Entry requirements
2:1 Honours degree or non-UK equivalent qualification (e.g. GPA 3.0 or above) in any subject.

How to apply
Visit the consortium website for further information on how to apply and Erasmus Mundus scholarships.

www.adulteducation-erasmusmundus.eu

For any enquiries email imaesc@glasgow.ac.uk

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Mary Spirio, USA
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Why this programme?

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It is designed for students with diverse prior knowledge and develops their understanding of adult education from an international perspective with a focus on social justice.

You will receive a theoretical grounding in adult education, as well as intercultural and practical skills development through work-based learning placements, focused seminars and online courses.

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Programme structure

You will take core courses and submit a dissertation. Courses are delivered in Glasgow, Malta and Tallinn. Open University of Cyprus courses will be delivered online at Tallinn and Malta. The programme includes three credit-bearing adult learning placements. There is also the opportunity to attend a summer school in Penang at Universiti Sains Malaysia or undertake an internship at UNESCO in Hamburg, Germany as part of the summer mobility period.

The programme combines expertise of adult education in the following context and mobility periods.

• SEMESTER 1
  - September – December (Glasgow); Community learning/city regeneration environments + placement
• SEMESTER 2
  - January – May (Malta); Refugee environments + placement
• SUMMER (OPTIONAL)
  - June – August (Penang or Hamburg); Peace studies + sustainability or internship
• SEMESTER 3
  - September – January (Tallinn); Recognising prior learning and professionalising the role of adult educators + placement + teaching adult education online (online by Cyprus)
• SEMESTER 4
  - February – July (Glasgow, Malta or Tallinn, depending on focus of dissertation)

Career prospects

Graduates will be equipped with the academic knowledge, research skills, and practical employability skills through this jointly developed and delivered programme. You will find employment teaching and facilitating change in schools, communities and workplaces, advocating through activism or influencing policy in international NGOs and governments, as well as undertaking research that uncovers new knowledge about how adult education can help eliminate social injustice.

Core courses

Year 1

• Adult education and social difference
• Adult learning placements (1 & 2)
• Curriculum development in adult education
• International issues in adult education
• Introduction to adult education
• Practical aspects of adult education
• Psychology of adult learning
• Research methods

Year 2

• Adult learning placement (3)
• Social competencies of adult education
• Teaching adult education online
• Theories of change

Optional courses

(adult mobility)

• Internship
• Peace studies
• Sustainability

ADULT EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

IntM: 24 months full-time