




## ENGLISH-TAUGHT SEMESTER MIGRATION & REFUGEES

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### Is this the course I am looking for?

In this course students learn about the impact on social transformation and cultural identity when vulnerable people move between geographical locations, circumstances in which human rights may be violated and sources of support and protection are limited. This block study programme explores the developments and responses to the opportunities and challenges of migration, within the Belgian and European legislative frameworks including field trips. This course is suitable for all as it is enriched by the diversity of its participants and is ideal for anyone looking to expand their knowledge and skills in this rewarding area of work. This topic is globally increasingly relevant and as such it provides an ideal foundation for professionals who are currently or in the future working with migrants or are pursuing a career in international development.

	ERASMUS ETS MIGRATION & REFUGEES	POSTGRADUATE MIGRATION & REFUGEES	POSTGRADUATE MIGRATION & REFUGES IN ACTION
<b>DURATION</b>	1 semester (September-January)	1 semester (September-January)	1 year (September-June)
<b>WHO</b>	Exchange and non-exchange students	People with a degree in 'humanities' or work experience with migrants	People with a degree in 'humanities' or work experience with migrants
<b>WHAT</b>	7 modules (30 ECTS)	7 modules (30 ECTS)	7 modules + internship (60 ECTS)

 **Practical:** The postgraduate certificate course is held in Bruges, Belgium and costs €1000 (1 semester) or €1500 (1 year). Teaching takes place on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday leaving opportunity for reflection and other commitments such as part-time working.

#### More information:

For more information on course content or registration, please contact the programme coordinator [sarah.de.vriendt@howest.be](mailto:sarah.de.vriendt@howest.be)

# STUDY PROGRAMME

2023 - 2024

## **Intercultural learning and identity (3 ECTS)**

In this module we will analyse frameworks to understand different group cultures, their values and standards. We will use non formal training methods to explore issues such as stereotypes, prejudices and discrimination and take this opportunity to learn together as a diverse interactive group of people, informed by and drawing upon our own life experience.

## **Global Social Work (3 ECTS)**

In this module students will analyse and compare how social work looks like in their home country and other countries around the globe: how is it defined, how does it operate in practise, what is the content and format, is there a legal framework, is it based on governmental and/or charity organisations, is it influenced and recognised by other disciplines such as education....etc. and what is the impact of all of this on migration?

## **Integration in different fields (6 ECTS)**

This module contains an introduction of the history and demography of European and worldwide migration, an analysis of Flemish integration projects and field visits in a variety of service areas such as housing, employment, culture, sport, youth, education etc.

Students will analyse the circumstances and approach in their own culture and country of origin and through comparative learning techniques, compare it with the approach taken in Belgium and other European countries.

## **Project Work (6 ECTS)**

Students will have the opportunity to spend 4 hours a week at an organisation that supports migrants and/or

refugees so that the knowledge gained from study of the other modules can be applied and integrated into practice. Students will add value and use project work methods to support their organisation to address and seek to resolve a specific problem in the field.

## **Introduction to social work in practise (only for MRA) (6 ECTS)**

This module prepares Migration & refugees in Action students for their placement in semester 2 and replaces the module Projectwork.

## **International & national policy and (legal) frame work (3 ECTS)**

The course will examine the different international policies, treaties and institutions at European and global level. Legal policy, administration and the application human rights of migrants in the Flanders region and wider Europe will form the basis of our discussions.

## **Cultural Frameworks in Health (3 ECTS)**

Through visits, guest speakers and case studies, students will expand their cultural knowledge, theory and practice framework by learning about cultural patterns and barriers in Health and Intercultural communication.

Students will also have the opportunity to learn about health promotion alongside people with a migration background and those working in underdeveloped countries.

## **Psychological aspects of migration (3 ECTS)**

The psychological impact of migration can be enormous, for example when people leave their family and friends behind or flee war. Students will explore techniques such as psychological counselling, used within Flemish mental health care services to support migrant children, adolescents and adults.