

## Target groups

The European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights is directed to everybody interested in working in the field of children's rights and in particular to:

- Graduates of social sciences, law, education, social work and graduates of other disciplines with first professional experiences in working with and for children and/or young people
- Professionals in governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations in the field of youth work, education, social services, health and law with a first academic degree (BA or equivalent).

## Degree of successful graduation

Each student may study part of the programme at a partner university, even though this is not obligatory. Successful completion of modules at other partner universities is recognized as part of the programme at the Freie Universität Berlin through standardized transcripts of records. The degree awarded to graduates of the Freie Universität Berlin is the "European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights (E.M.C.R.)".

## Start of the programme and application

At Freie Universität Berlin, the EMCR starts every year in October. The deadline for applications is April 30, annually. For instructions on how to apply, please consult [www.fu-berlin.de/emcr](http://www.fu-berlin.de/emcr).

## Tuition fees

The costs of the EMCR are calculated cost covering, i.e. non-lucrative. Therefore, tuition fees vary depending on actual costs at each partner university. At the Freie Universität Berlin, tuition fees are currently 4350€ for the three semesters, not including administrative fees of about 250€ per semester.

## Reasons for studying the EMCR

Children must be respected as social subjects with own views, ideas and feelings. They should have the possibility to play an active and responsible role in the design of their living space. Therefore it is necessary to protect their rights and to ensure their full implementation. Studying the European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights (EMCR) will enable you to contribute to making this a reality.

## Qualification

After studying the EMCR you will:

- Understand the meaning of children's rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Be able to explain and use theories of childhood and defend children's rights in front of different audiences.
- Be able to suggest policy recommendations on local, regional, national and international levels.
- Be able to critically analyse childhood(s) and children's rights from different perspectives and link these perspectives to wider contexts.
- Be able to evaluate and plan children's rights projects.

In addition, you will acquire competences in communication and advocacy.

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[www.enmcr.net](http://www.enmcr.net)





## Programme structure

What?	When?	ECTS
Module 1: Childhood Studies	Semester 1	10
Module 2: Understanding Children's Rights		10
Module 3: Methods and Techniques of Childhood and Children's Rights Research		10
Module 4: Work and Education of Children in an International Comparison	Semester 2	10
Module 5: Children Out-Of Place and Child Rights Oriented Practice		10
Module 6: Children and Media		10
Module 7a) Internship Module 7b) Research Proposal	Semester 3	5
Master Thesis and Oral Examination		25
<b>Total</b>		<b>90</b>

## Linking theory and practice

The European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights (EMCR) links theoretical knowledge to the practical world.

- The importance of gaining experience in professional work is encouraged by either internships or research in relation to the work of organizations in the field of children's rights. The aim is to give students an insight into the professional work field they would like to engage in after graduation and to prepare them for future employment in these sectors.
- The European Network of Masters in Children's Rights (ENMCR) has contacts with various leading human and children's rights organizations and cooperates with different public agencies, providing them with reliable information, and welcoming them for guest lectures.

## Partner universities and exchange

The EMCR was developed by seven European universities and has entered into cooperation with several other partner universities from across Europe over the past years. Students have the possibility to enrol at one of the partner universities for one or more modules - this exchange is generally organized via the Erasmus/Socrates mobility scheme.

Furthermore, there is the possibility to obtain a dual degree from Freie Universität Berlin and Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj, Romania.



At the **Freie Universität Berlin** (FUB) students enrol at the Department of Intercultural Education. However, the modules

offered are interdisciplinary. As several partner universities, the FUB offers introductory modules in the first semester which are the basis for the second semester that has a more practical focus. Students will develop a practice model that serves as preparation for their MA Thesis, which will be realized in the third semester.



At **Babes-Bolyai University** (BBU) in Cluj Napoca, Romania, students enrol at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work. The programme is offered as a two year, 120 ECTS MA programme. The general aim is to enable students to produce informed and interdisciplinary analyses about childhood and children's rights, and to organize practical activities for and with children, in order to improve children's rights in specific changing contexts.

Examples of modules offered at BBU:

- Children and Childhoods in (Post)Communist Societies
- Understanding Children and Adolescents: Psychological Changes in Changing Contexts
- Children and Violence

For further information see: <http://socasis.ubbcluj.ro/>

- **Institute of Education**, University of London, Faculty of Children and Health, UK: <http://www.ioe.ac.uk/>
- **Universiteit van Amsterdam**, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, The Netherlands: <http://www.fmg.uva.nl/home.cfm>
- **Universidad Complutense Madrid**, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Spain: <http://www.ucm.es/info/polinfan/>
- **Stockholms Universitet**, Department of Child and Youth Studies, Sweden: [www.buv.su.se/english](http://www.buv.su.se/english)
- **Universiteit Antwerpen**, Faculty of Law, UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights, Belgium: <http://www.ua.ac.be/>
- **Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch**, Sion, Switzerland: <http://www.iukb.ch/>
- **Mykolo Romerio University**, Faculty of Social Policy, Vilnius, Lithuania: <http://www.mruni.eu/lt/>
- **Universidade do Minho**, Institute of Child Studies, Braga, Portugal: <http://www.ie.uminho.pt/>
- **Siauliai University**, Department of Education, Siauliai, Lithuania: <http://www.su.lt/>