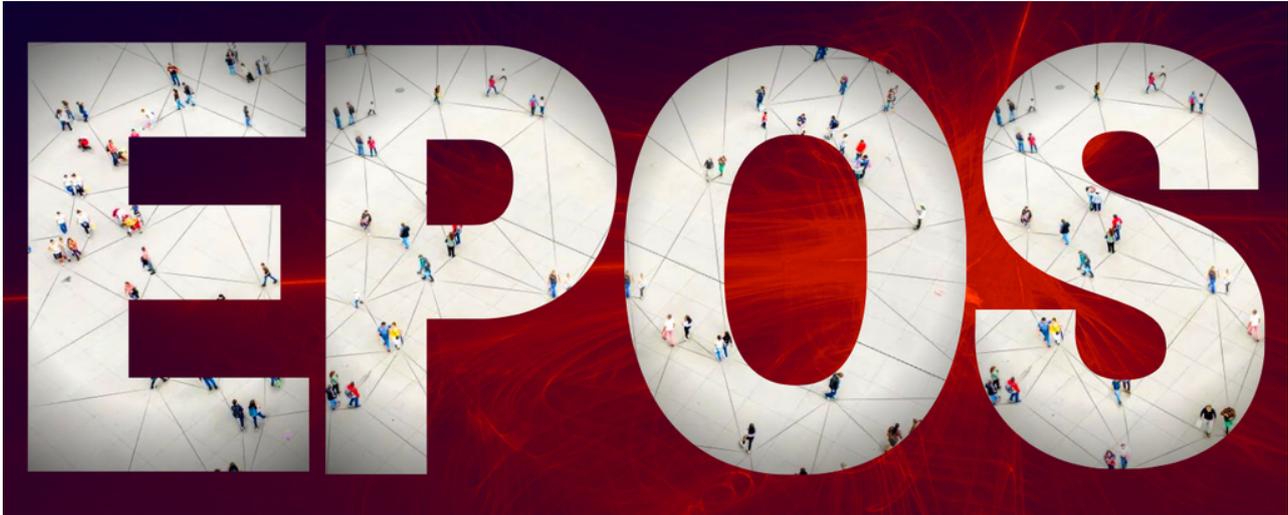


## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### **Is EPOS a degree in Economics or in Political Science?**

EPOS is a Bachelor's level program that meets the requirements of both Economics and Political Science. The program has been jointly designed by the Department of Political Science and other Departments but from an administrative standpoint it is managed by the Department of Economics. Students in their final year decide whether to obtain a degree in Economics or Political Science.

### **What are the major differences between EPOS and other Bachelor's degrees?**

EPOS is a multidisciplinary degree in economics, political science, law, and statistics. Students will pursue at least two subjects per area (Law, Economics, Business, Statistics, Political Science-Sociology) and four training activities in quantitative methods, as well as data analysis, public administration and international political economy. Yearly computer lab classes will train students in important programming languages, such as R or Python.

### **What is the advantage of an interdisciplinary program over a single subject?**

Specialization at the Bachelor level is premature.

EPOS provides broad, rigorous training in the social sciences, as well as in data analysis, foundational to the pursuit of more specialized advanced degrees such as masters or laurea magistrale.

### **Can EPOS students study abroad?**

Study abroad is encouraged and the University of Bologna offers many such opportunities. Successful programs include Erasmus+ Study for European destinations and Overseas for the rest of the world.

There are also other, lesser known, opportunities to study abroad:

- Grants for studying abroad funded by the university departments

- Summer and winter schools organised by partner universities - Erasmus+ for Traineeship
- TASSEP – Trans-Atlantic Science Student Exchange Program
- DAAD - Scholarships in Germany
- The Arenberg-Coimbra Group Prize for Erasmus Students

**May I pursue an internship as part of the program?**

Yes, internships count among the elective courses.

**Is the fact that the course is new a pro or a con?**

The fact that EPOS is a fairly new programme is one of its strengths. It responds to a growing demand for interdisciplinarity and is in line with many prestigious programmes across Europe. The faculty has a particular attention for this programme, always striving to improve it.

**Why can't I see the statistics about professional outcomes of EPOS graduates?**

No data on occupability is yet available because the first cohort enrolled in the academic year 2021/2022 and the very first students will graduate this coming July.

**How international is the faculty?**

Many instructors have either a degree from abroad or had international experiences. Their level of English competence is high. The University of Bologna offers a quality education degree, which will enable the student to develop in full her or his professional goals.