Erasmus School of
History, Culture and
Communication

Premaster Media Studies Manual

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Dear student of the Premaster Media Studies,

Welcome to the Media & Communication community of Erasmus University Rotterdam! This is your Premaster Manual. Please read this Manual carefully and check it regularly in order to kick-start your time as a Premaster student and make the most out of the programme.

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1. Welcome!

First of all: a warm welcome to Media Studies! We hope you are as excited to start with the Premaster as we are to welcoming you here.

This Premaster Manual includes all you need to know to get started with the Premaster Media Studies. For more extensive and updated information we would like to refer you to the Current Students website, where you can also find a complete overview of your Premaster curriculum (Appendix 1).

We wish you all the best throughout the coming year!

2. Who is Who within Media Studies?

First things first, we - the Programme Coordinator and Student Advisor - would like to introduce ourselves to you!

Programme Coordinator Media Studies

The Programme Coordinator will be one of your main points of contacts during your time as a student at Media Studies. The Programme Coordinator makes sure that everything is ready and in order for teachers and students. She will send you several messages throughout the year with information or reminders regarding your studies and/or in case you are required to take action.

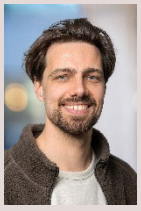


Questions about your schedule, courses, or other programme-related things?

Contact Vera Dullemond (*Programme Coordinator Media Studies*) at mediastudies@eshcc.eur.nl.

Student Advisor Media Studies

You can reach out to the Student Advisor if your need advice regarding your study planning, study skills, or if you have questions about the rules and regulations concerning the study programme. The Student Advisor is also available for consultations concerning personal circumstances which (may) affect your academic progress.



Would you like to discuss personal circumstances or your study planning?

Contact Ruben van Gaalen (*Student Advisor Media Studies*) at studentadvisor.master@eshcc.eur.nl.

Make sure to inform the student advisor immediately in case something is affecting your studies. If you neglect or postpone doing so, no potential personal arrangements can be made anymore.

3. What you should know as a Premaster student

Your registration to Media Studies

Please make sure that your registration is in order and that you are fully enrolled as a student of Media Studies. You can check your registration by logging into OSIRIS and confirm that the status is set to **complete**. If it isn't, you will need to take the remaining steps in Studielink. For any questions about your registration, please contact the Erasmus Student Service Centre (ESSC).

If your registration is not in order, your grades cannot be booked and your account will be frozen, meaning you can't access any online systems at the EUR.

The Programme

The Premaster Media Studies year runs from September until June and consists of **four** terms. An overview of the entire academic year can be found in the academic calendar (MyEUR). Within the Premaster year, you will take seven courses, including the Premaster Research Project to round off the programme.

The Premaster programme consists of **45 EC**. By passing a course with a final grade of a 5.5 or higher, you obtain 5 EC per course. If you pass the Premaster Research Project with a sufficient grade, you obtain 10 EC.

For international students, the Dutch grading system might differ from the system they are used to in their home country. Please find an explanation of this Dutch grading system below, and look for more information on this website.

Grade	Meaning
6	You performed as required.
7	You performed above expectations.
8	You performed far above expectations.
9	You achieved the level of a professional.
10	You achieved the level of an expert.

Deadlines are strict in the (Pre)Master programme. It is not possible to compensate for work submitted after the deadline.

Within the Premaster Media Studies, the Programme Coordinator registers you for the courses as well as tutorials. The Premaster Media Studies is a **full-time programme,** and you are expected to be available for all activities that are part of the programme.

Study progress

Once you have obtained all 45 EC of the Premaster, you can continue with the Master programme in Media Studies. You should register to this programme in both Studielink and the EUR Admission Portal. Also, please keep the application deadlines in mind.

The English-taught Premaster specialisations (PM M&B and PM MCI) provide access to the English Master specialisations in *Media & Business*, *Media & Creative Industries*, and *Media, Digitalisation & Society*. The Dutch-taught Premaster specialisation provides access to the Dutch Master specialisation in *Media & Journalistiek*.

> You must have passed all courses of the Premaster in order to be admitted to the Master programme in Media Studies.

Have you failed a course, or do you want to improve your grade? You can then use the resit options. In case of a final exam, the re-sit opportunity will take place either in April or in the summer. You can find the exact re-sit exam date in your timetable. When taking a resit exam, the highest grade automatically counts in OSIRIS. You can only take a resit exam if you are registered for it.

How to register for a resit exam?

You should register 26-5 workdays in advance of the resit date. To register yourself for a re-sit exam, please go to **OSIRIS Student** > **Enrol** > **Test**. Please double check whether you have received a confirmation email upon registering for the resit exam. You can read more about resit regulations here.

> You are responsible for a timely and correct registration for a resit exam, otherwise the 'late registration option' applies (including an administrative fee).

In case you still don't pass the course after the re-sit exam and thus do not obtain all 45 EC within one year, you **have to retake the entire course again next year**. You cannot start with the Master programme yet. Make sure to re-enrol to the Premaster programme and – in order to be placed on the enrolment list for a course again next year – to fill out the **Course Retake Form** before the end of the current academic year. You can find the Retake Form on OSIRIS > Case.

EU students have **two years** to complete the Premaster programme. After completion, you need to start with the Master programme within **another two years** (please also refer to the information in the Teaching and Exam Regulations).

Important: International non-EU/non-EEA Premaster students need to obtain all 45 EC (100%) within **one (1) year** in order to keep their residence permit and to be able to continue with the Premaster programme. In case you encounter personal circumstances that affect your study progress, please contact the student advisor right away.

Attendance

Students are expected to actively participate in all their courses. Attendance is mandatory for all tutorials. This means that an examination for a course can only be successfully passed once all the tutorials have been attended.



If you are unable to attend a tutorial, you should inform the lecturer before the tutorial takes place.

Course information, Timetable & Writing Guide

In the Erasmus University Online Course Guide you can find descriptions and general information about the courses you will be taking, including a link to the timetable for each course. In addition, each course will have an individual, more detailed Course Guide provided to you on Canvas, our online learning environment. The Canvas environment of a course will be published at least three working days before the course starts. On this Canvas page, you can find more detailed and specific information, like coursework, assessment criteria and deadlines. Make sure to carefully read the course guide of each course and to consult it throughout the course in case any questions arise.

You can check your timetable via http://timetables.eur.nl. Here you will find the general timetable of each of the courses within the Premaster programme. Once you have been registered to the courses and workgroups, you will only see your personal timetable.

All your assignments have to be written in accordance with the Writing Guide. Moreover, the Erasmus University Rotterdam sets high quality standards and fraud and plagiarism is an offense.

Personal circumstances

If you are experiencing difficulties during your studies or if personal circumstances are holding you back in your study progress, it is essential to contact the Media Studies Student Advisor *immediately*. Please do not wait to seek help or advice. Together with the Student Advisor you can discuss your study planning and, if required, options for preventing or minimising study delay (e.g., individual arrangements). Please note that personal circumstances sometimes should be supported by a document of proof that portrays your situation, such as: a medical statement, hospital appointment card, obituary notice, or other documentary evidence.

Examples of personal circumstances are acute or prolonged health problems (physical or mental), physical, sensory, or other disabilities, pregnancy, exceptional family circumstances, playing professional sports and/or membership of a university participation body.

Please know that the EUR offers a wide range of student support services, such as personalized help, group workshops, and tools and resources for your mental health and overall wellbeing. You find more information on the Student Wellbeing Platform.



All matters discussed with the Student Advisor remain confidential, unless otherwise agreed upon with you. If necessary, you may be referred to others for further help.

Need help?

If you want to know more about getting the most out of your studies or how to deal with specific situations, there are several people who can help you. Please check out the Current Students website (MyEUR) and/or contact the Media Studies Professional Services Staff.

Make sure to always use your student email (@student.eur.nl) when emailing university and to mention your Student ID. Due to privacy regulations, we are not allowed to respond to emails sent from personal email accounts. Furthermore, please always send your email to the general ESHCC addresses shown on the Current Students website (e.g. mediastudies@eshcc.eur.nl, studentadvisor.master@eshcc.eur.nl), and not to personal email addresses of staff members. This is to ensure that your question can be handled even when someone is on vacation! Lastly, we kindly request you to refrain from sending your email to multiple recipients; we will make sure to forward your email to the right person, if necessary.

Some questions are handled by the Erasmus Student Service Centre (ESSC), see the list below for more information:

- Find the answer to frequently asked questions by using ASK Erasmus
- Appointments with the university psychologist
- Appointments with career advisors
- Change of address
- Information about grants
- Official language courses
- Registration at EUR
- Statements of EUR
- Studielink and DUO
- International Faculty Association ACE

Appendix 1 – Premaster Media Studies Programme Overview (45 EC)

Term 1	
Media Industries: From Production to Audiences	CM0004
Introduction to Social Science Research	CM1002
Academic Skills	CM1003
Term 2	
Introduction to Statistical Analysis	CM1005
Qualitative Methods in Media and Communication	CM2005
Term 3	
Media Systems in Comparative Perspective	CM1008
Term 3-4	
Premaster Research Project	CM0070

Appendix 2 - Where to study, get online & print on campus

At Erasmus University Rotterdam you can study at different locations, for instance:

- University Library
- Van der Goot Building
- Mandeville
- Sanders
- Polak Building

On this website, you can read how to reserve a study space.

If you want to use WiFi on campus, just use your Erna ID and password. You can also print, scan or copy from any mobile device to any of the MultiFunctionals on campus via MyCampusPrint. If you have any questions or have issues with your (ERNA) account, please contact the IT Service Desk (mail to: it.servicedesk@eur.nl).

Appendix 3 - Academic Calendar 2026-2027

You can find the Academic Calendar of 2026-2027 on this website.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027
Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC)

Calendar week	Term week	Period	Activity
Term 1			
35	0	24-08-26 until 30-08-26	**Introduction new students**
36	1	31-08-26 until 04-09-26	Lectures
37	2	07-09-26 until 11-09-26	Lectures
38	3	14-09-26 until 18-09-26	Lectures
39	4	21-09-26 until 25-09-26	Lectures
40	5	28-09-26 until 02-10-26	Lectures
41	6	05-10-26 until 09-10-26	Lectures
42	7	12-10-26 until 16-10-26	Lectures
43	8	19-10-26 until 23-10-26	Lectures
44	9	26-10-26 until 30-10-26	**Teaching-free week / self-study**
45	10	02-11-26 until 06-11-26	**Assessment and evaluation week**
Term 2			
46	1	09-11-26 until 13-11-26	Lectures
47	2	16-11-26 until 20-11-26	Lectures
48	3	23-11-26 until 27-11-26	Lectures
49	4	30-11-26 until 04-12-26	Lectures
50	5	07-12-26 until 11-12-26	Lectures
51	6	14-12-26 until 18-12-26	**Teaching-free week / self-study**
52	---	21-12-26 until 25-12-26	**Winter recess**
53	---	28-12-26 until 01-01-27	**Winter recess**
1	7	04-01-27 until 08-01-27	Lectures
2	8	11-01-27 until 15-01-27	Lectures
3	9	18-01-27 until 22-01-27	Lectures
4	10	25-01-27 until 29-01-27	**Assessment and evaluation week**
Term 3			
5	1	01-02-27 until 05-02-27	Lectures
6	2	08-02-27 until 12-02-27	Lectures
7	3	15-02-27 until 19-02-27	Lectures
8	4	22-02-27 until 26-02-27	Lectures
9	5	01-03-27 until 05-03-27	Lectures
10	6	08-03-27 until 12-03-27	Lectures
11	7	15-03-27 until 19-03-27	Lectures
12	8	22-03-27 until 26-03-27	Lectures No class Friday (Good Friday)
13	9	29-03-27 until 02-04-27	**Teaching-free week / self-study** Easter Monday
14	10	05-04-27 until 09-04-27	**Assessment and evaluation week (+ resits for exchange)**
Term 4			
15	1	12-04-27 until 16-04-27	Lectures
16	2	19-04-27 until 23-04-27	Lectures
17	3	26-04-27 until 30-04-27	Lectures No class Tuesday (Kings Day)
18	4	03-05-27 until 07-05-27	Lectures No class Wednesday (Liberation Day), no class Thursday (Ascension Day)
19	5	10-05-27 until 14-05-27	Lectures
20	6	17-05-27 until 21-02-27	Lectures No class Monday (Whit Monday)
21	7	24-05-27 until 28-05-27	Lectures
22	8	31-05-27 until 04-06-27	Lectures
23	9	07-06-27 until 11-06-27	Lectures
24	10	14-06-27 until 18-06-27	**Teaching-free week / self-study**
25	11	21-06-27 until 25-06-27	**Assessment and evaluation week**
Resit period			
26		28-06-27 until 02-07-27	**Resit BA1 (priority) and BA2/3**
27		05-07-27 until 09-07-27	**Resit minors + resit BA2/3 + BA1 term 4**
28		12-07-27 until 16-07-27	**Teaching-free week / grading**
Education free period			
29		19-07-27 until 23-07-27	Summer recess