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A world map is centered in the background, composed of white binary code (0s and 1s) on a dark blue background. The map is surrounded by several large, translucent blue chess pieces, including pawns, knights, and kings, which are arranged in a circular pattern around the map. The overall theme suggests a global focus on strategy and security.

# Master of Arts in International Security Studies MISS





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The Master's Degree in International Security Studies (MISS) is jointly awarded by the University of Trento (School of International Studies, SIS) and the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (SSSA), in Pisa. Our courses are based on an extensive articulation of the concept of security, which is expanded to include dimensions such as human, economic, financial, environmental, climate, resource and food security, among others. Security in the contemporary world should be indeed analysed through an inter- and multi- disciplinary approach: that is the reason why MISS students find courses that are characterized by an ongoing dialogue between Political Science and International Relations, Law, Economics, History, Political Sociology, Political Geography, Political Philosophy.

# Programme overview

The background image shows a large, modern lecture hall with a curved stage. A woman in a bright green top and patterned skirt is standing on the stage, gesturing while speaking. Another person is partially visible behind her. The stage is equipped with professional lighting and a large black backdrop. The audience, seen from behind, is seated in rows of yellow chairs, facing the stage. The hall has large windows on the upper levels, letting in natural light.

## Degree awarded

Two-year Master's - "Laurea Magistrale" - in International Security Studies

## Language

English

## Class size

Up to 35 students

## Workload

The total workload for each student is 120 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)

## Intake

September each year

## Duration

2 years full-time

## Fees and funding (approximate range per year)

- EU: 340€ - 3.400€ (based on income/merit)
- Non-EU: 1.000€ - 6.500€ (based on merit)
- Income/merit based scholarships and tuition waivers available



## Admission

### Selection criteria

- CV and track record (incl. study background and courses, training, vocational and mobility experiences, language skills, internships/traineeships)
- Statement of purpose
- References

### Application deadlines (check online for updates)

- February for non-EU citizens living outside Italy
- June for EU citizens and non-EU citizens regularly living in Italy

### How to apply

- Access the online application form
- Upload the required documents
- Submit your online application by the deadline
- Check online for more information and updates: [www.unitn.it/miss](http://www.unitn.it/miss)

### Requirements

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) including at least 60 ECTS from at least two of the following disciplinary areas: History and Philosophy, Economics, Law, Political Science, Sociology or Foreign Languages
- Good knowledge of the English language, at least B2 level
- Basic knowledge (A2 level) of a second foreign language, other than Italian, from among the following: Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, German
- GPA of at least 24 out of 30 or equivalent foreign grade

The background image shows a perspective view through a series of ancient stone columns. The columns are dark and weathered, with some decorative capitals. Through the opening of the colonnade, a town with red-tiled roofs and a church with a green spire is visible. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains under a cloudy sky.

## Study plan

### First year

Students spend the first year at the School of International Studies, in Trento, where they attend a number of foundational yet advanced courses. They also acquire language skills as well as soft and transversal skills through both curricular and extra-curricular activities.

### Second year

The second year is based at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, in Pisa, where a number of specialised, seminar-like courses take place, along with vocational activities, also in cooperation with our institutional and international partners and networks (of both SIS and SSSA). The second semester of the second year is entirely dedicated to international mobility experiences (for example, thesis research abroad) or internships and traineeships.

## Extra-curricular activities

The School of International Studies regularly invites international guests and organises several initiatives such as winter and summer schools, vocational guidance, meetings with former graduates, career fairs.

Every year, we organize the so-called Applied Workshops on Global Affairs, that aim to complement MISS courses with practical experiences of innovative learning (simulations, debates, role play, moot courts, challenge-based learning, policy incubators, case-based seminars on current political issues). Furthermore, the second semester of the second year is entirely dedicated to international mobility experiences (for example, thesis research abroad) or interships and traineeships.



## Career opportunities

Since the establishment of the MISS program in 2016, we have trained dozens of students for highly qualified careers in international organizations, governmental agencies, in diplomatic and institutional settings, the non-governmental and humanitarian sectors, as analysts, consultants, security practitioners and professionals, as well as for academic careers.









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