



SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAM LEADING TO THE AWARD OF A DOUBLE DEGREE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (TWO-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAM IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE)

Since the academic year 2008-2009, the University of Milan (UNIMI), in cooperation with the Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) and the Facultés Universitaires Notre Dame de la Paix de Namur (FUNDP), renamed Université de Namur (UNamur) has started an international double-degree program involving the "Corso di laurea magistrale in Economics and Political Science" at UNIMI and two master's programs at UCL/UNamur, namely, the "Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité approfondie" and the "Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité spécialisée".

Structure of the international program leading to the award of a double degree

Like the "Corso di laurea magistrale in Economics and Political Science – EPS" at UNIMI, the "Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité approfondie" and the "Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité spécialisée" at UCL/UNamur are second-level university programs, each of which lasts two years and is worth a total of 120 ECTS credits.

The double-degree international program agreed upon by UNIMI and UCL/UNamur consists of two full academic years, each worth 60 ECTS credits. In each academic year similar courses are taught and similar learning activities are carried out at UNIMI and UCL/UNamur, respectively. All students registered in the program will spend their first year at their home University and their second year at the host University, where they will complete their studies and defend their master's dissertation.

At the end of the double-degree international program, registered students successfully completing their studies will obtain the degree of "laurea magistrale in Economics and Political Science" and either the degree of "Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité approfondie" or the degree of "Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité spécialisée".

Admission criteria

1. For the academic year 2020-2021 UNIMI will select for participation in the double-degree international program up to 4 students registered as first-year students for the academic year 2019-2020 in the EPS program.
2. EPS students selected for the double-degree international program will simultaneously be recognized as UCL/UNamur students registered in either the "Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité approfondie" or the "Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité spécialisée", according to the study plan they choose to follow during their second year at UCL/UNamur (see below, Annex 1, points a. and b.).
3. The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied at the moment of the application:



- a. applicants must be regularly registered as first-year students in the EPS program for the academic year 2019-2020.
- b. applicants must have gained at least half of the ECTS credits associated with the first term courses and the other learning activities regarded as compulsory in the study plan for the curriculum of the EPS program in which the applicants are registered;
- c. the applicants' weighted cumulative grade point average, relative to the same courses and other learning activities as in point b. above, must be no less than 25/30.

Mobility requirements

Only regular students enrolled in their second year of the EPS master's during academic year 2020-2021 will be enabled to take part in the international study program.

A selected candidate will be authorized to spend her/his second year at the host University only if, she/he has gained at least 48 ECTS credits associated with the courses and the other learning activities regarded as compulsory in the first-year study plan of the EPS program.

Applications

Documents required for admission in the exchange program between University of Milan and UCL/UNamur are the following:

1. copy of the identity card or passport (pdf/jpeg);
2. curriculum vitae (pdf/jpeg);
3. transcript of the undergraduate career, with the *matricola*, the grades obtained in all the exams taken and the final grade (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page- pdf/jpeg); EPS students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must fill up the form [DICHIARAZIONE SOSTITUTIVA DI CERTIFICAZIONE DI ISCRIZIONE UNIVERSITÀ- CONSEGUIMENTO TITOLO - ESAMI](#) (see Section "Modulistica generale- Dichiarazioni sostitutive di certificazione") with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records;
4. transcript of their graduate career in the EPS program, with the *matricola* and the grades obtained in all the exams taken up until the date of the application submission (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page- pdf/jpeg).
5. statement of purpose in English (a letter explaining the personal motivations for the mobility- pdf/jpeg);
6. Applicants must prove their English proficiency (level B2 or higher). If students do not have any valid language certification (IELTS, FCE, TOEFL, etc.), they will prove their English language skills by providing the placement level or a certificate of level issued by Servizio Linguistico dell'Ateneo di Milano – SLAM. English language skills will at any rate be further tested during the interview.
7. any other document or qualification deemed relevant to the competition.



Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the platform [elixForms](#).

Deadline: May, 20th, 2020 – 12:00 pm (Italian local time).

Selection procedures

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Giovanna D’Adda and constituted by Proff. Fabrizio Iacone and Alessandro Pellegata. After examining the applicants’ dossiers, the committee will interview the applicants on **May 22nd, 2020 at 2:30 pm (Italian local time)**, via video-conference through Microsoft Teams.

After completing the interviews, the committee will rank the candidates according to their respective merit. For each candidate the overall score will be obtained by summing up the following four partial scores:

1. curriculum vitae (up to 20/100);
2. academic career and grades obtained in the exams taken in the EPS program (up to 50/100);
3. statement of purpose (up to 15/100);
4. proficiency in English (up to 15/100).

Only candidates with an overall score of at least 75/100 will qualify for the international double degree program.

Within seven days from the date of the interviews the ranking will be published on the UNIMI website [here](#). No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

Applicants in the first four positions of the ranking and qualifying for the international double degree program must formally accept to enter the program within three solar days from the online publication of the ranking, by sending their acceptance letter through this [link](#).

If the acceptance letter of a selected candidate is not received by the specified deadline, the same candidate loses her/his right to enter the program and is replaced by the candidate immediately following in the ranking, provided that the same qualifies for the international double degree program. The same replacement procedure applies in case a selected candidate should give up her/his right to enter the program before leaving for the host University or should not meet the further requirements, specified below, on which the authorization to spend the second year of the international double degree program at the host University is conditioned.

Financial aspects and grants

Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees. The University of Milan will award a grant to contribute to mobility costs. Exchange students will be covered with civil liability insurance and accident insurance provided by the University of Milan during the performance of their study activities at the Host University. Exchange students will personally provide for medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.



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The university grant will be awarded according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreterie Studenti. The awarding criteria will be as follows:

ISEE	Monthly allowance
less or equal to 13.000 euros	500 euros
from 13.000 to 21.000 euros	450 euros
from 21.000 to 26.000 euros	400 euros
from 26.000 to 30.000 euros and further	350 euros

The grant final amount will correspond to the study period actually spent abroad. In case of students not spending their period abroad entirely, the amount will be calculated by multiplying the number of days actually spent abroad by 1/30 monthly allowance.

Confidentiality

According to GDPR 2016/679 the University of Milan shall fully respect the confidential nature of any information furnished by the candidates: said information will only be processed for the purposes of the selection call, the formalization of any relation between the University and the candidates and the management of the relation thereof.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinators: [Giovanna D'Adda](#) and [Prof. Fabrizio Iacone](#). Students can also contact eps@unimi.it.

For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Progetti internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione, international.education@unimi.it.

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Annex 1: Study plan for students starting the program at UNIMI in 2019-2020

First year at Unimi	EPS
Second year at UCL/ UNamur	a. Professional focus (Finalité spécialisée)
	b. Research Master (Finalité approfondie)

a. Study plan double degree “Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité spécialisée” (Professional focus) and “Laurea Magistrale in Economics and Political Science”

1st year at Unimi		Credits
	Optimization	6
	Research methods	12
	Advanced microeconomics	6
	Advanced macroeconomics	6
	Positive political theory	9
	Game theory	6
	Comparative politics	9
	International economic law	6
TOTAL		60
2nd year at UCL/ UNamur		Credits
ECON2910	Mémoire	20
1 course out of the following		5
	Evaluation des politiques économiques et sociales	5
	Empirical Finance	5
2 seminars		10
1 option among the following		15
	International Economics	15
	Firm's strategies	15
	Economics of public intervention	15
	Development: poverty and institutions	15
1 macro course out of the following		5
	Macroéconomie appliquée	5
	Globalization and Macroeconomic Policies	5
	Topics in Economic growth: theory and applications	5
1 Elective among the following		5
	Economics of competition Policy	5
	IO and competition Policy	5
	Globalisation, firms and trade	5



	Regulation theory and practice	5	
TOTAL			60
Total number of credits			120

b. Study plan double degree “Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité approfondie” (Research focus) and “Laurea Magistrale in Economics and Political Science”

1st year at Unimi			Credits
	Optimization		6
	Research methods		12
	Advanced microeconomics		6
	Advanced macroeconomics		6
	Positive political theory		9
	Game theory		6
	Comparative politics		9
	International economic law		6
TOTAL			60
2nd year at UCL/UNamur			Credits
LECON2910	Mémoire		20
	Industrial organization		5
1 course out of the following			5
	Economics of competition Policy	5	
	Globalisation, firms and trade	5	
	Regulation theory and practice	5	
2 courses from the list advanced economic analysis I			10
LECON2121	Advanced Macroeconomics I: Intertemporal Behavior and Business Cycles		5
LECON2122	Advanced Macroeconomics II: Growth, Dynamics and Policy		5
LECON 2131	Advanced econometrics I		5
1 research seminar of the following			5
LECON 2653 / M653	Research Seminar I: Microeconomics	5	
LECON2161	Research Seminar II: Macroeconomics	5	
LECON2603	Research Seminar III: Econometrics	5	
TOTAL			60
Total number of credits			120

Validity of the study plan

The study plan described here is valid as long as no new legal measures or decisions at the University level are introduced. In case of such legal modifications, the responsible professors will communicate and modify the programme accordingly.