

TransAtlantic Masters (TAM) Program



- The TransAtlantic Masters Consortium Example
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An Introduction to TAM



- A graduate-level program focused on the Social Sciences and Public Policy.
- US-EU Comparative Politics.
- Founded in 1995 and started in 1998.

An Introduction to TAM – cont.

- EAUC and The Euromasters Program
- Current Consortium Members:
 - University of Bath
 - Sciences Po, Paris
 - Humboldt and Free Universities, Berlin
 - Charles University, Prague
 - University of Siena
 - Carlos III University, Madrid
 - UNC-CH
 - UW-Seattle



Integrated Curriculum

- Core and US Modules at UNC: August to December
- National Module in Europe: January to March
- Specialist Module in Europe: April to July
- Thesis Module in Europe or US: July to November
- December graduation



Integrated Curriculum cont.

- Single MA degree issued by institution of student's choice.



Foreign Language

- An integral part of the program from its outset.
- Skills must be in place at time of application.
- Coursework is conducted in the language of the site.



Admissions and Tuition

- GRE, TOEFL, GPA, Relevant Coursework, Writing Sample, Essay, Letters, Language Evaluation, and CV.
- Recruitment: web, direct mailings, conference programs, info sessions.
- Tuition: \$15,000
- FLAS awards and tuition remissions



Students



- Profiles
- Obstacles to recruitment and retention

Faculty



- Faculty members at partner sites are appointed adjunct faculty in UNC's Political Science Department.
- Faculty mobility

Alumni

- Careers: Federal Employment, Education, Research, and Private Sector jobs.
- Maintaining Connections to TAM Graduates



Administrative Components

- Formal Convention common to all partner sites
- Permission to Plan
- Permission to Establish



Administrative Components cont.



- Campus Support
- Student Evaluations
- Sustainability
- Faculty and Staff
- Funding

Total Estimated Cost to Students

■ Tuition (covering instruction Aug -- Nov., graduation in December)	\$15,000
■ Books	\$1,100
■ Housing & Cost of Living	
■ Chapel Hill (17 weeks)	\$5,949
■ Siena/Madrid/ (1 Module, 10 weeks)	\$5,516
■ Berlin (1 Module, 10 weeks)	\$5,292
■ Paris/Bath (1 Module, 10 weeks)	\$6,292
■ Prague (1 Module, 10 weeks)	\$4,400
■ Sample estimate for Cost of Living, Chapel Hill and three modules in Paris	\$24,825
■ Travel (one transatlantic roundtrip, one US domestic flight & two rail trips in Europe)	\$2,875
■ Health insurance	\$1,050
■ Total estimate for program	\$44,850

***Recall that the interest rate is currently about 6.8% on these federal loans and is higher if one uses a private lender.

Challenges Ahead

- Increasing international student enrollment.
- Move to two-year structure.
- New TAM Track

