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

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Why the MEIS

We live in a fast moving **interconnected world** where globalisation, regionalisation, transnationalism, supranationalism, intergovernmentalism, multi-level governance are all 'trending' and where different political, economic and social actors, not least the EU, are interrelating and interacting in new and frequently conflicting ways. From the Eurocrisis to the immigration crisis, from the Grexit to the Brexit, from people-trafficking to cybercrime, from Al Qaeda to IS, from tumbling oil prices to the Paris Agreement, making sense of these seemingly insurmountable **challenges** in this **rapidly evolving** and increasingly complex **international system** is a challenge in itself. The Master's in European and International Studies (MEIS) equips our graduates with theoretical approaches and **multidisciplinary perspectives and tools** with which to understand, analyse and evaluate the events, phenomena and transformations in Europe and beyond, and to understand the EU's role in **international governance**.

About the Degree

The Master's Degree in European and International Studies (MEIS) is offered by the Postgraduate School of International Studies (SIS) at the University of Trento.

The foundation pillars of the programme are economics, history, law, political science and sociology. However, the hallmark of the MEIS is its **multi- and interdisciplinary approach**, which pushes students to venture **beyond the confines** of individual academic disciplines. The multidisciplinary organization of the study programme enables students to develop a broader and deeper **understanding of the transformations** in systems of European and international governance. Indeed, the course aims to equip students with the knowledge and tools and to develop those skills and competences necessary to analyse the economic, legal, political and social **actors and systems** impacting on and driving these transformations. All courses are taught in English.

The Degree in Detail

First Year Foundation Courses in the core disciplines: Principles of International Economics, Elements of International and European Union Law, European and International Politics, Contemporary History, Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences, English Language and elective workshops in German, Spanish or French.

In the **Second Year** students attend four specialized courses in the main subject areas and three electives offered by the School. In addition to the taught courses, students 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 work or research context. Graduates also have a working knowledge of at least one additional foreign language and, in the case of international students, a proven knowledge of Italian.

Beyond the classroom

The School organises a multitude of **extra-curricular activities** and events which MEIS students are encouraged to attend. From the a lively series of **guest lectures and seminars** held by academics of international standing to talks given by and **professional practitioners** working in distinguished international organizations. From conferences and round table debates to meetings with MEIS Alumni and careers fairs. And not least, to enhance graduates' key **professional competences**, soft skills workshops such as report and policy brief writing, project management and interview skills.

MEIS students also have numerous opportunities for **student mobility** through the international exchange and Erasmus+ programmes and the **Double Degree** programme with the Department of International Relations and European Studies of the Metropolitan University Prague (MUP).

In addition, thanks to a number of dedicated partners, MEIS students are encouraged to apply for internship programmes with organisations operating in a European or international sphere, whether based in Italy or abroad.

Admission Requirements

To enrol on the MEIS, students need to satisfy the following requirements:

- a first-level (bachelor's) degree, (180 credits), including 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 50 each year. Recently, the School has received over a hundred applications from all over the world, with on average 45 students enrolling after selection.

Application deadlines for 2018-2019: February for non-EU citizens; June for EU citizens.

For further details about the programme and entry requirements, visit the MEIS webpage at www.unitn.it/sis-lm-meis

Future 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. MEIS Graduates will have the necessary skills and competences

- 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 contribute to research and dissemination activities in **think tank and research institutes**;
- to prepare for entry into the **diplomatic service**.

For those intending to continue their studies, the MEIS provides a sound academic grounding for **admission to PhD programmes** in International Studies or in economics, history, law, or political and social sciences.

MEIS graduates have gone on to rewarding careers as young diplomats, policy advisors, consultants, project coordinators, researchers and the like, working in international institutions, NGOs, think tanks, as well as multinationals, or have been admitted to prestigious PhD and Advanced Master's programmes in Europe and North America. Indeed, recent statistics show that the MEIS provides the cutting edge in terms of both employability and continued academic success, with over 90% of our fully embarked on an international career just 3 years after graduation.

*Thanks to the MEIS's **dual focus** on theoretical perspectives and tools and solid **multidisciplinary knowledge** and on critical/strategic thinking skills and key **employability competences**, MEIS graduates have the cutting edge in meeting the needs of **tomorrow's globalised workplace**.*