UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24
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 , 2nd
Access procedures:	Open, subject to entry requirements
Course code:	B66

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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.

Initial knowledge required

Admission to the degree programme in Political Science and Government is not capped.

Applicants are required to hold a Bachelor's degree ("laurea triennale") or a suitable international qualification as recognized by the Academic Board of the programme.

There are two types of admission requirements:

1. Candidates must have a degree in one of the following classes, pursuant to Ministerial Decree 270/2004:

L-01 Studies in Cultural Heritage
L-05 Philosophy
L-10 Humanities
L-11 Modern languages and civilizations
L-12 Language Mediation
L-14 Legal Services
L-16 Administration
L-19 Education and Training Studies
L-20 Communication
L-21 Town, Regional and Environmental Planning
L-31 Computer Science
L-32 Environmental Sciences
L-33 Economics
L-36 Political Science and International Relations
L-37 Peace Studies
L-39 Social Service
L-40 Sociology
L-41 Statistics
L-42 History
L-43 Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage.

2. Candidates must meet certain curricular requirements, i.e. have earned a total of at least 60 academic credits (CFU), equally distributed across the three legal, economic and socio-political macro areas, in the following academic fields:

- IUS/08 - Constitutional Law
- IUS/09 - Institutions of Public Law
- IUS/10 - Administrative Law
- IUS/13 - International Law
- IUS/14 - European Union law
- IUS/21 - Comparative Public Law
- M-STO/04 - Contemporary History
- SECS-P/01 - Political Economy
- SECS-P/02 - Economic Policy
- 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
- SPS/07 - Sociology
- SPS/08 - Sociology of Culture and Communication
- SPS/09 - Sociology of Economics and Labour
- SPS/11 - Sociology of Political Phenomena

Moreover, they must prove adequate knowledge of the above subject areas, which can be evaluated based on exam grades.

Admission assessment

The student is required to submit an online application for enrolment on the degree programme as set forth by the university. The student must also attach a transcript of records specifying the subject area (SSD), grade, and number of credits earned for each exam.

A special board formed by the Chair of the Academic Board, academic tutors in charge of admissions and transfer credits, assisted by the Tutoring Service, will assess the applications submitted by candidates as well as their transcript records as required by admission.

The Tutoring Service will notify the candidate of the assessment outcome (i.e. admission with or without learning requirements, and transfer credits, if any) by email to the address stated in the application form. The notice will also specify the dates of admission interviews, which take place each year in September and December, as well as other information.

If, following this assessment, the student is not deemed to meet the admission requirements, they will have to fulfil additional learning requirements through the admission interview. The board will assess the candidate's basic knowledge of the subjects in which the gaps were found and provide students with the tools needed to successfully pass the exams envisaged by the GOV programme. The assessment will focus on the following disciplines: public law for the legal macro area, political science for the socio-political macro area, and economic history for the economic macro area.

If, during the interview, the admissions board finds that the candidate has not filled their gaps, they reserve the right to reconsider the applicant's admission.

The Tutoring Service will provide a list of recommended texts for the remedial assessment in the first e-mail relating to the assessment of admission requirements. The list will also be published on the degree programme website (https://gov.cdl.unimi.it/it/iscriversi). Alternatively, the student may take single exams in the subjects in which any gaps have been identified.

As part of the admission process, candidates may be awarded transfer credits for previous exams in some limited cases (off-plan exams in their Bachelor's programme, exams taken as single exams before enrolling in this programme, exams taken within previous Master's degree or single-cycle degree programmes, which were not counted toward admission requirements) for up to 40 credits. Candidates with over 33 credits will be admitted directly to the second year of the programme. Students may also apply for transfer credits to the Student Registrar after being admitted to the degree programme.

Students admitted to the second year must, in any case, take the exams in compliance with the academic calendar (i.e. at the end of the courses in the respective trimesters) whether these are first or second-year courses.

Students who do not meet the admission requirements and students who claim transfer credits for previous exams will be required to sit the admission interviews as scheduled in September or December. The interview dates are listed below, and will be posted to the degree programme website, institutional social accounts, as well as sent to applicants via e-mail.

For the 2022-2023 academic year, admission interviews will take place at 2.30 pm on 13 September 2022 (room 10) and at 2.30 pm on 12 December 2022 (room TBC) at the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences, Via Conservatorio 7, Milan, Italy. Before interviews, we will hold a welcome and orientation meeting for new students. Further information and updates will be posted to the university portal and other social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn).

For information on admission requirements and/or on the degree programme, write to tutoraggio.gov@unimi.it.

International applicants will go through a different enrolment process. Learn more on the university portal:
https://www.unimi.it/it/internazionale/venire-studiare-dallestero/accoglienza-e-servizi-studenti-internazionali

Student Office for PhD, Masters and International Students
Via Santa Sofia 9
international.students@unimi.it
Wednesday 9 am to 12 noon, Tuesday and Thursday 1 to 3 pm
Reservations required - Book through the InformaStudenti service.

Compulsory attendance
Attendance is strongly recommended.

Internship criteria
Students of the Master's degree programme in Political Science and Government must earn at least 6 academic credits over the two-year period for further training activities such as internships, workshops or other pre-professional activities.
These credits may be earned alternatively as follows:
- A curricular internship to be undertaken through COSP https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/stage-e-lavoro/stage-e-tirocini
- An internship identified by the student, provided that it is consistent with the job opportunities offered by the programme (subject to the academic tutor's approval)
- Additional off-campus training activities providing professional skills (subject to the academic tutor's approval)
- Transfer credits for previous work activities carried out during the Bachelor's degree programme (for student workers)
- An educational workshop (pursuant to art. 10(5)(d) of Ministerial Decree 270/2004) to be chosen from among those offered by this or other degree programmes (in the latter case, subject to the academic tutor's approval).

Learn more on internships and workshops and check current opportunities at: https://gov.cdl.unimi.it/it/studiare/stage-e-tirocini;
https://gov.cdl.unimi.it/it/insegnamenti/ulteriori-attivita-formative

Any credits earned for the following will not count towards the 6-credit requirement:
- courses awarding a final grade on a scale of thirty;
- skills assessments (e.g. computer skills or language skills assessments);
- student work ("collaborazioni studentesche").

Degree programme final exams

Upcoming graduates in Political Science and Government will be required to pass a final exam awarding 21 credits by writing and publicly defending an original thesis in a foreign language. Candidates will work on their thesis under the guidance of a supervisor. Student must have earned 99 credits before sitting the final exam.

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

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:
• 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.

For assistance, please contact:
International Mobility Office
Via Festa del Perdono 7 (first floor)
Tel. 02 503 13501-12589-13495-13502
E-mail: mobility.out@unimi.it
Desk opening hours: Monday to Friday 9 am - 12 noon

Further elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 9 free choice CREDITS. **If the student is interested in a sociological path, the teaching of Sociology of Memory is indicated.** **If the student is interested in the issues of Technological Innovation, the following courses are in place:** **Financing businesses through digital platforms; Regulation of digital platforms.** **Each course can be supported as a single course to acquire the credits provided for free choice courses.**		
European values and cultural rights (Jean Monnet Module)	6	IUS/09
Sociology of Memory	9	SPS/07
Students must obtain 6 CREDITS of additional training activities such as internships, workshops, internships or other training activities useful to facilitate entry into the world of work. **In addition to the updated list of educational laboratories organized each year by the CdS available at the address https://gov.cdl.unimi.it/it/insegnamenti/ulteriori-attivita-formative, we point out the following laboratories activated by the Study Programme, each of which allows to obtain 3 credits or 6 credits, as indicated:**		
Laboratory: Art, Culture and Organized Crime	3	SPS/07
Laboratory: Organized Crime and Research Methodology.	3	SPS/09
Laboratory: Sustainability and Sustainable Development	3	(0.75) SPS/04, (0.25) IUS/01, (0.5) AGR/01, (0.25) SECS-P/01, (0.25) AGR/13, (1) ND
Laboratory: The future of European integration	3	IUS/09
Laboratory:Legal Clinic on Interculturality and Comparative Protection of Human Rights	3	IUS/02
Laboratory:Societies, rights and environmental crime	3	SPS/07
Laboratory:Strategies for managing Environmental Conflicts through Participatory Mechanisms	3	IUS/10
Workshop: Anti-mafia Journalism	3	SPS/08
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 , 2nd
Rights, Geopolitics and Legality Course years currently available: 1st , 2nd
Rights, Ethics and Society Course years currently available: 1st , 2nd

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**
Constitutional Law	9	IUS/08
Economic and Political Geography	6	M-GGR/02
Great Powers	9	SPS/04
History of Contemporary Political Thought	6	SPS/02
Institutional Communication in English	9	L-LIN/12
Private law in Europe and Latin America	6	IUS/02
Regional and Local Autonomies Law	9	IUS/08
	Total compulsory credits	54	

2nd COURSE YEAR 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

Students must obtain 6 CREDITS through one of the following exams

Institutions and 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		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

Students must obtain 6 CREDITS through one of the following exams

American History and Politics	6	SPS/05
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
Society and sharia in the Middle East	6	SPS/14

2nd COURSE YEAR 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

Students must obtain 9 CREDITS through one of the following exams

Arabic	9	L-OR/12
Chinese	9	L-OR/21
French	9	L-LIN/04
German	9	L-LIN/14
Institutional Communication in English	9	L-LIN/12
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
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
Theories and Practice of Human Rights		6	IUS/20
Theories of Justice		9	IUS/20
	Total compulsory credits	54	

2nd COURSE YEAR 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
Institutions and Public Policies		9	SPS/04
Models of Solidarity and Social Politics		6	SECS-P/03
	Total compulsory credits	30	