EU and non-EU countries. Candidates must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have at least a three-year university degree (180 ECTS credits) or equivalent.
- Have a certified knowledge of English at least at level B2. Accepted certificates are IELTS (min. score 6), TOEFL (min. 80 for the IBT) and Cambridge exams (min. score 169-175), obtained no more than 3 years before the start of the Programme.
- Applicants completing the degree entry requirements subsequent to the application deadline are allowed to apply for the Programme and might be admitted with reserve. Eventual admission into the Programme will be conditional upon documentation of completed degree qualification within one day of the start of the Programme.

Students still enrolled in a university course might be admitted under the following conditions:

- a. that the qualification to be obtained at the end of the first enrollment course does not constitute the qualification access to the EMA Programme
- b. that all credits have been acquired except those relating to the final exam, if the first enrollment course is a Bachelor's or Master's degree course;
- c. that the candidate has already attended all teaching activities, in the case of courses different from Bachelor's or master's degree courses.
- d. that the final exam of the first enrollment course is passed within ninety days from the start of the EMA Programme.

Simultaneous enrollment in two University Master's Programmes is not allowed. This incompatibility does not apply to courses offered by institutions of higher artistic, musical and dance training, pursuant to D.M. September 28, 2011 and to courses provided by foreign universities.

For more information about entry requirements please also refer to the '[Regolamento per i Master universitari, i Corsi di Perfezionamento e i Corsi di Alta Formazione](#)' issued by decree n.4019/2017.

## SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Applicants will be selected by an ad hoc Selection Committee, made up of the EMA National Directors for every EU country and the EMA academic team. The selection process covers an assessment of the applicants' qualifications and, if deemed relevant by the Selection Committee, a telephone or a Skype interview.

The Committee will select the applicants by awarding up to 30 points to their qualifications and motivation, based on the following criteria:

- » University final grade, evaluated by using a scale from 6 to 10
- » Relevance of the degree and thesis subject (where a thesis is required for graduation), evaluated by using a scale of 1 to 5
- » Relevant additional academic work/courses/publications, measured by using a scale of 1 to 5
- » Relevant practical experience, measured by using a scale of 1 to 5
- » Motivation, measured by using a scale of 1 to 5
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Only applicants who receive an overall score of at least 20/30 points will be considered eligible for the Programme. All eligible applicants will be contacted for admission in accordance with the order of ranking.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants shall enter their application online at: [https://apply.gchumanrights.org/en\\_GB/courses/course/233-ema-european-masters-programme-human-rights-and-democratisation](https://apply.gchumanrights.org/en_GB/courses/course/233-ema-european-masters-programme-human-rights-and-democratisation) following the instructions described in the section "How to apply" of the EMA website. For further information or any problem concerning the application submission, applicants may contact the EMA Secretariat.

The following documents shall be enclosed with the application:

- » Transcript of records and degree diploma
- » Curriculum vitae
- » 2 reference letters
- » Copy of passport picture page
- » Proof of English language proficiency
- » Receipt of payment of the application fee of 50 Euro

## DEADLINES

Applications are accepted and processed on an on-going basis. Non-EU citizens and candidates applying for financial assistance should submit their application by 15 February 2021. The application deadline for EU and fully paying applicants is 19 April 2021.

The EMA Executive Committee approves the final list of admitted students (for a maximum of 90 students). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted by mid-July 2021 at the latest.

## TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The amount of the tuition fee for the a.y. 2021/2022 is €5650 (€5500 tuition fee + enrolment fee of €150) payable in two instalments (€3,250 as payment of the first instalment and €2,400 as payment of the second instalment). The tuition fee covers: attendance costs and participation in the field trip, learning materials, canteen service (on class and exam days), and access to the Global Campus library resources. Travel, visa and accommodation costs during both the first and second semester shall be covered by students.

The Global Campus of Human Rights does not provide full scholarships. Only a very limited number of students may be granted modest financial support in the form of a partial contribution towards living expenses and/or a full or partial tuition waiver. Candidates may apply for financial assistance by 15 February 2021, by motivating their request in the application form. The Global Campus of Human Rights reserves the right to determine the amount of each contribution and the awarding criteria.

## ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE AND PAYMENT

Admitted applicants who wish to enroll in the EMA Programme shall give confirmation of their acceptance within two weeks from the date indicated in the admission letter, by sending by email ([ema.secretariat@gchumanrights.org](mailto:ema.secretariat@gchumanrights.org)) the enrollment form duly completed and signed.

The receipt of payment of the first instalment (3,250 Euro) has to be sent within four weeks from the date indicated in the admission letter.

Payment methods: Fees should be paid to the following bank account by bank transfer: -INTESA SANPAOLO SPA Bank address: Piazza Paolo Ferrari, 10 – 20121 Milano

For money transfer between the countries included in the **SEPA Region** (Single Euro Payments Area): IBAN code (International Bank Account Number): IT72Q 03069 09606 10000 0016008

BIC/SWIFT: BCITITMM

For money transfer from countries **not included in the SEPA Region**: ABI Code: 03069 - CAB Code: 09606 Bank account C/C: 10000 0016008 BIC/SWIFT: BCITITMM

Beneficiary: GLOBAL CAMPUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS; description of payment: EMA 2021-22, student's full name

By the beginning of the Programme (31 August 2021), all admitted students should provide the following documents:

- » Copy of: degree, final transcript and, for those graduated in the EU, diploma supplement.
- » English language certificate, if not already provided at the application stage
- » Copy of passport picture page

Additional requirements for Non-EU applicants

- » Copy of type-D study visa, which must cover the entire duration of the academic year
- » If the degree was obtained in a country outside the EU, students should

provide: the Declaration of Value (“Dichiarazione di Valore in loco”) issued by the relevant Italian diplomatic office responsible for the country/area where the qualification was obtained; or, alternatively the Statement of Comparability (“attestato di comparabilità”) issued by CIMEA.

At any time, the EMA Programme, by substantiated decision, may withdraw an offer of admission because of the candidate’s failure to comply with admission requirements or failure to provide the required admissions documents. In this case, the student is not entitled to any reimbursement of the tuition fees already paid.

### WITHDRAWAL FROM STUDIES

A student can withdraw from the Programme at any time by presenting a specific request. Upon withdrawal, the student is not entitled to a refund of any tuition fees already paid.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Having obtained the EMA Diploma, many graduates find job opportunities with human rights organisations (both governmental and non-governmental, international and national), which might put them to work in field missions (electoral observation, human rights monitoring, international cooperation projects) or as officials taking care of the activities carried out at headquarters. In a number of cases, graduates are involved in human rights-related activities by their home Ministries of Foreign Affairs or are seconded by them to work for international institutions. In many cases, access to these institutions starts with an internship period. Some graduates pursue further academic studies and research.

In previous years, the Global Campus of Human Rights itself has been facilitating the entry of its graduates in the human rights job market through two successful placement programmes: the **EMA Internship Programme** and the **Global Campus of Human Rights EU-UN Fellowship Programme**. Every year since 1998/1999 the Global Campus of Human Rights, with the support of the European Union, has awarded a **paid internship** in the field of human rights to the 15 students who have achieved the highest results during each academic year. Moreover, the EU-UN Fellowship Programme complements the training activities of EMA by providing another **paid high level operational working experience** to four EMA graduates each year. EMA Internships last five months and the Global Campus of Human Rights EU-UN Fellowships last either four or six months, depending on the period (February-July or August-December).

### SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS

EMA is primarily financed by the European Union\* through the Global Campus of Human Rights. The Global Campus of Human Rights premises are made available by the Municipality of Venice. EMA also collaborates with UNESCO, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Region of Veneto, and benefits from close cooperation with the Council of Europe, the OSCE and other international organisations.

The EMA Programme is further enriched by the input of representatives of non-governmental organisations such as, among others, the International Committee of the Red Cross, Human Rights Watch, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims. All these organisations are members of the Global Campus of Human Rights/EMA Advisory Board, thus providing their expertise to the EMA management on a continuous basis.

*\* subject to approval by the budgetary authorities.*