



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

BACHELOR

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS (IPLE) - (Classe L-36 R)

Enrolled in 2026/2027

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	L-36 R
Degree title:	Dottore
Curricula currently available:	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE) / INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)
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:	BAF

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The Bachelor's degree course in International Politics, Law and Economics aims to combine the fundamental knowledge typical of an interdisciplinary education in the fields of economics, law, political science, sociology and history with a focus specifically geared towards understanding the international and comparative dimensions of contemporary politics, law and economics. The comparative perspective is fundamental to enable students to form a clear understanding of the diverse political and institutional realities existing worldwide, and as an indispensable tool for the knowledge and understanding of the very basic theoretical foundations of law and political science and the functioning of institutions. An international perspective is essential for understanding the dynamics of political and economic relations between the various actors that make up global society (states, international organisations, multinational corporations, non-governmental organisations and individuals) and the role of international and supranational institutions within an increasingly interdependent yet fragmented global context. The programme consists of a core first-year module and two specialisation tracks: one focusing on politics and economics from a comparative and international perspective, and the other on politics and law with a strong international focus. The core module already focuses on comparative methodology and the international dimension, spanning history, sociology, law, political science and economics. The first curriculum explores comparative aspects, particularly in the field of political science, and international dimensions, specifically in the field of economic policy, aiming to equip students with a quantitative approach to research and encouraging them to analyse and understand complex realities. The second curriculum focuses on the in-depth study of international relations and international law, aiming to train individuals capable of examining and mastering, with a critical and flexible mindset, the dynamics that drive the sphere of international relations. The aim is to provide students with a programme which, in terms of content, standards, teaching materials and the language of instruction (English), can be directly applied in the international labour market or in further postgraduate study. The programme aims to equip students with the skills necessary to work in the fields where public policy

is formulated, managed and evaluated within contemporary political and social systems at various levels: national, transnational and international. From a cultural perspective, graduates will have acquired a useful foundation for pursuing further studies in international relations, as well as in related fields, ranging from political science to economics, and from human rights to development cooperation and peace studies. Graduates who wish to pursue a professional career, on the other hand, will be able to work in various sectors, both public and private, undertaking support roles in the fields of diplomatic relations, government administration or international intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, as well as analytical and support roles in the commercial or international relations departments of companies, public bodies, local authorities, or in corporate management. This programme derives its added value from the integration of different disciplinary perspectives and approaches, which are inherently designed to foster the ability to manage complexity and problem-solving skills. In addition to English, the course requires proficiency in at least one other European Union language, both written and spoken, including Italian for non-native speakers.

Expected learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

The general part of the Bachelor programme, which takes place in the first year and in part of the second year, aims to provide students with a solid basic knowledge of the various subject areas. Among the expected learning outcomes, primary importance is given to acquiring an appropriate knowledge of the principles, theories and fundamental concepts, as well as the terminology in the areas of political science, economics, law, sociology and history.

An international and comparative perspective will be followed, notably through the courses in international economics, international law, international relations, history of international relations and comparative social and political systems. Students are also expected to acquire an adequate command of research methods in the relevant disciplines.

Particular attention is given to the enhancement of general reasoning and argumentation competences, also through an introductory course in logic during the first year, and linguistic skills, both through foreign language courses and the use of the English language for all teaching activities.

Each course usually includes the study of the introductory elements, appropriate forms of in-depth analysis, and possible tutorials and seminars.

The expected learning outcomes are achieved and assessed through multiple teaching tools, such as lectures, tutorials, seminars and group work. The overall assessment of knowledge and understanding is done through written or oral exams.

Ability to apply knowledge and understanding

The Bachelor programme maintains a multidisciplinary approach in each of the two curricula. The courses aim to guide students in applying the theoretical knowledge and methodologies acquired, with particular reference to law, political science and economics, in the identification and analysis of concrete issues. These may concern both the macro-level, i.e., the context of international political or economic relations and the micro-level, i.e., State, local authorities, companies or NGOs. Graduates shall be able to develop and support reasoned and constructive arguments and to deal with issues that are presented to them in a problem-solving perspective. Innovative teaching methods contribute to the acquisition of such skills, involving an active participation of students through tutorials and group-work.

The ability of applying knowledge and understanding is assessed both by observing and guiding the students' group work, through written or oral exams requiring the student to solve practical cases, and through the guidance of students in the preparation of their final essay.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The Bachelor's Degree Programme prepares graduates to find employment in the following areas: national and regional/local public administrations, including diplomatic missions to foreign countries or international institutions; international organisations; NGOs (e.g. those engaged in humanitarian volunteering activities); centres or associations specialised in the study and analysis of political, social, and economic processes; public and/or private (national or multinational) companies involved in international trade and finance; in the fields of services, cultural heritage, tourism, and communication.

Administrative officers at diplomatic and consular missions and at international organizations

Function in a work context

The professions included in this category carry out support functions to the activities a) of the representative staff in service at diplomatic and consular posts and b) of the highest-level officers of international organizations, with particular regard to European regional institutions. These employees participate in the management of the activities of the offices where they are employed; analyze the information held by the offices for the formulation of proposals and opinions to the executives on whom they depend; sub a), contribute to the management of political relations with the host State, also by providing assistance in the identification and correct interpretation of the relevant legal provisions, and participate in the promotion of commercial, scientific and cultural relations carried out by consulates abroad; sub b), contribute to the activity of the offices and departments of international organizations, as well as to the consultations between higher-level officers and representatives of States. They are able to use two foreign languages, even in the sectors covered.

Skills associated with the function

These operators have the ability to identify, understand, analyze and propose solutions to relevant political and legal issues in interstate relations.

Employment opportunities

Italian diplomatic and consular representations abroad and of foreign states in Italy; intergovernmental, universal and regional (in particular, European) organizations.

Officers of public and private companies who deal with commercial relations with foreign countries

Function in a work context

The professional figures referred to in this profile are those of employees of public and private companies; some of these figures are particularly aimed at the European sphere. They are entrusted with support tasks for the management of commercial relations with foreign countries. In particular, they provide administrative services and assist specialists in identifying foreign suppliers or clients and in concluding contracts with them for the supply of goods or services. They collaborate in the correct execution of contracts and maintain relations with foreign suppliers/customers.

Skills associated with the function

These operators know the reference legal framework (national and international, in particular the regulation of the single European market), have the ability to analyze and resolve issues related to the marketing of goods and services abroad and, finally, to use technical languages or specific.

Employment opportunities

Industrial and tertiary sector companies operating in the public or private sector.

International relations officers in public and private offices and in NGO organizations

Function in a work context

The professions included in this category participate in the promotion and management of institutional relationships with foreign counterparts (located in Europe and also outside Europe) for the public or private sector and for non-governmental organizations. This type of employee performs support functions through the analysis of documents and all the information held in the offices, as well as searching for further elements of information, useful for the preparation of proposals and/or preliminary dossiers for making decisions. They also participate, with functions of responsibility, in the planning and organization of meetings and conferences, and follow up their follow-up.

Skills associated with the function

These operators have the ability to participate in the planning, initiation and management of close links with foreign bodies of the entities in which they are employed and, consequently, to interact with foreign counterparts. They are able to carry out research in the legal, political and social fields, useful for defining strategies for the promotion of institutional relations with foreign countries.

Employment opportunities

State and local government offices, universities and research institutions, private companies, non-governmental organizations.

Analysts of economic, political and social processes

Function in a work context

The professionals included here carry out studies and research to support the strategies of private and public organizations. These can concern both the organization itself, and the field in which it operates, and the procedural aspects that involve it. These figures autonomously manage and coordinate the collection of information for the analyzes they conduct, and produce research reports and dossiers functional to the choices of the organizations in which they operate.

Skills associated with the function

The analyst of economic, political and social processes has disciplinary knowledge relating to the area in which he operates which allows him to interpret the complexity of the phenomena analysed, and which are combined with skills in the systematic analysis of information, especially thanks to the use of appropriate statistical techniques.

Employment opportunities

Head of studies and research in companies, analyst of processes, junior researcher in research institutes, employee of the research office in parties, trade unions and business associations, head of research in public bodies and public service companies, or in NGOs.

Officers of public administrations at national or local level

Function in a work context

The professions included in this category carry out functions of analysis and evaluation of policies, production of internal reports and tasks of support to the work of management in the context of national and local public administrations which have to deal more or less regularly with issues and policies of international and global scale.

Skills associated with the function

These operators have the ability to carry out research in the economic and institutional fields, to make comparisons appropriately, and to model the problems in order to allow a systematic analysis of processes and policies of competence of the administration to which they belong, and to monitor their implementation in progress and the results.

Employment opportunities

Public offices at different levels of government equipped with research and evaluation facilities.

Technicians of the organization and management of production factors

Function in a work context

The professional figures included in this section are concerned with the monitoring of processes within companies and organisations, analyzing the use of capital, human and logistical resources and of all the factors used in production processes. These tasks are intended both for the constant evaluation of the quality of the processes, also with a view to certification, and for the identification of strategies for improvement and reallocation of resources.

Skills associated with the function

These professional figures apply the knowledge relating to the economy, institutions and complex organizations provided in the course of study, together with the data analysis and information processing skills guaranteed by laboratories and quantitative courses.

Employment opportunities

Management analyst, time and methods controller, work organization technician

Initial knowledge required

In order to be admitted to the Bachelor's Programme in International Politics, Law and Economics, prospective students must hold an upper secondary school diploma or equivalent qualification obtained abroad after at least 12 years of schooling, and possess an adequate educational background. Indeed, some basic skills are required in the two following areas: language comprehension, logic and mathematics. These skills are essential to the fruitful participation in this programme, as is a sound knowledge of English (level B2 of the European reference framework).

Pursuant to Article 2 of Law 264/1999, with a view to ensuring high quality education in the light of available resources, the maximum number of students who can enroll in this programme is set at 125, plus a certain number of spots that are reserved for non-EU candidates residing abroad. The admission test for EU candidates is organized in two sessions: the first session, in Spring 2025, is reserved to students attending their last year of secondary school; the second session, open to all candidates, will take place in Summer 2025. The selection procedure for non-EU candidates residing abroad will take place in Spring 2025, and will be open both to students in their last year of secondary school, and to those who already got their diploma.

The admission test will serve as a basis for both the selection of candidates and the assessment of their skills in the abovementioned two areas (language comprehension, logic and mathematics). In order to be positively assessed in each subject area, candidates must correctly answer at least 50% of the questions. Those candidates who are admitted in the programme despite having correctly replied to a lower percentage of questions in the area of logic and mathematics (jointly considered) will be assigned further training requirements (s.c. OFA, Obblighi Formativi Aggiuntivi). This means that they will have to attend courses/workshops or consult supplementary materials and pass another test within their first year in the programme. If they fail to do so, they will not be allowed to take second- and/or third-year exams. Further information on these OFA are available online on the website of the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences, area Studying.

English OFA

To be able to sit the exams included in the degree programme, students are required to have a B2 level of proficiency according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

This level of proficiency can be certified as follows:

- By submitting a language certificate at B2 level or higher, issued no more than three years before the submission date. The list of language certificates recognized by the University is available at <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39322>. The certificate must be uploaded during enrolment or later through the portal <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>;
- By submitting a secondary school diploma with English as teaching Language. The diploma must be uploaded during enrolment in the Language Certificate section, or later through the portal <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>;
- By taking a placement test administered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) during the first year, in October. Students who do not pass the test will be required to attend a language course offered by SLAM.

The Placement Test is compulsory for all students who do not already hold a valid certificate, or a secondary school diploma with English as teaching language. Students who do not take the Placement Test by October or who fail the SLAM end-of-

course test after six attempts, must obtain a language certificate privately to be able to register for and sit any exam included in the degree programme.

Compulsory attendance

Course attendance is highly recommended.

Degree programme final exams

The final exam consists in writing an essay on a topic previously agreed and discussed with a Faculty professor, and eventually evaluated by a special committee. In order to be admitted to the final exam, students must have acquired at least 174 ECTS. The essay must be written in English.

Campus

Via Conservatorio, 7 Milano (MI) Italy

Notes

To obtain the degree, those who do not hold an Italian high school diploma or degree must demonstrate proficiency in Italian at the A2 or higher level per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This level must be demonstrated prior to completing the course programme in one of the following ways:

- by submitting a certificate of A2 or higher level issued no more than three years prior to the date of submission. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/349/>). The language certificate must be uploaded through <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue> ;

- via an entry-level test administered by SLAM that can be taken only once and is compulsory for all students who do not have a valid language certificate. Those who fail to reach A2 level will have to attend one or more than one 60-hour Italian course(s) geared to their level. Those who do not take the entry-level test or fail to pass the end-of-course test after six attempts will have to obtain language certification privately in order to earn the 3 credits of Additional language skills: Italian.

AI Literacy

The 3 credits (CFU) for computer skills are obtained by participating in the 'AI Literacy' course, which is managed through an e-learning platform available at the following address: <https://ailiteracy.unimi.it>.

The course, managed by the CTU (Center for Teaching Innovation and Multimedia Technologies), is delivered in blended learning mode with a final assessment test

The exam schedule is available on the e-learning platform.

Any recognition of previously acquired IT certifications is subject to evaluation by the Academic Secretariat.

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

The Department responsible for the Bachelor's programme has exchange agreements under the Erasmus+ programme with several Universities in France, Germany, Spain, Central and Eastern Europe (mainly Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Estonia and Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria), Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Portugal, Ireland, Malta, Slovenia and Turkey, as well as extra-European exchanges with Argentina (UNSAM), China (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Peking University e Renmin University), Japan (Waseda University and Kobe University).

A double degree program is currently in place with Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour-UPPA. The double degree awards students a degree in International Politics, Law and Economics, issued from UNIMI and a degree in Droit, Économie, Gestion à l'International- DEGI', issued by UPPA. UNIMI students' study period at UPPA lasts one academic semester and takes place during the 8th – 9th trimester of IPLE Bachelor Degree. The Double Degree program is taught in

English and partially in French. An official call, that will be announced on IPLE website, establishes the conditions for entering the selection.

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 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
Comparative social systems	6	GSPS-05/A
Contemporary history	6	HIST-03/A
Data analysis	3	INFO-01/A
History of political theories	6	GSPS-03/A
Logic and critical thinking	3	PHIL-02/A
Microeconomics	9	ECON-01/A
Political science	9	GSPS-02/A
Public law	9	GIUR-06/A
Total compulsory credits		51
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
International law	9	GIUR-09/A
International macroeconomics	12	ECON-01/A
International relations	9	GSPS-02/A
Statistics	6	STAT-01/A
Writing and communication skills	9	ANGL-01/C
Total compulsory credits		45
Further elective courses common to all curricula		
Students must obtain 3 ECTS by attending a workshop organized by the Bachelor Programme, or further training activities (e.g., an internship).		

Students must obtain 12 ECTS from elective courses.		
Students must obtain 3 ECTS from the Additional Language Skills Assessment.		
Additional Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Additional Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Additional Language Skills: Italian (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Additional Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	NN
End of course requirements common to all curricula		
Final exam	6	NN
Total compulsory credits	6	

ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE) Course years currently available: 1°
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL) Course years currently available: 1°

CURRICULUM: [BAF-A] INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE)

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Mathematics	6	STAT-04/A
Total compulsory credits	6	
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Advanced data analysis	3	INFO-01/A
Econometrics	6	ECON-05/A
Polimetrics	6	GSPS-02/A
Research methodology	6	GSPS-05/A
Total compulsory credits	21	
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2028/29) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (IPE)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Comparative political systems	9	GSPS-02/A
International economics and policy	6	ECON-01/A
Models in political analysis	9	GSPS-02/A
Public economics	9	ECON-03/A
Total compulsory credits	33	

CURRICULUM: [BAF-B] INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
History of international relations	9	GSPS-04/B
Total compulsory credits	9	
2nd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2027/28) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
EU law	9	GIUR-10/A
Sociology of globalization	6	GSPS-06/A
War studies	6	GSPS-02/A
Total compulsory credits	21	
3rd COURSE YEAR (available as of academic year 2028/29) Core/compulsory courses/activities Curriculum-specific features INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Comparative public law	6	GIUR-11/B
History and politics of global powers	6	GSPS-04/B
Total compulsory credits	12	
Elective courses Curriculum-specific elective courses for INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW (IPL)		
Students must obtain 9 ECTS in one of the following courses		
International human rights law	9	GIUR-09/A
International trade law	9	GIUR-09/A
Students must obtain 9 ECTS in one of the following courses		

History and institutions of East Asia	9	GSPS-04/D
State and society in North Africa and the Mediterranean region	9	GSPS-04/C

COURSE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

Course progression common to all curricula

- a) Public Law is preparatory to International Law;
- b) Political Science is preparatory to International Relations;
- c) Microeconomics is preparatory to International Macroeconomics.

Course progression specific to the International Politics and Economics curriculum

- a) Mathematics is preparatory to Econometrics;
- b) International Macroeconomics is preparatory to International Economics and Policy, Public Economics;
- c) Statistics is preparatory to Econometrics, Polimetrics;
- d) Political science is preparatory to Polimetrics, Models in Political Analysis, Comparative Political Systems.

Course progression specific to the International Politics and Law curriculum

- a) Public law is preparatory to EU Law and to Comparative Public Law;
- b) Contemporary History is preparatory to History of International Relations, History and Institutions of East Asia and State and Society in North Africa and the Mediterranean region;
- c) International Relations is preparatory to War Studies;
- d) History of International Relations is preparatory to History and Politics of Global Powers.

The fulfilment of the Additional Formative Obligations (OFAs) is preliminary to the second and third year examinations.