



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26
MASTER DEGREE
International Relations (- Classe LM-52)
Enrolled from 2020/2021 until 2024/2025

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	LM-52 International relations
Degree title:	Dottore Magistrale
Curricula currently available:	
Length of course:	2 years
Credits required for admission:	180
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	120
Years of course currently available:	2nd
Access procedures:	Open, subject to entry requirements
Course code:	B61

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The post-graduate degree programme in International Relations aims to provide a highly qualified learning programme in the political, legal, economic and historical disciplines. Particular attention is given to the development of the graduate's understanding of the international framework of political, economic and social phenomena. The programme is therefore characterised by a multi-disciplinary and open approach to international issues.

Expected learning outcomes

Curr A-Acquisition of an advanced preparation in the juridical, economic, political and historical disciplines with an international vocation, through an authentically multidisciplinary approach and a plurality of methodological tools. The students' ability to contextualize and analyze the phenomena inherent to international relations is thus progressively developed.

Acquisition of skills such as critical analysis, ability to predict scenarios and define behavioral strategic lines, elaboration of execution models of designed policies in operational contexts of national and supranational nature. Similar activities are developed with particular regard to the management of phenomena inherent to foreign policy and international cooperation, especially in the fields of economics, of environment and in trade and military conflicts, to the functioning of international governmental and non-governmental organizations in the political, strategic, economic and financial field.

The expected learning outcomes are achieved and verified through several teaching tools such as lectures, practical classes, seminars, group works and professionalizing workshops. The assessment of knowledge and comprehension abilities takes place through presentations in class, written or oral exams with the common objective of verifying the possession of the indicated skills.

CURR. B-Development of an advanced legal-economic preparation, with reference to transnational commercial and financial relations both inside and outside the European Union, through analytical tools related to the economy and the law of European integration, to economy and financial markets, international contracts and arbitration, single market and competition. Consequent acquisition of critical assessment skills (through a legal and economic approach) of subjects and transactions typical of international trade.

On the basis of the advanced legal-economic skills developed, acquisition (i) of design skills, definition and execution of strategies of commercial and financial content compatible with the legal context, (ii) of the ability to understand the behavior of commercial partners and institutional representatives, within companies oriented to foreign trade or other institutions active in the international trade and in the finance sector. Such skills are developed considering the functions inherent to the organization, regulation and monitoring of these bodies, or the intermediation among them.

The expected learning outcomes are achieved and verified through several teaching tools such as lectures, practical classes, seminars, group works and professionalizing workshops. The assessment of knowledge and comprehension abilities takes place through presentations in class, written or oral exams with the common objective of verifying the possession of the indicated skills.

CURR C-Development of advanced political, historical-cultural, economic and juridical skills that allow students to deepen their knowledge of regionalization processes and the specific features of the main regional geopolitical arenas of the international system, together with the analysis of the dynamics of political and economic globalization. This on a diplomatic and strategic alignments level, in terms of the establishment of regional international institutions, of the dynamics of convergence and economic integration and finally of the formation of local political identities, cultures and languages. Acquisition of design skills and implementation of foreign and international, economic and legal policy strategies on the basis of the multidisciplinary skills developed. Such abilities are to be developed within national and international public institutions, think tanks, research institutions and advisors.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

Career-wise, the International Relations graduates acquire the knowledge that allows them to pursue careers in international and supranational organizations as well as in diplomacy, in national and multinational companies active in foreign trade, in public and private institutions active in the field of development cooperation, and in national and supranational financial institutions.

A. Diplomacy and International Organizations:

1. Diplomatic career
2. Regional or universal intergovernmental organizations
3. National or supranational legislative offices
4. Policy making

B. International trade and European integration

Companies involved in international trade
Credit institutions and financial intermediaries, insurance companies
Management and business control
International organizations involved in international trade
Customs services

C. International Politics and Regional Dynamics

Analysis and Research – Strategic Political and International Legal Studies
Study centers of multinational companies
Think-tank
International rating agencies
Study offices of trade associations
Italian or foreign public and private research institutes

E. International Cooperation and Human Rights
Intergovernmental organizations active in the field of development cooperation
Non-governmental institutes operating in the field of international cooperation
Policy-making
Humanitarian assistance, immigration management
Cultural exchange and promotion

Initial knowledge required

General admission requirements for candidates holding a Bachelor's degree earned in Italy, including English language proficiency

Admission into the Master's degree programme in International Relations is conditional upon the following requirements:

- meeting specific admission requirements (including curricular and academic career requirements)
- passing an entrance assessment test.

Eligible degrees

Bachelor's degrees in: Philosophy (L-5), Geography (L-6), Humanities (L-10), Modern languages and cultures (L-11), Language mediation (L-12), Legal services (L-14), Tourism (L-15), Administration (L-16), Business administration (L-18), Communication (L-20), Economics (L-33), Political sciences and international relations (L-36), Social sciences for cooperation, development and peace (L-37), Social service (L-39), History (L-42) and in the corresponding classes under Ministerial Decree 509/99; degrees in other classes, four-year or Master's degrees, equivalent qualifications earned abroad, subject to a resolution by the Academic Board, provided that the candidate earned a number of academic credits in certain academic fields as specified in the Study Programme.

Curricular requirement

Graduates from the above programmes must also meet the following curricular requirements:

having earned at least 60 credits in the following academic fields, of which:

a) at least 9 credits in the following academic fields: SECS-P/01 - Political economy; SECS-P/02 - Economic policy; SECS-P/03 - Finance; SECS-P/06 - Applied economics

b) at least 15 credits in the following academic fields: IUS/01 - Private law; IUS/02 - Comparative private law; IUS/04 - Business law; IUS/05 - Economic law; IUS/07 - Labour law; IUS/08 - Constitutional law; IUS/09 - Public law; IUS/10 - Administrative law; IUS/13 - International law; IUS/14 - European Union law; IUS/21 - Comparative public law

c) at least 9 credits in the following academic fields: SPS/01 - Political philosophy; SPS/02 - History of political doctrines; SPS/03 - History of political institutions; SPS/04 - Political science; SPS/06 - History of international relations; IUS/19 - History of medieval and modern law; IUS/20 - Philosophy of law; L-OR/10 - History of Islamic countries; M-STO/02 - Modern history; M-STO/03 - History of Eastern Europe; M-STO/04 - Contemporary history; SECS-P/12 - Economic history

d) at least 9 credits in the following academic field: L-LIN/12 – Language and translation – English, with a mark out of thirty.

This requirement may also be met by submitting a language certificate at or above Level B2 (for the list of language certificates recognized by the University please refer to the following webpage: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-entry-tests-and-english-courses>). The certificate must be uploaded when submitting the online application.

Further information on application procedures can be found at the following link: <https://rel.cdl.unimi.it/en/enrolment>

Compulsory attendance

Recommended

Internship criteria

As part of the study programme, 9 internship credits are envisaged which correspond to 225 working hours.

For information: <https://rel.cdl.unimi.it/it/studiare/stage-e-tirocini>

Degree programme final exams

The final exam, corresponding to 21 training credits, consists in the preparation and discussion of a thesis developed in original form by the student in Italian or English, under the guidance of a supervisor and a co-supervisor.

Admission criteria for the final exam

Once the necessary 99 training credits have been acquired, in compliance with the regulatory standards, the student is admitted to take the final test to obtain the title of master's doctor.

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 Master's degree programme in International Relations 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 Master's 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/she 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 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>

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Student Desk booking through InformaStudenti

1st COURSE YEAR (disactivated from academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Legal and Academic Discourse in English	9	L-LIN/12
Total compulsory credits	9	
2nd COURSE YEAR Elective courses for all curricula		
Students must earn 9 ECTS in one of the following courses		
Arabic	9	L-OR/12
Chinese	9	L-OR/21
French	9	L-LIN/04
German	9	L-LIN/14
Japanese	9	L-OR/22
Russian	9	L-LIN/21
Spanish	9	L-LIN/07
Further elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must earn 9 ECTS as “Elective credits”		
Students must earn 9 ECTS in Internship or Advanced Foreign Language Course, like Additional language skills: Italian.		
Additional Language Skills: Italian (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Students must earn 3 ECTS in Computer skills test		
Computer skills test	3	INF/01

ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST

Diplomacy and International Organizations Course years currently available: 2nd
International trade and European integration Course years currently available: 2nd
International politics and regional dynamics Course years currently available: 2nd
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS Course years currently available: 2nd

CURRICULUM: [B61-A] Diplomacy and International Organizations

1st COURSE YEAR (disactivated from academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Diplomacy and International Organizations		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Diplomatic and Consular Law	9	IUS/13
Foreign Policy Analysis	6	SPS/04
Geopolitics	6	SPS/04
International Economic Geography	6	(3) SPS/04, (3) M-GGR/02
Total compulsory credits	27	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for Diplomacy and International Organizations		
Students enrolled in the A1 path must earn 9 ECTS in one of the following courses:		
Constitutional comparative Law	9	IUS/21
International Law of Armed Conflict	9	IUS/13
Students enrolled in the A2 path must earn 6 ECTS in the following course		
Law of international organizations	9	IUS/13
2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Diplomacy and International Organizations		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
History of International Politics	9	SPS/06
International Economic and Environmental Law	9	IUS/13
International Monetary Economics	6	SECS-P/01
Total compulsory credits	24	
End of course requirements Curriculum-specific features Diplomacy and International Organizations		
Final exam	21	ND
Total compulsory credits	21	

CURRICULUM: [B61-B] International trade and European integration

1st COURSE YEAR (disactivated from academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International trade and European integration		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector

Business Economics	6	SECS-P/07
European Regulatory Economics	6	SECS-P/03
Total compulsory credits	12	
<i>Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for International trade and European integration</i>		
Students enrolled in the B1 path must earn 21 ECTS through the following exams		
Comparative Private Law	9	IUS/02
Financial Markets and Financial Crises: a Historical Approach	6	SECS-P/12
International financial Markets Law	6	IUS/13
Students enrolled in the B2 path must earn 21 ECTS through the following exams		
International Private Law	6	IUS/13
International Trade and IP Law	9	IUS/13
Private Law	6	IUS/01
<i>2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International trade and European integration</i>		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
International Contracts and Arbitration Law	9	IUS/13
Single Market and Competition Law	9	IUS/14
Total compulsory credits	18	
<i>Further elective courses Curriculum-specific features International trade and European integration</i>		
Students must obtain 9 credits in one of the following compulsory courses		
Corporate Finance	9	SECS-P/09
Management of corporate disputes	9	IUS/15
<i>End of course requirements Curriculum-specific features International trade and European integration</i>		
Final exam	21	ND
Total compulsory credits	21	

CURRICULUM: [B61-C] International politics and regional dynamics

<i>1st COURSE YEAR (disactivated from academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International politics and regional dynamics</i>		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
History of Regional Integrations	6	SPS/06
International Monetary Economics	6	SECS-P/01
War and Security in International Politics	9	SPS/04
Total compulsory credits	21	
<i>Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for International politics and regional dynamics</i>		
Students must earn 6 ECTS through one of the following exams		
American History and Politics	6	SPS/05
History and Politics of North Africa and the Middle East	6	SPS/14
History and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa	6	SPS/13
International Relations of East Asia	6	SPS/04
Students enrolled in the C1 path must earn 9 ECTS through the following exam		
International Law of Armed Conflict	9	IUS/13
Students enrolled in the C2 path must earn 9 ECTS through the following exam		
International Law	9	IUS/13
<i>2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features International politics and regional dynamics</i>		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
International Economic Law	6	IUS/13
Transnational Constitution-Making	6	IUS/21
Worldviews in International Relations	6	SPS/04
Total compulsory credits	18	
<i>Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for International politics and regional dynamics</i>		
Students must earn 6 ECTS through one of the following exams (different one from the exam selected in the first year)		
American History and Politics	6	SPS/05
History and Politics of North Africa and the Middle East	6	SPS/14
History and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa	6	SPS/13
International Relations of East Asia	6	SPS/04
<i>End of course requirements Curriculum-specific features International politics and regional dynamics</i>		
Final exam	21	ND
Total compulsory credits	21	

CURRICULUM: [B61-E] INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1st COURSE YEAR (disactivated from academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Anthropology of Globalization and Transnationalism	6	M-DEA/01
Development Policies	6	SECS-P/01
Global Inequalities	6	SPS/07
Globalization, Social Justice and Human Rights	6	SPS/08
Immigration Policies	9	SPS/10
International Human Rights Law	9	IUS/13
Total compulsory credits		42

2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Design and Evaluation of Development Policies	6	SPS/07
Final exam	21	ND
Global Criminal Organizations	6	SPS/09
Total compulsory credits		33

Further elective courses Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Students must earn 6 ECTS through one of the following exams

American History and Politics	6	SPS/05
History and Politics of North Africa and the Middle East	6	SPS/14
History and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa	6	SPS/13
International Relations of East Asia	6	SPS/04

COURSE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

International Organization Law (path A2) is propaedeutic to International Economic and Environmental Law.
 Business Administration (curriculum B) is propaedeutic to Corporate Finance.
 Private Law and Private International Law (path B2) are propaedeutic to International Contracts and Arbitration Law.
 International Law (path C2) is propaedeutic to International Economic Law