



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI  
DI MILANO

Master's degree programme in  
**Politics, philosophy and  
public affairs**

FACOLTÀ DI

**Scienze Politiche**

**Economiche e Sociali**

The Degree course is established jointly with the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.

## Applications and admissions

Open subject to entry requirements.

### Admission requirements

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent; a strong interest and previous studies in political science and/or philosophy or related subjects; a sound knowledge of spoken and written English.

- Applicants are eligible for admission if they hold an Italian degree (ex DM 270/04 or equivalent ex DM 509/99) from one of the following classes: Filosofia (L-5), Scienze politiche e delle relazioni internazionali (L-36).
- Students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent in other disciplinary fields will be considered for admission only if they acquired, in their previous academic studies, at least 12 credits (CFU/ECTS or equivalent) in the following subjects: political philosophy (SPS/01); history of political thought (SPS/02); political science (SPS/04), political sociology (SPS/11); moral philosophy (M-FIL/03); philosophy of law (IUS/20).

Applicants meeting the above requirements can be invited to an interview intended to check if they possess the basic knowledge and the skills necessary to successfully attend the course. Interviews will be held online.

The B2 level in the English language is a further entry requirement. Candidates can prove their English proficiency by presenting:

- A language certificate at B2 level or higher recognized by the University of Milan and obtained no more than three years earlier.
- The result of a Placement Test taken at the Language Centre (SLAM) of the University of Milan.
- An English assessment at B2 level or higher obtained in the framework of a Bachelor's degree programme through SLAM courses and tests no more than four years earlier.

The candidates that do not satisfy the requirement by the deadline will not be admitted to the Master's degree programme and they will not have the opportunity to take further tests.

## Objectives

The Master's programme in Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (PPPA), jointly awarded by the University of Milan and the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, is a highly interdisciplinary programme that offers advanced and comprehensive training in both political science and philosophy. This training is specifically intended to provide students with the analytical tools needed to critically interpret complex public matters and address the political questions these raise. The programme provides solid academic preparation, as well as awareness of the challenges and opportunities connected to current political and social trends. Moreover, it gives students the knowledge and skills needed to understand social processes and propose effective and ethically appropriate interventions to deal with the political problems resulting from such processes.

## Career prospects

Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs is designed to prepare students for a broad range of careers. Students will indeed acquire a variety of competences and will master a differentiated set of methodological tools that will enable them to be successfully employed in: public or private research institutes; local, national or international institutions as policy analysts; firms operating in the global market and looking for professionals capable to understand and interpret political, social and economic trends and to devise long-term strategic plans; media, journalism, publishing and the cultural industry. The master programme also provides a solid academic background that will allow students to continue their education through Ph.D. programmes in social sciences and philosophy, both in Italy and abroad.

# Degree syllabus

1 year

| LEARNING ACTIVITY   | ECTS |
|---|------|
| Conflicts, Political Arrangements and Legitimacy  | 9    |
| Critical Thinking and Argumentation   | 3    |
| Differences and Non-Discrimination: Rights in Action  | 6    |
| Economy and Society: Past, Present and Perspectives   | 6    |
| Ethical Theory and Hard Choices   | 6    |
| Political Order, Violence and Institutions  | 9    |
| Rationality, Rules and Institutions   | 9    |
| The Western Tradition: Moral and Political Values   | 12   |
| 6 ects to be earned by choosing one of the following alternatives:<br>- Contemporary Challenges: Labour Market and Inequalities<br>- Contemporary Challenges: Migrations and Cultural Diversity | 6    |

II year

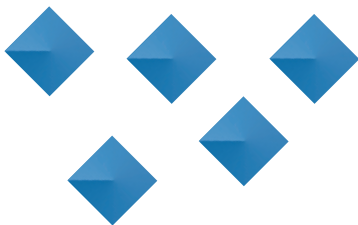
(to be made available as of academic year 2025/2026)

| LEARNING ACTIVITY   | ECTS  |
|---|-------|
| Governing the Future: Goals and Tools   | 9     |
| 18 ects to be earned by choosing three courses among the following:<br>- Dirty-Hands Politics: Theories and Practices<br>- Environmental Ethics<br>- Frontiers in Bioethics<br>- Global Challenges to Democracy<br>- Journalism, Media and Politics<br>- Justice and International Affairs<br>- Liberal Rights and Social Justice<br>- Media Ethics<br>- Neuroethics and Human Enhancement<br>- Reasoning with Data<br>- The Politics of Mobility, Displacement and Asylum<br>- The Welfare State and Social Innovation | 6+6+6 |

**Other activities**

- 12 ects for elective activities
- 3 ects for internship, workshops and other activities (e.g. advanced computer skills, advance foreign language).
- Final exam (21 ects)

# INFO



🎓 **Disciplinary classification:** Political science (LM-62) and Philosophical sciences (LM-78)

🕒 **Duration:** 2 years (120 ects)

📅 **Attendance:** Highly recommended

📍 **Location:**  
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