INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN POLITICS AND POLICY ANALYSIS

CORE AREA OF STUDY

Knowledge and Understanding

Graduates will acquire advanced knowledge related to:	
− the essence and key concepts of politics and international relations, fundamental political theories and phenomena also in a comparative perspective	− Topics in Comparative Politics − International Relations and Politics
− legal and institutional aspects of negotiation and implementation of international agreements	− Law and Policy-Making
− the role of population dynamics and demographic changes (gender, aging, fertility, migration, mortality, …) on political behavior and on policy making process	− Population Dynamics and Policies
− quantitative methods for theoretical (game theory) and empirical (statistics and econometrics) analysis regarding politics and public policy	− Decisions and Organizations − Methods and Tools for Policy Analysis
− the functioning of the public sector and its interaction with political systems, namely public intervention in the economy, the role of political variables in public sector outcomes and the organization of public administration	− Welfare and Public Economics − Economics and Politics − Public Administration

Applying Knowledge and Understanding

Graduates will be able to:	
− Describe and explain political issues and the functioning of political systems; understand and apply the key concepts, theories and methods used in the study of political science to analyze and deal with political systems, institutions and international relations' issues.	− Topics in Comparative Politics − International Relations and Politics
− Understand the main legal aspects of international agreements and apply them to the negotiation process	− Law and Policy-making
− Apply a variety of conceptual and theoretical frameworks to the critical analysis and evaluation of how population changes affect political dynamics and public policy decisions	− Population Dynamics and Policies
− Understand and formalize social interactions and collective decision-making; gather, organize, analyze data from a variety of sources, formulate solutions to problems and estimate the impact of politics and policies on economic outcomes.	− Decisions and Organizations − Methods and Tools for Policy Analysis
− Understand the reasons why Governments intervene in the economy and evaluate their efficacy, identify the role of political constraints in policy design and reforms; deal with issues and challenges of public administration; manage the complex process of interaction between politicians and stakeholders to support the policy-making activity.	− Welfare and Public economics − Economics and Politics − Public Administration

CUSTOMIZED AND LINGUISTIC AREA OF STUDY

Knowledge and Understanding

Regarding the "personalized" part of the study plan, graduates will acquire wide-ranging and in-depth knowledge related to specific topics of their choice, identified on the basis of individual interests and in line with the educational program.

Regarding languages, graduates will strengthen their knowledge in English (which is an entry requirement) in order to achieve, at least, a B2 business level; moreover they will acquire knowledge of a second EU language (Italian: at least level A2; other EU language among those listed in the University Guide: at least level B1 business. Italian is compulsory for non-Italian native speakers).

Applying Knowledge and Understanding

Graduates will be able to apply the methodologies acquired during the study program and use related practical tools; over time, they will be able to analyze and interpret the context of reference for issues related to the subjects of the study program and apply the logical methods acquired for tackling any new problems that may arise during their professional activity.

Regarding languages, graduates will demonstrate abilities in English (written and oral comprehension and expression (at least post intermediate - business level) and abilities in another EU language (at least elementary level; the exit level depends on the language – Italian or other EU language – and on the student's entry level).

Making Judgements	Graduates will acquire the ability to collect and interpret data and information in order to elaborate autonomous decisions. They will be able to understand the complex political national and international systems and public policies in different economic, social and political contexts. Graduates will know how to address the real problems of public institutions (national and international) and identify alternative solutions using their capacity of making judgments.
Communication	Graduates will acquire skills and tools appropriate for the management and transfer of information, both to specialists and non-specialists of the topic. In particular, they will be able to express themselves clearly and effectively in any setting. They will be able to make a presentation in public using the most modern IT tools.
Lifelong Learning Skills	Graduates will acquire learning skills that allow them to be autonomous in updating and developing their knowledge and competences related to political analysis. They will have knowledge and tools to analyze autonomously the evolution of social, economic and political phenomena in a context of rapid changes and globalization. They will be able to autonomously understand how to develop their own profession (lifelong learning) and be part of the international context.