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## ART. 1 REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE COURSE

### a. Knowledge required for access

To be admitted to the Master's Degree in International Relations, students must have a bachelor's degree or a three-year university diploma or another qualification obtained abroad, recognized as suitable.

It is also necessary to meet the following curricular requirements:

Have obtained a Bachelor's degree, a single-cycle degree or a four-year degree obtained at Italian universities or an academic qualification obtained abroad considered equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in one of the following classes:

- L-5 Philosophy
- L-6 Geography
- L-11 Modern Languages and Cultures
- L-12 Linguistic mediation
- L-14 Legal Services Sciences
- L-16 Administration and Organization Sciences
- L-18 Economics and Business Management
- L-20 Communication Sciences
- L-33 Economics
- L-36 Political Science and International Relations
- L-37 Social Sciences for Cooperation, Development and Peace
- L-40 Sociology
- L-41 Statistics
- L-42 History

For those who have a qualification obtained abroad or a qualification prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, the Commission assesses and verifies the possession of knowledge and skills on the basis of previous career and the adequacy of the qualification with respect to the curricular requirements provided.

Access to the Degree Programme is also possible for students who have a degree in a class other than those listed above, provided that they have obtained at least 32 credits in one or more of the following groups of SSDs:

Political and Social Sciences Group:

- SPS/01
- SPS/02
- SPS/03
- SPS/04
- SPS/05
- SPS/06
- SPS/07
- SPS/11
- SPS/13
- SPS/14

Economics and Statistics Group:

- SECS-P/01
- SECS-P/02
- SECS-P/03
- SECS-P/07
- SECS-P/12
- SECS-S/01
- SECS-S/03
- SECS-S/05

Oriental Languages and Cultures Group:

- L- OR/10

- L-OR/23
- L-OR/01

Historical and Anthropological Group:

- M-STO/03
- M-STO/04
- M-DEA/01

Legal Sciences Group:

- IUS/13
- IUS/14
- IUS/21
- IUS/09

IT Group:

- ING-INF/05
- INF/01

Admission to the Master's Degree Programme is also subject to passing a verification of the adequacy of personal preparation, which will take place according to the procedures defined in the admission procedure point.

Knowledge of the English language at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is also required.

## **b. Admission procedures**

The Master's Degree Programme has a limited number of students at local level, depending on the resources available. The number of students who can enrol and how the selection process will be carried out will be made public each year with the relevant call for applications.

Admission to the Master's Degree Programme is subject to passing a verification of the adequacy of personal preparation carried out by a Commission, which will be carried out according to the methods and procedures indicated in the call for admission, on the basis of a criterion or a combination of them (such as: evaluation of the curriculum, degree grade, written test, possible interview) which will be determined annually by the Degree Programme Board and announced through the University portal.

The Master's Degree Course in International Relations may provide for a special session for international students and the appointment of a Commission to verify the adequacy of personal preparation, compatibly with the timing provided for in the Call for Applications for the assignment of scholarships and the ministerial pre-enrolment procedures.

## **ART. 2 RULES OF MOBILITY BETWEEN THE CURRICULA OF THE DEGREE PROGRAMME**

The course of study is divided into curricula.

The student can make the choices indicated in the study plan, in the manner indicated in the plan itself and within the terms announced through the University Portal.

It is not allowed to switch between the curricula provided, except for exceptional and justified needs. Motivated requests, submitted within the deadlines announced through the University Portal, will be submitted individually to the Degree Programme Board, which will assess the reasons for the request and its admissibility.

### ART. 3 INDIVIDUAL STUDY PLANS

It is possible to submit individual study plans with the methods, criteria and deadlines announced through the University Portal.

Individual study plans, approved by the Degree Programme Board, cannot in any case disregard compliance with the regulations and guidelines defined by the competent bodies.

If the study plan provides for the choice of educational activities activated in degree programmes with restricted access, admission to the same must also be previously approved by the Degree Programme Board with restricted access on the basis of criteria previously identified by it.

### ART. 4 METHODS OF CARRYING OUT TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND TYPES OF TEACHING METHODS

The attached didactic plan indicates the methods of carrying out the training activities and their subdivision into hours of frontal teaching, practical exercises or internships, as well as the type of teaching forms.

Any further information on this matter will be published annually on the University Portal.

### ART. 5 ATTENDANCE AND PREREQUISITES

The obligation to attend the teaching activities is indicated in the attached teaching plan, as well as any prerequisites for the individual training activities.

The procedures and verification of the attendance obligation, where applicable, are established annually by the Degree Programme when presenting the teaching programme and made known to students before the start of lessons through the University Portal.

### ART. 6 FLEXIBLE PATH

The student can opt for the flexible path that allows the student to complete the course of study in a time longer or shorter than the normal duration according to the procedures defined in the University Teaching Regulations.

The training activities included in the course of study, in the event of necessary deactivation, may be replaced, to ensure the quality and sustainability of the educational offer.

### ART. 7 TESTS FOR THE VERIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The attached didactic plan provides for cases in which the training activities end with an exam with a mark out of thirty or with a judgment of suitability.

The procedures for carrying out the tests are established annually by the Degree Programme Board when presenting the teaching programme and made known to students before the start of lessons through the University Portal.

#### ART. 8 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES CHOSEN BY THE STUDENT

The Degree Programme considers the training activities that the Degree Programme Council identifies annually and makes known through the University Portal to be consistent with the educational project.

If the student chooses an educational activity other than those considered coherent, according to the aforementioned predetermined criteria, he/she must apply to the Degree Programme Board within the deadlines set annually and published on the University Portal.

The Board will evaluate the consistency of the choice with the student's educational path.

#### ART. 9 CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF CREDITS ACQUIRED IN DEGREE PROGRAMMES OF THE SAME CLASS

No less than half of the credits acquired in the same scientific-disciplinary sector are credited up to the amount of the credits in the same scientific-disciplinary sector provided for in the attached study plan.

If, after the recognitions have been made on the basis of the rules of these regulations, unused credits remain, the Degree Programme Board may recognize them by evaluating the concrete case on the basis of didactic and cultural affinities.

With reference to courses of study taught in a language other than Italian, recognition relates to courses taught or training activities carried out in that language.

#### ART. 10 CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF CREDITS ACQUIRED IN COURSES OF STUDY OF DIFFERENT CLASSES, AT ONLINE UNIVERSITIES AND IN FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

The university credits acquired are recognized by the Degree Programme Board on the basis of the following criteria:

- analysis of the programme carried out;
- evaluation of the adequacy of the scientific-disciplinary sectors and the contents of the educational activities in which the student has accrued the credits with the specific educational objectives of the course of study and of the individual training activities to be recognized, while pursuing the purpose of student mobility.

Recognition is carried out up to the amount of university credits provided for in the attached educational plan.

If, after the recognitions have been made on the basis of the rules of these regulations, unused credits remain, the Degree Programme Board may recognize them by evaluating the concrete case on the basis of didactic and cultural affinities.

With reference to courses of study taught in a language other than Italian, recognition relates to courses taught or training activities carried out in that language.

#### ART. 11 CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF NON-UNIVERSITY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Skills acquired outside the University can be recognized in the following cases:

- professional knowledge and skills certified in accordance with current legislation on the subject;

- knowledge and skills gained in post-secondary level training activities to the implementation and design of which the University has contributed.

The request for recognition will be evaluated by the Degree Programme Board taking into account the indications given by the Academic Bodies and the maximum number of credits that can be recognised set out in the educational regulations of the course of study.

Recognition may take place if the activity is consistent with the specific educational objectives of the course of study and the training activities that are recognized, also given the content and duration in hours of the activity carried out.

## ART. 12 CURRICULAR INTERNSHIP

At the student's request, the Degree Programme provides the possibility of carrying out a curricular internship according to the procedures established by the General Regulations for University Internships and international mobility programmes.

At the student's request, in accordance with EU regulations, an internship is also planned to be carried out aimed at preparing the final examination/degree thesis or in any case linked to a training project aimed at refining his or her learning and training process.

These training experiences, which must not exceed 6 months and must be completed by the date of graduation, can be carried out by providing for the attribution of training credits within those attributed to the final exam; or for internship activities provided for in the teaching plan; or for activities chosen by the student that can also be configured as an internship; or for additional activities whose credits are higher than the number required for the achievement of the qualification.

## ART. 13 PROCEDURES FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION

### a. Characteristics of the final exam

The final degree exam for the achievement of the master's degree consists of the drafting and public discussion of a thesis written and elaborated in an original way by the student on a topic consistent with the objectives of the course of study, under the guidance of a supervisor.

The final exam can be linked to a project or an internship activity.

The dissertation must demonstrate mastery of the topics, critical skills, the ability to operate autonomously and good communication skills.

### b. Methods of the final exam

In order to be admitted to the final exam, the student must have acquired all the credits required by the Didactic Regulations for activities other than the final exam, distributed in the different types according to the indications of the Regulations.

The student is required to graduate in one of the courses included in his/her study plan. Students who intend to graduate in a course not included in their study plan must apply to the Degree Programme Board which, on the basis of the motivation provided, will decide on the matter.

The methods of carrying out the final exam, including the method of writing, the learning objectives, the criteria for assessment and the rules for the assignment of the grade, are detailed and made available on the University portal.

The master's degree grade is expressed in one hundred and tenths. Honours will be awarded by unanimous opinion of the Commission.

The Joint Teacher-Student Committee has expressed a favourable opinion on the consistency of the credits assigned to the individual training activities and the specific training objectives planned, pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 3 of Ministerial Decree 270/04.