



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22

IN
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS (IPLE) - Classe
L-36

Enrolled from 2019/2020 academic year

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	L-36
Degree title:	Dottore
Curricula currently available:	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE) / INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)
Length of course:	3 years
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	180
Course years currently available:	1° , 2° , 3°
Access procedures:	Cap on student numbers, student selection based on entrance test
Course code:	B26

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The Bachelors Programme in International Politics, Law and Economics is a three-year English taught programme which offers interdisciplinary education in political science, law, economics, history, and sociology, with a particular emphasis on the political, economic, and legal dimensions of the contemporary international context.

The international and comparative focus which characterises all of the courses taught within this programme aims to enable students to understand and interpret today's global reality, while also allowing them to grasp and critically assess its complexities.

Furthermore, this Programme aims at providing graduates with a sound knowledge of English: students will be able to constantly practice it by attending lectures, actively participating in class (e.g. thanks to exercises and/or other written/oral activities), as well as taking written and oral exams in English.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The Bachelors Programme prepares graduates to find employment in the following areas: national and regional/local public administrations, including diplomatic missions to foreign countries or international institutions; international organisations; NGOs (e.g. those engaged in humanitarian volunteering activities); centres or associations specialised in the study and analysis of political, social, and economic processes; public and/or private (national or multinational) companies involved in international trade and finance; in the fields of services, cultural heritage, tourism, and communication.

Pre-requisites for admission

In order to be admitted to the Bachelor's Programme in International Politics, Law and Economics, prospective students must hold an upper secondary school diploma or equivalent qualification obtained abroad after at least 12 years of schooling.

, and possess an adequate educational background. Indeed, some basic skills are required in the two following areas: language comprehension, logic and mathematics. These skills are essential to the fruitful participation in this programme, as is a sound knowledge of English (level B2 of the European reference framework).

Pursuant to Article 2 of Law 264/1999, with a view to ensuring high quality education in the light of available resources, the maximum number of students who can enroll in this programme is set at 125, plus a certain number of spots that are reserved for non-EU candidates residing abroad. The admission test for EU candidates is organized in two sessions: the first session, in Spring 2021, is reserved to students attending their last year of secondary school; the second session, open to all candidates, will take place in Summer 2021. The selection procedure for non-EU candidates residing abroad will take place in Spring 2021, and will be open both to students in their last year of secondary school, and to those who already got their diploma.

The admission test will serve as a basis for both the selection of candidates and the assessment of their skills in the abovementioned two areas (language comprehension, logic and mathematics). In order to be positively assessed in each subject area, candidates must correctly answer at least 50% of the questions. Those candidates who are admitted in the programme despite having correctly replied to a lower percentage of questions in the area of logic and mathematics (jointly considered) will be assigned further training requirements (s.c. OFA, Obblighi Formativi Aggiuntivi). This means that they will have to attend courses/workshops or consult supplementary materials and pass another test within their first year in the programme. If they fail to do so, they will not be allowed to take second- and/or third-year exams. Further information on these OFA are available online on the website, at Area Studiare, of the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences.

English OFA

To be able to sit the exams included in the degree programme, students must be proficient in English at a B2 level under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This proficiency level may be certified as follow:

- By a language certification, earned within three years prior to the date of submission, at a B2 level or higher. For the list of language certifications recognised by the University, please review: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-entry-tests-and-english-courses>. The certification must be uploaded during the admission process;

- by a secondary school diploma with English as teaching Language. The diploma must be uploaded during the enrolment process;

- By a Placement Test, which is delivered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) during year I only, in the second half of October. Students who fail the test will be required to take a SLAM course.

The Placement Test is mandatory for all students who do not hold a valid certification, or a secondary school diploma with English as teaching language.

Students who do not sit the Placement Test within the end of October and students who fail the SLAM end-of-course test within six attempts will have to obtain an outside paid certification to be able to register for and sit any exam included in the degree programme.

Italian language test.

Furthermore, before graduating, students need to possess a minimal competence in the Italian language. To this end, enrolled students meet with the Programme's tutor who determines whether they need to take a placement test aimed at assessing their knowledge of Italian. Students who hold an upper secondary school diploma from an Italian (or Italian taught) course are exempted from the placement test, as are those who hold a language certificate. In case they do not already have those competences, students will be addressed to take the Italian language amongst the choice of 3-credit courses of Additional language skills.

Continuing your studies

This Bachelor's Programme is designed to provide its graduates with the appropriate knowledge and competences to continue their studies, in Italy or abroad, with a Master's Programme in the fields of Political Science, Law and Economics. The degree in International Politics, Law and Economics allows graduates meeting the curricular requirements to access several Master's Programmes within the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences of the University of Milan, including those in International Relations (class LM-52 'International Relations') and in Economics and Political Science (classes LM-56 'Economics' and LM-62 'Political Science').

Programme structure

The Bachelor's Programme in International Politics, Law and Economics consists in a general part and two alternative curricula:

- International Politics and Economics; or
- International Politics and Law.

Students need to choose the preferred curriculum during the enrollment process, since there are a few differences already

during the first two years of study. They maintain the possibility of switching to a different curriculum, respecting the structure and requisites of the courses offered in the chosen curriculum.

Notes

In selecting alternative elective courses (e.g. International Human Rights Law or International Trade Law), each student's choice is limited to those actually given in that specific year.

The Bachelor's Programme in International Politics, Law and Economics is a three-year course. Working students and students who cannot regularly attend the full-time programme will be allowed to enroll in the programme part-time: in this case, the programme lasts five years. The advantages of enrolling part-time are the following:

- Students can obtain the degree in five years, instead of three, without becoming students 'fuori corso' (i.e., students who have not completed their exams in time);
 - Tuition fees are reduced to the extent established by the University's 'Consiglio di amministrazione' (Board of Directors);
 - part-time students can participate in specific initiatives, such as Saturday morning meetings or on-line teaching modules;
- At the time of enrollment in each new academic year, part-time students are allowed to switch to the full-time programme, with ensuing tuition fees.

Language test / computer literacy test

In the context of this Bachelor's Programme, all students must obtain 3 ECTS by taking an exam in Additional Language Skills. These ECTS shall be obtained in a language other than English and other than each student's mother tongue. Students who do not have a sufficient knowledge of Italian will need to obtain the abovementioned 3 ECTS by attending an Italian course organised by the University.

Computer skills

In the context of this Bachelor's Programme, all students must obtain 3 ECTS by taking an exam in Additional Language Skills. These ECTS shall be obtained in a language other than English and other than each student's mother tongue. Students who do not have a sufficient knowledge of Italian will need to obtain the abovementioned 3 ECTS by attending an Italian course organised by the University.

Compulsory attendance

Course attendance is highly recommended.

Study plan definition and submission for approval

Students need to choose the preferred curriculum during the enrollment process

The study plan may be submitted since the first year of the programme; it must be submitted as of the 2nd year. Students shall be aware that they will not be able to acquire credits relating to elective courses before the approval of their study plan.

Degree programme final exam

The final exam consists in writing an essay on a topic previously agreed with a Faculty professor, and evaluated by a special two-member committee. The final essay can also contain the analysis of a specific topic that the student in question has dealt with during his/her internship. In order to be admitted to the final exam, students must have acquired at least 174 ECTS.

EXPERIENCE OF STUDY ABROAD AS PART OF THE DEGREE 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 30 different 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

The Department responsible for the Bachelor's programme has exchange agreements under the Erasmus+ programme with several Universities in France, Germany, Spain, Central and Eastern Europe (mainly Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Estonia and Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria), Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Slovenia and Turkey, as well as extra-European exchanges with Japan (Waseda University and Kobe University).

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, which last 3 to 12 months, 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 generally begins around February each year with the publication of a call for applications specifying the destinations, with the respective programme duration,(from 2/3 to 12 months), requirements and online application deadline.

Every year, before the deadline for the call, the University organizes informative meetings to illustrate opportunities and rules for participation to students.

Erasmus+ scholarship

The European Union grants the winners of the Erasmus+ programme selection a scholarship to contribute to their mobility costs, which is 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.

Learn more at <https://www.unimi.it/en/international/study-abroad/studying-abroad-erasmus>.

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.

ADMISSION CRITERIA: 1ST YEAR CAP ON STUDENT, STUDENT SELECTION BASED ON ENTRANCE TEST

Application and enrolment information and procedures

Information and organisational procedure for enrolment

The 125 available places and the additional places reserved for non-EU students resident abroad - are allocated through an admission test aimed at ascertaining the candidates' basic knowledge in the following two areas: language comprehension, logic and mathematics.

Information on student transfers.

Students requesting the transfer from other Programmes must take the admission test and position themselves in the ranking.

Links to enrolment information and procedures

<https://www.unimi.it/en/study/enrolment>

Practical instructions

For all information related to the admission test, please refer to the call for applications at <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/degree-programme-enrolment/enrolment-first-degree-programme>.

For all information related to the enrollment, please refer to the page: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/degree-programme-enrolment>.

N° of places reserved to non-EU students resident abroad

25

Number of places assigned

125

Entry test/interview date, time and venue

-- , The exact time and place will be indicated in the calls for admissions.

1° 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
Data analysis	3	INF/01
History of political theories	6	SPS/02
Logic and critical thinking	3	M-FIL/02
Microeconomics	9	SECS-P/01
Political science	9	SPS/04
Public law	9	IUS/09
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		51

2° COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
International law	9	IUS/13
International macroeconomics	12	SECS-P/01
International relations	9	SPS/04
Statistics	6	SECS-S/01
Writing and communication skills	9	L-LIN/12
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		45

3° COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Final exam	6	ND
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		6

Further elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 3 ECTS by attending a workshop organized by the Bachelor Programme, or further training activities (e.g., an internship).		
Students must obtain 12 ECTS from elective courses.		
Students must obtain 3 ECTS from the Additional Language Skills Assessment.		
Additional Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Additional Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Additional Language Skills: Italian (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Additional Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	ND

LIST OF CURRENTLY AVAILABLE CURRICULA		
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE) Course years currently available: 1°, 2°, 3°		
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL) Course years currently available: 1°, 2°, 3°		

CURRICULUM: [B26-A] INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE)

1° COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Mathematics	6	SECS-S/06
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		6
2° COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Advanced data analysis	3	INF/01
Econometrics	6	SECS-P/05
Polimetrics	6	SPS/04
Research methodology	6	SPS/07
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		21
3° COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Comparative political systems	9	SPS/04
International economics and policy	6	SECS-P/01
Models in political analysis	9	SPS/04
Public economics	9	SECS-P/03
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		33

CURRICULUM: [B26-B] INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)

1° COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
History of international relations	9	SPS/06
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		9
2° COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
EU law	9	IUS/14
Sociology of globalization	6	SPS/08

War studies		6	SPS/04
	Total number of compulsory credits/ects	21	
3° COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)			
Learning activity		Ects	Sector
Comparative public law		6	IUS/21
History and politics of global powers		6	SPS/06
	Total number of compulsory credits/ects	12	
Further elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)			
Students must obtain 9 ECTS in one of the following courses			
International human rights law		9	IUS/13
International trade law		9	IUS/13
Students must obtain 9 ECTS in one of the following courses			
History and institutions of East Asia		9	SPS/14
State and society in North Africa and the Mediterranean region		9	SPS/13

COURSE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

Course progression common to all curricula

- a) Public Law is preparatory to International Law;
- b) Political Science is preparatory to International Relations;
- c) Microeconomics is preparatory to International Macroeconomics.

Course progression specific to the International Politics and Economics curriculum

- a) Mathematics is preparatory to Econometrics;
- b) International Macroeconomics is preparatory to International Economics and Policy, Public Economics;
- c) Statistics is preparatory to Econometrics, Polimetrics;
- d) Political science is preparatory to Polimetrics, Models in Political Analysis, Comparative Political Systems.

Course progression specific to the International Politics and Law curriculum

- a) Public law is preparatory to EU Law and to Comparative Public Law;
- b) Contemporary History is preparatory to History of International Relations, History and Institutions of East Asia and State and Society in North Africa and the Mediterranean region;
- c) International Relations is preparatory to War Studies;
- d) History of International Relations is preparatory to History and Politics of Global Powers.