UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21
MASTER DEGREE
Political Science and Government (Classe LM-62)
enrolled from 2020/21 academic year

HEADING	
Degree classification - Denomination and code:	LM-62 Political science
Degree title:	Dottore Magistrale
Curricula currently available:	Rights, Institutions and Decision-Making Processes / Rights, Geopolitics and Legality / Rights, Ethics and Society
Length of course:	2 years
Credits required for admission:	180
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	120
Years of course currently available:	1st
Access procedures:	Open, subject to entry requirements
Course code:	B66

PERSONS/ROLES

Head of Study Programme

Prof.ssa Marzia Rosti

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Prof.ssa Arianna Angeli (Tutor per i piani di studio, per ammissioni lauree magistrali e per riconoscimento crediti)
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Prof.ssa Angela Di Gregorio (Tutor per la mobilità internazionale e l'Erasmus)
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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The master's degree program in Political and Government Sciences (GOV) aims to provide an in-depth knowledge of the rules and dynamics underneath the functioning of legal and political institutions by developing the critical tools necessary to analyse and evaluate legislative and governmental actions.
The educational plan offered is interdisciplinary.
Alongside the analysis of political institutions from a national and global perspective, the course will give an opportunity to deepen knowledge of specific geographic areas – of particular interest and relevance – and to examine the issue of fundamental rights.
A particular focus is reserved to the new forms of fundamental human rights that are consequence of the progress of biotechnology (bio-ethics and bio-law issues), in geographical projections other than the Euro-Atlantic ones.

Expected learning outcomes

By the end of the studies, students of Political and Government Sciences (GOV) will be able to:
- Understand the functioning of political and government institutions and master their dynamics both from a formal-legal perspective and from the point of view of the decision-making processes that animate political behaviour.
- Understand the interactions between different levels of public decision (local, national, supranational) and the different profiles of legality. Understand the articulations of the territorial representation – through the electoral tool – and of the functional one – through policy pressure mechanisms – in order to be able to operate competently in these areas, both from the point of view of public-institutional relations (Public Affairs) and of the intervention in the legislative process.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The aim is to introduce into the labour market graduates with advanced knowledge in the political, legal and economic fields, with a focus on the dynamics of complex societies in a globalized context and on the historical evolution of the forms of political and interests representations.
Professional opportunities:
1. In the private sector: private and tertiary sector companies, associations, trade unions, press and publishing;
2. In the public sector: public administrations at local, regional, national and supranational level, including those accessed through an open competition; companies with public service management duties; consulting companies; representative political and governmental institutions.
In addition, graduates in Political and Government Sciences (GOV) will be also able to continue their education with Masters or Research Doctorates (PhD) both in Italy and abroad.

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 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

There are about twenty Erasmus exchange agreements available for the Master program in “Political Science and Government”(the full list can be found at https://www.unimi.it/en/node/13034/) but new agreements are being signed within the Department of International, legal and historical-political Studies, many of which will also apply to our Master program. The geographical areas where are located the partner universities are the Mediterranean Europe (France, Spain, Portugal), the Central and Eastern Europe (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia) but also the German area (Germany) and Turkey. The subjects that can be studied abroad are mainly legal and political, followed by the historical ones. It must be therefore considered that the means of recognition of the subjects are quite elastic, given the lack of a perfect coincidence between the courses of study in Europe.In this regard there is the chance to use the credits for elective activities and also those available for the preparation of the doctoral thesis (up to 21 credits). The ability to conduct research abroad for the purpose of writing the thesis is particularly encouraged, especially for a master degree. However, it is recommended to choose the appropriate area of research before departure, to be agreed with a teacher of the Master programs and possibly identifying a reference professor at the foreign University. The methods of recognition of study abroad require a preliminary learning agreement with the Erasmus delegate for the Department and the possible adjustment once in place. The recognition of credits obtained at the partner University in Italy is closely linked to these forms and the consent of the Erasmus delegate.

How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs

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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:
• 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, 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/it/internazionale/studiare-allestero/partire-con-erasmus.

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1st COURSE YEAR Elective courses for all curricula			
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2021/22) Elective courses for all curricula			
Digitalisation and company management		3	IUS/04
Digitalization and decision making		3	IUS/05
Sociology of Memory		9	SPS/07
End of course requirements common to all curricula			
Final exam		21	ND
	Total compulsory credits	21	

ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST

Rights, Institutions and Decision-Making Processes Course years currently available: 1st
Rights, Geopolitics and Legality Course years currently available: 1st
Rights, Ethics and Society Course years currently available: 1st

CURRICULUM: [B66-H] Rights, Institutions and Decision-Making Processes

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Rights, Institutions and Decision-Making Processes			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Comparative private law and transnational relations		6	IUS/02
Constitutional Law		9	IUS/08
Economic and Political Geography		6	M-GGR/02
Great Powers and the Crisis of the International System		9	SPS/04
History of Contemporary Political Thought		6	SPS/02
Institutional Communication in English		9	L-LIN/12
Regional and Local Autonomies Law		9	IUS/08
	Total compulsory credits	54	
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2021/22) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Rights, Institutions and Decision-Making Processes			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
data law and digital society		9	IUS/08
Political Institutions and Decision-making		6	SPS/04
Technological Innovation and Risk Regulation		9	IUS/05
	Total compulsory credits	24	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for Rights, Institutions and Decision-Making Processes			
Comparative Political Behaviour		6	SPS/11
Interest Groups and Lobbying		6	SPS/11

CURRICULUM: [B66-I] Rights, Geopolitics and Legality

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Rights, Geopolitics and Legality			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Analysis of Political Discourse		9	SPS/01
Economic and Political Geography		6	M-GGR/02
Geopolitics and Organized Crime		6	SPS/12
Great Powers and the Crisis of the International System		9	SPS/04
International Strategies against Organized Crime		9	IUS/13
Legal Regulation of Public Administration and Individual Rights		9	IUS/10
	Total compulsory credits	48	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for Rights, Geopolitics and Legality			
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

History, Politics and Rights in Latin America		6	SPS/05
Institutions and Political Process in Asia		6	SPS/14
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2021/22) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Rights, Geopolitics and Legality			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Comparative Protection of Human Rights		6	IUS/21
Constitutional comparative Law		9	IUS/21
Indigenous Peoples, Politics and Rights in Contemporary Latin America		6	SPS/05
	Total compulsory credits	21	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for Rights, Geopolitics and Legality			
Arabic		9	L-OR/12
Chinese		9	L-OR/21
English		9	L-LIN/12
French		9	L-LIN/04
German		9	L-LIN/14
Russian		9	L-LIN/21
Spanish		9	L-LIN/07

CURRICULUM: [B66-L] Rights, Ethics and Society

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Rights, Ethics and Society			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Constitutional comparative Law		9	IUS/21
Freedom, Justice and Bioethics		9	IUS/20
Global Societies and Rights		6	SPS/07
History of Contemporary Political Thought		6	SPS/02
Institutional Communication in English		9	L-LIN/12
Political Theory		9	SPS/01
Theory of Fundamental Rights		6	IUS/20
	Total compulsory credits	54	
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2021/22) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features Rights, Ethics and Society			
Learning activity		**Ects**	**Sector**
Bioethics: Methods and Principles		6	SPS/01
Biolaw		9	IUS/09
Comparative Welfare States		6	SECS-P/03
Policy Analysis and Evaluation		9	SPS/04
	Total compulsory credits	30	