



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25
BACHELOR
Social Sciences for Globalisation (Classe L-37)
Enrolled from 2023/24 academic year

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	L-37 Social sciences for co-operation, development and peace
Degree title:	Dottore
Curricula currently available:	Global processes / Social cohesion and development
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:	B22

PERSONS/ROLES

Head of Study Programme

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Degree Course website

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<https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/servizi-gli-studenti/servizi-studenti-con-disabilita>

<https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/servizi-gli-studenti/servizi-studenti-con-dsa>

Student registrar

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The aim of the study programme is to provide a set of knowledge (sociological, political, juridical, anthropological, economic, historical and linguistic) and statistic-methodological tools in order to develop the ability to analyze the phenomena of global interdependency and to design/implement policies for social development at both international and local level (national and sub-national). The training provided is multidisciplinary, but it pays particular attention to the social and political aspects of globalization and their consequences, which are sometimes considered to be of lesser importance than economic and financial phenomena.

The aim is to provide graduates with a versatile and multidisciplinary training and equip them with the capacity for autonomous judgment, the ability to understand and analyze the processes of globalization in its various social, political, juridical, economic and cultural aspects and the motivation to work in the fields of international developments and social policies

Expected learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding of the interpretative paradigms, concepts and main themes inherent in the sociological, political, socio-economic and multidisciplinary areas (anthropology, international law, contemporary history, vehicular languages), ability to apply such a knowledge. Ability to collect data, to critically analyze their sources, to organize them systematically and to carry out autonomous processing on them, both through qualitative and quantitative approaches. Ability to make independent judgments, develop critical skills and make assessments and take decisions in complex and changing contexts. Ability to present the results of one's work and communicate the solution of problems with the most appropriate tools, both towards experts and to a more general public. Ability to constantly update their own skills, both through the exchange with the professional community, and through the ability to use bibliographic material, databases and other information online, even in a foreign language.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The aim is to introduce graduates into the labor market with a versatile training and independent judgment, able to understand and analyze the processes of globalization under the various social, political, economic and cultural aspects, motivated to work in the fields of international development and social policies. The aim of the Degree in Social Sciences for Globalization is therefore to train qualified professionals capable of carrying out independently diagnostic and intervention tasks within strategies outlined by higher-level managers in complex organizational public and private contexts. The professional opportunities concern:

1. companies operating abroad or making use of foreign personnel and needing to develop analyses of the area of settlement and related intervention programs for the main stakeholders. Specifically, personnel directorates, internal and external relations are the most congenial areas;
2. local and international institutions working in support of groups or populations in need of assistance both at home and abroad. Specifically, the study offices and project groups are the most congenial areas;
3. non-governmental organizations, Community bodies and associations requiring expertise in dealing with complex and potentially conflicting situations relating to multi-ethnic and intercultural relations, cooperation support, international aid projects, both private and public, and in general trade between rich and poor countries;
4. the local public sector, third sector organizations, educational and research institutions and trade union and professional organizations which contribute to the governance of local economic and social policies;
5. companies and associations that organize and manage initiatives for fair consumption, sustainable development, permanent or temporary settlement projects aimed at local development.

Initial knowledge required

Admission to the degree programme requires applicants to have a high school diploma or an equivalent suitable qualification from abroad.

To be admitted to the course students must sit an examination to check their linguistic-communication capabilities, in addition to taking an online test (TOLC-E) organised by the Consortium of Interuniversity Integrated Access Systems (CISIA). Subject knowledge for admission will be deemed acceptable if the scores in the selection band have been achieved. Students whose score is lower than the value stated in the selection band, limited to the area of verbal comprehension, will be assigned an additional learning obligation (OFA), which must be met and approved within the first year of the course.

The University organises specific tutoring support for the successful completion of the OFA. Additional information is available on the University study portal of the Faculty of Political, Economic & Social Sciences.

If students fail to satisfy the OFA within the required timescale, the following year they will be unable to sit the examinations for the years subsequent to the first year.

English OFA

To be able to sit the English examination stipulated in the curriculum, students must have level B1 English as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (QCER). This level can be confirmed as follows:

- by sending a level B1 or higher language qualification certificate gained no more than 3 years prior to the date it is submitted (for a list of language qualifications accepted by the University, visit the University portal at <https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/competenze-linguistiche/placement-test-test-di-ingresso-e-corsi-di-inglese>). Certificates must be uploaded at the time of enrolment, or at a later date on the portal at <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>;
- by sitting a placement test set exclusively by SLAM during the 1st year, between October and December. Students who fail the placement test must follow the courses delivered by SLAM.

The placement test is compulsory for all students who do not have a valid qualification.

Students who do not sit the placement test by December, or do not pass the final test after 6 attempts, must obtain the qualification at their own expense, during the year in which the language examination is scheduled.

Compulsory attendance

Course attendance is highly recommended.

Internship criteria

The internship (or traineeship) activated through the COSP of the University constitutes the priority route for accessing the recognition of the three/six credits for further training activities. In this way it is possible to integrate the educational path offered by the Degree Course through an important opportunity to apply the skills acquired during the course of study, and to integrate these skills with those typical of a working/professional context. In general, all types of work contexts related to social science disciplines appear appropriate; however, upon approval of the educational project, the tutor carries out an assessment of the consistency of the specific activities proposed with the educational aims of the Degree Course. The internship (or apprenticeship) is a training experience of which there are different types: a student can carry out curricular internships/internships, those who completed a study program no more than 12 months ago can carry out extra-curricular internships/internships. The Cosp manages the procedures for activating internships in public and private organizations and companies for enrolled students, graduates and postgraduates at our University. It is possible to find an internship using the job and internship notice board of the University (Cosp). If the student finds an internship through other channels or independently, he must still follow the University procedures (Cosp)

Degree programme final exams

Once the necessary 174 credits have been acquired, in compliance with these regulations, the student is allowed to take the final exam to obtain the qualification.

The final exam consists of a written paper on a topic previously agreed with a professor of the faculty chosen from the course followed, or in a written report on the subject of the internship or internship carried out by the student. The paper and the report can also be written in a foreign language. In some cases, agreed with the supervisor, the written work can be integrated or replaced by an audiovisual one or by a computer-based work.

Criteria for admission to the final exam

Once the necessary 174 credits have been acquired, in compliance with these regulations, the student is allowed to take the final exam to obtain the qualification.

Notes

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.

Computer skills

Students who are supposed to earn 3 credits (CFU) for basic computer skills, as provided by their degree programme, have to attend the 'Computer Science Course' through the e-learning platform of the project called '3CFU Informatica' accessible at the following link: <https://3cfuinformatica.unimi.it>.

It is a blended course with a compulsory final exam.

The first exam session is scheduled for January, and more will follow according to a calendar to be made available on the course delivery platform.

Students who have already fulfilled an ICT Assessment during their previous studies should submit the related certification to their degree Secretariat, seeking its acknowledgement: it will be evaluated and they will receive a positive or negative feedback.

The 'Computer Science Course 3CFU' course is managed by the CTU - Teaching and Learning Innovation and Multimedia Technology Centre.

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 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

According to the formative aims of the degree in Social Sciences for Globalization, international mobility is strongly encouraged. Students can refer to the tutor to the Erasmus Program for information on calls, the definition of educational plans of study in foreign universities, the modalities for the recognition of credits, and any other issue concerning the opportunity to study abroad.

Detailed information regarding the Erasmus+ and the Placement calls are available at the website of the Degree Program in Social Sciences for Globalization: <https://glo.cdl.unimi.it>

Students enrolled in the Degree Program in Social Sciences for Globalization will make a stay abroad under the Erasmus+ Program that offers the opportunity to live an experience of study abroad (attending courses, taking exams, preparing their final dissertation, doing research) gaining acceptance in the academic career of the training activities undertaken.

Erasmus+ also provides mobility for Placement, that is the opportunity to have an internship abroad, in enterprises or other organizations.

The Erasmus+ Program assures: a) the possibility of a mobility experience abroad up to a total of 12 months (mobility for study and/or placement); b) the opening of mobility for placements to students recent graduates (within 12 months of graduation).

The Degree Program GLO currently provides the opportunity to take courses in sociological, political, historical, anthropological, economic and international law disciplines in German, Danish, Spanish, French, and Portuguese universities.

How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs

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
Cultural Anthropology	12	M-DEA/01
Fundamental Rights	9	IUS/13
International Organization	9	IUS/13
Social statistics and Population Dynamics	9	(3) SECS-S/04, (6) SECS-S/05
Society and Social Change	12	SPS/07
	Total compulsory credits	51
Elective courses common to all curricula		
The student must achieve 6 CFU between one of the following courses.		
The course of “Accertamento conoscenze linguistiche progredite:lingue Anglo-Aamericane” can only be taken by students with an English level equivalent or higher than B2		
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: Anglo-American (6 ECTS)	6	ND
The student must achieve 6 CFU between 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

2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Comparative and International Public Policy	12	SPS/04
English	9	L-LIN/12
Ethnic Relations and Cultural Differences	6	SPS/07
Fundamentals of Economics	12	SECS-P/01
Methodology of Social and Evaluation Research	9	SPS/07
Migration Processes	9	SPS/10
Political and Economic Geography	6	M-GGR/02
Total compulsory credits		63

3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Social Policies	6	SPS/08
Total compulsory credits		6

Further elective courses common to all curricula

The student must get 12 CFU of free choice

The student must obtain 9 CFU to be acquired from the following activities:

- Computer skills assessment
- Training internships
- Laboratories

Computer Science Course	3	INF/01
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End of course requirements common to all curricula

Final Exam	6	NA
Total compulsory credits		6

ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST

Global processes Course years currently available: 1°, 2°

Social cohesion and development Course years currently available: 1°, 2°

CURRICULUM: [B22-A] Global processes

3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Global processes

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Development policies	6	SPS/04
Geopolitics	6	SPS/04
Total compulsory credits		12

Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for Global processes

The student must achieve 6 CFU between one of the following courses:

Global Information Processes	6	SPS/07
Globalization and Health Policy	6	SPS/07

CURRICULUM: [B22-B] Social cohesion and development

3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Social cohesion and development

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Local Economic Development Sociology	6	SPS/09
Sociology of Organized Crime	6	SPS/09
Total compulsory credits		12

Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for Social cohesion and development

The student must achieve 6 CFU between one of the following courses:

Applied social research	6	SPS/07
Globalization and Social Divisions	6	SPS/07

COURSE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

The following prerequisites are established:

- Antropologia culturale is a prerequisite for Ethnic Relations and Cultural Differences (all curricula)
- Società e mutamento sociale is a prerequisite for Processi migratori (all curricula), Politiche sociali (all curricula), Globalizzazione e politiche della salute (CURRICULUM PROCESSI GLOBALI), Global Information Processes (CURRICULUM PROCESSI GLOBALI), Globalization and Social Divisions (CURRICULUM COESIONE E SVILUPPO SOCIALE), Ricerca sociale applicata (CURRICULUM COESIONE E SVILUPPO SOCIALE).
- Comparative and International Public Policy is a prerequisite for Politiche dello sviluppo (CURRICULUM PROCESSI GLOBALI) e Sociologia dello sviluppo economico locale (CURRICULUM COESIONE E SVILUPPO SOCIALE)
- Statistica sociale e dinamiche di popolazione is a prerequisite for Metodologia della ricerca sociale e valutativa (all curricula)
- Istituzioni di economia is a prerequisite for Politiche dello sviluppo (CURRICULUM PROCESSI GLOBALI) e Sociologia dello sviluppo economico locale (CURRICULUM COESIONE E SVILUPPO SOCIALE)
- The achievement of the B2 English language qualification is a prerequisite for Lingua inglese
- The course of “Accertamento conoscenze linguistiche progredite: lingue Anglo-Americane” can only be taken by students with an English level equivalent or higher than B2
- The OFA fulfillment is a prerequisite for the second and third year courses.