



**UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO**  
**PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20**  
**MASTER DEGREE IN**  
**GLOBAL POLITICS AND SOCIETY (GPS) - Classe LM-62**  
**Enrolled from 2019/2020 academic year**

### **HEADING**

**Degree classification - Denomination and code:** LM-62 Political science

**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

**Access procedures:** open, subject to entry requirements

**Course code:** B76

### **PERSONS/ROLES**

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#### **Degree Course website**

<https://gps.cdl.unimi.it>

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME**

#### **General and specific learning objectives**

Global Politics and Society (GPS) is a two-year master's degree programme, entirely taught in English. Students of this programme will benefit from a multidisciplinary training of the highest quality, aimed at preparing highly-qualified professionals, able to understand and interpret complex social and political dynamics arising in the wake of globalization, within a scenario of increased international interdependences. Core modules will bridge cutting-edge concepts and skills necessary to address key contemporary questions, extending from global geopolitics dynamics to the transformation of societies, from developments in international political economy to changing patterns of social inequalities. Students will then have the opportunity to strengthen their preparation in specific thematic areas, choosing from a wide range of options made possible thanks to the several lines of research that characterize the Department of Social and Political Sciences, which stands out as one of the best performing department for social and political sciences research in Italy.

During the last decades, globalization processes have been challenging the functioning of western societies across a wide range of domains: from political participation and representation to welfare states' structures and labour market regulation; from citizenship's rights and migration, to the threats concerning novel forms of discrimination and exclusion. The complexity, as well as the interdependent nature of those challenges, require professionals able to understand and interpret, in a way that is at the same time rigorous, theoretically informed and methodologically sound, how and in which directions globalization processes are affecting the functioning of contemporary societies and polities.

The master's degree in Global Politics and Society addresses the above-mentioned task, relying on a genuinely multidisciplinary approach, developed through a coherent path consisting of:

- a core package of six compulsory courses - meant to provide an advanced training in the fields of political science and sociology, complemented by key competences in the area of law and economics (48 credits);
- five elective courses, that allow students to strengthen their competences in specific thematic areas, within a rich offer of options (36 credits);
- other additional elective and optional activities (15 credits);
- a research dissertation (21 credits).

#### **Expected learning outcomes**

Graduates of this programme will be equipped with the theoretical tools and empirical knowledge necessary for an in-depth

and critical understanding of the functioning of contemporary societies and polities within the global scenario. To this end, the master's degree in Global Politics and Society will offer an advanced training in the fields of political science and sociology, complemented with key competences in the area of law and economics.

In addition, during the whole programme, GPS aims at:

- enhancing the acquisition of soft skills, such as teamwork, the ability to present in public and effectively discuss topics related to political and social dynamics in a globalized scenario;
- fostering the capacity of critical and creative thinking in relation to the global threats affecting the functioning of contemporary societies and polities.

### **Professional profile and employment opportunities**

GPS graduates will be ready to undertake a wide array of career paths, as professionals able to interpret social, political and economic trends that occur in the global scenario and to elaborate medium to long-term strategic plans.

GPS graduates will be prepared for positions in the field of applied research in social and political sciences; in national and international political institutions and non-governmental organizations; in public, private and third sector organizations, which tackle the dynamics of the global market; in companies and organizations within the information sector, the cultural industry and the publishing market.

They will also be well prepared to engage in further academic research and apply to top-level PhD programmes in social and political sciences.

### **Pre-requisites for admission**

The programme is intended for top-level international students.

Admission is based on academic excellence. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent; a strong interest and/or previous studies in political science, sociology or related subjects; a sound knowledge of spoken and written English.

The evaluation process will take into consideration the applicants' prior academic record, their motivation and performance through an interview (see below).

More specifically, applicants who obtained their bachelor's degrees from Italian Universities are eligible for admission only 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 political science, sociology, economics or other broadly related subjects (from history to philosophy, and so on), provided that their bachelor's degree may be regarded as equivalent to one of the Italian "laurea" degrees listed below (Note 1).

Note 1:

L-05 Filosofia;

L- 11 Classe delle Lauree in Lingue e Culture Moderne;

L-12 Classe delle Lauree in Mediazione Linguistica;

L-14 Classe delle Lauree in Scienze dei Servizi Giuridici;

L-16 Classe delle Lauree in Scienze dell'Amministrazione dell'Organizzazione;

L- 18 Classe delle Lauree in Scienze dell'Economia e della Gestione Aziendale;

L-20 Classe delle Lauree in Scienze della Comunicazione;

L-33 Classe delle Lauree in Scienze Economiche;

L-36 Classe delle Lauree in Scienze Politiche e delle Relazioni Internazionali

L-37 Classe delle Lauree in Scienze Sociali per la Cooperazione, lo Sviluppo e la Pace;

L-39 Classe delle Lauree in Scienze del Servizio Sociale;

L-40 Classe delle Lauree in Sociologia;

L-41 Statistica;

L-42 Classe delle lauree in Storia.

Eligible candidates must meet the following requirements:

a) They must have earned at least 9 ECTS credits or equivalent in statistics.

The ECTS credit value of foreign applicants' undergraduate studies will be assessed by the GPS 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". Applicants who completed their undergraduate studies in foreign Universities should exhibit a comparable academic record or competence in statistics.

Note 2:

SECS-S/01 Statistica; SECS-S/03 Statistica economica o SECS-S/05 Statistica sociale;

b) Non-native English speakers must be able to demonstrate their knowledge of English, either by showing they have at least one year of university studies at institutions where the language of instruction is English, or during the interview. The possessing of a IELTS or TOEFL will also be taken into account.

At least a B2 level language knowledge of English is required.

Applicants meeting the above requirements will be invited to an interview.

Interviews may be held on-site or by videoconference (see below).

When entering their application, applicants shall upload a letter where they explain their motivation for joining the programme. The personal statement is an opportunity to illustrate whether personal reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

### **Compulsory attendance**

Attendance is mandatory

### **Degree programme final exam**

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.

### **Criteria for admission to degree course 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.

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 the international mobility of its students, offering them the opportunity to spend periods of study and training abroad, a unique opportunity to enrich their curriculum in an international context.

### **Study and internships abroad**

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

Furthermore, GPS is part of a prestigious inter-university network: the network of European Masters in Labour Studies – EMLS. The other partners of the network are: Université catholique de Louvain, Universität Bremen, Universität Trier, University of Warwick, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Université Toulouse, University College Dublin, Università degli Studi di Firenze, University of Amsterdam, Instituto Universitario de Lisboa, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration of Romania, Univerza v Ljubljani. Each partner has agreed to recognize the teaching and evaluation methods of partner institutions as well as the equivalence of their curricula. Students may attend a semester in one of the EMLS partner universities. Accordingly, any examination passed at any university in the network is fully and automatically recognized.

GPS students may also obtain a double degree, jointly recognized by the University of Milan and the University of Bremen, following a specific path, focused on welfare and employment matters, and attending the first year at University of Bremen.

### **How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs**

To gain access to mobility programs for study purposes, lasting 3-12 months, the enrolled students of the University of Milan must attend a public selection that starts usually around the month of February each year through the presentation of specific competition announcements, which contain information on available destinations, respective duration of the mobility, requirements and deadlines for submitting the online application.

The selection, aimed at evaluating the proposed study abroad program of the candidate, knowledge of a foreign language, especially when this is a preferential requirement, and the motivations behind the request, is performed by specially constituted commissions.

Each year, before the expiry of the competition announcements, the University organises information sessions for the specific study course or groups of study courses, in order to illustrate to students the opportunities and participation rules.

To finance stays abroad under the Erasmus+ program, the European Union assigns to the selected students a scholarship that - while not covering the full cost of living abroad - is a useful contribution for additional costs as travel costs or greater cost of living in the country of destination.

The monthly amount of the communitarian scholarship is established annually at national level; additional contributions may be provided to students with disabilities.

In order to enable students in economic disadvantaged conditions to participate in Erasmus+ program, the University of Milan assigns further additional contributions; amount of this contributions and criteria for assigning them are established from year to year.

The University of Milan promotes the linguistic preparation of students selected for mobility programs, organising every year intensive courses in the following languages: English, French, German and Spanish.

The University in order to facilitate the organisation of the stay abroad and to guide students in choosing their destination offers a specific support service.

More information in Italian are available on [www.unimi.it](http://www.unimi.it) > Studenti > Studiare all'estero > Erasmus+

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## ADMISSION CRITERIA: 1ST YEAR OPEN, SUBJECT TO ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Application and enrolment information and procedures

Applicants, both foreign and Italian holding a bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by December 31st, 2019, must apply for admission to the GPS programme from (tbd).

Non EU Applicants from outside Italy holding a non-Italian bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by December 31st, 2019, must submit a pre-application at the Italian Embassy of their own country.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of an interview, aimed at ascertaining the applicants' motivations, as well as their knowledge and competences in the core areas of the GPS programme.

### Links to enrolment information and procedures

More information will be soon available at: [www.gps.unimi.it](http://www.gps.unimi.it)

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

10

<b>1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities</b>		
<b>Learning activity</b>	<b>Ects</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Global social inequalities	9	SPS/09
Globalization and cultural diversity	6	SPS/08
International political economy and the welfare state	12	(6) SPS/04, (6) SECS-P/02
Multi-level legal system	6	IUS/07
World Society	9	SPS/07
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		42
<b>Elective courses</b>		
<b>Students must earn 18 credits by selecting two of the following alternatives</b>		
Comparative politics and development	9	SPS/04
Economic of social regulation of global workforce	9	SPS/09
Global citizenship	9	SPS/07
Globalization, social justice and human rights	9	SPS/08
International and comparative labour law	9	IUS/07
International migration and immigration policies	9	SPS/10
Public opinion, legitimacy and power in the digital era	9	SPS/11
<b>2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2020/21) Core/compulsory courses/activities</b>		
<b>Learning activity</b>	<b>Ects</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Global Geopolitics	6	SPS/04
Total number of compulsory credits/ects		6
<b>Elective courses</b>		
<b>Students must earn 18 credits by selecting three of the following alternatives</b>		
Consumer culture	6	SPS/07
Datatified societies	6	SPS/08
Differences, inequalities and the politics of law	6	IUS/20
Employment, inequalities and discrimination in the global labour market	6	(3) IUS/07, (3) SPS/09
Gender theory and global issues	6	SPS/07
Global challenges to democracy	6	SPS/04
Global cities	6	SPS/08
Global public policy and the knowledge society	6	SPS/04
Global social movements	6	SPS/08
Labour markets and globalization	6	SPS/09
Media and politics	6	SPS/08
Social justice in a global world	6	SPS/01
The welfare state and social innovation	6	SPS/04
<b>Further elective courses</b>		
<b>Student must earn 6 credits by selecting among the following activities: Foreign language: advanced 3 CFU; Stage 6 CFU</b>		
Advanced Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	L-LIN/04
Advanced Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	L-LIN/14
Advanced Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	L-LIN/07
Data lab	3	SPS/04
Dissertation lab	3	SPS/07
<b>Students must earn 9 credits for elective activities</b>		

***End of course requirements***

Final exam		21	NA
	Total number of compulsory credits/ects	21	