**Universita' degli Studi di Milano**  
**Programme Description - Academic Year 2023/24**  
**In**  
**Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (PPPA) (Classi LM-62/LM-78)**  
Enrolled from academic year 2023/2024

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### Persons/Roles

**Head of Study Programme**  
Professor Nicola Riva

**Tutors - Faculty**  
Tutors for academic guidance

- Professor Mara Floris
- Professor Annalisa Ceron
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https://www.unimi.it/en/study/student-services/services-students-disabilities

**Services for students with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)**

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### Characteristics of Degree Programme

**General and specific learning objectives**  
The Master's programme 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 advances and complete training in both political science and philosophy. Such training is specifically intended to enable students to acquire analytical tools and skills for interpreting complex matters of public significance in a critical way and for appraising their normative implications. The programme 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 programme is designed to achieve the following learning outcomes:

Knowledge and understanding:
At the end of their studies, PPPA students must have acquired an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the most recent theoretical developments in various disciplinary fields, ranging from political, moral and legal theory to political and social sciences, including economics, combined with clear insights on the significance of such developments for public debates and policy-decisions. The acquired knowledge and understanding will concern, inter alia, political ideas and the ways in which individuals and groups define political issues; the functioning of political institutions and their role in relation to the economy and other social systems; structural and contingent transformations of the social order both at the national level and at the transnational an international level and their political impact; the political challenges of our time, including climate change, migration, pluralism, poverty and economic inequality, war, and the challenges posed by scientific and technological developments. The programme is also aimed at reinforcing students’ logical and argumentative skills and at providing them with methodological tools for examining empirical phenomena.

Applying knowledge and understanding:
At the end of their studies, PPPA students must have developed the ability to apply the knowledge and understanding acquired to:
- the analysis of complex political events, processes and situations, accurately reconstructing their genesis and evolutionary dynamics and identifying the challenges they pose and the opportunities they open up;
- the elaboration and justification of intervention proposals to address political challenges;
- the comparative assessment of proposals to address political challenges, based on both empirical standards of feasibility, efficacy and efficiency and normative standards of goodness and rightness.

Making judgements:
At the end of their studies, PPPA students must be able to make accurate assessments of relevant public issues and the ways in which they could be addressed, in the light of an adequate understanding both of the factual and normative political, but also moral and legal profiles of these issues and of the broader contexts within which they arise.

Communication skills:
At the end of their studies, PPPA students must have acquired a mastery of the technical languages of different disciplines and expository skills that will allow them to rigorously draft research projects, position papers and reports on complex matters of public significance. They must also have developed the communication skills needed to successfully present to both expert and non-expert audiences the results of empirical investigations and of normative reflections and to participate in public discussions on politically relevant matters.

Learning skills:
At the end of their studies, PPPA students must have acquired the ability to autonomously find and analyse reliable bibliographic and documentary sources and to plan an individual study path that will allow them to continuously updating the acquired knowledge and to expand it also in the direction of a further specialization. Some PPPA students may also have acquired the learning skills necessary to successfully undertake a Ph.D. programme that could prepare them for an academic career.

Professional profile and employment opportunities
Political consultant

Function in a work context:
The political consultant: analyzes political and socio-economic phenomena, highlighting their dynamics and paying attention particular attention to their medium or long-term developments and their regulatory implications; examine central issues in public debate and highlights the factors to bear in mind when addressing them; make assessments comparison between the various lines of intervention available, taking into account both feasibility criteria and considerations of regulatory nature; develops intervention proposals and provides advice on the development of strategies medium and long term in the light of the opportunities or problems associated with current trends in the political sphere, social and economic.
Skills associated with the function:
To carry out the functions indicated, the following are required: multidisciplinary skills, which concern both disciplines philosophical, both the social and political sciences; ability to critically examine political and socio-economic phenomena complex and to grasp both the dynamics and possible developments, and the implications of a regulatory nature; ability to analysis and interpretation of empirical data; argumentative skills; transversal relational skills, communication, organization and management.

Employment opportunities:
Local, national and international institutions and public bodies; study center of political parties and political organizations, of interest groups and trade associations, non-governmental organizations and the Italian third sector e international.

Political science specialist

Function in a work context:
The specialist in political science: carries out research on political and socio-economic phenomena; process research projects; formulates interpretative and explanatory hypotheses; collects and critically examines empirical data; draws up research reports and produces informative and scientific publications; coordinates projects at national level, European or international research groups and activities aimed at disseminating research results.

Skills associated with the function:
To carry out the functions indicated, the following are required: specialist knowledge in political science, sociology and economic; ability to interpret complex political and socio-economic phenomena from one perspective multidisciplinary, capturing its specificity, dynamics and implications with respect to issues of public importance; ability to analyze and interpret data through qualitative and quantitative methodologies; ability to process research designs that are rigorous and consistent with the topics addressed; transversal relational skills, communication, organization and management.

Employment opportunities:
Organizations, institutions and research centres, public or private, which operate at a local, national or international level. Furthermore, graduates who will obtain credits in sufficient numbers in appropriate groups of sectors will be able, according to the legislation currently in force, participate in the admission tests for secondary education training courses.

Philosophy specialist

Function in a work context:
The specialist in philosophical disciplines conducts research in the philosophical field; elaborates research projects; formula interpretative hypotheses regarding the regulatory implications associated with political and socio-economic phenomena and/or scientific and technological developments; comparatively examines the lines of intervention available with respect to problems of public relevance and formulates arguments and criteria to discriminate between them; draws up research reports; accomplish informative and scientific publications; coordinates projects at national, European or international level, research groups and activities aimed at disseminating research results.

Skills associated with the function:
To carry out the indicated functions, the following are required: specialist knowledge in the philosophical field and a preparation multidisciplinary approach that allows for the interpretation of complex political and socio-economic phenomena, capturing their regulatory implications; logical and argumentative skills; skills with respect to the methods of analysis philosophical; ability to develop rigorous research designs consistent with the topics addressed; transversal skills of relational, communicative, organizational and managerial character.

Employment opportunities:
Organizations, institutions and research centres, public or private, which operate at a local, national or international level. Furthermore, graduates who will obtain credits in sufficient numbers in appropriate groups of sectors will be able, according to the legislation currently in force, participate in the admission tests for secondary education training courses.

Specialist of companies, organizations and public and private entities

Function in a work context:
The specialist in companies, organizations and public and private entities holds positions that involve high responsibilities of a strategic, managerial and operational nature; coordinates working groups; carries out activities in the design sector, of work planning, communication and marketing.

Skills associated with the function:
To carry out the functions indicated, the following are required: multidisciplinary skills that allow both to design wide-ranging strategies, which take into account a multiplicity of factors, and to effectively coordinate groups of
work trained by professionals with diversified skills; critical analysis and interpretation skills political, social and economic trends; forecasting and adaptive capacity; transversal character skills relational, communicative, organizational and managerial.

Employment opportunities:
Public administration; public and private bodies, non-governmental organizations and the third sector that need figures able to deal with strategic, managerial and communication aspects; private companies inserted in national contexts or international or in the global market.

Cultural manager
Function in a work context:
The Cultural Manager develops and coordinates cultural projects and initiatives; analyze the characteristics and trends of the cultural question; researches and manages resources for the organization of cultural initiatives; plans and manages courses training, also aimed at a non-specialist public, aimed at disseminating culture and related topics to current events; collaborates in the preparation of training and information material and in the realization of editorial projects.

Skills associated with the function:
To carry out the indicated functions, the following are required: multidisciplinary preparation which facilitates the development of a specific sensitivity regarding the cultural sphere and which allows the acquisition of skills to frame phenomena cultural backgrounds of social and political trends; analysis, forecasting and planning skills; skills transversal of a relational, communicative, organizational and managerial nature.

Employment opportunities:
Companies operating in the communication, publishing and journalism sector and, more generally, in the sector of the cultural industry; foundations, institutes and public and private bodies engaged in the realization of cultural projects and involved in scientific and cultural dissemination activities.

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".
2. Applications will be assessed by an Admission Committee that will decide on admission on the basis of an evaluation of the applicants' academic records. If the applicants academic records don't provide enough evidence of their background training and competences in the relevant disciplinary fields, applicants can be invited to an interview.

3. 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.

The language skills of applicants who cannot certify their knowledge of English by providing proper documentation, will be assessed by the Admission Committee during the interview.

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.

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.

Programme structure
Articulation and methods of teaching

Teaching activity takes place mainly in the form of courses which may include frontal lessons, class discussions and class presentations. Other teaching activities consist of occasional lectures, seminars and workshops.
Most of the teaching activities are conducted on campus and in person to favour participatory education, interaction between teachers and students, and peer interrelations. Distance education and recorded lessons and seminars are considered
supporting materials for in-person teaching and the achievement of learning objectives.

Articulation of courses

The courses can be mono-disciplinary or multi-disciplinary. Multi-disciplinary courses are divided into several teaching units assigned to different teachers. The different teaching units can follow one another or take place in parallel.

Plan of study

The plan of study is a list of the academic activities (courses, exams, workshops and other activities) that a student must complete in order to graduate. It includes all mandatory activities and electives, chosen by the student in accordance with the requirements established by PPPA's Regulation and programme description.

Each student must submit at least one plan of study before applying for graduation.

To graduate, students must have passed all exams included in their latest approved plan of study.

A submitted and approved plan of study can be changed by submitting a new one the following year. If the new plan is approved, it supersedes the previous one.

The plan must be submitted online on the Unimia page in the month of February.

More information on the plan of study and on how and when to submit it is available on the University website: https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/following-your-programme-study/plan-study

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; 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

Calendar of teaching activities:
The teaching activities are divided into three quarters. The first quarter runs from September to December, the second from January to March, the third from April to June. Some courses shared by several degree programmes may follow a different calendar.

Classes timetable

Classes timetable, with the indication of classrooms, can be consulted on the University website: https://easystaff.divsi.unimi.it/PortaleStudenti/?view=home&include=homepage&_lang=en

Exams

For each course there are at least six exam sessions per year. Additional sessions may be scheduled for attending students and for graduating students. For attending students, partial exams may also be scheduled during the lesson period. The list of the exam sessions can be consulted on the University website: https://www.unimi.it/en/studiare/frequentare-un-corso-di-laurea/seguire-il-percorso-di-studi/esami/calendario-degli-appelli

Students can take the exam in all sessions not reserved for attending students and for graduating students and can repeat the exam as many times as necessary to pass it. However, teachers can ask students who intend to take the exam as attending students to take the exam in one of the first sessions after the end of the lessons. Unless otherwise indicated by the teachers, the exam program to be prepared for the exam is that of the last edition of the course.

The final exam may consist of a written test, an oral test or a combination of the two. Additionally, or alternatively, students may be required to give class presentations and/or prepare short essays. The final assessment can also take into account attendance and active participation in discussions and other activities carried out in class.

Tutorship

PPPA has an academic guidance tutor who can be contacted by writing to pppa@unimi.it.

Students can contact the academic guidance tutor for information on admission procedures, the structure and requirements of the degree programme and the study plan.

For information on the Erasmus+ programme and other international mobility programmes and on internships, workshops and the alternative ways to obtain the 3 credits for other activities, students should instead contact the dedicated tutors

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:
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 year.

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 Additional Language Skills: Italian.

Compulsory attendance
Attendance is not compulsory, but highly recommended.

Internship criteria
PPPA students must earn 3 credits choosing from: internships, workshops or other activities.
Curricular internships should last at least 75 hours.
Setup procedures for curricular internships are managed by the University Study and Career Guidance Service (COSP):
A list of workshops pre-approved by the Academic Board of PPPA is published on the degree programme’s website.
Other activities include:
- acquisition of advanced computer skills
- acquisition of advanced language skills in a foreign language
- attendance to conferences, intensive courses (i.e. summer and winter schools), lectures and seminars
- working experiences
For more information on internships, workshops and other activities, PPPA students can contact the dedicated tutor.

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.

Study and internships abroad
As part of the Erasmus+ programme, PPPA has entered into agreements with the following universities:
- Europa-Universität Flensburg (Germany)
- Heidelberg University (Germany)
- Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)
- University of Bayreuth (Germany)
- University of Bremen (Germany)
- University of Copenhagen (Denmark)
- University of Warsaw (Poland)

PPPA also participate in the 4EU+ programme, which allows students to attend online courses offered by the European university which are part of the 4EU+ European University Alliance:
https://4euplus.eu/4EU-1.html

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 > Category: INTER Erasmus Studio
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, 2023, must apply for admission to PPPA from March 6th, 2023 till May 31st, 2023. 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, 2023, must apply for admission to PPPA from March 6th, 2023 till June 30th, 2023. 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. Applicants who fail to integrate their submission as required and within the deadline indicated in the notification by providing a complete transcript recording exams taken, grades and credits might be excluded from the evaluation by the Admission Committee, and not admitted to PPPA. The language skills of applicants who don’t provide a valid English certification will be assessed during the interview.

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 interview, aimed to further ascertain whether applicants have the basic competences and knowledge to be fruitfully enrolled in the programme.

Applicants will be admitted directly to the programme, without interview, who: (1) meet the requirement referred to in point 1 above (proper degree); (2) can certify their knowledge of English by providing proper documentation; (3) have obtained a Bachelor’s degree with a mark equal to or greater than 104/110 or are in the process of obtaining a Bachelor’s degree with a weighted average mark of 27/30; (4) in their previous university studies have acquired at least 18 credits in the disciplinary fields IUS/20, M-DEA/01, M-FIL/01, M-FIL/02, M-FIL/03, M-FIL/04, M-FIL/05, M-FIL/06, SECS-P/01, SECS-P/04, SPS/01, SPS/02, SPS/04, SPS/07, SPS/08 or SPS/11, of which, necessarily, at least 6 credits in the fields M-DEA/01, SECS-P/01, SPS/04, SPS/07 or SPS/08, and at least 6 credits in the fields IUS/20, M-DEA/01, SECS-P/04, SPS/01 or SPS/02.

Applicants required to take 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 2023 to July 2023. Non-EU applicants not resident in Italy can expect their interview to be held by the end of June 2023, all other applicants by the end of July 2023.

No specific preparation is required for the interview. The interview will focus on the applicants’ previous academic studies and their research interests, and will offer the applicants the opportunity to show their capacity to address public issues, by discussing a current topic of their choice. 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 (LM-62 Scienze della politica) or in Philosophy (LM-78 Scienze filosofiche). Students will finalize their choice when enrolling in the second year.
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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Notes
More information on admission and enrolment procedures is available on the University website:
https://www.unimi.it/en/node/183/
More information on the admission procedures for PPPA is available on the degree programme’s website:
https://pppa.cdl.unimi.it/en/enrolment

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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
- Journalism, media and politics
- Neuroethics and human enhancement
- Media ethics
- The information society: the epistemology of big data

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

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 |