

# University of Porto Master in African Studies

## Enrollment 2020-2021

### Presentation

The Master in African Studies, based on the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, counts on an active **collaboration** of other faculties of the University of Porto, in order to promote **interdisciplinarity**. Its syllabus offers a theoretical and methodological **training**, associated with a wide range of options. It combines mandatory seminars (a common core) with optional subjects from different scientific backgrounds. This coordination aims to ensure the transmission of **specific knowledge** on African realities and to make available theoretical and methodological tools to contribute to differentiated and **qualified interventions** in African realities.

### Aims

Among the aims of MEAF are the articulation of different scientific areas in order to:

- promote global **knowledge** of African realities;
- contribute to the **formation of qualified staff** and to the implementation of development politics in Africa;
- contribute to the training of **specialists** in various areas of African scientific and professional activities;
- develop capacities to conceive and implement **projects** in organizations of international cooperation and development, including ONG's;
- contribute to a transfer of knowledge between the academic world and the society so as to improve a qualified **intervention** in the fields of culture, economy, politics, society and science in Africa.

### Academic and social project

MEAF objectives are generally compatible with the **University of Porto's** educational, scientific and cultural projects. Internationalization, interdisciplinarity, cooperation, development and knowledge transfer are key words of the MEAF and the UPorto project. MEAF students have the option to develop either an academic **dissertation**, or a **project** or an **internship** in governmental or non-governmental organizations, related to society, culture or business, all in keeping with this priority. MEAF benefits from the participation of UPorto in research networks and international cooperation such as European programs under the Erasmus + (Batuta and Dream) as well as Mobile +, led by UPorto (<http://mobileplus.up.pt/?lang=pt>).

### Employability and career

The Master in African Studies has considerable potential, mostly regarding **employability**. It represents an important contribution to the formation of both Portuguese and African graduates with an interest in **cooperation** with Africa. MEAF is oriented towards the training of **specialized skills** in the field of African Studies to provide services in areas of training, including training of trainers; to offer **technical advice** and to collaborate with programs in education, economy, citizenship; to provide expertise advice to **enterprises and business companies** operating in Africa, considered vital to the establishment of a responsible and informed collaboration with local communities. MEAF students might work as trainees in **embassies and consulates; NGOs, newspapers** and other media; **associations of migrants** in Africa or Europe and business companies. The MEAF has a significant potential for employment in the areas of **Policies of Cooperation** in the fields of Education, Citizenship, Economy and Environment, through the formation of qualified specialists, and the endowment of a **broadband training**, within a pluri- and multidisciplinary framework.

The course is a joint degree of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and the Faculty of Psychology and Pedagogical Sciences, counting upon the active collaboration of the Faculties of Economics and Law.

### SYLLABUS

#### 1st Year

1st Semester [30 ECTS]

Scientific Research Methods  
Languages, Cultures and Worldwide  
Heritage in Africa  
3 Optionals\*\*

2nd Semester [30 ECTS]

History and Geography of Africa  
Education, Cooperation and Development  
1 Optional (Intervention Methodologies)\*  
2 Optionals\*\*

#### \*(Intervention methodologies)

Policies and Practices of Intervention and Sociocultural Animation  
Intercultural Communication in African Contexts  
Theories and Methods of Anthropology  
Advanced Data Analysis

#### \*\* (General options)

African Literature of Portuguese Language I  
African Literature of Portuguese Language II  
Africa and the Atlantic in the Early Modern Age  
Portuguese Policies on Africa  
History of Contemporary Africa  
Contemporary Political Systems  
Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development  
Social Responsibility and Sustainability Report  
Multinationals and Internationalization  
International Strategic Management  
Development Economics  
Issues on Human Geography in Africa  
Territory and Landscape in Africa  
Development Geography  
Political Science  
Public Policies  
Geopolitics and International Relations in Africa  
Political Sociology  
Organizations for Cooperation and Development  
Media and Society  
Political Communication  
Public International Law  
Constitutional Law  
Fundamental Rights  
Associativism and Development  
Issues on Compared Education and Cooperation

[Any Subject of 2nd Cycle Courses of UP]

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