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Two-year
**Master's Degree in
European and
International
Studies
MEIS**

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Degree Objectives

The Master's Degree in European and International Studies (MEIS) is offered by the School of International Studies (SIS) at the University of Trento, thanks to the close collaboration between the Departments of Economics and Management, Sociology and Social Research, Humanities, and the Faculty of Law.

The pillars of the programme are the disciplines of economics, history, law, political science and sociology. However, the hallmark of the MEIS is its **multi- and interdisciplinary approach**, which encourages students to venture beyond the confines of individual academic disciplines.

Indeed, the multidisciplinary organization of the study programme enables students to develop a deeper and broader **understanding of the transformations taking place in the European and international context**. Particular attention is paid to developing those skills necessary to analyse the **economic, legal, political and social systems** and the **transformations in systems of European and international governance**.

Teaching takes place entirely in **English**. Taught courses, language workshops and tutoring activities contribute to developing advanced English language communication skills, necessary for entry into an **international work and research environment**. Graduates also have a working knowledge of at least one additional foreign language in addition to a basic knowledge of Italian (in the case of international students).

Employment prospects: an international career

The Master's Degree in European and International Studies prepares students for careers both in the **public and the private sectors**. Graduates will be qualified:

- to hold **positions of responsibility within national and international institutions** engaged in European and international affairs and **private enterprises** operating in **international markets**;
- to work for **governmental and non-governmental organisations** engaged in areas such as human rights, environmental protection, institution-building, project management, etc.
- to enter the **diplomatic service**.
- For those intending to continue their studies, the MEIS provides a solid basis for admission to **PhD programmes** in International Studies in disciplines relating to **economics, history, law, and political and social sciences**.

Former MEIS students have gone on to rewarding careers as young diplomats, policy advisors, consultants, project coordinators, researchers, and the like, or have been admitted to prestigious PhD and Advanced Master's programmes in Europe and North America.

Teaching programme

The first year offers **foundation courses** in the core disciplines: Principles of International Economics, Elements of International and European Union Law, European and International Politics, Contemporary History, Techniques and Methods in Social Sciences, English Language and elective workshops in German, Spanish or French.

In the second year, students have to attend four courses in the main subject areas and choose three further elective courses in related subjects. At the end of the taught programme, students have to write and defend a research-based thesis.

Advanced English language courses focus on both the acquisition of academic and specialised language and developing effective communication skills (public speaking, negotiation skills, report-writing, academic papers, etc.) in order to be fully functional in any international context.

The School organises a lively series of **guest lectures and seminars** held by academics of international standing and professional practitioners working in distinguished international organizations. MEIS students are encouraged to participate in these and the many events organised at the School, including conferences, debates, careers talks, meetings with MEIS Alumni, and fairs.

MEIS students have numerous opportunities to spend a **study period abroad**, through the international exchange and Erasmus programmes and the Double Degree programme the School has recently set up with the Department of International Relations and European Studies of the Metropolitan University Prague (MUP).

In addition, a limited number of MEIS students can participate in the highly selective **Integrated Graduate Program in International Studies and Transnational Governance** run in cooperation with the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa, where students spend the first semester in the second year, with the second semester abroad.

Admission Requirements

Students interested in enrolling on the Master's Degree in European and International Studies must participate in a competitive selection procedure and need to satisfy the following requirements:

- a first-level (bachelor's) degree, (180 credits), which includes at least 60 course credits from at least two of the following discipline areas: Economics, History, Philosophy, Law, Political Science, Sociology or Foreign Languages;
- proven (by means of an international certificate) knowledge of the English language at B2+ (upper intermediate) level;
- basic knowledge of a second foreign language from among those offered at the University of Trento.

The number of students admitted is capped at 65 each year. Recently, the School has received over a hundred applications from all over the world, with on average 45 students enrolling after the selection.

Application deadlines for 2015/2016: 16 March for non-EU citizens; 13 July for EU citizens.

For further details regarding the programme and the entry requirements, please refer to the announcement for the selection procedure, which can be found on the website of the School of International Studies, at www.unitn.it/en/ssi/admission-meis