

'MISOC has helped me develop a critical and more inclusive worldview, taught me the skills and offered me the tools I need to pursue my career ambitions in the **international community**.'

Abigail Place - Alumna Management of International Social Challenges



BSc of Public Administration

Around
100
students per year

32
different nationalities in 2025

Start in
September

100%
taught in English

Deadline for application:
April 1

Exchange opportunities

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences

Bachelor in Management of International Social Challenges

2027-2028



Bruno

Management of International Social Challenges BSc
Guaratinguetá, State of São Paulo...

Chat with Bruno

I come from
Guaratinguetá, State of São Paulo, Brazil 🇧🇷🇩🇪

Previous Qualification
Abitur

About me
I chose Management of International Social Challenges because I want to contribute to positive changes in the world and be surrounded by like-minded people from all across the globe. This course cover...

[Read more about Bruno ...](#)

Chat with us!

Are you a prospective student and would you like to get in touch with us? Have a chat with one of our current students and/or our staff, via eur.nl/en/essb/bachelor/management-international-social-challenges/chat-our-students



Contact

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W: eur.nl/en/bachelor/management-international-social-challenges and eur.nl/en/essb/contact

Curious about studying at EUR?

Go to eur.nl/en/essb and check out our (online) activities and events, such as the Bachelor Open Day or Student for a Day!

'MISOC gave me the **space to explore** my interests and discover the direction I wanted to take.'

Nour Abu Muheisen - Alumna Management of International Social Challenges



Introducing our study programme

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Migration, climate change, pandemics, economic instability and international crime – these are all examples of international social challenges that local, national and international organisations in the public sector face and try to manage. In this bachelor’s programme, you will learn how to research, analyse, and contribute to managing these challenges.

In this programme we focus on social challenges that are:

- Multidisciplinary: they have political, economic, legal and social aspects.
- Multi-level: they involve actors and networks at the international, national, regional, and local level.
- International: they surpass geographical and administrative borders.

The programme is diverse. You will take courses in, for example, public policy, political science, economics, international law and management. This will enable you to analyse social challenges from different perspectives and understand the various roles, perceptions and interests of involved actors. Research method courses will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need for researching international social challenges and their management.

The Management of International Social Challenges programme is also a truly international programme. It is taught exclusively in English to a diverse student body from all over

the world. In this programme, you not only look beyond borders in your studies, but also become part of an international network of peers.

In most courses, plenary lectures are combined with interactive sessions or tutorials. This means that in addition to the lectures, you, for example, participate in a smaller-scale seminar, attend a Q&A session, give a presentation, provide feedback to your peers, or discuss your research paper.

Career opportunities

The programme provides an excellent basis for an international career as a policy advisor, consultant, researcher, or civil servant at, for example, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations, European Parliament, or consultancy firms. Upon graduating, you will receive a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration. Our graduates regularly enroll in master programmes at Erasmus University Rotterdam, but also at world’s leading universities abroad.

Admission and application

You are eligible to apply for this programme if you have obtained or will obtain a VWO diploma or its foreign equivalent. To be able to participate in the programme, a good command of English is essential. Therefore, you must prove your proficiency in English in your application. You must also report your academic performance and submit a CV and a motivation letter.

‘MISOC will provide you with **the expertise and skills** needed to understand and manage the greatest social challenges of the 21st century. Yours will be a challenging but rewarding journey.’

Michal Onderco - Programme director



Possibilities during your studies

Internship

An internship will bring you a lot of valuable knowledge and experience. It will allow you to experience managing social challenges up close and learn to apply the theory and skills you have learned in practice. In your third year, you can opt to intern at an international public sector organisation, such as embassies, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations, European Parliament, or Doctors without Borders.

Studying abroad*

Studying abroad is a unique opportunity for personal development and getting to know other societies. It also allows you to compare different educational and academic cultures. We currently have 85 partner universities in 34 countries. We therefore encourage you to study outside the Netherlands in your third year.

*Kindly note that participation is subject to a selection process, as the number of available spots is limited.



Minors

You can also opt for a minor in your third year. Each year, Erasmus University Rotterdam offers almost 100 minors. This includes nearly 40 broadening minors and several deepening minors. Erasmus University Rotterdam also offers a range of joint, multidisciplinary minors with TU Delft and Leiden University, which allows you to experience what it is like to study at other universities in the Netherlands.



Curriculum*

Year 1			
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Global Challenges	International Law	Political Science	Public Policy
Sociology	Organisation & Management	Designing Social Research	Economics, Welfare & Distribution
Skills			

Year 2			
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Qualitative Methods	Policy Analysis	Global Development Issues	Allocation of Public Resources
Network Governance	Quantitative Methods	International Migration	Research Project

Year 3			
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Exchange/Minor /Internship	Global & European Governance	Institutions, Policy & Society	Research Project
	Political Philosophy & Democracy	People Management in Complex Organisations	

*The curriculum may be subject to change. No rights may be derived from this information.