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Master's Degree in
**GLOBAL SECURITY
STUDIES**



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Department
Political and Legal Studies



Duration
2 years



→ Programme overview

The two-years Master's Degree in Global Security Studies trains professionals capable of operating in complex international environments and managing emerging global security challenges. A holistic approach to security is essential to cover traditional military and law enforcement crises alongside a wide range of threats, including poverty and injustice, health and environmental disasters, cyber and digital risks, food and energy shortages, migration, and humanitarian emergencies. Graduates will apprehend past, present, and future security challenges by combining hindsight and foresight and mobilizing multidisciplinary skills in the fields of crisis management, policymaking, development cooperation, and human rights protection. The 120-credit programme includes compulsory and elective courses in history, political science, law, area studies, sociology, and geopolitics, complementing a broad perspective focusing on interconnections and interdependencies with a problem-oriented approach to develop students' theoretical and methodological skills. Other training activities include thematic workshops, negotiation and crisis simulations, language and IT classes, internships in Italy and abroad, as well as international student exchange opportunities. The degree is obtained after the defence of a master's thesis. As a result, the programme will enhance the analytical, research, communication, and problem solving skills required for students to succeed in the international job market.

→ Entry requirements

Admission to the course is reserved for those who have a three-year degree in Political Science and International Relations (L-36), Administration and Organisation Sciences (L-16), Legal Services Sciences (L-14), Economics (L-33), Social Work (L-39), or other qualifications deemed suitable under current legislation, including equivalent foreign qualifications. An individual interview may be conducted to assess the adequacy of candidates' knowledge.



→ Language requirements

An international English language certificate issued by an Institution recognised by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference is required. Scan the QR Code for further information.



→ Study programme

The two-year Master's Degree Course in Global Security Studies falls under the Italian Master's Degree class in International Relations (LM-52).

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Compulsory courses

- Globalisation and (In)Security: A Historical Overview (8 credits)
- History of Political Thought (8 credits)
- International Security (8 credits)

Elective courses

One course in the Sociological-geopolitical area (8 credits):

- Sociology of human security and global integration
- Power, Control and Work in the Age of Global Digital Capitalism
- Geopolitics of Global Crisis

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Compulsory courses

- History of International Institutions and Global Governance (8 credits)
- The Modern Middle East and North Africa: Politics and Crisis (8 credits)
- Theory and Practice of Public International Law (8 credits)
- The EU Internal Market Law and its Global Dimension (8 credits)

Elective courses

One course in the Historical area (8 credits)

- History of Latin America
- Global history of the early modern age
- Institutional History of European Security

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One course in the Legal area (8 credits)

- Public Security Law
- Global Perspectives on Taxation Law
- Security, Human Rights, and Criminal Justice
- Law and Governance of Public Administration
- Private Law and Digital Security

One course in the Language area (8 credits)

- French
- Spanish
- Arabic

Free choice credits (8 credits)

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One workshop in the Language area (6 credits)

- French
- Spanish
- Arabic

Internship (8 credits)

Final dissertation (16 credits)



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→ International opportunities

UniME students have the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus+ Mobility programme for both studying and training. Calls are published on the university website twice per year. Another opportunity is the UniME scholarship programme 'Students Around the World' (SAW) for student exchanges with non-European universities in the framework of international cooperation agreements. For further information, please visit our site.

→ Tuition fees

UniME tuition fees for international students are calculated by country group. Scan the QR Code for further information.



→ Job opportunities

Graduates in Global Security Studies may work as risk analysts, political and strategic advisors, researchers, and officials in national, European, and international agencies, research centres, think tanks, and consultancies operating in the fields of crisis management, policymaking, development cooperation, and human rights protection.



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