Admission Requirements
For SECOND CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

School of Political Sciences
Department of Political and Social Sciences
Second Cycle Degree Programme in International Politics and Markets

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Art. 1 Admission requirements

• Admission prerequisites

Admission to the 2nd cycle degree programme in International Politics and Markets is subject to the possession of a three-year university degree or other suitable qualification obtained abroad. Moreover, candidates must meet the curricular requirements and pass a test to assess their personal competences and skills.

Curricular requirements
The following curricular requirements must be met. A first cycle degree in one of the following classes:

Ex Italian Ministerial Decree no. 270/04:

L- 11 Modern languages and civilizations,
L-12 Applied languages,
L-14 Legal services,
L-16 Administration,
L-18 Business administration,
L-20 Communication,
L-33 Economics,
L-36 Political science and international relations,
L-37 Social sciences for peace studies,
L-40 Sociology,
L-42 History,
L/DS Defense and security.

Ex. Italian Ministerial Decree no. 509/99:
The classes are made equivalent to the classes ex Italian Ministerial Decree 270/04 indicated in the previous article as established by the Ministerial Decree of 9 July 2009.

Previous Italian four-year degree system and foreign degrees:
The examining commission will evaluate the correspondence between the field of the degree and the classes ex DM 207/04 indicated in the previous article.
Assessment of personal competences and skills

Admission to the degree programme is subject to an assessment of the candidate's personal competencies and skills, which will follow the methods described in the section “Admission Methods”. Candidates must also possess appropriate English language skills to at least level B2 (CEFR).

- Admission methods

Restricted access
The second cycle degree programme adopts restricted access set at the local level (pursuant to art. 2 of Italian Law 264/99) depending on the availability of resources. The number of available places and the selection methods are communicated annually in the relative call for applications on the basis of the following principles.

Assessment of the student’s personal qualification
The admission to the degree programme is subject to an assessment of the student’s personal preparation, which will be carried out on the basis of the academic qualifications and of the curriculum vitae ac studiorum. In addition, oral or written tests could be planned. The exact criteria will be detailed in the annual deliberation of the Degree Programme Board concerning the Call for application.

Assessment of the student’s foreign language qualification
Knowledge of English language at a minimum level of B2 (CEFR) will also be assessed during the admission procedure, unless candidates possess appropriate certification, such as relevant proficiency certificates. More details will be provided in the annual Call for application.

Art. 2 Individual study plans
Students can choose courses from those available in the course structure diagram, according to the terms indicated annually by the School, and published in the University website. Individual study plans may be presented according to the terms indicated annually by the School and published in the University website. The Degree Programme Board evaluates the consistency of individual study plans with the Degree Teaching regulations and the learning outcomes of the programme. It also checks that the number of exams, course units and credits meet the requirements of the official Course Structure Diagram.

Art. 3 Implementation of learning activities and types of teaching activities
The enclosed teaching plan indicates the learning activities and their characteristics in terms of number of hours of classroom teaching, practical exercises or internship, as well as the teaching methods. Any further information will be published annually on the University website.
Art. 4 Attendance and preparatory activities
Compulsory attendance of the teaching activities is indicated in the enclosed teaching plan, along with any preparatory activities involved in the individual learning activities. Compulsory attendance is indicated annually by the degree programme during the presentation of the teaching plan, and is notified to the students via the University website before the lectures start.
For teaching activities with compulsory attendance, students are required to attend at least 70% of class hours for each course. Compulsory attendance can be waived for students attending an international mobility program or a curricular internship during the period they spend abroad or within the internship. In this case, students will have to get in contact with the lecturer and arrange an adequate study program. Specific cases of partial overlapping will be evaluated by the Degree Programme Board.

Art. 5 Assessment of learning activities
The enclosed teaching plan indicates whether the student’s preparation is assessed through an exam, or a simple pass/fail mark. Exams are graded on a basis of 30 points, possibly with Laude. 18 is the passing grade.
The assessment methods (oral, written or practical exam or any combination of them; individual or group exams) are indicated annually by the Degree Programme Board during the presentation of the teaching plan and notified to the students via the University website before the lectures start.

Art. 6 Elective learning activities
Students may choose one or more learning activities among those identified annually by the Degree Programme Board and published on the University website.
If students intend to take learning activities not belonging to the abovementioned category, they should apply to the Degree Programme Board within the terms indicated annually and published on the University website. The Board will assess the coherence of the choice with the student’s study programme and motivations.
Art. 6-bis Different paths as a result of the assessment of personal competences and skills
After the assessment of personal competences and skills, students will be notified whether their study plan must include the course *Principles of Economics* instead of another elective course. This choice is aimed at tailoring the students’ study plan to their specific knowledge of the principles of economic theory.

After the assessment of personal competences and skills, students will be notified whether their study plan must include either the course *International Economics* or the course *Topics in International Trade*. This choice is aimed at tailoring the students’ study plan to their specific knowledge of International Economics.

Art. 7 Criteria for the recognition of credits acquired in degree programmes in the same class
Credits acquired in a subject area are recognised up to the number of credits indicated for the same subject area (indicated in the enclosed course structure diagram). Residual credits may be recognised by decision of the Degree Programme Board, with regard to their consistency with the study plan. For degree programmes delivered in a language different than Italian, recognition refers to course units delivered or learning activities undertaken in that language.

Art. 7-bis International mobility programmes
Students attending one or more international mobility programmes must obtain at least 32 credits (excluding credits of the final examination) from the university of Bologna in order to obtain the Diploma.

Art. 8 Criteria for the recognition of credits acquired within degree programmes in different classes, from telematic universities or international degree programmes
Credits are recognised by the Degree Programme Board according to the following criteria:
- analysis of the course contents
- assessment of the coherence of the scientific-disciplinary fields and the contents of the learning activities in which the student has acquired the credits with the specific learning outcomes of the study programme and the individual learning activities to be recognised, in any case pursuing the aim of promoting student mobility.

The credits are recognised up to the maximum number of university credits provided for in the programme (indicated in the enclosed course structure diagram)
Residual credits may be recognised by decision of the Degree Programme Board, with regard to their consistency with the study plan.
In the case of programmes that are taught in a language different from Italian, the recognition may only concern courses or activities that were taught in the same language of the programme.

Art. 9 Criteria for the recognition of extra-university competencies and skills
Competencies acquired outside of university degree programs will be not recognised.
Art. 10 Internship for the preparation of the final examination or linked to a project aiming to develop learning and academic skills
At request of the student, the Degree Programme may, following the procedures indicated in the University Regulations concerning internships and international mobility programmes, and in compliance with EU laws, authorise an internship with the aim of preparing the dissertation, or aimed at obtaining learning and academic skills. These learning experiences shall not exceed 6 months, and shall be completed by the date of graduation. Credits may be awarded:
• within the quota for the final examination, or
• for the internship activities indicated in the course structure diagram, or
• for elective activities, or
• for additional activities, whose credits exceed the number required for graduation.

Art. 11 Post-graduate apprenticeship
The Degree Programme Board may offer students the possibility to perform apprenticeship in order to integrate the academic education with practical training. These programmes are available to students aged between 18 and 29. Between 12 and 36 CFU may be allocated in this way, according to a study project annexed to the apprenticeship contract. The duration of the contract varies from 12 to 36 months and involves a learning requirement of 240 hours per year of formal learning, 150 of which to be spent into the company, and 90 hours paid by the company.

Art. 12 Final examination methods

- Characteristics of the final examination
The final examination of the degree programme consists in writing and defending an original dissertation based on a topic in line with the programme's objectives, under the supervision of a professor. The dissertation must prove the students' abilities, communication skills, and their ability to work autonomously. The final examination may be linked to a project or internship activity.

- Final examination methods
The topic of the final examination must concern one of the learning activities of the degree programme. Students choosing a different subject must apply to the Degree Programme Board, which will deliberate on the basis of the student’s motivations.
Art. 13 Correspondence between the credits assigned to each learning activity and the planned learning outcomes

On 05/12/2017 the Joint Teachers-Students Committee expressed its favourable opinion under the terms of article 12 para. 3 of Ministerial Decree no. 270/04.