

IMAESC
International Master in Adult Education for Social Change

Duration

2 years

Course description

The International Master in Adult Education for Social Change (IMAESC) is a joint master degree delivered and awarded by the following consortium: the University of Glasgow, the University of Malta, the Open University of Cyprus and Tallinn University (Estonia). This two year programme (120 ECTS) also has an optional summer school in Penang at the Universiti Sains Malaysia. Students will have three or four mobility periods, having the opportunity to spend a semester and an optional summer at the relevant partner university.

Adult education has been recognised in Europe as a critical element in addressing the key international economic and social challenges of our time. Students receive a theoretical grounding in adult education, as well as intercultural and practical skill development through teaching placements, focused seminars and online courses. This programme draws on the strengths of each member of the consortium to deliver a curriculum that aims to enable people to work with adults effectively and competently in changing socially diverse contexts.

Not only are students, staff and curriculum mobile, but so are the practical teaching placements. There are three focused placements in Semesters 1, 2 and 3 which are designed to provide a depth and breadth of experience across three European contexts (Scotland, Malta, Estonia). The first placement in Glasgow will focus on adult learning and teaching in the context of community regeneration. The second placement in Malta will allow students to gain experience in teaching English to migrants ('teaching English to migrants in times of austerity'). The final focused placement will be in Estonia and will centre on two themes: professionalisation of adult education and recognition of prior learning. After having completed two placements and two, possibly three, semesters of study, at Tallinn students will start focusing on their own professional development. They will work with the Estonian Adult Education Association, the only credentialed national association for adult educators in Europe and will map their experience to the Estonian Competency Framework which will allow students to crystallise their learning gained through coursework and placements into a recognised EU credential. For the students who chose to join a Summer School the focus will be on sustainability and peace studies in Malaysia.

Our programme is unique in its focus on adult education for social change. It draws together the recognised strengths of our individual programmes into a relevant, ground-breaking joint degree that engages with and responds to key issues of our time, such as social inequality, migration and intercultural cooperation and collaboration. A distinctive feature of this programme is the connection between theory and practice, gained through mandatory mobility periods between the partner universities.

Web site

www.adulteducation-erasmusmundus.eu

Partners

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, United Kingdom (coordinating institution)
ANOIKTO PANEPISTIMIO KYPROU (OPEN UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS), Cyprus
TALLINN UNIVERSITY, Estonia
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