

PhD in Social and Political Science
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CYCLE XXXX - COHORT 2025-2026

Please note that the study program might be subject to minor changes.

Lessons start in early September.

Attendance is mandatory. The program cannot be attended by distance learning.

First year - a.y. 2025-26

1 preparatory course + 13 compulsory courses +

Research Ethics course (self-managed online course)

SEM.	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1	HISTORY OF INSTITUTIONS: CIVIC, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL	24	Alfani
1	STATISTICS	24	Bonetti
1	SOCIOLOGY	36	TBD
1	POLITICAL SCIENCES	36	Invernizzi
1	DATA ANALYSIS	24	Aassve
2	COMPUTATIONAL METHODS - PREPARATORY COURSE	12	Aassve
2	COMPUTATIONAL METHODS FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE	36	TBD
2	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	24	Compagni
2	THE POLICY PROCESS	24	Giupponi
2	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND SOCIETY	24	Kentikelenis
2	MOBILITY, SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND INEQUALITY	24	TBD
2	METHODS FOR POLICY EVALUATION	24	TBD
2	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	24	Mele
2	DOING RESEARCH	24	Kentikelenis
1-2	PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH ETHICS	2	ONLINE - SELF MANAGED

Requirements to pass to the next year

- Exam for each compulsory course;

- [Research project or reading period during the summer.](#)

Second year - a.y. 2026-27

9 courses:

- 6 compulsory courses;

- 3 electives.

Compulsory courses

SEM.	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1	POLITICS AND ECONOMICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	24	Altomonte
1	DEMOGRAPHY	24	Mencarini
1	REPRESENTATION AND DEMOCRACY	24	Martin
1	GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT	24	Kentikelenis
2	EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH	24	Bonetti
2	INEQUALITY, GENDER AND ETHNICITY	24	Profeta

3 electives out of the following:

SEM.	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
2	HISTORY OF PANDEMICS, CRISIS, AND POLICY	24	Fochesato
2	POPULATION DYNAMICS	24	Aassve
2	GOVERNANCE, CORRUPTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY	24	Cucciniello
2	POPULISM AND CRISIS	24	Cremaschi
2	THE POLITICS OF CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE	24	Alrababah
2	HEALTH AND SOCIETY	24	Torbica

Requirements to pass to the next year

- Exam for each course;

- [Research paper.](#)

Third and Fourth year - a.y. 2027-28 and 2028-29

- [Study/research period at other universities + TA/RA activities \(optional\);](#)

- seminars;

- completion of the thesis prospectus (3rd year - Nov);

- oral defence of thesis prospectus (3rd year Dec);

- thesis submission to external reviewers (end of 4th year);

-thesis dissertation.