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## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Today, the phenomena of globalization and integration are pervasive and relevant. They are often perceived, on the one hand, as being distant, fragmentary and sometimes threatening, and, on the other, as providing opportunities for individual nations or groups of nations. Such ambivalence presents a formidable challenge to the ruling classes and to national public opinion, a challenge that cannot be answered without the kind of integrated responses and interpretive approaches possible only within a multidisciplinary context. The University of Trento has responded to this challenge by promoting research and professional training in the field of international studies.

The School of International Studies is the only Graduate School of International Studies in Italy offering advanced courses for students following their successful completion of a three-year undergraduate degree. It was established in 2001 by four participating faculties - Economics, Law, Arts and Humanities, and Sociology - as well as five departments of the University of Trento. The main task of the School is to plan, promote and contribute to the carrying out of study programmes and teaching activities for students who achieved one of the internationally oriented Bachelor of Arts (*laurea triennale*) offered by the faculties mentioned above.

The School of International Studies is to be considered an integrated Graduate School, offering a two-year Master's course in European and International Studies and a three-year Doctoral course in International Studies.



These graduate programmes form a natural continuation of the three-year undergraduate degrees offered by the School's participating faculties in the areas of European and International Studies. Students, faculty, and visiting professors from all over the world participate in the School's teaching and research activities, which are by nature multidisciplinary. As an advanced institute of interdisciplinary studies, the Graduate School of International Studies at Trento is unparalleled in Italy and, in the few short years since its inception, has become a leading reference point in Europe for graduate teaching and research in Economics, Law, and Politics.

The School has been intellectually very interested in promoting profitable and culturally stimulating exchanges. Almost every week, the School organizes seminars and meetings with visiting professors from any part of the world. This type of offer requires a considerable effort in terms of resources and organization. In this respect, from the beginning the School has promoted a series of Working papers on different subjects in the field of international studies. They are written either by members of the teaching staff or by visiting lecturers who have given conferences or seminars within the programmes offered by the School.



## LIVING IN TRENTO

Trento, the capital of Trentino, with more than 100,000 inhabitants, is a university city and hosts advanced research centres, besides renowned international cultural institutions.

The cultural and social life is enriched by many conferences, meetings, exhibitions, traditional costume festivals, typical markets, historical events, international festivals, theatrical, musical and dancing sessions. These events usually take place both in theatres and in the city centre.

Thanks to its wide range of cultural offers, the city of Trento is considered an active centre, keeping a strong bond with traditions at the same time. The different services thought for the citizens make Trento one of the cities in which it is most pleasant to live, if compared to other Italian cities.

Because of its geographical position and its strong bond between man and mountain, Trento is often described as an alpine city. Trento also offers a wide range of activities, excursions and the chance to practice many sports. Not only: one can also visit Trentino castles, archaeological sites, sanctuaries and the wonderful lakes of the Dolomites.



Two-year Master's course in European and International Studies  
Doctoral course in International Studies

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## TWO-YEAR MASTER'S COURSE IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Master's course in European and International Studies is the result of a close interfaculty collaboration between the Faculties of Law, Economics, Sociology, and Art and Humanities. The hallmark of the Master's course is its strong interdisciplinary approach, which gives students the ability to transcend the confines of traditional academic disciplines. The core subjects of the programme are economics, history, law, political science and sociology. The programme aims to provide the students with those multidisciplinary tools indispensable for a broad-based understanding of economic, legal, political and social transformations in the European and international contexts. Particular emphasis is given to teaching the tools and skills necessary for the analysis of: the interaction of individual and collective actors, both within European and international institutions; the functioning of European and international economic, legal, political and social systems; the European and international systems of governance. Alongside the taught courses the School runs a rich series of guest lectures and seminars held by visiting professors of international standing. Students from the Master's course are encouraged to participate in these and the many events organised at the School, including conferences, debates, careers talks and fairs, and lectures by practitioners from international organisations.

Throughout the two years, tutors provide further support and guidance if and when needed and all students receive individual supervision for their final dissertations.



## EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER PROSPECTS

The Master's course in European and International Studies prepares students for careers both in the public and the private sectors. Graduates will be qualified to: hold positions of responsibility within national and international institutions engaged in international affairs and private corporations operating in international markets; work for governmental and non-governmental organisations engaged in specific areas of international affairs such as human rights, peacekeeping, protection of the environment, institution-building, etc.; enter the diplomatic service. For those wishing to continue their studies, the Master's course provides a solid preparation for admission to Doctoral course in International Studies and related subjects. Holding a Master's course from the School, however, does not provide preferential access to the Doctoral course offered by the School.

# PROGRAMME OF STUDIES' STRUCTURE

## I YEAR

- History and Concepts
- Principles of International Economics
- Elements of International and European Union Law
- Sociology of the State
- European and International Politics
- English Language
- Language Laboratory

## II YEAR - European Politics and International System

- European and International Politics (advanced course)
- European and International History
- The Legal Framework of EU Policies
- Economics of European Integration
- One course of Political Science or Sociology\*

## II YEAR - Protection of Fundamental Rights in International and European Law

- Economics of International Institution
- Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (advanced course)
- History of International Relations and Theory of Human Rights
- Human Rights Protection in International and European Law
- One course of Political Science or Sociology\*

## II YEAR Globalization, International Institutions and Economic Development

- Micro and Macroeconomics of Development
- History and Theory of Globalization
- Law and European and International Institutions in the Processes of Globalization
- International Economics
- One course of Political Science or Sociology\*

**TOTAL CREDITS 120**

*\*Students may choose one of the following courses:*

- Transnational Civil Society
- EU Public Policy
- Sociology of International Relations
- International Institutions and Regimes
- Sociology of Globalization
- International Institutions and Development Policy



## LANGUAGE

All courses are taught in English.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A good working knowledge of the English language
- Basic knowledge of a second foreign language among those offered at the University of Trento
- Knowledge in the discipline areas listed in the Announcement

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

For admission to the selection procedure candidates must fill out the pre-enrolment form online available at <http://portale.unitn.it/ateneo/>, following the instructions which are set out there. For further details please visit <http://portale.unitn.it/ssi/>.

International guests who want to stay in Trento for study reasons can ask for assistance from the **welcome office** as regards their arrival and stay in Trento (e-mail: [welcome@unitn.it](mailto:welcome@unitn.it)).

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- Main application deadline: check <http://portale.unitn.it/ssi/> for updates
- Duration: **2 years**
- Minimum requirements: check <http://portale.unitn.it/ssi/>
- Selection criteria: check <http://portale.unitn.it/ssi/>
- Scholarships: “*Opera Universitaria* study grant” (partial or total exemption from the fees, grant for living costs, housing at reduced prices): “*Opera Universitaria* loans” at zero or reduced interest rate; bank loans at favourable conditions
- Further information: <http://portale.unitn.it/ssi/>
- Contacts: [lssei@sis.unitn.it](mailto:lssei@sis.unitn.it)



## INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

Students are encouraged to spend a period of study abroad either through the Erasmus programme, with **international exchange programmes** run by the various faculties, or one of the School's exchange programmes.

Students are advised to carefully read the University Erasmus directives, the Erasmus regulations of the faculties and the *Vademecum del buon studente* SEI.

The School of International Studies (SIS) has established in these years academic links with some international universities and institutions, such as: Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey); Universidad Abierta Interamericana (Argentina); Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (Baku, Azerbaijan); Queen's University Belfast (Belfast, Northern Ireland); The Institute of Governmental Studies - IGS, University of California at Berkeley (Berkeley, USA); The Institute of International Studies, University of California at Berkeley (Berkeley, USA); Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Bremen (Bremen, Germany); University of the Philippines Diliman (Philippines); Konstanz Universitaet (Germany); The Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International Studies, Brown University (Providence, RI, USA); The Institute for European and Russian Studies - EURUS, Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada); Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada); European Union Center, University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA).



# DOCTORAL COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

## PROGRAMME OF STUDIES' STRUCTURE

### STUDENT ACTIVITY

The International Office of the University of Trento provides a point of entry for international students. In addition to organising a Welcome Day (all first year students), it will help you navigate through some of the steps you need to go through to settle in Trento. You should make an appointment to see them upon your arrival in Trento.

### START OF CLASSES

Classes normally begin the last week of September or the first week of October. You should plan to arrive in Trento shortly before that. The year is divided into two semesters, with the second semester ending at the end of June.

### COURSEWORK

The Doctoral course in international studies is an interdisciplinary degree so that students will be required to take a range of courses in their first year. Some of these will be core and common requirements, while others will be in the discipline closest to the topic of your thesis research. You should consult the website to get the details for the first year coursework. You will be required to pass a comprehensive exam in one of the three core disciplines - law, economics, political science - at the end of the first year. The first semester of the second year is dedicated primarily to preparing a thesis proposal and to designing your research project. The remaining three semesters are for research and writing of the thesis.



## LANGUAGE

The programme is conducted entirely in English and an excellent working knowledge, including a proven writing ability, is an indispensable requirement for admission. Foreign students are required to obtain a working knowledge of the Italian language.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Doctoral course is highly competitive. Students must hold a graduate degree (or its equivalent as established by Italian law) in the social sciences. They must present evidence of advanced proficiency in English (detailed criteria are available in the call for applications) and an outline of the research they would like to carry out as part of the doctoral programme. Short-listed candidates will also be interviewed before a final selection is made.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

The application, together with all the attachments required, must arrive at the University of Trento, in one of the following ways:

- personal delivery to: School of International Studies - University of Trento, via Verdi, 8/10 - 38122 Trento (Italy)
- by mail to the following address: *Magnifico Rettore* of the University of Trento, Via Belenzani, 12 - 38122 Trento (Italy)
- by fax to the following number: +39 0461 883152
- online application at the following website: <http://portale.unitn.it/dr/sis/onlineadmission.htm>



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- Main application deadline: **March** each year
- Intake: October each year
- Duration: **three years**
- Minimum requirements: *Italian laurea specialistica (magistrale)*, University Degree of previous regulations, or equivalent Master's Degree obtained abroad in the social sciences
- Selection criteria: Qualifications, Research Project and Research Skills, Motivation, English
- Scholarships: the University of Trento will fund a set number of places each year
- Further information: <http://portale.unitn.it/drsis>
- Contacts: [phd@sis.unitn.it](mailto:phd@sis.unitn.it)



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