



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI  
DI MILANO

Master's degree programme in

# Migration studies and new societies

facoltà di

**SCIENZE POLITICHE,  
ECONOMICHE E SOCIALI**

# Applications and admissions

Open, subjects to entry requirements.

## Admission requirements

The candidates applying must: meet specific curricular requirements; be proficient in English; have adequate personal knowledge and background.

In particular:

- Hold, or obtain before 31 October 2026, a first cycle degree (three years/bachelor), released in Italy or abroad, in other disciplines, providing that the candidate has adequate competencies in at least two of the following academic fields: Political Science, Economics-Statistics, Law. For students holding an Italian first cycle degree, it implies to have acquired at least 42 ECTS in one or more of the following scientific sectors, defined in accordance with national classification; for law: IUS/02 Comparative private law; IUS/08 Constitutional law; IUS/09 Public law; IUS/13 International law; IUS/14 EU law; IUS/21 Comparative public law; for Economics and statistics: M-GGR/02 Economic and political geography; SECS-P/01 Economics; SECS-P/02 Economic Policy; SECS-S/01 Statistics; SECS-S/03 Economic Statistics; SECS-S/04 Demography; SECS-S/05 Social Statistics; for Political science: SPS/04 Political Science; SPS/07 General Sociology; SPS/08 Sociology of culture and communication; SPS/09 Economic Sociology and Sociology of work and organizations.
- Show proficiency in the English language by either: proving that they have previously completed an academic programme fully taught in English or they are mother-tongue; or by providing, before the deadline for admission, an accepted English language certificate attesting the possession of level B2. The list of language certificates accepted by the University of Milan is available on the UNIMI portal.
- Have strong personal competencies. The adequacy of the candidates' competencies is assessed by the Admission Board: on the basis of the academic performance of the candidate and the consistency of the programme with her/his previous studies, professional or other relevant experiences, and career plans; through a personal interview to be held exclusively from remote when the Admission Board deems necessary to do so. Applicants who are selected for the interview will receive a notification with all the relevant instructions (date, time, online platform to use).

## Objectives

The Master Degree in *Migration Studies and New Societies* is an innovative joint programme, co-developed within the framework of the "4EU+ European University Alliance" by the University of Milan, the Charles University of Prague and the University of Warsaw.

The final objective of the programme is to provide students with an in-depth understanding of social and political opportunities and challenges posed by global and intra-EU migration and to enable them to acquire competencies and analytical tools for interpreting complex political or socio-economic phenomena in a critical way and for appraising their normative, social, political and anthropological implications.

Despite the provision of just one single curriculum, students can customize their course by choosing from a shortlist of specialized teachings, organized in the different scientific-disciplinary areas, depending on their interest in deepening their knowledge in different areas of migration, such as migrant reception and integration, the study of dynamics of migration, and sociological and anthropological study of heterogeneous societies.

## Career prospects

The graduates in *Migration Studies and New Societies* will be able to bear professional skills in private companies, international organisations, state administrations and no-profit organisations broadly involved in the migration field. Furthermore, they will enhance specialized communication and learning skills, which are highly requested in the contemporary age, especially in European countries.

Precisely, the students will be trained for the following professional profiles:

1 - Officer in migration policies and flow management in the PA and international organizations

The course aims to train professional figures able to contribute to the development and implementation of public intervention policies in the field of migration, reception, and management of flows. These competences are required in European and international institutions, as well as in public administrations at ministerial, regional, and local level.

The course is addressed, on the one hand, to the traditional actors operating in the migration landscape, primarily international and European organizations (such as, among others, the UNHCR, the IOM, the European Commission) and national institutions (Ministry of the Interior, prefectures, territorial commissions); on the other hand, the course aims to respond to the request for new professionals competent in the management of the migration phenomenon, which can be used in public bodies (even if not specifically operating in the reception sector).

2 - Operator in the field of third sector, reception and integration

The course aims to train experienced operators who can operate in non-profit organizations (including non-profit organizations, NGOs, associations, and social cooperatives), established at local, national, European and international level, and in associations working in the world of hospitality and integration.

The graduate will perform functions of consultancy and design of reception paths and support in the field to the activities of the reception centers.

The operator can find a professional place within associations, social cooperatives, non-profit organizations, including non-profit organizations, NGOs established at local, national, European, and international level, which operate in the field of reception and integration of migrants.

### 3 - Specialist and consultants in diversity management and job orientation

The course aims to train professional figures in the field of job orientation and human resources with skills suitable to deal with the specific situation of migrant workers. The graduate can be employed both in the business world and in the public sector in various activities such as: job orientation, management of employment contracts, participation in union negotiations, the development of corporate welfare plans, considering the needs of migrant workers.

The expert in diversity management and job orientation can find a place, both in the public sector and in the business sector, as an operator of employment services and active labour policies, as a consultant for job orientation, in the management of human resources and labour strategies.

In addition, the graduate will be able to find space as a consultant within institutions and organizations in public administrations or third sector bodies, which offer, for example, counter services. Furthermore, advice can also be carried out in the context of the profession, in favour of individuals or companies.

### 4 – Expert on migration issues in the field of communication

The course aims to train professional figures in the field of communication and media, with specific skills in relation to the representation of the migration phenomenon. These skills are required both in journalism (on paper, radio, television, online), and in the field of public, institutional, and political communication. The graduate in Migration Studies and New Societies will be able to prepare informed studies and reports based on studies and research conducted with the methodologies provided by research in the social and anthropological field, to guarantee a correct representation of the migrant.

The graduate will be able to find a position as an expert in journalism and multimedia communication, as a social media manager, or as an expert in political and institutional communication in different sectors: in the world of journalism, in newspapers on paper, online, or radio; in communication agencies; in public administrations or third sector bodies that intend to develop a conscious communication on migration, in the field of scientific research, also in the academic context.

Students will get a joint title and a unique diploma.

For UNIMI: Master Degree in European studies (LM-90); for the Charles University: Master Degree in Social Sciences; for the University of Warsaw: Master Degree in Artes Liberales.

# Degree syllabus

1 year

LEARNING ACTIVITY	ECTS
Constitutional rights of migrants in a comparative perspective	9
Digital competences	3
Economics of migration	6
European and international migration law	9
Geopolitics of migrations	6
Narrating and negotiating identities	6
Political philosophy of migration	6
Social science methods	6

Students may choose one of the following learning pathways:

- A) International Migration and Policies
- B) Civil Society and Integration
- C) Social Anthropology of Space and Mobility

ELECTIVE COURSES	ECTS
A) It is part of the learning pathway "International Migration and Policies" the following course: Globalization as Risk and Opportunity	6
B) It is part of the learning pathway "Civil Society and Integration" the following course: People on the Move in Fiction and Non - Fiction Literature	6
C) It is part of the learning pathway "Social Anthropology of Space and Mobility" the following course: Social Participation and Intercultural Communication	6
Students must choose one of the following course: - Human Rights: a juridical and philosophical perspective - Visual representations of migrants and diaspora cultures	3

II year

(to be made available as of academic year 2027/2028)

LEARNING ACTIVITY	ECTS
Diploma Seminar (Academic Writing)	6
Internship (compulsory)	6
Free ECTS	12
Thesis (including Diploma Seminar – Academic Writing)	15

Students may choose one of the following learning pathways:






A) International Migration and Policies

B) Civil Society and Integration

C) Social Anthropology of Space and Mobility

ELECTIVE COURSES	ECTS
A) Specialisation in "International Migration and Policies": - Migration Policies - Policy Analysis - Policy Analysis Methods	 9 9 6
B) Specialisation in "Civil Society and Integration": - International Migration and Social Integration - Migration and Media - Social Inequalities: Ethnicity, Gender and Age	 9 6 9
C) Specialisation in "Social Anthropology of Space and Mobility": - Ethnography in Practice - Transnational Lives and European Identities - Understanding Identity and Belonging	 6 9 9

# INFO

-  **Disciplinary classification:** Studi europei (LM-90 R); Artes Liberales (University of Warsaw); Social Sciences (Charles University of Prague)
-  **Duration:** 2 years (120 ECTS)
-  **Attendance:** Attendance of at least 70% of classes is compulsory for all taught courses. Motivated exceptions and waivers may be requested to the Didactic Board in exceptional circumstances.
-  **Location:**  
- via Conservatorio, 7 - Milan
-  **Websites:**  
[migrations.cdl.unimi.it](http://migrations.cdl.unimi.it)  
[www.unimi.it](http://www.unimi.it)



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