UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23
IN
POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (PPPA) (Classi LM-62/LM-78)
Enrolled from 2019/2020 academic year

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	LM-62/LM-78
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:	B77

PERSONS/ROLES

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Degree Course website

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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 Admission Committee. The decision will rest on the evaluation of the applicant's academic record and of 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 providing documentation attesting that they have at least one year of university studies at institutions where English is the language of instruction, or by providing evidence, through appropriate certificates, of possessing language skills in English equivalent to level B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference.

The list of English language certificates accepted by the University of Milan and indications about their validity are available at the following link:
https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-and-english-courses/accepted-language-certificates
PPPA acknowledges as valid also English language certificates released by the SLAM to candidates previously enrolled in Bachelor's or Master's programmes offered by the University of Milan.

Applicants meeting the above requirements can be invited to an interview intended to further ascertain their level of competence in the relevant disciplinary fields and to provide indications on how to fill possible gaps in these fields. Interviews can be held both on campus or online.

When enrolling in the first year of the programme, each student will be required to specify whether he/she intends to obtain the Master's 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 when 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

Language test / computer literacy test

Students without an Italian degree or diploma can obtain 3 credits in Additional language skills: Italian by proving an Italian language proficiency at level A2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This level can be assessed by the end of the degree course in the following ways:

- by submitting the language certificate achieved no more than three years prior to the submission, at level A2 or higher, recognised by the University (the list of recognised language certificates can be found at: https://www.unimi.it/en/node/349/). The language certificate must be uploaded through the service https://informastudenti.unimi.it/saw/ess?AUTH=SAML, by choosing the category SLAM;

- by an entry-level test, organised by SLAM, which can be taken at the beginning of every semester.

Students who fail to reach level A2 will have to attend a 60-hour Italian course organised by SLAM and to pass the final test during the I semester of the second year of study in order to earn 3 ECTS credits of Additonal Language Skills: Italian.

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 expected to be 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 the 27 EU member 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, 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 SLAM - University of Milan Language Centre.

Learn more at https://www.unimi.it/en/node/8/

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 https://www.unimi.it/en/study/student-services/welcome-desk-informastudenti

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

Application and enrolment information and procedures

Non-EU applicants not resident in Italy holding a bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by December 31st, 2022, must apply for admission to the PPPA programme from March 15th, 2022 till May 31st, 2022.

Non-EU Applicants from outside Italy must also submit a pre-enrolment application on the Universitaly website within the deadline defined by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 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/studentistranieri/ and on the University website in the sections dedicated to international students.

All other applicants, both foreign and Italian, holding a bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by December 31st, 2022, must apply for admission to the PPPA programme from March 15th, 2022 till June 30th, 2022.

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

It is worth emphasizing that:

- Upon receiving applications, the Admission Committee performs a preliminary check to ascertain that all the documents necessary for the evaluation have been correctly uploaded. In case of missing documents – and particularly if the application does not include a complete transcript recording exams taken, grades and credits and a valid English certification – applicants will receive a notification, and they will have the chance to integrate their submission. Please note: Applicants who fail to integrate their submission as required and within the deadline indicated in the notification might be excluded from the evaluation by the Admission Committee, and hence, not admitted to PPPA.

- Complete applications are assessed by the Admission Committee by considering the applicants' academic record, and their academic background in disciplinary fields relevant for PPPA. Relying on this initial assessment, the Committee decides whether to invite applicants to an Admission interview, which is aimed to further ascertain whether applicants have the basic competences and knowledge to be fruitfully enrolled in the programme.

- Applicants selected for the interview will receive a notification with all the relevant instructions (date, time, venue or online platform to use). Interviews might be held on campus or online, and they will be scheduled from March 2022 to July 2022. Non-EU applicants not resident in Italy can expect their interview to be held by the end of June 2022, all other applicants by the end of July 2022.

- No specific preparation is required for the admission interview. Indeed, the interview focuses on the applicants' previous academic studies and their research interests. Moreover, the interview offers the applicants the opportunity to show their capacity to address public questions, by discussing recent events or phenomena and issues central in ongoing social or political debates considered of interest by the applicants.

Links to enrolment information and procedures

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

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

50

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/open-admission-master-programmes

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

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
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	

2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities

Learning activity		Ects	Sector
Governing the future: goals and tools		9	SPS/04
	Total number of compulsory credits/ects	9	

Elective courses

Students must earn 18 credits/ects by selecting 3 courses/activities among those listed below.

Please note, for facilitating students' choice, the courses/activities are organized into two thematic areas as follow:

Technology, science and society:
Bioethics
Biopolitics: bodies, health and food
Ethics and ecosystems
Neuroethics and human enhancement
Media ethics
The information society: the epistemology of big data
Communications technology and society

Prosperity, peace and international affairs
Differences, inequalities and the politics of law
Dirty-hands politics: war, terrorism, torture
Global political economy and social policy
Human development and mobility in a changing world
Justice and international affairs
Wars of images

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

Further elective courses

Students must earn 9 credits/ects for elective activities (additional courses of their choice)

Students must earn 3 credits/ects choosing from: internship, workshops, other activities (e.g. advanced computer skills, advance foreign language).

Additional Language Skills: Italian (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	ND

End of course requirements

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