



Frequently Asked Questions on the EUAA's European Masters in Asylum and Reception Management





Welcome to the European Masters in Asylum and Reception Management FAQs section.

This section provides answers to the most common questions about the programme, including eligibility, structure, delivery, accreditation, and the nomination process.

We strongly recommend that prospective applicants consult this FAQs section carefully before submitting an application. If you have additional questions or require further clarification after reviewing the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us at: Registrar@euaa.europa.eu.

Q: Who is the target audience?

Asylum and reception professionals employed in the EU+ countries.

Q: What is the aim of the programme?

To support EU+ countries' asylum and reception administrations in developing the managerial capacity of their officials while strengthening the European perspective in this field. To identify future leaders, professionalise the sector and retain knowledge in the area.

Q: Will the master's programme be recognised in all Member States?

The programme is currently undergoing accreditation by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA). This accreditation ensures that the EUAA's master's programme enjoys full international recognition in line with the European Qualifications Framework. The master's programme will be assigned ECTS credits, which means it will be academically recognised and can be used to progress to further studies. Furthermore, given that the target audience is composed of national civil servants and the degree is designed to develop managerial capacity within the EU+ countries' asylum and reception administrations, we can also rely on the professional and vocational recognition within the specific sector.

Q: What is the time commitment for the Master's?

The total time commitment is 3 years on a part time basis.



Q: When is the programme going to be launched?

The programme will be officially launched in January 2026. A call for nominations will be published, including all information on eligibility requirements, application documents, and templates for the nomination letter.

Q: When is the programme scheduled to start?

The start of the programme is scheduled for September 2026. The first academic year will run between September 2026 and June 2027. The provisional academic schedule may be found under Year 1 section.

Q: What is the total ECTS and EQF level of the Master's?

The master's will comprise 90 ECTS at EQF level 7 and includes two exit awards. After the first year, students will receive a Postgraduate Certificate (30 ECTS), and after the second year, a Postgraduate Diploma (60 ECTS). These exit awards provide flexible milestones and professional recognition for officials who may need to leave the programme early. Students who do not continue past the first or second year may rejoin subsequent cohorts to complete the full master's degree.

Q: What are the academic years focused on?

The master's is structured over three academic years. The first year, leading to a Postgraduate Certificate, includes five modules focused on International Protection. It equips students with specialized knowledge of European legal instruments, fundamental rights, and evidence-based approaches necessary to ensure high-quality and consistent asylum and reception processes in their national administrations. The second-year shifts focus to Management, also comprising five modules, and prepares officials for senior leadership roles by developing skills in staff capacity building, strategic planning in unpredictable environments, and leveraging digital innovation to enhance the operational effectiveness of asylum and reception systems. The final year is dedicated to research and culminates in a Capstone Project, enabling students to conduct independent, high-level research and apply scientific methodologies to address complex, real-world challenges, thereby driving evidence-based policy and managerial excellence within their administrations.



Q: How will the modules be delivered?

Most lectures will be delivered online by a lecturer through video-conferencing platforms; so, unlike the European Asylum Curriculum modules, there will be no additional online activities on the LMS. Students will also be required to attend face-to-face classes and workshops in Malta and elsewhere, typically for around one week per module during the first year. The academic schedule, published on the website, provides full details of the lectures and the face-to-face components.

Q: What will the assessments look like?

Given the nature of the master's programme, most of the assessments have been designed to be practical in nature. They will include some group work and some individual work. Where students are required to discuss policies and practices in their national administrations, the assessments will be carried out individually to ensure Member States confidentiality.

Q: How will you assess the mandatory requirements?

We will use the applicants' Curriculums, personal statements and the TNCP's nomination letter to assess the fulfilment of the mandatory requirements. If we have any additional queries, we reserve the right to call applicants in for a short interview with the Admissions Committee.

Q: What happens if a candidate is not admitted?

If a candidate is not admitted, they will be informed in writing. While the selection process is competitive, we encourage unsuccessful applicants to carefully consult the eligibility requirements and to consider applying again in future intakes. Additional information is available in the Student Handbook 2026, which provides further guidance on the programme and application process.

Q: What are the language requirements?

Applicants must have B2 level English proficiency according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This ensures they can follow lectures and participate fully. The EUAA Academy does not require applicants to have specific English language certificates (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS), but any evidence helpful to highlight that the applicant is fluent in English will be accepted. For example, proof that a previous qualification was delivered in English. If the Admissions Committee will deem the provided evidence as insufficient, the Master's administration team will contact the applicant for further clarifications.

Q: What is the nomination process?

Each Member State can nominate one candidate from the asylum national administration and one candidate from the reception national administration, but only one student per EU+ countries may be selected by the Admissions Committee. Once the Admissions Committee evaluates and ranks the applicants, if one of the selected applicants rejects the offer made to them, the next applicant on the ranking list from a non-represented country will be made an offer, and so on until all the available posts are filled.

Q: Why is the cohort so small?

We have decided to start with a cohort of fifteen students to ensure that we can maintain the highest possible standards for the first delivery of the programme.

Q: Will the students and/or Member States incur any costs?

There are no tuition fees for the Master's, and students will be reimbursed for programme-related travel expenses, including flights, accommodation, and per diem.

Q: How can a student interrupt their studies?

Students who need to interrupt their studies are required to submit a formal written request in accordance with the programme regulations. Requests are assessed on a case-by-case basis and must follow the procedures and deadlines outlined in the Student Handbook. Further details and conditions for an interruption of studies can be found in the Handbook.

Q: How can a student request a lower exit award?

Students who wish to request a lower exit award must do so through a formal application process, subject to the programme's academic regulations. Eligibility criteria, applicable conditions, and procedural steps are detailed in the Student Handbook, which should be consulted carefully before submitting a request.

Q: How are lecturers selected and what is their profile?

Further details on the selection criteria and lecturer profiles are outlined in the [Internal Guidelines on Lecturers and Trainers](#), which can be consulted for additional information.



Q: Who can I contact for more information?

For any additional questions, you can contact us at: Registrar@euaa.europa.eu.