



**UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO**  
**PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21**  
**IN**  
**POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (PPPA) (Classi LM-62/LM-78)**  
**Enrolled from 2019/2020 academic year**

### **HEADING**

<b>Degree classification - Denomination and code:</b>	LM-62/LM-78
<b>Degree title:</b>	Dottore Magistrale
<b>Length of course:</b>	2 years
<b>Credits required for admission:</b>	180
<b>Total number of credits required to complete programme:</b>	120
<b>Course years currently available:</b>	1st , 2nd
<b>Access procedures:</b>	open, subject to entry requirements
<b>Course code:</b>	B77

### **PERSONS/ROLES**

#### **Head of Study Programme**

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### **CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME**

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

The Master's degree in Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (PPPA), which is jointly awarded by the University of Milan and the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, is an advanced interdisciplinary programme offering high-level competences in political science and philosophy. The program provides both a solid theoretical background and a practical sense of the challenges and opportunities connected to current political, social and economic phenomena and trends.

The study plan includes a common core of courses addressing cutting-edge topics in political science, in moral and political philosophy – topics which are specifically selected for their relevance within public debates. Core courses also provide accurate historical, sociological and juridical competences, apt to rigorously frame similar debates, as well as advanced training in empirical methodologies and argumentative strategies, which will strengthen students' analytical capacities and their ability to assess and defend normative and policy proposals

The second year of the programme offers the opportunity to study in depth a wide array of topics organized into two main areas. The first area – “Technology, science and society” – includes courses critically addressing the import and the ethical implications of scientific and technological development, with a special emphasis on pressing questions concerning environmental studies, bioethics, neuroethics, biopolitics, on the challenges of the information society and on the new dynamics of media systems. The second area – “Prosperity, peace and international affairs” – comprises courses focusing on current socio-economic and political developments and their effects on individual life chances and rights, social policies and schemes of distributive justice as well as courses addressing the dilemmas connected to new forms of war and conflict. Within these two main areas, students will have the chance to autonomously define their study plan according to their interests and based on the professional profile they intend to develop.

#### **Expected learning outcomes**

The PPPA master's programme aims at providing its students with advanced and complete training in both political science and philosophy. Such training is specifically intended to enable students to acquire competences and analytical tools for

interpreting complex political or socio-economic phenomena in a critical way and for appraising their normative implications.

Each of the course included in the programme is meant to offer an in-depth understanding of the most recent theoretical developments in the relevant disciplinary field, combined with clear insights on the significance of such developments for public debates and policy-decisions. Indeed, the programme is designed to promote students' capacities to frame public issues and controversial questions in an original way and to elaborate and justify proposals for intervention informed by considerations of both efficacy and value. Accordingly, the programme supports the acquisition of methodological tools for examining empirical phenomena, for explaining their dynamics, and for anticipating their evolution as well as the reinforcement of logic and argumentative skills.

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

PPPA is designed to prepare students for a broad range of careers. Students will indeed acquire a variety of competences and will master a differentiated set of methodological tools that will enable them to be successfully employed in: 1. public or private research institutes; 2. local, national or international institutions as policy analysts; 3. firms operating in the global market and looking for professionals capable to understand and interpret political, social and economic trends and to devise long-term strategic plans; 4. media, journalism, publishing and the cultural industry. The master programme also provides a solid academic background that will allow students to continue their education through Ph.D. programmes in social sciences and philosophy, both in Italy and abroad.

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

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent; a strong interest and/or previous studies in political science or philosophy or related subjects; a sound knowledge of spoken and written English.

More specifically, eligible candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. 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 philosophy, political science or other broadly related subjects, provided that their bachelor's degree may be regarded as equivalent to one of the Italian "laurea" degrees listed below at "Note 1".

The eligibility of applicants holding bachelor's degrees in fields not included in the list of "classi di laurea" indicated below at "Note 1" is subjected to the approval of the board of the master program. The board's decision will rest on the evaluation of the applicant's academic record, of his/her motivation, and his/her performance during an interview aimed at ascertaining whether his/her background training and competences are appropriate for being fruitfully enrolled in the programme.

2. Applicants must be able to certify their knowledge of English either by showing they have at least one year of university studies at institutions where English is the language of instruction, or by providing evidence, through appropriate documentation, of possessing language skills in English equivalent to level B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference.

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

Interviews, which may be held on-site or by videoconference, are intended to ascertain the applicants' level of competence in the relevant disciplinary fields and to provide indications on how to fill possible gaps in these fields.

When enrolling in the first year of the programme, each student will be required to specify whether he/she intends to obtain the master degree either in Political Science (Italian "classe di laurea" LM-62 Scienze della politica) or in Philosophy (Italian "classe di laurea" LM-78 Scienze filosofiche). Students will finalize their choice between the two options at the moment of enrolling in the second year.

Note 1:

L-5 Filosofia; L-14 Scienze dei servizi giuridici; L-18 Scienze dell'economia e della gestione aziendale;

L-20 Scienze della comunicazione; L-33 Scienze economiche; L-36 Scienze politiche e delle relazioni internazionali; L-37 Lauree in Scienze Sociali per la Cooperazione, lo Sviluppo e la Pace; L-40 Sociologia; L-42 Storia

### **Compulsory attendance**

Highly recommended.

### **Degree programme final exam**

Having earned at least 99 credits for the learning activities included in 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, which is an original piece of work, prepared by the candidate under the guidance of a supervisor. The formal assignment of these credits can only take place when the dissertation is completed, publicly discussed and when 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 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.

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

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/en/international/study-abroad/studying-abroad-erasmus>

For assistance, please contact:

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Desk opening hours: Monday to Friday 9 am - 12 noon

## **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, 2020, must apply for admission to the PPPA programme from March 1st to August 20th, 2020.

Non-EU Applicants from outside Italy holding a non-Italian bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by December 31st, 2020, must submit a pre-application at the Italian Embassy of their own country.

Applicants will be selected considering their academic record and on the basis of an interview, which is aimed at ascertaining the applicants' knowledge and competences in the core areas of the PPPA programme.

Interviews will be held, according to a schedule proposed individually to each applicant, from July to September 15th, 2020. More precisely, interviews will be scheduled in July only for applicants who complete the admission procedure within July 10th, 2020.

If necessary, interviews can be held also via Skype, or other equivalent telematic means.

### **Links to enrolment information and procedures**

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

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

## Notes

Information concerning admission and enrolment procedures are available at: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/degree-programme-enrolment/enrolment-masters-programme>

Further information concerning the admission procedures for the PPPA programme is available on the website of the Master's programme, or can be asked directly to PPPA's Secretariat: [pppa@unimi.it](mailto:pppa@unimi.it)

<b>1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities</b>		
<b>Learning activity</b>	<b>Ects</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Conflicts and political legitimacy	12	SPS/01
Economy and Society: past, present and perspectives	6	SECS-P/04
Facts, principles and hard choices	6	M-FIL/03
Migrations, diversity and non-discrimination	12	(6) IUS/07, (6) SPS/07
Society, politics and institutions: stability and change	12	(6) SPS/04, (6) SECS-P/01
The Western tradition: moral and political values	12	(6) M-FIL/06, (6) SPS/02
	Total number of compulsory credits/ects	60
<b>2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities</b>		
<b>Learning activity</b>	<b>Ects</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Governing the future: goals and tools	9	SPS/04
	Total number of compulsory credits/ects	9
<b>Elective courses</b>		
<b>Students must earn 18 credits/ects by selecting 3 courses/activities among those listed below.</b>		
<b>Please note, for facilitating students' choice, the courses/activities are organized into two thematic areas as follow:</b>		
<b>Technology, science and society:</b>		
<b>Bioethics</b>		
<b>Biopolitics: bodies, health and food</b>		
<b>Ethics and ecosystems</b>		
<b>Neuroethics and human enhancement</b>		
<b>Media ethics</b>		
<b>The information society: the epistemology of big data</b>		
<b>Communications technology and society</b>		
<b>Prosperity, peace and international affairs</b>		
<b>Differences, inequalities and the politics of law</b>		
<b>Dirty-hands politics: war, terrorism, torture</b>		
<b>Global political economy and social policy</b>		
<b>Human development and mobility in a changing world</b>		
<b>Justice and international affairs</b>		
<b>Wars of images</b>		
Bioethics	6	SPS/01
Biopolitics: bodies, health and food	6	M-FIL/05
Communications technology and society	6	SPS/08
Differences, inequalities and the politics of law	6	IUS/20
Dirty-hands politics: war, terrorism, torture	6	SPS/01
Ethics and ecosystems	6	M-FIL/03
Global political economy and social policy	6	SPS/04
Human development and mobility in a changing world	6	M-DEA/01
Justice and international affairs	6	SPS/01
Media ethics	6	M-FIL/03
Neuroethics and human enhancement	6	M-FIL/03
The information society: the epistemology of big data	6	M-FIL/02
Wars of images	6	M-FIL/04
<b>Further elective courses</b>		
<b>Students must earn 9 credits/ects for elective activities (additional courses of their choice)</b>		
<b>Students must earn 3 credits/ects choosing from: internship, workshops, other activities (e.g. advanced computer skills, advance foreign language).</b>		
<b>End of course requirements</b>		
Final exam	21	NA
	Total number of compulsory credits/ects	21

