

The Master's Degree Program in **International Relations** aims to train specialists able to analyze critically and in depth the political systems, the relations between them, the geopolitical areas, the reasons of tensions and conflicts, the modalities for the resolution of such conflicts and the role of international organizations including the EU.

In particular, the main objective is to provide a solid level of advanced education, extending and strengthening the students' knowledge especially regarding the internationalist approach of the historical-political, economic and political disciplines. The interdisciplinary approach and the in-depth study of many geo-political areas contribute to further develop knowledge and understanding as well as analytical skills useful to solve problems that arise in working contexts, in which future graduates will take action.

The advanced and extensive knowledge of historical-juridical and economic-political issues allows graduates to have a working profile that is both professional and flexible, as required by the social partners consulted, which makes them able to organize and manage projects, to apply their knowledge and skills to the analysis and resolution of new problems, as well as to develop those skills started in the degree training and coursework, which can be fruitfully exploited in negotiation and mediation contexts..

To this end, the use of enhancing teaching methods, such as the seminar discussion, the ability to synthesize in writing and oral manner complex texts or focused on specific cases, and finally the drafting of a thesis, enables master's graduates to develop their communication and presentation skills.

As for the study of languages, particularly qualifying from a professional point of view, an English language test is meant to assess at least a B2 level and the study of an additional non-European language (Chinese or Arabic) is also planned during the course.

Both the acquisition of the four linguistic skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) and the compulsory attendance of the lessons can be taken into consideration, according to criteria of the course of study that will be specified mid-term. Further improvement of English is envisaged with advanced teaching aimed at enhancing language use in a context of international relations.