



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25
BACHELOR
International Studies and European Institutions (Classe L-36)
Enrolled until academic year

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	L-36 Political science and international relations
Degree title:	Dottore
Curricula currently available:	
Length of course:	3 years
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	180
Years of course currently available:	3rd
Access procedures:	Cap on student, student selection based on entrance test
Course code:	B20

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The three year undergraduate programme in International Science and European Institutions provides first-level interdisciplinary knowledge of economics, law, politics, sociology and history from both a European and international perspective. The course aims to provide students with specific competencies in both the trans-national and international aspects of contemporary society.

The overall aim of the degree is to develop the student's understanding of contemporary economic, political and social phenomena within both a European and international community framework.

Expected learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

The first two years of the degree programme aim at providing a solid knowledge of the theoretical and methodological aspects of the international relations in five diverse fields (political, economic, legal, sociological and historical). Following a multidisciplinary approach, the programme focuses on the interconnections between the above-mentioned five areas, opening students to an understanding of the features and complexities of today's international and European current affairs.

Against this background, the courses of the first year focusing on the foundations of the five diverse disciplines are followed, in the second year, by courses that adopt the perspective of international relations within the economic, legal, political and historical domains. Finally, the two foreign languages courses allow students to acquire the necessary tools for their employment in a working environment with an international vocation, in the public or private sector.

The expected learning outcomes are achieved through multiple teaching tools, such as classes, tutorials, seminars and working groups. The assessment of knowledge and understanding is done through written exams (mainly for courses included in the political, economic, sociological and linguistic fields) or oral exams (for courses in the legal and historical fields).

Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

During the third year the programme maintains a multidisciplinary approach. Courses aim at guiding students in applying their competences for recognizing concrete issues that arise in international relations and indicating possible solutions. On the basis of the chosen curricularum, the specialization refers to inter-State relations, transnational business relations, the political and social dynamics in non-European regions and, finally, the multiple processes of integration within the European Union. Assessment is done through exams and participation in seminar activities.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

With their interdisciplinary background, graduates in International Studies and European Institutions are well placed to employment in diverse fields: private and public companies involved in commercial and financial transnational relations, both within and outside the European Union; central and local administrations (particularly in their international relations office); governmental and non-governmental organizations; services, cultural heritage and tourism sectors.

Initial knowledge required

Requirements and knowledge required for entry

- High school diploma, or other foreign qualification recognized as suitable;
- adequate linguistic-expressive and logical-mathematical skills.

In addition, a proficiency in English of not less than level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR/CEFR) is required in order to take the compulsory second-year exam "English for international relations."

Methods of testing knowledge and personal preparation

- Linguistic-expressive and logical-mathematical skills.

Verification of skills takes place with the same test aimed at selection for enrollment, the TOLC-E. They are considered positively verified if in the areas of TOLC-E related to verbal comprehension, logic and mathematics the scores indicated in the selection notice are reached.

For more information on the structure and content of the test see the CISIA website at <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/area-tematica-tolc-economia/struttura-della-prova-e-syllabus/>

- Level B2 English Language

The B2 level of English language can be attested by a language certification earned no more than 3 years ago (2 for TOEFL) and recognized by the University (see the list at https://www.unimi.it/sites/default/files/2023-05/certificazioniENG_mag2023.pdf). The certification must be uploaded to this page <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>; uploading can be done at the time of matriculation or later.

Those who do not have a recognizable certification must compulsorily take the Placement Test provided by the SLAM University Language Center after matriculation; the test can only be taken during the first year of the course, from October to December.

More information is available at <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-entry-tests-and-english-courses>

Additional educational requirements and ways to make up OFAs

- Verbal comprehension and logic-mathematics

The achievement of a score lower than that indicated in the selection notice in the areas of verbal comprehension and logic-mathematics results in the assignment of additional educational obligations (OFA) to the admitted male and female students. The fulfillment of OFAs related to these areas is a requirement for taking all exams in the years following the first. The University organizes specific training activities for the remediation of skills necessary for the fulfillment of OFAs.

More information is available at OFA Online <https://ofaonline.unimi.it/> and on the OFA Recovery page <https://sie.cdl.unimi.it/it/insegnamenti/recupero-ofa>

- English Language

In the absence of certification of the B2 level of English or in case the Placement test result is less than B2, an OFA of English language is assigned.

To fulfill the OFA, it is necessary to take courses provided by the SLAM Center to achieve B2 level and pass the relevant final tests. SLAM courses require compulsory attendance; it is possible to apply for a full or partial exemption from the obligation to attend courses aimed at achieving the B2 level only for duly certified health reasons or for work reasons attested through a contract/statement from the employer.

Those who do not take the Placement Test by December or do not pass the final test of the SLAM course within 6 attempts will have to take a certification privately in order to fulfill the OFA. The fulfillment of the English OFA is a requirement to take the mandatory English for international relations exam in the second year.

More information is available at <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-and-english-courses/english-courses-and-end-course-tests>

Compulsory attendance

Attendance is strongly recommended.

Degree programme final exams

Upcoming graduates in International Studies and European Institutions must pass a final exam which consists in writing a paper on a topic agreed with the supervisor and approved by the designated board. The paper may be in Italian as well as in

French, English, Spanish or German. For upcoming graduates to be admitted to the final exam, they must have earned 174 credits.

They will write their paper under the guidance of a supervisor who teaches a course offered by the degree programme and included in the candidate's study plan.

It is also possible to write the paper under the guidance of a supervisor who teaches a course offered by another degree programme of the SPES Faculty and included in the candidate's study plan, subject to the Academic Board's approval. For information on the approval process, visit the degree programme website: <https://sie.cdl.unimi.it/it/studiare/laurearsi>.

Notes

OFA English Language B2

In order to fulfil the Additional Learning Requirement (Obbligo Formativo Aggiuntivo ? OFA) for English and sit the English-language exam required by the study plan, students must achieve B2 proficiency per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This proficiency level may be certified as follows:

? By submitting a language certificate attesting B2 or higher level in English and issued no more than three years before the date of submission. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39322/>). The certificate must be uploaded during the enrolment procedure, or subsequently to the portal <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>;

? By taking a placement test offered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) between October and December of the first year (or in January for single-cycle programmes). Students who fail the test will be required to take a SLAM course.

The placement test is mandatory for all those who do not hold a valid certificate attesting to B2 or higher level.

Those who have not taken the placement test by the end of December (end of January for single-cycle programmes) or fail the end-of-course exam six times must obtain the necessary certification privately in order to fulfil the OFA and sit the English exam.

EXPERIENCE OF STUDY ABROAD AS PART OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM

The University of Milan supports international mobility by providing its students with the opportunity to spend study and internship periods abroad. It is a unique chance to enrich your educational path in a new exciting environment.

The agreements entered into by the University with over 300 universities from the 27 EU member countries and other Extra-EU countries under the European Erasmus+ programme allow regularly enrolled students to carry out part of their studies at one of the partner universities or to undertake internships at companies, training and research centres and other organizations.

Similar international mobility opportunities are provided outside Europe, through agreements with a number of prestigious institutions.

Study and internships abroad

In light of its international focus, the Bachelor degree programme in International Sciences and European Institutions provides enrolled students with a wide range of options, in terms of foreign institutions where they may follow part of their studies and take exams, in the context of the Erasmus+ Programme. Erasmus+ funded scholarships may be available.

The Department of International, Legal, Historical and Political Studies (DILHPS) – which is responsible for the Bachelor degree – collaborates with several partner Universities in France, Spain, Eastern Europe (mainly the Czech Republic, Poland and Lithuania), as well as in Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Norway and the United Kingdom. Moreover, thanks to specific arrangements with some Turkish Universities, students will have the chance to experience life and study in a stimulating cross-cultural environment.

While staying in a partner University, students will be able to pursue their studies, in particular in the fields of International Relations, International and Comparative Law, Public and Private Law, History of International Relations and Politics.

The procedure for the recognition of exams taken abroad consists of two phases: a) before the student leaves, a 'Learning Agreement' will identify the courses that he is authorized to take abroad on the basis of the student's preferences and subject to the agreement of each Professor; b) upon the student's return, the University of Milan will recognize the exams included in the 'Transcript of Records' provided by the partner University and convert the grades received by the student.

How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs

How to participate in Erasmus+ mobility programmes

The students of the University of Milan can participate in mobility programmes, through a public selection procedure.

Ad hoc commissions will evaluate:

- Academic career
- the candidate's proposed study programme abroad
- his/her foreign language proficiency
- the reasons behind his/her application

Call for applications and informative meetings

The public selection for Erasmus+ mobility for study generally begins around February each year with the publication of a call for applications specifying destinations and requirements. Regarding the Erasmus+ Mobility for Traineeship, the

University of Milan usually publishes two calls a year enabling students to choose a destination defined by an inter-institutional agreement or to find a traineeship position on their own.

The University organizes informative meetings to illustrate mobility opportunities and rules for participation.

Erasmus+ scholarship

The European Union grants the winners of the Erasmus+ programme selection a scholarship to contribute to their mobility costs, which may be supplemented by the University funding for disadvantaged students.

Language courses

Students who pass the selections for mobility programmes can benefit from intensive foreign language courses offered each year by the University Language Centre (SLAM).

<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/8/>

Learn more at <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/274/>

For assistance, please contact:

International Mobility Office

Via Santa Sofia 9 (second floor)

Tel. 02 503 13501-12589-13495-13502

Contacts: InformaStudenti; mobility.out@unimi.it

Student Desk booking through InformaStudenti

1st COURSE YEAR (disactivated from academic year 2023/24) Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Comparative Social Systems	9	SPS/07
Contemporary History	9	M-STO/04
Microeconomics	9	SECS-P/01
Political Science	9	SPS/04
Public Law	9	IUS/09
Total compulsory credits		45
Elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 6 CREDITS in one of the following courses.		
French	6	L-LIN/04
German	6	L-LIN/14
Spanish	6	L-LIN/07
2nd COURSE YEAR (disactivated from academic year 2024/25) Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
English for international relations	9	L-LIN/12
History of International Relations	9	SPS/06
International and EU Law	12	(6) IUS/13, (6) IUS/14
International Relations	9	SPS/04
Macroeconomics	6	SECS-P/01
Political sociology	6	SPS/11
Statistics	9	SECS-S/01
Total compulsory credits		60
Further elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 12 free-choice CREDITS		
Students must obtain 3 CREDITS in one of the following activities: assessment of advanced language skills, workshops, further training activities (internship, internship)		
Advanced Language Skills: English (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Advanced Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Advanced Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Advanced Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Students must obtain 3 CREDITS for computer science assessment		
Computer Science Course	3	INF/01
End of course requirements common to all curricula		

Final exam		6	NN
	Total compulsory credits	6	

ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST

International institutions and organizations Course years currently available: 3°

International trade Course years currently available: 3°

European integration Course years currently available: 3°

Institutions of non-European countries Course years currently available: 3°

CURRICULUM: [B20-A] International institutions and organizations

3rd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International institutions and organizations			
Learning activity	Ects	Sector	
History of Italian foreign policy	6	SPS/06	
International Human Rights Law	9	IUS/13	
International Law	6	IUS/13	
International Organization	9	IUS/13	
	Total compulsory credits	30	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for International institutions and organizations			
Students must obtain 6 CREDITS in one of the following courses			
Comparative Politics	6	SPS/04	
Strategic Studies	6	SPS/04	
Students must obtain 9 CREDITS in one of the following courses			
African history and institutions	9	SPS/13	
Asian History	9	SPS/14	
History and Institutions of Latin America	9	SPS/05	
History and institutions of Muslim countries	9	SPS/14	
History of North America	9	SPS/05	

CURRICULUM: [B20-B] International trade

3rd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International trade			
Learning activity	Ects	Sector	
Commercial Law	6	IUS/04	
History of International Economic Relations	6	SECS-P/12	
International Economics	9	SECS-P/01	
International Trade Law	9	IUS/13	
Introduction to Private Law	6	IUS/01	
Private International Law	9	IUS/13	
	Total compulsory credits	45	

CURRICULUM: [B20-D] European integration

3rd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features European integration			
Learning activity	Ects	Sector	
Economic policy	6	SECS-P/02	
EU Substantive Law	6	IUS/14	
European political and social system	6	SPS/04	
History of European Integration	9	SPS/06	
Political and Economic Geography	9	M-GGR/02	
Public Law of the European Countries	9	IUS/21	
	Total compulsory credits	45	

CURRICULUM: [B20-E] Institutions of non-European countries

3rd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Institutions of non-European countries			
Learning activity	Ects	Sector	
Comparative Public Law	9	IUS/21	
International Human Rights Law	6	IUS/13	
Political and Economic Geography	6	M-GGR/02	
Strategic Studies	6	SPS/04	
	Total compulsory credits	27	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for Institutions of non-European countries			
Students must obtain 18 CREDITS in one of the following courses			
African history and institutions	9	SPS/13	

Asian History	9	SPS/14
History and Institutions of Latin America	9	SPS/05
History and institutions of Muslim countries	9	SPS/14
History of North America	9	SPS/05

COURSE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

- a) International and EU law is propaedeutic to International trade law, International law, Private international law, EU substantive law, International Organization, International human rights law.
- b) Public law is propaedeutic to International and EU law, Comparative public law, Public law of the European countries.
- c) Microeconomics is propaedeutic to Macroeconomics.
- d) Macroeconomics is propaedeutic to International economics, Political economics.
- e) Political science is propaedeutic to Comparative politics, International relations, Political sociology, Strategic studies.
- f) Comparative social systems is propaedeutic to Political sociology.
- g) Contemporary history is propaedeutic to History of Italian foreign policy, History of North America, History and institutions of Latin America, Asian history, History of international economic relations, History of international relations, History of European integration, African history and institutions, History and institutions of Muslim countries.
- h) Fulfilment of the additional learning obligations (OFA) assigned on the basis of results of the entry test is propaedeutic to the exams of the second year and of third year.
- i) Fulfilment of the additional learning obligations (OFA) for English language is propaedeutic to English for international relations.
- j) Curriculum B (International trade): Introduction to private law is propaedeutic to Private international law and to Commercial law.