



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26
BACHELOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS (Classe
L-36 R)
Enrolled in academic year 2025/2026

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	L-36 R
Degree title:	Dottore
Curricula currently available:	INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS / INTERNATIONAL TRADE / GEOPOLITICS AND REGIONAL DYNAMICS / EUROPEAN UNION AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES
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:	BAC

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

In compliance with the qualifying educational objectives identified by the reference degree class (L-36), the degree course in International Sciences and European Institutions aims at integrating the basic knowledge typical of an interdisciplinary education in the fields of political science, law, economics, political history and sociology, with a special focus on empirical research and a preparation oriented towards the European and international dimension of the fields mentioned above, in order to develop a specific competence in the transnational and international aspects of today's economic and social reality. The articulation of the Programme pursues the following objectives:

provide solid basic knowledge in the legal, political, sociological, historical and economic fields, necessary for the understanding and analysis of global geopolitical phenomena and public and private relations, with particular attention to the international and regional dimensions, including that of the European Union and extra-European contexts;

provide the cultural and operational tools for the retrieval, evaluation and analysis of information and data to support the choices of public and private institutions and organisations, also in the context of think-tanks;

create professional skills, in particular in the legal, political and historical-political spheres, aimed at the state administration, including diplomatic and consular representative offices, at governmental - universal and regional, starting with the European Union - and non-governmental institutions and international organisations, including voluntary organisations with humanitarian purposes and interest representation:

provide appropriate skills, with particular attention to the legal and economic spheres, for use in public and private (national and multinational) enterprises involved in international trade and financial relations both within and outside the European Union, also with specific reference to regulated markets;

train a multidisciplinary knowledge of social phenomena to be used in the service, cultural heritage, tourism and communication sectors;

guarantee a preparation that, thanks to the constant verification and updating of the contents and teaching methods, the compulsory study of two foreign languages, the offer of international mobility opportunities and the focus on the acquisition of transversal skills, is directly usable in the international labour market as well as functional for further training.

The teaching of two foreign languages, which is compulsory for all, is aimed at enabling the development of the communicative skills required in working contexts with an international vocation, in the public or private sector, through the acquisition of the appropriate lexical and grammatical tools. In compliance with the qualifying objectives identified by the reference degree class (L-36), the training path common to all the students of the degree course, which takes place in the first and second year, aims at providing a solid basic knowledge of the various disciplines, oriented towards international and European relations, in order to enable students to come to an understanding of the features and complexity of current geopolitical dynamics from the perspective and through the methodological tools of the various disciplines. To this end, among the expected learning outcomes of this common training, of primary importance are the adequate knowledge of the principles, theories and fundamental concepts, as well as terminology, of the political, economic, legal, sociological and historical spheres, in a perspective already projected to the international scenario, and the adequate mastery of the investigation methods of the respective disciplines. In particular, in addition to the subjects that aim to provide the basic notions in the five fields, those that specifically concern international or European aspects in their historical evolution contribute to these objectives.

Also in the first two years, the compulsory teaching of two foreign languages is aimed at enabling the acquisition of the communicative skills necessary in working contexts with an international vocation, in the public or private sector, through the acquisition of the appropriate lexicological and grammatical tools. Throughout the course, particular attention is also paid to the development of adequate logical-argumentative and critical analysis skills; to this end, each degree course combines the treatment of introductory and theoretical-institutional elements with an in-depth study of the same through the analysis of primary sources or practical-experiential activities, or the treatment of specific topics/issues.

From a cultural point of view, the graduate will therefore possess a useful background to pursue studies in the field of international relations, as well as in related fields, from governmental sciences to economics. Graduates who, on the other hand, wish to head for professional employment will be able to operate in various fields, in the public and private sectors, capable of working in multidisciplinary teams made up of experts from different sectors and being able to perform auxiliary functions in the field of diplomatic relations, state administration or international intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, as well as analytical and support functions in the commercial offices or international relations offices of companies, public bodies, local authorities, or in corporate management. .

The degree course comprises a first year which includes common core and characterising subjects in the fields of economics, law, political science, statistics, sociology and international history.

In the second year, the study in the same subject areas remains for the most part common to all students and is declined in an international perspective. At the end of the second year, the students' path is differentiated according to the chosen curriculum with introductory teaching activities on the topics that, according to the choice of the curriculum, will be explored in depth in the third year, such as political and economic, bilateral and multilateral relations between States and institutionalised forms of international cooperation, legal profiles, both private and public, of the cross-border circulation of goods and services in the global market and the instruments of legal-economic management of the company in the context of foreign trade, contemporary geopolitical dynamics with reference to the European regional area or to extra-European contexts.

These themes are cultivated through teaching activities aimed at enabling the development of specific skills and analysis capacities in the economic, legal, political and historical-political spheres, the in-depth study of which is diversified in the various curricula, also in view of the different functions required in work contexts and in relation to job opportunities. In addition to the common and curricular courses, there are also the free-choice training credits, which students acquire through courses or workshops of their choice, consistent with the training pathway, and credits for further training activities, which are acquired through internships/internships, language assessments, computer assessments or other activities aimed at acquiring knowledge useful for entering the world of work; these training activities are mainly aimed at strengthening the ability to apply the knowledge and understanding of the theoretical profiles of the various disciplines taught and the development of transversal skills. The final examination consists of a discussion between the candidate and the lecturer/speaker for the drafting and completion of a paper on the disciplines of the degree course, demonstrating knowledge of the topics and methodologies as well as the ability to work independently (6 ECTS)

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Expected learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

The first two years of the degree programme aim at providing a solid knowledge of the theoretical and methodological aspects of the international relations in five diverse fields (political, economic, legal, sociological and historical). Following a multidisciplinary approach, the programme focuses on the interconnections between the above-mentioned five areas, opening students to an understanding of the features and complexities of today's international and European current affairs.

Against this background, the courses of the first year focusing on the foundations of the five diverse disciplines are followed, in the second year, by courses that adopt the perspective of international relations within the economic, legal, political and historical domains. Finally, the two foreign languages courses allow students to acquire the necessary tools for their employment in a working environment with an international vocation, in the public or private sector.

The expected learning outcomes are achieved through multiple teaching tools, such as classes, tutorials, seminars and working groups. The assessment of knowledge and understanding is done through written exams (mainly for courses included in the political, economic, sociological and linguistic fields) or oral exams (for courses in the legal and historical fields).

Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

During the third year the programme maintains a multidisciplinary approach. Courses aim at guiding students in applying their competences for recognizing concrete issues that arise in international relations and indicating possible solutions. On the basis of the chosen curriculum, the specialization refers to inter-State relations, transnational business relations, the political and social dynamics in non-European regions and, finally, the multiple processes of integration within the European Union. Assessment is done through exams and participation in seminar activities.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

With their interdisciplinary background, graduates in International Studies and European Institutions are well placed to employment in diverse fields: private and public companies involved in commercial and financial transnational relations, both within and outside the European Union; central and local administrations (particularly in their international relations office); governmental and non-governmental organizations; services, cultural heritage and tourism sectors.

Initial knowledge required

Requirements and knowledge required for entry

- High school diploma, or other foreign qualification recognized as suitable;
- adequate linguistic-expressive and logical-mathematical skills.

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. 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

Attendance is strongly recommended.

Internship criteria

The SIE degree program allows for the inclusion of a curricular internship (internship/internship) in the study plan for the acquisition of 3/6 or 9 credits, in addition or as an alternative to other training activities, such as linguistic/computer assessments and laboratories, within the 21 credits reserved for "other elective activities common to all curricula".

To be recognized in the course of study, the internship must be consistent with the training course and be activated through the COSP, Center for Study and Profession Orientation.

For more information, consult the COSP page <https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/stage-e-lavoro/stage-e-tirocini>

The attribution of training credits takes place following the presentation of a report on the activity carried out to the tutor teacher for internships and traineeships, laboratories and other training activities.

Degree programme final exams

Upcoming graduates in International Studies and European Institutions must pass a final exam which consists in writing a paper on a topic agreed with the supervisor and approved by the designated board. The paper may be in Italian as well as in French, English, Spanish or German. For upcoming graduates to be admitted to the final exam, they must have earned 174 credits.

They will write their paper under the guidance of a supervisor who teaches a course offered by the degree programme and included in the candidate's study plan.

It is also possible to write the paper under the guidance of a supervisor who teaches a course offered by another degree programme of the SPES Faculty and included in the candidate's study plan, subject to the Academic Board's approval. For information on the approval process, visit the degree programme website: <https://sie.cdl.unimi.it/it/studiare/laurearsi>.

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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 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

In light of its international focus, the Bachelor degree programme in International Sciences and European Institutions provides enrolled students with a wide range of options, in terms of foreign institutions where they may follow part of their studies and take exams, in the context of the Erasmus+ Programme. Erasmus+ funded scholarships may be available.

The Department of International, Legal, Historical and Political Studies (DILHPS) – which is responsible for the Bachelor degree – collaborates with several partner Universities in France, Spain, Eastern Europe (mainly the Czech Republic, Poland and Lithuania), as well as in Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Norway and the United Kingdom. Moreover, thanks to specific arrangements with some Turkish Universities, students will have the chance to experience life and study in a stimulating cross-cultural environment.

While staying in a partner University, students will be able to pursue their studies, in particular in the fields of International Relations, International and Comparative Law, Public and Private Law, History of International Relations and Politics.

The procedure for the recognition of exams taken abroad consists of two phases: a) before the student leaves, a 'Learning Agreement' will identify the courses that he is authorized to take abroad on the basis of the student's preferences and subject to the agreement of each Professor; b) upon the student's return, the University of Milan will recognize the exams included in the 'Transcript of Records' provided by the partner University and convert the grades received by the student.

How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs

How to participate in Erasmus+ mobility programmes

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 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; mobility.out@unimi.it

Student Desk booking through InformaStudenti

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Comparative Social Systems	6	SPS/07
Contemporary History	6	M-STO/04
International Law	9	IUS/13
Microeconomics	9	SECS-P/01
Political Science	9	SPS/04
Public law	9	IUS/09
Statistic	6	SECS-S/01
Total compulsory credits		54
Elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 6 CREDITS in one of the following courses.		
French	6	L-LIN/04
German	6	L-LIN/14
Spanich	6	L-LIN/07
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
European Union Law	9	L-LIN/12
History of International Relations	9	IUS/14
International Relations	9	SPS/06
International Relations	9	SPS/04
Macroeconomics	9	SECS-P/01
Political sociology	6	SPS/11
Total compulsory credits		51
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Final exam	6	ND
Total compulsory credits		6
Further elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 12 free-choice CREDITS		
Students must obtain 3 CREDITS in one of the following activities: assessment of advanced language skills, workshops, further training activities (internship, internship)		
Advanced Language Skills: English (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
Computer Science Course	3	INF/01
In order to complete the 180 credits envisaged by the training course, students must also obtain 6 credits by choosing from the following activities		
a) Free-choice educational activities, consistent with the educational path, among those organized or envisaged by the degree		

course or by the University of Milan, or by other universities, including foreign ones, as part of mobility programs or international agreements University (3 or 6 credits),b) Other training activities, among the following

- assessment of advanced linguistic knowledge in English and/or in the second foreign language (French, Spanish, German) chosen in the first year (3 credits),
- assessment of linguistic knowledge in a foreign language chosen from among French, Spanish, German, different from the one chosen in the first year (6 CFU),
- assessment of computer skills (3 credits),
- internships or training and orientation internships (6 credits - 150 hours)
- further training activities aimed at acquiring other useful knowledge for entering the world of work (3 credits)

Additional Language Skills: French (6 ECTS)	6	ND
Additional Language Skills: German (6 ECTS)	6	ND
Additional Language Skills: Spanish (6 ECTS)	6	ND
Advanced Language Skills: English (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
Computer Science Course	3	INF/01

ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS Course years currently available: 1°
INTERNATIONAL TRADE Course years currently available: 1°
GEOPOLITICS AND REGIONAL DYNAMICS Course years currently available: 1°
EUROPEAN UNION AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES Course years currently available: 1°

CURRICULUM: [BAC-A] INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS

2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
History of italian foreign policy	6	SPS/06
Total compulsory credits		6
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
International Human Rights Law	9	IUS/13
International organizations and multilateral diplomacy	9	IUS/13
Strategic Studies	9	SPS/04
Total compulsory credits		27
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS		
Students must obtain 9 CREDITS in one of the following courses		
Comparative constitutional systems	9	IUS/21
Comparative socio-economic systems	9	SPS/09
Italian and European criminal constitutional law	9	IUS/09

CURRICULUM: [BAC-B] INTERNATIONAL TRADE

2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL TRADE		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Introduction to Private Law	6	IUS/01
Total compulsory credits		6
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL TRADE		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
	6	SPS/04
International trade law	9	IUS/13
Private International Law	9	IUS/13
Total compulsory credits		24
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for INTERNATIONAL TRADE		
Students must obtain 9 CREDITS in one of the following courses.		
Business Administration	9	SECS-P/07
Commercial law in the digital economy	9	IUS/04
International and development economics	9	SECS-P/01
Students must choose among the compulsory courses of the third year one of the following workshops:		
Laboratory: Alternative Means of International Trade Dispute Resolution	3	IUS/15
Laboratory: Customs operator and export manager	3	IUS/14

CURRICULUM: [BAC-C] GEOPOLITICS AND REGIONAL DYNAMICS

2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features GEOPOLITICS AND REGIONAL DYNAMICS		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Geopolitics and constitutional systems	9	IUS/21
Total compulsory credits		9
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features GEOPOLITICS AND REGIONAL DYNAMICS		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Geography of resources, borders and migrations	9	M-GGR/02
International politics and security	6	SPS/04
Total compulsory credits		15
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for GEOPOLITICS AND REGIONAL DYNAMICS		
Students must obtain 18 CREDITS in one of the following courses		
Africa: history, institutions and global challenges	9	SPS/13
Asian History	9	SPS/14
History and geopolitics of the Middle East	9	SPS/14
History of North America	9	SPS/05
History, institutions and politics of Latin America	9	SPS/05

CURRICULUM: [BAC-D] EUROPEAN UNION AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES

2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2026/27) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features EUROPEAN UNION AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
History and politics of European integration	9	SPS/06
Total compulsory credits		9
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features EUROPEAN UNION AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
European political system	6	SPS/04
Europeanization and public policies	6	SPS/04
Laboratory: Europlanning: from the idea to the project	3	IUS/14
Total compulsory credits		15
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for EUROPEAN UNION AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES		
Students must obtain 18 CREDITS in one of the following courses.		
Digital platforms and artificial intelligence: European regulation in the global market	9	IUS/05
Environment, climate and energy: regulatory strategies	9	(6) IUS/10, (3) IUS/05
External action and diplomatic service of the European Union	9	IUS/14
Migrations, European society and the new global order	9	SPS/07

COURSE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

- a) International and EU law is propaedeutic to International trade law, International law, Private international law, EU substantive law, International Organization, International human rights law.
- b) Public law is propaedeutic to International and EU law, Comparative public law, Public law of the European countries.
- c) Microeconomics is propaedeutic to Macroeconomics.
- d) Macroeconomics is propaedeutic to International economics, Political economics.
- e) Political science is propaedeutic to Comparative politics, International relations, Political sociology, Strategic studies.
- f) Comparative social systems is propaedeutic to Political sociology.
- g) Contemporary history is propaedeutic to History of Italian foreign policy, History of North America, History and institutions of Latin America, Asian history, History of international economic relations, History of international relations, History of European integration, African history and institutions, History and institutions of Muslim countries.
- h) Fulfilment of the additional learning obligations (OFA) assigned on the basis of results of the entry test is propaedeutic to the exams of the second year and of third year.
- i) Fulfilment of the additional learning obligations (OFA) for English language is propaedeutic to English for international relations.
- j) Curriculum B (International trade): Introduction to private law is propaedeutic to Private international law and to Commercial law.