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# Integrated graduate program in **International Studies and Transnational Governance**



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# Integrated Graduate Program in International Studies and Transnational Governance (ISTG)

The School of International Studies offers an **Integrated Graduate Program in International Studies and Transnational Governance (ISTG)** in cooperation with the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento).

The ISTG program is open only to students on the two-year Master's degree in European and International Studies (MEIS) offered by the School of International Studies of the University of Trento and is integrated into this Master's degree.

At the end of the **ISTG** students will receive both the Master's Degree in European and International Studies from the School of International Studies in Trento and a Graduate Diploma in Transnational Governance from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa.

## Mission and objectives

The program allows students

- to acquire advanced knowledge of the functioning of international institutional systems, with a specific focus on transnational phenomena and governance challenges;
- to broaden critical understanding of contemporary political, economic, legal and social issues;
- to become familiar with theoretical and methodological pluralism;
- to acquire practical skills for designing research projects, conducting empirical research, policy analysis and policy plans;
- to profit from the experience of a wider multicultural context.

## Structure and content

The ISTG program is open to a limited number of students (maximum 10) who have successfully completed their first year of the MEIS at the School of International Studies in Trento, have a special interest in topics related to transnational governance and have outstanding academic results, as well as to a limited number of exchange students from foreign partner universities.

It offers a total of 60 credits (ECTS) and as such permits participating students to complete the required 120 credits (ECTS) in order to receive the MEIS degree from the School of International Studies in Trento in addition to a graduate diploma from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna. This diploma will be conferred only if students on the program maintain an average grade of no lower than 27/30.

During the first year (in Trento), students will take core courses in European and International Economics, European and International Law, European and International Politics, Contemporary History, Research Methods in Social Sciences, English Language, a second language course and at least one elective course.

During the fall semester of the second year (in Pisa), the students will take advanced core courses aimed at building a strong foundation in International Relations Theory, International Law, International and European Political Economy, European Politics and Security, Political Theory/International Political Philosophy, through specially tailored courses that focus on contemporary transnationalism and governance. Students are also expected to take the elective English for International Relations course and an additional elective course.

Upon arrival in Pisa, EU and non-EU students will receive specific orientation assistance and will also receive coaching for their vocational needs during the year. They will benefit from facilities reserved to other students of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna; they will have free access to computer labs and the library; they will be facilitated in their access to refectory services (canteen) and will receive specific orientation on accommodation in Pisa.

The students will spend the second semester abroad, hosted by partner universities around the world. During their period abroad, the students are expected to follow courses (minimum 6 ECTS) and to write a final research paper/thesis (24 ECTS).

Finally, to be awarded both the MEIS Degree and the Graduate Diploma in Transnational Governance, students will defend their final research paper/thesis.

## Teaching methodology

The ISTG program is modelled upon the 'interactive learning community' formula that inspires the work of both promoting institutions. Each core course offers a balanced mix of lectures and seminars on selected issues. Alongside the tenured resident faculty, academics and practitioners with an international reputation for excellence provide further teaching and in counseling, as well as scientific supervision. The program promotes an integrated vision and critical understanding of contemporary political, economic, legal and social issues, by applying different theoretical perspectives and methodologies.

## Employment prospects

Graduates of the integrated graduate program in International Studies and Transnational Governance (ISTG) can go on to work in international organizations, IGOs, NGOs, European institutions, and national, regional and sub-national institutions. Other opportunities might include employment in multinational corporations, consultancy, the lobbying sector, journalism as well as in education and research.

## Admission requirements

In order to apply to the ISTG program, students must first pass the selection procedure for the MEIS. This takes place in February/March for non EU applicants and June for EU applicants.

At the beginning of the spring semester of the first year MEIS students can apply for a place on the program. Selection procedures are rigorous and enrolment on the MEIS does not automatically guarantee a place on the ISTG program and not all available places will necessarily be assigned.

For further details regarding entry requirements to the MEIS, please refer to the announcement for the selection procedure, which can be found on the School of International Studies website, at [www.ssi.unitn.it](http://www.ssi.unitn.it).

## Program overview

<b>Titles awarded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master's degree ('Laurea magistrale') in European and International Studies from the University of Trento.</li><li>• Graduate Diploma in Transnational Governance from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa.</li></ul>
<b>Structure</b>	First year in Trento (School of International Studies). Second year in Pisa (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna) + period of study abroad.
<b>Application Deadlines</b>	Students first have to pass the selection procedure to enroll on the MEIS and a second selection at the beginning of the spring semester of their first year of study. For application deadlines for the MEIS go to <a href="http://www.ssi.unitn.it">www.ssi.unitn.it</a> .
<b>Intake</b>	September both for the first and the second year.
<b>Duration</b>	2 years full-time.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Class size</b>	Maximum 15 students (second year at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa).
<b>Academic calendar</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> year organized by School of International Studies in Trento. Fall semester: September-February. Spring semester: February-June. 2 <sup>nd</sup> year organized by Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa. Fall Semester: October-February in Pisa. Spring Semester: March-June at a partner university abroad.