MASTER’S DEGREE IN PROJECTS IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN CULTURAL ENGINEERING (PIECE)

- Promote other cultures
- Impel new strategies
- Elaborate creative projects
- Coach your own team
- Experience the world
Opening in September 2019, The ‘Projects in International and European Cultural Engineering’ (PIECE) master’s degree is designed to train over two years French and foreign students and professionals in the fundamentals of managing projects and entities in the domains of culture and heritage. It uses innovative teaching methods based on the principles of collaborative intelligence, professional and international immersion and an understanding of technological innovation and scientific research. Mixed teams of teaching/research staff from multiple departments and research centres together with professionals working in regional and local cultural entities will come together to transfer the skills essential to responding to international calls-for-tender in the field of culture (e.g. Creative Europe). They will supervise students in developing actual projects proposed by the organisations in Bourgogne-Franche-Comté. Research seminars on the latest issues in culture and science will provide the basis for this reverse teaching, enabling students to constantly test out the theoretical knowledge they have acquired against the realities of the professional world. One of the objectives of the course is to pass on the fundamentals of interculturality by means of academic lessons and multicultural communication work as well as by immersion in foreign cultures through collaborative work. This means the second semester will be spent serving internships in universities and cultural entities abroad. At the beginning of the second year, the projects are to be presented to European officials in Brussels.

**REQUIREMENTS**

The master’s degree is intended for graduates with strong backgrounds in the humanities.

Graduates in the following fields may be considered:
- Law, Political Science, Economics
- Art History, History, Geography
- Languages, Communication
- Literature, Philosophy
- Sciences

The academic structure of the master’s degree includes refresher courses in diverse academic backgrounds.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

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Classes from: mid-September to end of December (first semester) and January to mid-March (second semester)

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**NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

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**PARTNERSHIPS**

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**PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduates can expect to pursue the following careers: Mission head or project supervisor for a large number of institutions specialised in managing international or European cultural projects, state services, competitiveness centres, universities or ‘grandes écoles’.

CNRS, consular or cultural services abroad, lobbying companies, associations or NGOs involved in community development aid and cooperation policy.

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