UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25
BACHELOR
International Studies and European Institutions (Classe L-36)
Enrolled from academic year 2023-24

HEADING	
Degree classification - Denomination and code:	L-36 Political science and international relations
Degree title:	Dottore
Curricula currently available:	International institutions and organizations / International trade / Geopolitics and Regional Dynamics / European Union and Global Challenges
Length of course:	3 years
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	180
Years of course currently available:	1st , 2nd
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 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 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.

Compulsory attendance

Attendance is strongly recommended.

Internship criteria

The SIE degree program allows for the inclusion of a curricular internship (internship/internship) in the study plan for the acquisition of 3/6 or 9 credits, in addition or as an alternative to other training activities, such as linguistic/computer assessments and laboratories , within the 21 credits reserved for "other elective activities common to all curricula".
To be recognized in the course of study, the internship must be consistent with the training course and be activated through the COSP, Center for Study and Profession Orientation.
For more information, consult the COSP page https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/stage-e-lavoro/stage-e-tirocini

The attribution of training credits takes place following the presentation of a report on the activity carried out to the tutor teacher for internships and traineeships, laboratories and other training activities.

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
To be able to sit for the exams included in the degree programme, students are required to demonstrate their English language proficiency at level B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This level can be assessed in the following ways:

- language certificate achieved no more than three years prior to the submission, at level B2 or higher, recognised by the University (the list of recognised language certificates can be found at: https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-entry-tests-and-english-courses). The language certificate must be uploaded during the admission process;

- by taking the Placement Test organised by SLAM, exclusively during the first year, from October to December. Students who fail to reach level B2 will have to attend an English course organised by SLAM. The Placement Test is compulsory for all students who do not have a valid language certificate.

Students who do not take the Placement Test within the deadline and students who fail the SLAM end-of-course test within six attempts will have to obtain a language certificate within the year in which the language exam is scheduled.
OFA
In order to be entitled to sit the English language exam included in their degree program, students are required to certify their knowledge of the English language at the B2 level. This level can be certified in one of the following ways:

? By submitting their language certificate, taken no more than 3 years before its submittal and attesting a B2 o higher level (for the list of the language certificates accepted by the University of Milan, please refer to the website: http://www.unimi.it/studenti/100312.htm). Students can submit their language certificate during the immatriculation procedure or send it to the Language Centre of the University of Milan (SLAM) via Infostudente service.
? By sitting the Placement Test run by SLAM, during the first year exclusively, from September to December. Should they not pass the Placement Test, students will have to attend the English language courses organized by SLAM. All students who do not have a valid language certificate must sit the Placement Test. Those students who do not sit the Placement test by December or do not pass the end of course test in one of the 6 attempts granted will have to get a language certificate outside the University of Milan within the year in which the English language exam is scheduled according to their degree program.

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 Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Comparative Social Systems		6	SPS/07
Contemporary History		6	M-STO/04
International Law		9	IUS/13
Microeconomics		9	SECS-P/01
Political Science		9	SPS/04
Public Law		9	IUS/09
Statistics		6	SECS-S/01
	Total compulsory credits	54	
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 Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
English for international relations		9	L-LIN/12
European Union Law		9	IUS/14
History of International Relations		9	SPS/06
International Relations		9	SPS/04
Macroeconomics		9	SECS-P/01
Political sociology		6	SPS/11
	Total compulsory credits	51	
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	ND
Advanced Language Skills: French(3 ECTS)		3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)		3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)		3	ND
Computer Science Course		3	INF/01
In order to complete the 180 credits envisaged by the training course, students must also obtain 6 credits by choosing from the following activities			

a) Free-choice educational activities, consistent with the educational path, among those organized or envisaged by the degree course or by the University of Milan, or by other universities, including foreign ones, as part of mobility programs or international agreements University (3 or 6 credits),b) Other training activities, among the following
- assessment of advanced linguistic knowledge in English and/or in the second foreign language (French, Spanish, German) chosen in the first year (3 credits),
- assessment of linguistic knowledge in a foreign language chosen from among French, Spanish, German, different from the one chosen in the first year (6 CFU),
- assessment of computer skills (3 credits),
- internships or training and orientation internships (6 credits - 150 hours)
- further training activities aimed at acquiring other useful knowledge for entering the world of work (3 credits)

Additional Language Skills: French (6 ECTS)		6	ND
Additional Language Skills: German (6 ECTS)		6	ND
Additional Language Skills: Spanish (6 ECTS)		6	ND
Advanced Language Skills: English (3 ECTS)		3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: French(3 ECTS)		3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)		3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)		3	ND
Computer Science Course		3	INF/01
End of course requirements common to all curricula			
Final exam		6	ND
	Total compulsory credits	6	

ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST

International institutions and organizations Course years currently available: 1°, 2°
International trade Course years currently available: 1°, 2°
Geopolitics and Regional Dynamics Course years currently available: 1°, 2°
European Union and Global Challenges Course years currently available: 1°, 2°

CURRICULUM: [B20-A] International institutions and organizations

2nd 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
	Total compulsory credits	6	
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International institutions and organizations			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
International Human Rights Law		9	IUS/13
International organizations and multilateral diplomacy		9	IUS/13
Strategic Studies		9	SPS/04
	Total compulsory credits	27	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for International institutions and organizations			
Students must obtain 9 CREDITS in one of the following courses			
Comparative constitutional systems		9	IUS/21
Comparative socio-economic systems		9	SPS/09
Italian and European criminal constitutional law		9	IUS/09

CURRICULUM: [B20-B] International trade

2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International trade			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Introduction to Private Law		6	IUS/01
	Total compulsory credits	6	
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International trade			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
International trade law		9	IUS/13
lABORATORY: Alternative Means of International Trade Dispute Resolution		3	IUS/15
Private International Law		9	IUS/13
	Total compulsory credits	21	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for International trade			
Students must obtain 9 CREDITS in one of the following courses.			
Commercial law in the digital economy		9	IUS/04
International and development economics		9	SECS-P/01

Students must obtain 6 CREDITS in one of the following courses.		
Business Administration	6	SECS-P/07
Customs law and commercial policy of the European Union	6	IUS/14

CURRICULUM: [B20-H] Geopolitics and Regional Dynamics

2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Geopolitics and Regional Dynamics			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Geopolitics and constitutional systems		9	IUS/21
	Total compulsory credits	9	
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Geopolitics and Regional Dynamics			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Geography of resources, borders and migrations		9	M-GGR/02
International politics and security		6	SPS/04
	Total compulsory credits	15	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for Geopolitics and Regional Dynamics			
Students must obtain 18 CREDITS in one of the following courses			
Africa: history, institutions and global challenges		9	SPS/13
Asian History		9	SPS/14
History and geopolitics of the Middle East		9	SPS/14
History of North America		9	SPS/05
History, institutions and politics of Latin America		9	SPS/05

CURRICULUM: [B20-I] European Union and Global Challenges

2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features European Union and Global Challenges			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
History and politics of European integration		9	SPS/06
	Total compulsory credits	9	
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features European Union and Global Challenges			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
European political system		6	SPS/04
Europeanization and public policies		6	SPS/04
Laboratory: Europlanning: from the idea to the project		3	IUS/14
	Total compulsory credits	15	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for European Union and Global Challenges			
Students must obtain 18 CREDITS in one of the following courses.			
Digital platforms and artificial intelligence: European regulation in the global market		9	IUS/05
Environment, climate and energy: regulatory strategies		9	(6) IUS/10, (3) IUS/05
External action and diplomatic service of the European Union		9	IUS/14
Migrations, European society and the new global order		9	SPS/07

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.