

STUDENTS MUST EARN 3 CREDITS, CHOOSING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

- 1 COMPUTER SKILLS: ADVANCED**
- 2 FOREIGN LANGUAGE: ADVANCED**
- 3 INTERNSHIPS**
- 4 LABORATORIES**

1. “Advanced computer skills”: EPS students can either

- attend the course organized by the Faculty of Political Science, receiving a positive final assessment (see the dedicated sessions on the EPS website), or
- obtain a certificate in an established course or summer school, testifying improved knowledge in the relevant field (e.g., statistics using SPSS, Stata, SAS, R, etc., or courses directly focused on these software packages or languages). The faculty will decide whether to recognize or not these courses and/or certificates, awarding 3 credits in “Advanced computer skills”. Please contact eps@unimi.it to have the course approved *before* it starts.

2. “Advanced foreign language”: during the two-year period of the EPS master’s programme the student should

- take a foreign language placement test at SLAM.
For more information, check http://www.eps.unimi.it/?page_id=2798
- attend a course in a second foreign language (English excluded, Italian included for non-Italian students), passing the corresponding final exam;
- obtain a language certificate in a second foreign language;
- demonstrate a significant improvement in her/his English language skills (e.g., by obtaining higher grades, w.r.t. the minimum entry requirement, in one of the following certificates: TOEFL, IELTS, CAE or CPE, which means grades higher than 80, 6.5, B, C, respectively).

The faculty will decide whether to recognize or not these activities and/or certificates, awarding 3 credits in “Advanced foreign language”. For further information please contact eps@unimi.it

3. “Internships”: keep in mind that the amount of time devoted to this activity may be substantial. For this reason, a student should opt for an internship only if she/he is genuinely interested in the relevant activity and in the organization (firm, institute, foundation, etc.) where the internship will take place. A good reason for looking for and/or choosing an internship may be to prepare a master’s dissertation on a topic connected with the activity; or the desire to acquire skills in the specific job or area or institution (multinational firm, research institute, NGO, IO, etc.) where the internship takes place.

There are different ways to obtain an internship:

More information are provided at this link http://www.eps.unimi.it/?page_id=5816

4. “Laboratories”: students must attend and participate in qualified seminars or series of seminars devoted to topics that are related to EPS courses and learning activities. The seminars may be organized by the two major departments involved in the master’s program (the Department of Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods and the Department of Social and Political Sciences), by the other Departments involved in the EPS program, by the Graduate School in Social, Economic and Political Sciences, by the Faculty of Political Science, by individual members of the EPS faculty, or by other prominent research or academic institutions (e.g., Aseri in the field of International Relations, the Centro Studi D’Agliano for economics, etc.). In order to obtain the credits, students are expected to attend about 6 seminars (approximately 2 hours each). Students should request a certificate of participation/attendance. At the end of this activity, students are required to write a **3,000-word paper** (plus references). The paper must address a topic discussed in the seminars and it is meant to elaborate with reference to relevant literature. The seminars must be communicated and agreed upon before they take place: please contact eps@unimi.it