



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26
BACHELOR
POLITICAL SCIENCES (Classe L-36 R)
Enrolled in 2025/26 academic year

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	L-36 R
Degree title:	Dottore
Curricula currently available:	DEMOCRACY, PUBLIC POLICIES , JUSTICE / LAW, INTEGRATION AND MARKETS / SOCIETY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CHANGE
Length of course:	3 years
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	180
Years of course currently available:	1st
Access procedures:	Cap on student, student selection based on entrance test
Course code:	BAB

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The degree course in Political Sciences aims to provide adequate basic knowledge and methodological skills typical of an interdisciplinary education in the economic, legal, political, sociological and historical fields, aimed at understanding and analysing the fundamental structures and processes of contemporary societies from a comparative perspective. The comparative perspective is fundamental both in enabling students to form a clear perception of the different political and institutional realities existing at national and global level, and as an indispensable tool for the knowledge and understanding of the basic theoretical assumptions of law and political science and the functioning of institutions. Each curriculum allows for in-depth study of different disciplinary perspectives and themes by providing specific conceptual and methodological tools.

Expected learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Through its common core subjects, the degree programme aims to provide students during the first two years with solid basic knowledge and methodological skills typical of an interdisciplinary education in the fields of economics, law, political science, sociology and history.

The basic preparation in the five areas indicated allows students to acquire a well-articulated understanding of the functioning of the fundamental structures and processes of contemporary societies in a comparative perspective, while the language courses enable students to acquire the lexicological and grammatical tools necessary to enter working contexts in different fields, also with an international vocation. The curricular teachings, during the second and third years, are aimed at deepening different disciplinary and thematic perspectives, providing specific conceptual and methodological tools.

Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

The expected learning outcomes are to be translated into the attainment of a level of training that allows for the consultation of textbooks, monographs and advanced scientific articles with the ability to delve also into avant-garde topics in fields of study related to the course curriculum. The lessons taught are intended to guide students in the application of the theoretical knowledge and methodologies acquired, in particular those of law, political science, economics, sociology and history. Another expected learning outcome should be the ability to professionally apply the acquired knowledge to concrete problems and cases. The Political Science graduate should have an education that enables him/her, among other things, to devise and support reasoned and constructive arguments and to deal with issues requiring legal, economic and sociological skills, as well as knowledge of political and historical events, especially of contemporary times.

Innovative teaching methods contribute to the acquisition of this ability to apply knowledge, aimed at stimulating the active participation of students through exercises and group work; in particular, laboratories also contribute to this, aimed at stimulating the ability to research and critical reflection, but also at directing learning towards more practical and more directly professional applications. Finally, there are also internships that provide skills that can be used in the world of work. The attainment of the ability to apply knowledge and understanding is verified both by observing and guiding the students' group work and by written and/or oral examinations that stimulate students to solve practical cases, as well as by guiding the students in the drafting of their final dissertation.

Autonomy of judgement

The educational pathway leading to the degree in Political Science should provide the graduate with an adequate level of autonomy of judgement, with the ability to collect and interpret data, including reflection on economic, legal, socio-political and historical issues, while at the same time using a multidisciplinary and multidimensional perspective.

Important for the acquisition and verification of autonomous judgement and the development of the learner's evaluative skills are, among the various training activities, the seminar activities and workshops, which enable students to investigate specific issues in depth and to discuss them by expressing their own arguments. The drafting of the final dissertation is also an important moment to enable the undergraduate student to develop working skills and independent judgement. The achievement of the expected results is verified through observation and interaction with students in group activities, through written and/or oral examinations designed to stimulate students' ability to reason independently (e.g. by asking them to solve a practical case, or to formulate proposals for a specific political, economic or institutional scenario), and through guiding undergraduates in the drafting of their final dissertation.

Communication skills

The graduate acquires the ability to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to specialist and non-specialist interlocutors and to construct personal arguments.

The acquisition and verification of communication skills takes place through the activities typical of the course of study, in particular: the oral presentations and written reports provided for in the courses and those carried out as part of seminars, tutorials and laboratories; the written and/or oral examinations; dialectical confrontation with the lecturer in the preparation and drafting of the paper for the final examination.

Learning ability

Completion of the course leads to the development of an aptitude for continuous learning and updating in one's professional life, with a view to the acquisition, with a high degree of autonomy, of further skills and competences. It provides the cultural tools suitable for further study at the level of, inter alia, a Master's degree course.

Learning skills are stimulated and tested through the typical activities of the training course, in particular through various teaching methods involving the active involvement of students in the classroom, and through the examinations foreseen in the courses. The acquisition by students of the credits established for each course is in fact subject to the passing of the relative examinations, conducted in written and/or oral form, which give rise to a grade in thirtieths, pursuant to the University regulations.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The Bachelor in Political Sciences course aims to provide a solid and versatile preparation that can be used in different working environments. The multidisciplinary characterisation of the course, which is a fundamental asset, enables students to acquire knowledge and skills that can be used in different contexts. By exposing students to a plurality of perspectives, it also fosters the development of general skills, the ability to adapt to a variety of contexts and functions, as well as an elasticity of approach that enables them to deal with situations and problems of a different nature.

In relation to the chosen curriculum, students can also acquire more in-depth knowledge and skills relating to the various institutional spheres and the administrative, communicative and organisational processes that take place in them, as well as knowledge and the ability to analyse economic problems, political, social and historical phenomena, and Italian and European legal norms and institutions, also in a comparative perspective.

Political sciences graduates will therefore be able to find work in the public and private sectors, in companies and other organisations operating at local, national, transnational and international level, including: press and communications agencies, including telematics; employment agencies; newspapers and publishing; schools and universities; research centres in the humanities and social sciences; banks; organisations operating in the third sector (social cooperatives, NGOs, non-governmental organisations, etc.); political and trade union organisations; public administrations; consultancy firms. It should also be noted that a high percentage of graduates continue their studies.

In the variety of functions that can be performed, job profiles include:

Public administration management workers

Administration, communication and organisation officers

Information gathering, management and transfer officers

Human resources management experts

Analysts of economic, political and social processes

Communication professionals

Commercial, financial and insurance agents

Technicians in the organisation and management of production factors and/or orally, resulting in a grade in thirtieths, in accordance with the University regulations.

Initial knowledge required

Admission to the degree programme requires applicants to have a high school diploma or an equivalent suitable qualification from abroad.

To be admitted to the course students must sit an examination to check their linguistic-communication capabilities, in addition to taking an online test (TOLC-E) organised by the Consortium of Interuniversity Integrated Access Systems (CISIA). Subject knowledge for admission will be deemed acceptable if the scores in the selection band have been achieved. Students whose score is lower than the value stated in the selection band, limited to the area of verbal comprehension, will be assigned an additional learning obligation (OFA), which must be met and approved within the first year of the course.

The University organises specific tutoring support for the successful completion of the OFA. Additional information is available on the University study portal of the Faculty of Political, Economic & Social Sciences.

If students fail to satisfy the OFA within the required timescale, the following year they will be unable to sit the examinations for the years subsequent to the first year.

English OFA

In order to fulfil the Additional Learning Requirement (Obbligo Formativo Aggiuntivo – OFA) for English and sit the English-language exam required by the study plan, students must achieve B2 proficiency per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This proficiency level may be certified as follows:

- By submitting a language certificate attesting B2 or higher level in English and issued no more than three years before the date of submission. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39322/>). The certificate must be uploaded during the enrolment procedure, or subsequently to the portal <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>;

- By taking a placement test offered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) between October and December of the first year (or in January for single-cycle programmes). Students who fail the test will be required to take a SLAM course.

The placement test is mandatory for all those who do not hold a valid certificate attesting to B2 or higher level.

Those who have not taken the placement test by the end of December or fail the end-of-course exam six times must obtain the necessary certification privately in order to fulfil the OFA and sit the English exam.

Compulsory attendance

Course attendance is highly recommended.

Degree programme final exams

The final exam is an individual training moment to complete the course of study and consists in the drafting of a written paper on a topic chosen from the courses followed.

To be admitted to the final exam to obtain the qualification, it is necessary to acquire 174 credits.

The thesis must be prepared under the supervision of a teacher in the role of supervisor and is evaluated by a Commission composed of the supervisor and another teacher indicated by him/her. The theme dealt with in the final thesis is agreed with the supervisor, and usually concerns a topic of particular interest to the student or a particularly topical issue, within the framework of the educational objectives of the degree course. The aim of the final exam is also to develop the student's analytical and drafting skills, through constant dialogue with the reference teacher. The Commission can assign a score ranging from 0 to 6 points to the final work, taking into account various factors, including the mastery of the theme, the capacity for critical analysis, the clarity of presentation and the degree of autonomy demonstrated.

The written paper, subject to agreement with the supervisor, can also be presented in English.

The Study Program makes materials available and organizes meetings aimed at providing detailed information and supporting students in preparing the final thesis, regarding the definition of objectives and the retrieval of information, the use of databases, library catalogs and repertoires, to the practical and stylistic rules for drafting the text. These materials also serve to clarify what constitutes a good final thesis in the context of the different areas and disciplines in which the course is organized.

Campus

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EXPERIENCE OF STUDY ABROAD AS PART OF THE TRAINING 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 organisations.

Similar international mobility opportunities are provided outside Europe, through agreements with a number of prestigious institutions.

The University of Milan is a member of the 4EU+ European University Alliance that brings together eight public multidisciplinary universities: University of Milan, Charles University of Prague, Heidelberg University, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University, Sorbonne University of Paris, University of Copenhagen, University of Geneva, and University of Warsaw. The 4EU+ Alliance offers integrated educational pathways and programmes to promote the international mobility of students (physical, blended and virtual).

Study and internships abroad

We strongly suggest to take advantage of the possibilities offered by the Erasmus+ project.

Our students may spend up to three terms (two semesters) in a foreign university, in the framework of the Erasmus+ agreements signed by the University of Milano. Students can follow the courses offered in partner universities, take their exams, complete their research and write the essay for their final thesis. All these activities will be recognized as part of their duties according to their predefined “Learning agreement”.

Our Bachelor program has Erasmus+ exchange agreements with 8 European foreign universities, in the field of social and political sciences, economics, history and law. Some of these agreements are in common with other Ba programmes of the Faculty of Political, Social and Economic sciences. More specifically, we offer up to 24 exchange positions with universities in Spain, 14 in Germany, 14 in France, 5 in Denmark, 2 each for Norway, Portugal and Spain, and 1 in the United Kingdom. In the period abroad students must obtain at least 18 Ects. Before leaving, they will have to prepare their “Learning agreement” together with professor Beatrice Magni, in charge for the Erasmus+ program. After their return, they will have to complete the procedure for the recognition of the Ects earned abroad with the Erasmus office of the Department of Social and Political Sciences.

PROGRAMMA ERASMUS+ TRAINEESHIP

There is even the possibility of paid internships in foreign companies or organizations, for a period of up to 12 months, according to the Erasmus+ placement framework.

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 organises 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 the University Language Centre (SLAM).

<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/8/>

Learn more at <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/274/>

For assistance, please contact:

International Mobility Office

Via Santa Sofia 9 (second floor)

Tel. 02 503 13501-12589-13495-13502

Contacts: InformaStudenti;

Student Desk booking through InformaStudenti

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Contemporary History	9	M-STO/04
History of Political Theories	6	SPS/02
Microeconomics	9	SECS-P/01
Political Science	9	SPS/04
Public Law	9	IUS/09
Sociology	9	SPS/07
Total compulsory credits		51
Elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 3 ECTS in one of the following courses.		
Advanced Language Skills: Anglo-American is reserved for those who have a placement or certification of English level B2		
Additional Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Additional Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Additional Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Advanced Language Skills: Anglo-American (3 ECTS)	3	ND
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Language in Politics	6	L-LIN/12
Macroeconomics	9	SECS-P/01
Political Philosophy	6	SPS/01
Private Law	6	IUS/01
Social Research Methodology	12	SPS/07
Statistics	9	SECS-S/01
Total compulsory credits		48
Further elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 12 ECTS from elective courses.		
Students must obtain 3 ECTS in one of the following activities: further training activities; internships; workshops		
Additional Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Additional Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Additional Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	ND
Computer Science Course	3	INF/01
End of course requirements common to all curricula		
Final Exam	6	NA
Total compulsory credits		6

ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST

DEMOCRACY, PUBLIC POLICIES , JUSTICE Course years currently available: 1°

LAW, INTEGRATION AND MARKETS Course years currently available: 1°

SOCIETY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CHANGE Course years currently available: 1°

CURRICULUM: [BAB-A] DEMOCRACY, PUBLIC POLICIES , JUSTICE

2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities

Curriculum-specific features DEMOCRACY, PUBLIC POLICIES , JUSTICE

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Applied social research	6	SPS/07
Comparative social policy	9	SPS/04
European Union politics and the European social model	9	SPS/04
Total compulsory credits	24	

3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features DEMOCRACY, PUBLIC POLICIES , JUSTICE

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Comparative Politics	6	SPS/04
Italian Political System	9	SPS/04
Philosophy and Politics of Law	9	IUS/20
Public Philosophy	9	SPS/01
Total compulsory credits	33	

CURRICULUM: [BAB-B] LAW, INTEGRATION AND MARKETS**2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features LAW, INTEGRATION AND MARKETS**

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Comparative private law	9	IUS/02
International Law	6	IUS/13
Law and social change	9	IUS/20
Total compulsory credits	24	

3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features LAW, INTEGRATION AND MARKETS

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
European integration and market regulation	9	IUS/05
European Union Law	9	IUS/14
Immigration law	9	IUS/09
Total compulsory credits	27	

Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for LAW, INTEGRATION AND MARKETS

Students must obtain 6 ECTS in one of the following courses		
Administrative Law	6	IUS/10
Comparative Public Law	6	IUS/21

CURRICULUM: [BAB-C] SOCIETY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CHANGE**2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features SOCIETY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CHANGE**

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Applied social research	6	SPS/07
Political Communication	9	SPS/08
Social Inequality, Stratification and Mobility	9	SPS/07
Total compulsory credits	24	

3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features SOCIETY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CHANGE

Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Culture and Society	9	SPS/08
Institutions, Markets and Society	9	SPS/09
States, Nations and Democracy	9	SPS/11
Total compulsory credits	27	

Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for SOCIETY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CHANGE

Students must obtain 6 ECTS in one of the following courses		
Intimate Relationships, Family and Life Course	6	SPS/08
Sociology of Labour	6	SPS/09

COURSE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisites between courses:

- Private law is preparatory to the Comparative Private Law of Persons and Markets;
- Public law is preparatory to Administrative Law, European Union Law, International Law, Comparative Public Law, Immigration Law, Philosophy and Policy of Law;
- Microeconomics is preparatory to Macroeconomics;
- Political science is preparatory to Comparative Social Policy, Italian Political System, European Political System and Social Model, Comparative Politics;

- e) Sociology is preparatory to Methodology of social research; Culture and society; Inequality, stratification and social mobility; Institutional companies, markets; Emotional relationships, families and life courses; Sociology of communication; Sociology of work; States, nations, democracy; Political Communication
 - f) Statistics is preparatory to applied social research;
 - g) Methodology of social research is preparatory to Applied Social Research;
 - h) Contemporary history is preparatory to History and culture of law, History of political and social movements, History of migrations and migration policies, Political and social history of the modern age, History of work.
- It is also strongly recommended to take the Statistics exam before Social Research Methodology.
- The fulfillment of the additional training obligations (OFA) relating to the access disciplinary skills is preparatory to the second and third year exams.
- The fulfillment of the B2 level linguistic training obligations is preparatory to the Language in Politics exam.