



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24
IN
ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (EPS) Classi LM-56/LM-62
Enrolled from 2014/2015 academic year

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	LM-56/LM-62
Degree title:	Dottore Magistrale
Length of course:	2 years
Credits required for admission:	180
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	120
Course years currently available:	1st , 2nd
Access procedures:	open, subject to entry requirements
Course code:	B67

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The EPS master's programme aims at providing its students with advanced and complete training in both economics and political science. Such training should be comparable to that offered by any leading international master's programme in each of the two disciplines separately taken.

Specifically, the EPS master's programme aims at forming professional economists and political scientists. EPS graduates will not only be endowed with high-level analytical and operational skills, but they will also be characterised by such an open and critical vision of economic, political and social issues, and such a cultural depth that could be hardly achieved by attending a programme centred on a single or a prevailing disciplinary field.

EPS students will be able to reach highly qualified theoretical and applied knowledge and skills in each of the following fields: mathematics, probability and statistics, with applications to economic, political and social sciences; econometrics; microeconomics; macroeconomics; economic policy; public economics; welfare economics and politics; history of economic analysis; comparative politics, theory of European integration; positive and normative political theory; decision theory; game theory; social and political choice theory; theory of justice.

Expected learning outcomes

A. Knowledge and understanding

Economic Area

EPS graduates will have at disposal theoretical and practical knowledge and competencies at an advanced level in the following areas: microeconomics; macroeconomics; public economics; economics and welfare systems politics; decision

theory; game theory. Students are expected to achieve: i) knowledge of methods, principles and advanced theoretical systems, pertaining the contemporary economic debate; ii) knowledge of different explanations and theoretical perspectives coexisting in economic science; iii) understanding the most important research strategies in economics; iv) knowledge of the main research results, theoretical developments, and the most relevant contemporary debates in one or more sub-disciplines and specialistic research areas.

Political Science Area

EPS graduates will have at disposal theoretical and practical knowledge and competencies at an advanced level in the following areas: economic politics; history of economic theories; welfare systems politics; comparative politics; theory of the European integration; Positive political theory and regulations; social and political choice theory; justice theory. Students are expected to master: i) knowledge of methods, principles and advanced theoretical systems, pertaining the contemporary political debate; ii) knowledge of different explanations and theoretical perspectives coexisting in political science; iii) knowledge of the main research results, theoretical developments, and the most relevant contemporary debates in one or more sub-disciplines and specialistic research areas.

Quantitative Area

EPS graduates will have at disposal theoretical and practical knowledge and competencies at an advanced level in the following areas: mathematics, probability and statistics applied to economics, political and social science; econometrics. Students are expected to master: i) comprehension and expertise in principal quantitative and qualitative methods applied in economic data analysis and political analysis.

B. Applying knowledge and understanding

EPS graduates must be capable of developing knowledge and competencies achieved in the areas of analysis, drafting, production and evaluation of economic and political actions, at local, regional, national and international level, with reference to market regulations, incomes distribution, public assets management, welfare goals achievement, security and social services, up to regulation of economic and political relation between countries. Graduates should be able to apply all the competencies and knowledge achieved in function of the management and development of ideologically oriented organizations, non-governmental associations, private and public companies and institutions, with particular reference to complex structures with high intellectual content and of international vocation. Furthermore, EPS students should be able to deploy understanding and knowledge developed throughout the Master's Programme to analyse and evaluate from a professional perspective the consequences of the political decisions and events on the functioning of economy and institutions, as well as the outcomes of economic decisions and events on political and institutional system functioning.

C. Making judgements

Master students will acquire a full capacity of autonomously providing aware judgements on social, political and economic consequences put in place by local, national and international authorities, as well as on effects of decisions made by companies, organizations and institutions they work within, with particular reference to ethical implication of such actions and decisions. Furtherly, students goal will be that of learning professional deontological principles which constitute the basis of interpersonal relations within professional contexts, as well as scientific principles and all these behind the resolution of economic, political and social issues which students could come across in their professional future.

D. Communication skills

EPS students will be capable of clearly discussing their opinions and communicate the results of their analysis and evaluations. Students will also achieve the ability to adopt a suitable technical language as well as the most advanced Information and Communication Technology tools to analyse, process and present data, also using quantitative models in support of their opinions and decisions proposed within working contexts.

E. Learning skills

EPS Master's Degree programme aims to push their students to the outer reach of the research in the course areas. EPS programme intends to facilitate the development of learning skills, as well as the achievement of practical and theoretical skill in order to enable students to conduct their research in compliance with international standards; furthermore EPS provides all the knowledge and competencies to pursue the studies in economics and political science doctoral programmes and similar.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The EPS degree is designed to train students in advanced methodologies, analytical tools and quantitative and qualitative techniques used in all fields of economics and political science. EPS graduates will be ready to undertake a wide array of career paths in multinational companies, political institutions, public organizations, and other professions demanding high intellectual skills, robust technical competencies and versatile knowledge. They will also be well prepared to engage in further academic research in top PhD programmes. The EPS degree is designed to train students in covering the following professional profiles: Management specialists and supervisors in Public Administrations, companies and institutions, Human

Resource specialists, Work organization specialists, Products and Services marketing specialists, Economic systems specialists, Business Economic specialists, Researchers and Technicians graduated in social and political sciences.

Function in a work context:

Also due to the fully international orientation of the training received, graduates in Economics and Political Science will be able to find qualified jobs in large and medium-sized companies, especially in those operating in high-tech sectors and with a multinational vocation, in all organizational structures that require high and multifaceted analytical skills, in banks, insurance and financial companies, in central and territorial public bodies, in market regulation and control authorities, in consultancy firms to companies, in freelance activities in all sectors of competence. Master graduates of the EPS course they will also have the most suitable training and professional profile to operate at a qualified level in the industry editorial, cultural and media, in economic-financial, political and cultural journalism, in economic organizations national and international, in trend organizations and interest representation, in public and private bodies of forecasting and research, in the study centers of banks and insurance companies, in research and in university teaching. In particular, the theoretical and methodological training of the master's graduates of the course, as well as their openness to debate of the international scientific community, makes them suitable for undertaking possible academic career paths in Italian and foreign universities both in the economic discipline area and in the political science one.

Skills associated with the function:

It is expected that the master's graduates of the EPS course will be able to propose themselves on the professional field as experts of high level qualification, with multifaceted and versatile knowledge, able to successfully undertake managerial careers or directives in all sectors of economic activity, in private companies, in public bodies, in governmental institutions or supranational, but also able to successfully continue their studies, as researchers and scientists. In particular, the strong interdisciplinarity of the study paths, between economics and political science, which takes up the challenge of modern societies complex situations should in any case ensure that all master's graduates have the concrete possibility of finding outlet employment in the jobs listed below by way of example.

Employment opportunities:

These skills are extremely useful for the following professions:

? Diplomatic career

? University career

? Official of international organizations

? Officials in public administrations

? Manager in multinational companies and financial institutions

Pre-requisites for admission

The programme is intended for top level international students. About 40 students are expected to enrol each year, which will guarantee an optimal ratio between instructors and students.

Admission is based on academic excellence. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent; a strong interest and/or previous studies in economics, political science or related subjects; undergraduate or graduate training in mathematics and quantitative methods; a sound knowledge of spoken and written English. The evaluation process will take into consideration the applicants' prior academic record and performance at the interview (see below).

More specifically, applicants who obtained their bachelor's degrees from Italian Universities are eligible for admission if they hold a "laurea" degree belonging to any one of the "classi di laurea" (degree classes) listed below under the heading "Note 1".

Applicants who completed their undergraduate studies in foreign Universities are eligible for admission if they hold a bachelor's degree in economics, political science, or other broadly related subjects (from history to industrial engineering, from management to mathematics, from philosophy to sociology, and so on), provided that their bachelor's degree may be regarded as equivalent to one of the Italian "laurea" degrees listed below. Eligible candidates must meet the following requirements:

a) They must have earned at least 60 ECTS credits or equivalent in the following fields: business administration, computer science, economics, law, management, mathematics, philosophy, political science, sociology or statistics. The ECTS credit value of foreign applicants' undergraduate studies will be assessed by the EPS admissions committee. Applicants holding an Italian bachelor's degree must have earned the required credits within the set of admissible "settori scientifico-disciplinari" (disciplinary scientific sectors) listed below under the heading "Note 2". Among these, at least 6 credits should have been earned within the following "settori-scientifico disciplinari" (disciplinary scientific sectors): MAT/01 - Logica matematica; MAT/02 - Algebra; MAT/03 - Geometria; MAT/05 - Analisi matematica; MAT/06 - Probabilità e statistica matematica; MAT/08 - Analisi numerica; MAT/09 - Ricerca operativa; SECS-S/06 - Metodi matematici dell'economia e delle scienze attuariali e finanziarie. Applicants who completed their undergraduate studies in foreign Universities should exhibit a comparable academic record or competence in logics, statistics and mathematics. Candidates will have the possibility to participate to crash-courses of Micro and Macroeconomics, Mathematics and Statistics organized by the Department. The crash-courses are meant to boost the skills in these three fields. In the absence of the above requirements, applicants can also prove that they have adequate quantitative skills through satisfactory results in the GRE or GMAT tests.

b) Proficiency in English at a B2 level or higher per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

is required for admission. The B2-level requirement will be ascertained by the University Language Centre (SLAM) upon admission as follows:

- Language certificate of B2 or higher level issued no more than three years before the date of admission application. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/297/>). The certificate must be uploaded when submitting the online application;
- English level achieved during a University of Milan degree programme and certified by the University Language Centre (SLAM) no more than four years before the date of admission application. In this case the process is automatic, the applicant does not have to attach any certificate to the application;
- Placement test administrated by the University Language Centre (SLAM) according to the calendar published on the website: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/>

All those who fail to submit a valid certificate or do not meet the required proficiency level will be instructed during the admission procedure to take the placement test.

Applicants who do not take or pass the placement test will be required to obtain a language proficiency certificate recognized by the University (see: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/297/>) and deliver it to the SLAM via the InformaStudenti service by the deadline fixed for the master's programme (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/>).

Applicants who do not meet the requirement by said deadline will not be admitted to the master's degree programme and may not sit any further tests.

c) GRE or GMAT results, if provided by applicants, will be taken into account.

Applicants meeting the above requirements will be invited to a skype interview.

Note 1: L-5 Filosofia; L-8 Ingegneria dell'informazione; L-9 Ingegneria industriale; L-16 Scienze dell'amministrazione e dell'organizzazione; L-18 Scienze dell'economia e della gestione aziendale; L-20 Scienze della comunicazione; L-30 Scienze e tecnologie fisiche; L-31 Scienze e tecnologie informatiche; L-32 Scienze e tecnologie per l'ambiente e la natura; L-33 Scienze economiche; L-35 Scienze matematiche; L-36 Scienze politiche e delle relazioni internazionali; L-37 Scienze sociali per la cooperazione, lo sviluppo e la pace; L-39 Servizio sociale; L-40 Sociologia; L-41 Statistica; L-42 Storia

Note 2: INF/01- Informatica; ING-INF/05 - Sistemi di elaborazione delle informazioni; ING-IND/35 - Ingegneria economicogestionale; IUS/01 - Diritto privato; IUS/04 - Diritto commerciale; IUS/05 - Diritto dell'economia; IUS/07 - Diritto del lavoro; IUS/08 - Diritto costituzionale; IUS/09 - Istituzioni di diritto pubblico; IUS/10 - Diritto amministrativo; IUS/13 - Diritto internazionale; IUS/21 - Diritto pubblico comparato; MAT/01 - Logica matematica; MAT/02 - Algebra; MAT/03 - Geometria; MAT/05 - Analisi matematica; MAT/06 - Probabilità e statistica matematica; MAT/08 - Analisi numerica; MAT/09 - Ricerca operativa; M-FIL/01 - Filosofia teoretica; M-FIL/02 - Logica e filosofia della scienza; M-FIL/03 - Filosofia morale; SECS-P/01 - Economia politica; SECS-P/02 - Politica economica; SECS-P/03 - Scienza delle finanze; SECS-P/04 - Storia del pensiero economico; SECS-P/05 - Econometria; SECS-P/06 - Economia applicata; SECS-P/07 - Economia aziendale; SECS-P/08 - Economia e gestione delle imprese; SECS-P/09 - Finanza aziendale; SECS-P/10 - Organizzazione aziendale; SECS-P/11 - Economia degli intermediari finanziari; SECS-P/12 - Storia economica; SECS-S/01 - Statistica; SECS-S/03 - Statistica economica; SECS-S/04 - Demografia; SECS-S/05 - Statistica sociale; SECS-S/06 - Metodi matematici dell'economia e delle scienze attuariali e finanziarie; SPS/01 - Filosofia politica; SPS/02 - Storia delle dottrine politiche; SPS/03 - Storia delle istituzioni politiche; SPS/04 - Scienza politica; SPS/07 - Sociologia generale; SPS/08 - Sociologia dei processi culturali e comunicativi; SPS/09 - Sociologia dei processi economici e del lavoro; SPS/10 - Sociologia dell'ambiente e del territorio; SPS/11 - Sociologia dei fenomeni politici

Students who do not meet the requirements by 31 May 2023 (Extra EU) or by 30 June 2023 (EU) will not be admitted to the Master's degree programme.

Programme structure

Teaching modalities and organization

The EPS degree is a genuinely multidisciplinary programme, presenting a balanced offer of courses in economics and political science, introduced by a few supplementary courses in mathematics, game theory and quantitative and qualitative research methods. Students must earn 120 ECTS credits to complete programme requirements; among them, 33 credits (27.5% of the total) are dedicated to additional educational and research activities, for example dissertation writing, research seminars and elective courses.

Courses organization

Each EPS course is organized in single module.

Study plan definition and submission

Submission procedures and terms

Students may choose a complete study plan starting from the first year. Students are required to choose the Degree classification (Classe di laurea LM-56 or LM-62) when they enroll, without the prejudice to the possibility of changing their choice when submitting the study plan.

Furthermore, there are other elective activities introduced by the University project aimed to develop students' transversal skills. Students need to register these activities in their study plan. Besides, transversal skills activities have a limited number

of seats, and students can apply for one of these seats only if the Course of Study has integrated these activities into the program. For further details, please visit the following webpage: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/following-your-programme-study/soft-skills>

Didactic calendar

Please check: <https://www.unimi.it/en/education/faculties-and-schools/political-economic-and-social-sciences/studying-political-economic-and-social-sciences>

Lectures timetable

Click here for the academic calendar and course timetable: <https://eps.cdl.unimi.it/en/study/course-timetable>

Exams

Click here for information about exam sessions calendar: <https://eps.cdl.unimi.it/en/study/exams>

Tutoring

Each year a student tutor is selected to monitor and support students with learning difficulties. The degree course also makes use of the tutors present at the DEMM to support foreign students and working students on logistical/organizational problems.

Language test / computer literacy test

Among the electives, those who do not hold an Italian high school diploma or university degree can obtain 3 credits in Additional language skills: Italian by demonstrating A2 level in Italian per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This level can be assessed in the following ways:

- by submitting a certificate of A2 or higher level issued no more than three years prior to the date of submission. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/349/>). The language certificate must be submitted to the University Language Centre (SLAM) via the Language Test category of the InformaStudenti service: <https://informastudenti.unimi.it/saw/ess?AUTH=SAML>;
- by a entry-level test administrated by SLAM that can only be taken only once.

Those who fail to reach A2 level will have to attend a 60-hour Italian course geared to their level. Those who do not take the entry-level test or fail to pass the end-of-course test after six attempts will have to obtain language certification privately in order to earn the 3 credits of Additional language skills: Italian. As an alternative, they can modify their course programme by choosing a different elective.

Compulsory attendance

Strongly recommended.

Degree programme final exam

Having earned at least 99 credits for the learning activities contemplated by his/her study plan, a student may be admitted to undertake the final exam leading to the award of the master's degree. The final exam consists in the submission and public discussion, in front of a committee, of a master's dissertation. The master's dissertation is an original piece of work, written by the candidate under the guidance of a supervisor. A total of 21 credits are reserved to the design, preparation and writing up of the master's dissertation. The formal assignment of these credits can only take place at the moment when the dissertation is completed and discussed, and the final exam is passed.

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 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

The degree in Economics and Political Science offers the opportunity to study at several European universities, where students will be able to attend lectures and obtain credits for their degree.

Our partners are selected among the most prestigious academic institutions in France (SciencesPo), Germany (University of Konstanz), Norway (University of Oslo), and other European countries. A bilateral agreement with the Catholic University of Louvain and the Université de Namur (Belgium) allows a limited number of students to obtain a double degree in Sciences Economique and Economics and Political Science issued by the participating institutions. Moreover, an exchange with the HSBC Business School, Peking University Shenzhen (China), has been running since 2014.

The modules offered by our partners include core subjects and disciplines of Economics and Political Science such as Industrial Organization, Welfare Economics, European Law, Comparative and International Politics. The choice of modules is made by students before their departure in collaboration with the programme coordinator; the credits are recognized officially and included in the curriculum at the end of the exchange period.

The degree in Economics and Political Science also offers the opportunity to participate in internship programmes at institutions such as the ITUC - International Trade Union Confederation, OSE - Observatoire Social Européen, ETUI – European Trade Union Institute, EAPN – European Anti-Poverty Networks of Brussels and the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and Macao. Internships may also award student credits to be included in their curriculum.

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 OPEN, SUBJECT TO ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Links to enrolment information and procedures

<https://www.unimi.it/it/node/183/>

Practical instructions

Applicants from EU countries must apply for admission to the EPS programme from March, 6th 2023 until June, 30th 2023; applicants from non-EU countries must apply for admission to the EPS programme from March, 6th 2023 until May, 31st 2023.

Further information about admission procedures are available on: <https://eps.cdl.unimi.it/en/enrolment>

Further information about the foreign qualifications and about the access of foreign students are published on the Ministry website <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studenti stranieri/> and on the University website in the sections dedicated to international students.

The interview (10-20 minutes) aims at ascertaining the applicants' knowledge, competences, and skills in the core areas of the EPS programme. For an idea of the appropriate level of knowledge, competences, and skills, candidates may consult the following textbooks:

Economics:

- Blanchard O., Macroeconomics, 5th edition, Pearson Prentice-Hall, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2010.

- Varian H., Intermediate Microeconomics. A Modern Approach, 8th edition, Norton, New York, N.Y., 2009.

Political science:

- Clark W.R., Golder M. and Golder S.N., 2nd edition, Principles of Comparative politics, Washington DC, CQ Press, 2012.

Quantitative methods (introductory calculus and linear algebra):

- Haeusserl E. F., R. S. Paul, R. J. Wood, Introductory Mathematical Analysis for Business, Economics, and the Life and Social Sciences, 13th edition, Pearson Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, 2010. Chapters: 0-6, 9-19.

- Simon C. P., L. Blume, Mathematics for Economists, W.W. Norton and Co., New York and London, 1994. Chapters 1-11.

Applicants will be contacted for a skype interview.

Further detailed information concerning the EPS programme are available at <https://eps.cdl.unimi.it/en>. For any other information, which is absent in the website, please contact the programme secretariat: eps@unimi.it.

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

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ADMISSION CRITERIA: 2°YEAR

Notes

EPS does not accept transfer students at the second year. If interested, the student has to follow the admission process as a first-year student. Nevertheless, his/her previous exams may be recognized as EPS exams.

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Advanced macroeconomics	6	SECS-P/01
Advanced microeconomics	6	SECS-P/01
Comparative politics	9	SPS/04
Game theory	6	SECS-P/01
International economic law	6	IUS/13
Optimization	6	SECS-S/06
Positive political theory	9	SPS/04
Research methods	12	(6) SPS/04, (6) SECS-P/05
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		60
2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Global firms and markets	12	SECS-P/08
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		12
Elective courses		
Students must earn 9 credits by selecting one of the following alternatives:		
Comparative welfare states	9	SECS-P/03
Empirical methods for economics and policy evaluation	9	SECS-P/03, SECS-P/01
Students must earn 6 credits by selecting one of the following alternatives:		
Governance of the European Union	6	SPS/04
Social justice in a global world	6	SPS/04
Further elective courses		
Students must earn 9 credits for elective activities.		
Students must earn 3 credits by selecting one of the following alternatives: Foreign Language - advanced; Computer skills - advanced; Internship; Laboratory; Orientation seminars		
Additional Language Skills: Italian (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Advanced computer skills	3	INF/01
Advanced Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Orientation seminar	3	SECS-P/01
End of course requirements		
Final exam	21	NA
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		21