

Entry requirements

The program is intended for top level international students. About 40 students are expected to enrol each year, which will guarantee an optimal ratio between instructors and students.

Admission is based on academic excellence. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent; a strong interest and/or previous studies in economics, political science or related subjects; undergraduate or graduate training in mathematics and quantitative methods; a sound knowledge of spoken and written English.

Specifically, applicants who obtained their bachelor's degrees from Italian Universities are eligible for admission if they hold a "laurea" degree belonging to any one of the "classi di laurea" (bachelor's degree classes) listed in the EPS *Manifesto degli studi* posted on the EPS website.

Applicants who completed their undergraduate studies in foreign Universities are eligible for admission if they hold a bachelor's degree in economics, political science, or other broadly related subjects, which may be regarded as equivalent to one of the Italian "laurea" degrees listed in the EPS *Manifesto*.

Eligible candidates must meet the following requirements:

- a) They must have earned at least 60 ECTS credits or equivalent in the following fields: business administration, computer science, economics, law, management, mathematics, philosophy, political science, sociology or statistics (see the *Manifesto* for the full list). The ECTS credit value of foreign applicants' undergraduate studies will be assessed by the EPS admissions committee.
- b) Non-native speakers of English must be able to demonstrate their knowledge of English either by showing they have at least one year of university studies at institutions where the language of instruction is English, or by possessing one of the following:
 - Cambridge CAE - Certificate in Advanced English: grade A or B;
 - Cambridge CPE - Certificate of Proficiency in English: grade A, or B, or C;
 - Cambridge IELTS: overall score of at least 6;
 - TOEFL paper-, computer- or internet-based: overall score of at least 550, 215 or 80, respectively.

Applicants meeting the above requirements will be invited to an interview. Candidates lacking the requirement specified in point b) will have to take an entrance test of English before the interview. English tests and interviews may be held on-site or by videoconference. On-site tests of English will be held on September 17, 2009, from 9.00 onwards, at the

Faculty of Political Science, Via Conservatorio 7, Milan, room 10. On-site interviews will be held on September 17, 18, and 19, 2009, at the premises of the Faculty of Political Science. A schedule will be posted online immediately after the application deadline (September 15, 2009) has expired.

Applicants from outside Italy holding a non-Italian bachelor's degree or expecting to obtain it by July 31, 2009, may request a preliminary evaluation of their academic career and transcript between March 20 and August 31, 2009. They can also apply for a telematic interview, using the forms included with application materials.

Applicants residing in Italy, but outside Lombardy, may also be considered for telematic interviews, if they apply from July 15 to August 31, 2009, using the appropriate form. Dates and times for telematic interviews will be arranged by phone or e-mail.

Additional information

Information about the programme, entry requirements and interviews can be found at:

www.scienzepolitiche.unimi.it/2010/EPS

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TWO-YEAR MASTER'S DEGREE

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Facoltà di Scienze Politiche

Overview

The two-year master's degree in Economics and Political Science (EPS) aims at developing a highly qualified learning track in the fields of economics and political science.

The design of the EPS degree is highly innovative in the Italian university system. Even if interdisciplinary second-level degrees are not altogether missing in the Italian context, at present only the University of Milan offers a two-year master's degree in economics and political science.

Interdisciplinary programs such as the EPS, however, are part of the academic tradition of most EU and non-EU countries. In the English-speaking world, in particular, the undergraduate and graduate programs in Philosophy, Politics and Economics have represented for more than a century the privileged access to prestigious professional careers in both the economic and the political fields, in public and private sectors alike. Similar experiences are also familiar in the French- and German-speaking university systems.

These deeply rooted traditions underlie the international character of the EPS program, which promotes mobility and joint degree agreements with similar courses offered by foreign universities. The language of instruction is English.

Careers

The EPS degree is designed to train students in advanced methodologies, analytical tools and quantitative techniques used in all fields of economics and political science.

EPS graduates will be ready to undertake a wide array of career paths in multinational companies, political institutions, public organizations, and other professions demanding high intellectual skills, robust technical competencies and versatile knowledge. They will also be well prepared to engage in further academic research in top PhD programs.

About the 2009-2010 program

The EPS degree is subdivided into two curricula: 'Economic Analysis and Policy' (EAP) and 'Politics, Philosophy and Public Policy' (PPP). The chief focus of the EAP curriculum is on economic methods and problems, while the emphasis of the PPP curriculum is on political and philosophical methods and issues.

Students will choose the curriculum when they register, thus deciding which degree they will be awarded upon completion of their studies: either a master's degree in economics ("laurea magistrale in scienze dell'economia") or a master's degree in political science ("laurea magistrale in scienze della politica"). Students will be able to change their curriculum choice up to their registration as second-year students.

'Economic Analysis and Policy' (EAP) curriculum

REQUIRED COURSES - FIRST YEAR	CREDITS
Game theory	6
Macroeconomics	9
Markets, firms and organizations	6
Mathematics	9
Microeconomics	9
Philosophy, politics and welfare	12
Quantitative methods	9

REQUIRED COURSES - SECOND YEAR	CREDITS
Industrial organization	6
Positive political theory	6
Theories of regulation	6
Topics in economic analysis and policy	9

OTHER ACTIVITIES	CREDITS
Computer science, foreign language, internship or laboratory	3
Elective courses	9
Dissertation research seminar	6
Dissertation	15

'Politics, Philosophy and Public Policy' (PPP) curriculum

REQUIRED COURSES - FIRST YEAR	CREDITS
Epistemology and political philosophy	12
Game theory	6
Mathematics	6
Microeconomics	9
Politics and welfare	9
Quantitative methods for the social sciences	9
Research methods in social and political science	6

REQUIRED COURSES - SECOND YEAR	CREDITS
Comparative politics	9
Democratic governance and public administration	6
Positive political theory	9
Theories of regulation	6

OTHER ACTIVITIES	CREDITS
Computer science, foreign language, internship or laboratory	3
Elective courses	9
Dissertation research seminar	6
Dissertation	15

Regardless of curriculum choice, a common base of shared learning activities will ensure the unity and homogeneity of the program.

Students must earn 120 ECTS credits to complete program requirements. Compulsory coursework common to both curricula amounts to 54 credits. Another 33 credits are dedicated to additional educational and research activities common to both curricula, for example dissertation writing, research seminars and elective courses. Finally, 33 credits are allocated to coursework and learning activities specific to each individual curriculum.