

International Relations and Global Affairs



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Program name

International Relations and Global affairs (IRGA)



Program type

Bachelor of Science (Laurea Triennale)



School

Political and Social Sciences



Campus

Milan, Italy



Duration

3 years / September 2016 – September 2019



Total ECTS

180



Language of instruction

English

International Relations and Global affairs (IRGA)

Are you interested in learning about different societies, cultural traditions, and institutions around the world? Do you wonder why some countries are wealthier than others? Some are in peace and others at war? Are you interested in learning how international disputes may be peacefully resolved? Would you like to understand how different regional civilizations have evolved and how these characteristics continue to affect societies today? The B.Sc. in International Relations and Global Affairs (IRGA) is a unique program combining history and political science, economics and law, sociology and psychology. These topics create a coherent interdisciplinary curriculum that allows students to develop their understanding of how people, groups, countries, and international organizations interact in different parts of the world.

Learning objectives

IRGA allows students to develop an interdisciplinary knowledge of political, economic, historic, sociological and legal aspect of complex international issues. Studying how these disciplines approach, define and analyze international relations gives our students a sound basis for graduate studies. It also provides students with essential skills to conduct interdisciplinary research and collaboration, and the tools to understanding complex situations. The program's interdisciplinary approach searches below the language of economics and law to perceive the historical, social and political concerns that are really at stake, and vice versa.

The School of Political and Social Sciences

The School of Political and Social Science holds a long tradition as it was one of the first schools to be established at Università Cattolica in 1921, based on the principles of common good, human dignity solidarity and subsidiarity. Its international scope is evident by the renowned personalities who have been awarded a Laurea Honoris Causa. These inspiring names include, Jacques Delors (President of the EU Commission), Javier Pérez de Cuéllar (Secretary General of UN), Corazon C. Aquino (President of the Philippines) Shimon Peres (President of Israel), Michel Camdessus (Managing Director of the IMF), Helmut Kohl (Chancellor of Germany), Romano Prodi (Italian Prime Minister and President of the EU Commission), José María Aznar (Prime Minister of Spain), Irina Bokova (Director-General of UNESCO).

Career opportunities & professional recognition

Holding a degree in International Relations and Global Affairs will allow you to consider a number of different options for your future career: your politics, history and economic skills will be the perfect base for journalism or an international career in governmental institutions and NGOs; your grasp of psychology and group dynamics could fit you for a management trainee scheme, and your quantitative skills for international marketing research.

A class that makes a difference

The B.Sc. in International Relations and Global Affairs will be comprised of international students and Cattolica's domestic students.

Faculty & teaching staff

Simona Beretta, Barbara Boschetti, Patrizia Catellani, Fausto Colombo, Mario A. Maggioni, Martino Mazzoleni, Massimiliano Monaci, Beatrice Nicolini, Riccardo Redaelli, Teodora Uberti, Cristina Bon, Paolo Gomarasca, Gianluca Pastori. Each academic year, one or two internationally renowned academics are called to be part of the B.Sc. faculty on a "visiting professorship" basis for teaching some optional courses.

Can I learn Italian while studying?

Italian courses are not embedded in the B.Sc. in International Relations and Global Affairs curriculum. However, you are encouraged to follow the Italian Language and Culture Course (at a small extra cost), thought by a team of qualified and experienced native Italian speakers.

Are there internships opportunities?

The School of Political and Social Sciences acknowledges possible practical experiences in firms, organizations and international institutions.

Can I work while studying?

Yes. Non-EU students entering Italy on a VISA are permitted to work part-time (20 hours per week).

Curriculum

1st Year

- Public Law and Systems of Governance
- Principles of Economics
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences
- History of Political Institutions
- Advanced English for International Relations

2nd Year

- International and European Union Law
- Global Ethics
- History of International Relations
- History of Political Thought
- International Relations
- International Organisation
- Foreign Languages: German, French or Spanish

3rd Year

- Economic Geography
- International History: the Wider Mediterranean Region
- International Macroeconomics
- Social Psychology
- Geo-politics and Geo-history
- Politics in Media
- Two Optional courses
- Final Examination

Tuition fees & scholarships*

Tuition fees

EU residents (or non-EU residents with an EU generated income): From €3,000 to €8,000 per annum (fees vary according to the financial background of the student or student's family if dependent). Non-EU residents: €8,040 per annum.

* Fees are based on the 2015/2016 academic year and may be subject to slight variations.

Scholarships

Available assigned on a merit basis.

Application deadlines?

- Priority consideration deadline 1 (EU and non-EU): March 15, 2016
- Priority consideration deadline 2 (EU and non-EU): April 15, 2016
- Final deadline for non EU students: May 15, 2016
- Final deadline for EU students: June 15, 2016

How do I apply?

Applying is an easy five step process. The online application form, application instructions, and full admission guidelines are available at > www.ucscinternational.it

Entry requirements: am I eligible?

General Undergraduate requirements

- Students need to hold a high school diploma, conferred after a minimum of 12 years of previous schooling (from the beginning of primary school to the end of high school) and that satisfies the requirements for entry into the university in the awarding country.
- If in the student's home country admission to university level studies is subject to a special exam (e.g. Selectividad in Spain; Prova de Aferiçao or Prova Geral de Acesso ao Ensino Superior in Portugal; Veveossi Prosvassis in Greece), applicants will be required to provide evidence of having passed such selection with the required scores.
- The following qualifications need to satisfy additional criteria: American High School Diploma and UK Qualifications. For more information please visit > www.ucscinternational.it

English language proficiency

For applicants whose first language is not English they will need to provide one of the following certificates at the time of application:

- Academic IELTS with a score of at least 6.0
 - TOEFL iBT with a minimum score of 80
 - First Certificate of English (FCE) with a minimum B Grade or Certificate of Advanced English
- Cattolica's TOEFL institution code is 2605.

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