



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23
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.

Expected learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

The general part of the Bachelor programme, which takes place in the first year and in part of the second year, aims to provide students with a solid basic knowledge of the various subject areas. Among the expected learning outcomes, primary importance is given to acquiring an appropriate knowledge of the principles, theories and fundamental concepts, as well as the terminology in the areas of political science, economics, law, sociology and history.

An international and comparative perspective will be followed, notably through the courses in international economics, international law, international relations, history of international relations and comparative social and political systems. Students are also expected to acquire an adequate command of research methods in the relevant disciplines.

Particular attention is given to the enhancement of general reasoning and argumentation competences ? also through an introductory course in logic during the first year ? and linguistic skills ? both through foreign language courses and the use of the English language for all teaching activities.

Each course usually includes the study of the introductory elements, appropriate forms of in-depth analysis, and possible tutorials and seminars.

The expected learning outcomes are achieved and assessed through multiple teaching tools, such as lectures, tutorials, seminars and group work. The overall assessment of knowledge and understanding is done through written or oral exams.

Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

The Bachelor programme maintains a multidisciplinary approach in each of the two curricula. The courses aim to guide students in applying the theoretical knowledge and methodologies acquired, with particular reference to law, political science and economics, in the identification and analysis of concrete issues. These may concern both the macro-level ? i.e., the context of international political or economic relations ? and the micro-level ? i.e., State, local authorities, companies or NGOs. Graduates shall be able to develop and support reasoned and constructive arguments and to deal with issues that are presented to them in a problem-solving perspective. Innovative teaching methods contribute to the acquisition of such skills, involving an active participation of students through tutorials and group-work.

The ability of applying knowledge and understanding is assessed both by observing and guiding the students? group work, through written or oral exams requiring the student to solve practical cases, and through the guidance of students in the preparation of their final essay.

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 2022, is reserved to students attending their last year of secondary school; the second session, open to all candidates, will take place in Summer 2022. The selection procedure for non-EU candidates residing abroad will take place in Spring 2022, 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 of the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences, area Studying.

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 follows:

- Through a language certificate, earned within three years prior to the date of submission, at a B2 level or higher. For the list of language certificates recognised by the University, please review: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/297/>. The certificate must be uploaded during the enrolment procedure, or subsequently to the portal [http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue](http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue;);

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

- through a Placement Test, which is delivered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) during year I only, from October to December. 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 certificate, or a secondary school diploma with English as teaching language.

Students who do not sit the Placement Test by December and students, or who fail to pass the SLAM end-of-course test

within six attempts, must obtain a paid certificate to be able to register for and sit any exam included in the degree programme.

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 choose their preferred curriculum with the presentation of their study plan.

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: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/fees-and-how-pay-them/part-time-enrolment>

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 without an Italian degree or diploma should obtain 3 credits in Additional language skills: Italian by proving an Italian language proficiency at level A2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This level can be assessed by the end of the degree course in the following ways:

1. by submitting the language certificate achieved no more than three years prior to the submission, at level A2 or higher, recognised by the University (the list of recognised language certificates can be found at: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/349/>). The language certificate must be uploaded through the service <https://informastudenti.unimi.it/saw/ess?AUTH=SAML>, by choosing the category SLAM;
2. by an entry-level test, organised by SLAM, which can be taken at the beginning of every semester.

Students who fail to reach level A2 will have to attend a 60-hour Italian course organised by SLAM and to pass the final test during the I semester of the second year of study in order to earn 3 ECTS credits of Additional Language Skills: Italian.

Computer skills

The compulsory teaching of Data Analysis (3 ECTS) entails, inter alia, the acquisition by students of specific computer skills.

Compulsory attendance

Course attendance is highly recommended.

Study plan definition and submission for approval

The study plan must be submitted as of the 2nd year. The study plan includes the choice of the preferred curriculum. Students shall be aware that they will not be able to acquire credits relating to elective courses with the exception of those offered within the degree programme, 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 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

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, Sweden, Portugal, Ireland, Malta, Slovenia and Turkey, as well as extra-European exchanges with Argentina (UNSAM), China (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Peking University e Renmin University), Japan (Waseda University and Kobe University).

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.

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

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

- Public Law is preparatory to International Law;
- Political Science is preparatory to International Relations;
- Microeconomics is preparatory to International Macroeconomics.

Course progression specific to the International Politics and Economics curriculum

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

Course progression specific to the International Politics and Law curriculum

- Public law is preparatory to EU Law and to Comparative Public Law;
- 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;
- International Relations is preparatory to War Studies;
- History of International Relations is preparatory to History and Politics of Global Powers.