



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22
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 , 2nd

Access procedures: open, subject to entry requirements

Course code: B76

PERSONS/ROLES

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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 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.

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).

Compulsory attendance

Attendance is highly recommended

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 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 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

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>

For assistance, please contact:

International Mobility Office

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Contacts: InformaStudenti mobility.out@unimi.it

Student Desk booking through InformaStudenti

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, 2021, must apply for admission to the GPS programme from March 12th to June 30th, 2021.

Non EU Applicants from outside Italy holding a non-Italian bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by December 31st, 2021, 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' knowledge and competences in the core areas of the GPS programme.

Links to enrolment information and procedures

<https://www.unimi.it/en/study/enrolment>

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

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| 1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities | | |
|---|------|------------------------------------|
| Learning activity | Ects | Sector |
| 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 |
| Elective courses | | |
| Students must earn 18 credits by selecting two of the following alternatives | | |
| Comparative politics and development | 9 | SPS/04 |
| Economic and 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 |
| 2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities | | |
| Learning activity | Ects | Sector |
| Global Geopolitics | 6 | SPS/04 |
| Total number of compulsory credits/ects | | 6 |
| Elective courses | | |
| Students must earn 18 credits by selecting three of the following alternatives | | |
| Consumer culture | 6 | SPS/07 |
| Datatified society | 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 |
| 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 |
| Journalism, media and politics | 6 | SPS/06 |
| Labour markets and globalization | 6 | SPS/09 |
| Social justice in a global world | 6 | SPS/01 |
| The welfare state and social innovation | 6 | SPS/04 |
| Further elective courses | | |
| Student must earn 6 credits by selecting among the following activities: Foreign language: advanced 3 CFU; Stage 6 CFU | | |
| Advanced Language Skills: French (3 ECTS) | 3 | ND |
| Advanced Language Skills: German (3 ECTS) | 3 | ND |
| Advanced Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS) | 3 | ND |
| Data lab | 3 | SPS/04 |
| Dissertation lab | 3 | SPS/07 |
| Students must earn 9 credits for elective activities | | |
| Among these activities, students can choose also "Research methods in social and political science" | | |
| Research methods in social and political science | 9 | (3) SPS/04, (3) SPS/07, (3) SPS/09 |
| End of course requirements | | |
| Final exam | 21 | NA |
| Total number of compulsory credits/ects | | 21 |