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LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN
GLOBAL POLITICS AND SOCIETY (GPS) (Classe LM-62 R)
Enrolled in 2026/2027 academic year

GENERALITA'

Classe di laurea di appartenenza:	LM-62 R Scienze della politica
Titolo rilasciato:	Dottore Magistrale
Durata del corso di studi:	2 anni
Crediti richiesti per l'accesso:	180
Cfu da acquisire totali:	120
Annualità attivate:	1°
Modalità accesso:	Libero con valutazione dei requisiti di accesso
Codice corso di studi:	BBI

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CARATTERISTICHE DEL CORSO DI STUDI

Obiettivi formativi generali e specifici

Global Politics and Society (GPS) is a two-year master's degree programme, entirely taught in English. Students of this programme will benefit from a multidisciplinary training of the highest quality, aimed at preparing highly-qualified professionals, able to understand and interpret complex social and political dynamics arising in the wake of globalization, within a scenario of increased international interdependences. Core modules will bridge cutting-edge concepts and skills necessary to address key contemporary questions, extending from global geopolitics dynamics to the transformation of societies, from developments in international political economy to changing patterns of social inequalities. Students will then have the opportunity to strengthen their preparation in specific thematic areas, choosing from a wide range of options made possible thanks to the several lines of research that characterize the Department of Social and Political Sciences, which stands out as one of the best performing department for social and political sciences research in Italy.

During the last decades, globalization processes have been challenging the functioning of western societies across a wide range of domains: from political participation and representation to welfare states structures and labour market regulation; from citizenship's rights and migration, to the threats concerning novel forms of discrimination and exclusion. The complexity, as well as the interdependent nature of those challenges, require professionals able to understand and interpret, in a way that is at the same time rigorous, theoretically informed and methodologically sound, how and in which directions globalization processes are affecting the functioning of contemporary societies and polities.

The master's degree in Global Politics and Society addresses the above-mentioned task, relying on a genuinely multidisciplinary approach, developed through a coherent path consisting of:

- a core package of six compulsory courses - meant to provide an advanced training in the fields of political science and sociology, complemented by key competences in the area of law and economics (54 credits);
- five elective courses, that allow students to strengthen their competences in specific thematic areas, within a rich offer of options (36 credits);
- other additional elective and optional activities (15 credits);
- a research dissertation (15 credits).

Risultati di apprendimento attesi

Knowledge and understanding

Graduates will have an advanced understanding of the fundamental theoretical approaches required to comprehend the social, political, legal, economic and cultural dimensions of globalisation processes, and will be able to identify the factors that shape them.

Through the programme, graduates acquire a broad knowledge and understanding of how political and social systems function in different contexts, of the institutions and key actors involved, and of their interactions at national and international levels, understanding their implications and interdependence on a global scale. Graduates also possess solid methodological skills, essential for the empirical analysis of complex phenomena and processes.

Knowledge and understanding are acquired through the activities included in the various courses, taking into account the specific nature of the topics and methodological approaches.

Assessment of the acquisition of knowledge and understanding is carried out through various methods, depending on the specific nature of the topics and methodological approaches covered by single courses and supplementary learning activities, which include: written examinations, oral examinations, the promotion of active participation in class during courses, the assignment and assessment of individual and group work, and the assessment of the dissertation.

Applying knowledge and understanding

Graduates will be able to communicate fluently in English for academic and professional purposes.

The ability to apply knowledge and understanding is acquired through the courses, which offer various combinations of the following activities:

- structured and/or open discussions between lecturers and students aimed at applying theoretical concepts to specific situations (analysis of case studies on current affairs);
- individual and/or group in-depth studies with written and/or oral presentations on specific topical issues proposed by the lecturer;
- other interactive activities, including distance learning, facilitated by the use of new technologies.

The ability to apply knowledge and understanding is also enhanced through work placement experience or through additional training activities (laboratory work or the acquisition of advanced language skills) and the preparation of the dissertation.

The assessment of the ability to apply knowledge and understanding is carried out in various ways, depending on the specific nature of the topics and methodological approaches envisaged by the single courses and supplementary training activities, which include: written examinations, oral examinations, the promotion of active participation in class during courses, the assignment and assessment of individual and group work, and the assessment of the dissertation.

Making judgements

The range of conceptual and analytical tools provided by the various areas of specialisation that characterise the Master's degree programme enables graduates to evaluate, independently and in a theoretically and methodologically sound and critical manner, the diversity of questions and research methods specific to the various social sciences and/or those competing within single disciplines. This enables graduates to develop independent judgement in analysing structural dimensions as well as the perspectives, interests, expectations and aspirations of the many actors involved in political and social processes increasingly characterised by a plurality of cultural references and institutional and social contexts.

By the end of the programme, students will be able to collect, organise and interpret data and information, having learnt to conduct bibliographic research, locate and use databases, gather and select information from various sources (e.g. via the internet), design and carry out research activities, analyse and interpret data, draw conclusions from the analysed data, prepare reports, and publicly defend an opinion. The ability to exercise independent judgement is developed and assessed throughout the course of study through the use of educational tools: individual and group classroom presentations, the drafting of reports, presentations of analytical and in-depth studies, and methodological exercises. Independent judgement is also promoted and assessed through the quality of the final dissertation.

Communication skills

Graduates of the Master's programme are able to present the results of their research, analysis and evaluation effectively, making appropriate use of the communication standards of the social sciences. They are able to write academic articles, research proposals and reports, as well as to present the results of their work orally, with the aid of appropriate communication tools, using written and spoken English fluently and employing the relevant disciplinary vocabulary. Throughout the programme, particular attention is given to the ability to work in groups and to communicate in intercultural contexts. Communication skills are developed and assessed through the use of participatory teaching methods: classroom discussions, the preparation of written assignments and in-depth analysis of concrete case studies, and both individual and group presentations in class. Participation in workshops and seminars, as well as the preparation and discussion of the final dissertation, provide further opportunities for the development and assessment of communication skills.

Learning skills

Graduates of the Master's programme are able to independently source the information required (scientific publications, research reports, databases, legal sources, online information, etc.) to continually expand, consolidate and update their knowledge. They are also able to assess the reliability and relevance of the various sources used. Throughout the programme and in the assessment of learning in single courses, particular emphasis is placed on the students ability to explore and expand upon the topics of study and to identify connections between the various topics covered and across different disciplinary perspectives. Participation in workshops and seminars, as well as the preparation and discussion of the final dissertation, provide further opportunities for the development and consolidation of independent learning skills.

Profilo professionale e sbocchi occupazionali

Analyst of social and political phenomena in the global scenario

Function in a work context:

Graduates in Global Politics and Society will be able to analyse - contextualizing them in the global scenario - complex socio-economic and political phenomena that characterize the relational and institutional structure of societies contemporary and pertain to different areas of public policy. The areas of expertise include: the analysis of the transformations induced by the processes of globalization and their own implications both on a global and local scale,

the dynamics of discrimination and empowerment processes of discriminated social categories, welfare and anti-poverty policies, labour policies, human rights.

Skills associated with the function:

Through the educational path, graduates acquire broad critical knowledge of the main social theories of the globalization processes, contemporary dynamics relating to democratization and cooperation processes and development, of intercultural relations and transformation of citizenship, also in relation to social and public rights Work. He also has solid methodological skills, both qualitative and quantitative. The profile of magistrate graduates is characterized by an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the social dimensions, political, juridical, economic and cultural aspects of globalization processes, both as regards relations international and local effects.

The master's graduate in Global Politics and Society therefore possesses advanced knowledge and skills to understand and evaluate the functioning of political institutions in different socio-economic contexts and the implications generated by processes that occur on a global scale.

Employment opportunities:

Global Politics and Society master graduates will be able to pursue several professional careers in one multiplicity of sectors, proposing themselves as specialists capable of interpreting political, economic and social issues in the global scenario and to develop medium and long-term strategic plans: 1) in the field of research applied, in the field of social and political sciences; 2) at national and international institutions and non-governmental organizations; 3) in public, private or third sector companies operating on the global market; 4) in the sectors information, publishing and cultural industries.

By way of example, they may apply to hold positions of responsibility in public, private or third party bodies sector, inserted in national and international contexts or in the global market, including: public bodies and governmental bodies (Ministries, General Directorates, institutions and bodies responsible for the design, implementation and evaluation of policies social and labour, anti-discrimination policies and cooperation and development policies (both local and international); community and transnational bodies (multilateral agencies of the United Nations, the European Union, the World Bank, the OECD, etc.); non-governmental and third sector bodies engaged in subsidiary actions of implementation of social and labour, cultural, educational and development cooperation policies.

Master's graduates in Global Politics and Society will also acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to access second level masters and/or to continue training at doctoral level, in Italy and abroad.

Conoscenze per l'accesso

The programme is intended for top-level international students.

Admission is based on academic excellence. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent; a strong interest and/or previous studies in political science, sociology or related subjects; a sound knowledge of English language.

The evaluation process will take into consideration the applicants bachelor degree score (or equivalent) as well as the entrance test. The calendar of this entrance test, as well as all details about its delivery, will be posted every year by early spring on the UNIMI website (<https://www.unimi.it/it/corsi/corsi-di-laurea/global-politics-and-society-gps>) as well as on the specific GPS website (<https://gps.cdl.unimi.it/en>). Candidates who do not pass the entrance test can sit again the test the following year.

Applicants who obtained their bachelor's degrees from Italian Universities are eligible for admission only 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 political science, sociology, economics or other broadly related subjects (from history to legal studies, philosophy, and so on), provided that their bachelor's degree may be regarded as equivalent to one of the Italian "laurea" degrees listed below (Note 1).

L-05 Filosofia;
L-11 Lingue e Culture Moderne;
L-12 Mediazione Linguistica;
L-14 Scienze dei Servizi Giuridici;
L-16 Scienze dell'Amministrazione dell'Organizzazione;
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 Scienze Sociali per la Cooperazione, lo Sviluppo e la Pace;
L-39 Scienze del Servizio Sociale;
L-40 Sociologia; L-41 Statistica;
L-42 Storia.

Non-native English speakers must be able to demonstrate their knowledge of English. At least a B2 level is required. The possessing of a IELTS or TOEFL will be taken into account. Candidates can also prove their knowledge of English if they have at least one year of university studies at institutions where English is the main language.

The GPS admissions committee will ascertain the B2-level requirement.

Struttura del corso

Teaching modalities and organization

The GPS degree consists in a multidisciplinary programme, by which students must earn 120 ECTS credits to fulfil all requirements. Teaching activity takes place mainly in the form of in-class courses which include frontal lessons, class discussions and class presentations. Further teaching is carried out through occasional lectures, seminars and workshops. In addition, online teaching is possible for supporting in-person teaching as well as the achievement of specific learning objectives

Courses organization

Each GPS course is organized through the delivery of individual modules. Multi-disciplinary courses can be divided into several teaching units that are assigned to different lectures.

Study plan definition and submission

The plan of study refers to the list of academic activities (mainly courses, but also workshops and other elective activities) that a student must complete in view of final graduation. The plan of study is shaped by students themselves, who chose their academic activities in line with GPS formal requirements. Each student must submit at least one plan of study before applying for graduation: the plan of study can be changed by submitting a new one the following year. Submission must be delivered online in February through the Unimia page. Further information on the plan of study is available on the University website: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/following-your-programme-study/plan-study> Further information on other elective activities to develop students' transversal skills are available at <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/following-your-programme-study/soft-skills>

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: [Soft Skills | Università degli Studi di Milano Statale \(unimi.it\)](#)

Calendar of teaching activities

Teaching activities are normally divided into three terms. The first term runs from September to December, the second from January to March, the third from April to June. Some elective activities may follow a different calendar.

Lectures timetable

Timetable of academic activities, with the indication of classrooms, is available at https://easystaff.divisi.unimi.it/PortaleStudenti/?view=home&include=homepage&_lang=en

Exams

Click here for information about exam sessions calendar: <https://gps.cdl.unimi.it/en/study/exams>

Prove di lingua / Informatica

Among the electives, those who do not hold an Italian high school diploma or degree can obtain 3 credits in Additional language skills: Italian by demonstrating A2 level in Italian per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This level can be assessed 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 the dedicated platform: <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>;

- by 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. As an alternative, they can modify their course programme by choosing a different elective.

Obbligo di frequenza

Attendance is highly recommended

Caratteristiche Tirocinio

GPS students can rely on a tutor who can be contacted at info.gps@unimi.it.

As regards more specific information on the Erasmus+ programme, on the Double Degree as well as on internships and other mobility programmes, students will need to contact the dedicated tutors.

Caratteristiche della prova finale

Having earned at least 105 credits for the learning activities contemplated by 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 15 credits are reserved to the design, preparation and writing up of the master's dissertation.

The formal assignment of these credits can only take place at the moment when the dissertation is completed and discussed and the final exam is passed.

The final exam consists in the submission and public discussion, in front of a committee, of a master's dissertation.

The master's dissertation is an original piece of work, written by the candidate under the guidance of a supervisor.

ESPERIENZA DI STUDIO ALL'ESTERO NELL'AMBITO DEL PERCORSO FORMATIVO

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).

Cosa offre il corso di studi

The degree in Global Politics and Society offers the opportunity to study at several European universities, where students will be able to attend lectures and obtain credits for their degree.

Furthermore, GPS is part of a prestigious inter-university network: the network of European Masters in Labour Studies – EMLS. The other partners of the network are: Université catholique de Louvain, Universität Bremen, Universität Trier, University of Warwick, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Université Toulouse, University College Dublin, Università degli Studi di Firenze, University of Amsterdam, Instituto Universitario de Lisboa, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration of Romania, Univerza v Ljubljani. Each partner has agreed to recognize the teaching and evaluation methods of partner institutions as well as the equivalence of their curricula. Students may attend a semester in one of the EMLS partner universities. Accordingly, any examination passed at any university in the network is fully and automatically recognized.

GPS students may also obtain a double degree, jointly recognized by the University of Milan and the University of Bremen, following a specific path, focused on welfare and employment matters, and attending the first year at University of Bremen. Moreover, GPS students may also obtain a triple degree, jointly recognized by the University of Milan, the University of Geneva and the ISIT-University of Paris-Panthéon-Assas, following a specific path, focused on citizenship studies, and attending the first semester of the first year at the University of Geneva, the second semester of the first year at the University of Milan and the first semester of the second year at the ISIT-University of Paris-Panthéon-Assas. Students can attend second semester of the second year in the institution of their choice, depending on their personal objectives and, in particular, whether they choose to write a thesis or complete an internship.

Modalità di partecipazione ai programmi di mobilità - mobilità Erasmus

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

MODALITA' DI ACCESSO: 1° ANNO LIBERO CON VALUTAZIONE DEI REQUISITI DI ACCESSO

Informazioni e modalità organizzative per immatricolazione

Applicants, both foreign and Italian holding a bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by December 31st, 2026, must apply for admission to the GPS programme from January 22nd to July 20th 2026.

Non-EU applicants not resident in Italy holding a bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by December 31st, 2026, must apply for admission to the GPS programme from January 22nd, 2026 till April 30th, 2026 and must submit a pre-application at the Italian Embassy of their own country.

Applicants eligibility will be assessed by their prior academic record, their bachelor degree score (or equivalent) as well as their performance in a written test aimed at ascertaining the applicants' knowledge and competences in the core areas of the GPS programme. As regards applicants expecting to obtain their bachelor degree by December 31st, they cannot be assessed on the basis of their bachelor degree score: in its place, the selection procedure will consider the average score on exams which applicants have taken during their bachelor degree.

Links to enrolment information and procedures: <https://www.unimi.it/it/node/183/>

Further info's may be found at this link: <https://gps.cdl.unimi.it/en/enrolment>

N° posti riservati a studenti extracomunitari non soggiornanti in Italia

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1° ANNO DI CORSO Attività formative obbligatorie		
Attività formativa	Cfu	Settore
Comparative political economy and the welfare state	12	(6) GSPS-02/A, (6) ECON-02/A
Global social dynamics	9	GSPS-05/A
Global social inequalities	9	GSPS-08/A
Globalization and cultural diversity	6	GSPS-06/A
Multi-level legal system	9	GIUR-04/A
	Totale CFU obbligatori	45
Attività a scelta		
Students must earn 18 credits by selecting two of the following alternatives		

Comparative politics and development	9	GSPS-02/A
Economic and social regulation of global workforce	9	GSPS-08/A
Global citizenship	9	GSPS-05/A
Globalization, social justice and human rights	9	GSPS-06/A
Human Rights at Work in International and Comparative Law	9	GIUR-04/A
International migration and immigration policies	9	GSPS-08/B
2° ANNO DI CORSO (da attivare a partire dall'a.a. 2027/28) Attività formative obbligatorie		
Attività formativa	Cfu	Settore
Global politics	9	GSPS-02/A
	Totale CFU obbligatori	9
Attività a scelta		
Students must earn 18 credits by selecting three of the following alternatives		
Consumer culture	6	GSPS-06/A
Datafied society	6	GSPS-06/A
Employment, inequalities and discrimination in the global labour market	6	(3) GIUR-04/A, (3) GSPS-08/A
Gender theory and social issues	6	GSPS-05/A
Global challenges to democracy	6	GSPS-02/A
Global public policy and the knowledge society	6	GSPS-02/A
Journalism, media and politics	6	GSPS-06/A
Labour markets and globalization	6	GIUR-04/A
Liberal Rights and Social Justice	6	GIUR-17/A
Migrations, diversity and non-discrimination	6	GSPS-08/A
Social justice in a global world	6	GSPS-01/A
The welfare state and social innovation	6	GSPS-02/A
Value change and global societies	6	GSPS-05/A
Altre attività a scelta		
Student must earn 6 credits by selecting among the following activities: Internship (6 or 3 ECTS), Additional/advanced Language skills (3 ECTS) and Laboratories and other activities (3 ECTS)		
Additional Language Skills: Italian (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Advanced Language Skills: French (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Advanced Language Skills: German (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Advanced Language Skills: Spanish (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Data lab	3	GSPS-02/A
Dissertation lab	3	GSPS-05/A
Lab. Contentious citizenship and global seams	3	NN
Lab. Qualitative methods and empirical research: space, place and mobility	3	GSPS-08/B
Students must earn 9 credits for elective activities		
Among these activities, students can choose also "Research methods in social and political science"		
Research methods in social and political science	9	(3) GSPS-05/A, (3) GSPS-08/A, (3) GSPS-02/A
Attività conclusive		
Final exam	15	NN
	Totale CFU obbligatori	15