



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI  
DI MILANO

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

facoltà di

**SCIENZE POLITICHE,  
ECONOMICHE E SOCIALI**

The programme is being established together with the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.

## Applications and admissions

Open subject to eligibility.

## Admission requirements

Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent; a strong interest and previous study in political science and/or philosophy or related subjects; a good knowledge of written and spoken English.

- Candidates may be admitted if they hold an Italian university degree (ex DM 270/04 or equivalent ex DM 509/99) in one of the following subjects: Philosophy (L-5), Political Science and International Relations (L-36) or an equivalent foreign degree.
- Students with a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in other disciplines will only be considered for admission if they have acquired at least 42 credits (ECTS or equivalent) in the following subjects in their previous academic studies: 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 who meet the above requirements may be invited to an interview to assess whether they have the basic knowledge and the skills required to successfully complete the programme. Interviews will be conducted online.

Level B2 in English is another entry requirement. Candidates can prove their knowledge of English by presenting:

- A language certificate at level B2 or above, recognised by the University of Milan and obtained no more than three years previously.
- The result of a Placement test taken at the Language Centre (SLAM) of the University of Milan.
- An assessment of English language skills at level B2 or above, obtained within the framework of a Bachelor's programme, through SLAM courses and tests, no more than four years previously.

Candidates who do not meet the requirements by the deadline will not be admitted to the Master's programme and will not be able to take any further tests.

## Objectives

The Master in Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (PPPA), jointly offered by the University of Milan and the University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, is a highly interdisciplinary programme that offers advanced and comprehensive training in both political science and philosophy. This training is specifically designed to provide students with the analytical tools necessary to critically interpret complex public issues and to address the political questions they raise. The programme provides a solid academic preparation as well as an awareness of the challenges and opportunities associated with current political and social trends. It also provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand social processes and to propose effective and ethically appropriate interventions to address the political problems arising from such processes.

## Career prospects

Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs is designed to prepare students for a wide range of careers. In fact, students will acquire a variety of skills and a differentiated set of methodological tools that will enable them to work successfully in: public or private research institutes; local, national or international institutions as policy analysts; companies operating in the global market and looking for professionals capable of understanding and interpreting political, social and economic trends and devising long-term strategic plans; media, journalism, publishing and the cultural industry. The Master's programme also provides a solid academic background that allows students to continue their education in doctoral programmes in the social sciences and philosophy, both in Italy and abroad.

# Degree syllabus

I year

LEARNING ACTIVITY	ECTS
Conflicts, Political Arrangements and Legitimacy	9
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
Critical Thinking and Argumentation	3
Empirical Research in Political Sciences	3
6 ECTS to be earned by choosing one of the following alternatives: - Economy and Society: Past, Present and Perspectives - Labour Market and Inequalities - Liberal Rights and Social Justice	6
6 ECTS to be earned by choosing one of the following alternatives: - Gender Theory and Social Issues - Migrations and Cultural Diversity - The Politics of Mobility, Displacement and Asylum	6

II year  
(Available from academic year 2026/2027)

LEARNING ACTIVITY	ECTS
Differences and Non-Discrimination: Rights in Action	6
The Welfare State and Social Innovation	6
6 ECTS to be earned by choosing one of the following alternatives: - Climate Change: Ethics and Politics - Frontiers in Bioethics - Neuroethics and Human Enhancement - Reasoning with Data	6
6 ECTS to be earned by choosing one of the following alternatives: - Dirty-Hands Politics: Theories and Practices - Global Challenges to Democracy - Justice and International Affairs	6

**Other activities**

- 12 ECTS for elective activities
- 6 ECTS for internships, workshops and other activities (e.g. advanced computer skills, advanced foreign language).
- Final examination (15 ECTS)

# INFO

🎓 **Disciplinary classification:** Political Science (LM-62 R);  
Philosophical Sciences (LM-78 R)

🕒 **Duration:** 2 years (120 ects)

📅 **Attendance:** Highly recommended

📍 **Location:**  
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