

Italy's oldest School of Political Science, "**Cesare Alfieri**" has a long-standing tradition in providing tertiary education and training for the country's leadership, particularly its diplomatic service. By focussing on current global challenges and future prospects, the Master's programme in **International Relations and European Studies** provides a perfect bridge between past and future.

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A black and white photograph of a statue of Cesare Alfieri, a young man with a thoughtful expression, resting his chin on his hand.

Master's Degree in International Relations and European Studies

The Master in International Relations and European Studies (RISE) is a two-year interdisciplinary programme fully taught in English. The aim of the programme is to create a multicultural environment that will attract students from different countries. Furthermore, RISE is enriched by a variety of courses financed by the European Commission within the Jean Monnet Programme. Students can also take advantage of the European Documentation Centre located in the Main Library.

The programme consists of a common first year intended to provide a legal, economic, historical and political science background for advanced studies in international and European affairs. In the second year students may choose an **International Relations** or a **European Studies** track.

International Relations Track

This track provides students with in-depth knowledge of:

- international organizations;
- international economic, financial and trade issues;
- international law and human rights protection;
- education and healthcare across the world; the influence of religion on international relations;
- the historical development and current profile of the main geo-political areas in the world.

European Studies Track

The European Studies track provides students with in-depth knowledge of the structure and functioning of the European Union, including the formation and content of EU policies, the impact of the EU on national contexts, and its role in the international arena.

Mixed-Language Option

Students can opt for a mixed language track in which some of the courses are offered in Italian.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students must possess a three-year university degree or diploma in Social Sciences and must have passed **at least 3 exams** in the fields of **law** and/or **economics**. The Admissions Committee will evaluate students' applications on the basis of past personal and academic accomplishments and may require further exams be passed by the student prior to admittance. For further details, please check our web page: www.rise.unifi.it/p435.html

INTERNSHIPS

Degree requirements include at least 150 hours of internship. RISE has over a hundred agreements with public organizations, interest associations, NGOs, private enterprises and research centres in Italy and abroad. The European Studies track offers three-months internship opportunities in Brussels, in particular under the Erasmus+ Traineeship Programme.

AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

RISE offers a number of opportunities to study abroad. The School has over 160 agreements with European Universities in the context of the Erasmus+ program, and various other agreements with Universities outside the EU (i.e. in China, Japan, India, Vietnam etc...). In Addition, the Master has three double degree programs that allow students to spend their second year in one of the partner Universities (Moscow, Shanghai or Gdansk).

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The University of Florence is recognized by the EU Commission as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. This allows RISE to offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities, such as the RISE Guest Seminars. In addition, RISE promotes a simulation of the EU Council in collaboration with the James Madison University.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The International Relations track prepares students for careers in:

- ➔ National diplomacy and foreign offices
- ➔ International organizations
- ➔ International consultancies and think-tanks
- ➔ Enterprises working at the international level
- ➔ IR research centres
- ➔ International NGOs

The European Studies track prepares students for careers in:

- ➔ Departments dealing with EU policies in national and sub-national levels of government.
- ➔ EU institutions/administration and specialized agencies
- ➔ National and Multinational enterprises operating in areas connected to EU policies
- ➔ Interest Associations
- ➔ EU consultancies and lobbying agencies

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1st year

Competition and Regulation in the EU (9 ECTS)

EU Politics and Policies in the Contemporary World (9 ECTS)

Origins and Development of the European Union (9 ECTS)

Energy, Environment and European Security (9 ECTS)

European and International Relations: linguistic Analysis (9 ECTS)

Choose between

World History (6 ECTS)

Challenges in a Global Economy (6 ECTS)

Choose between

Current Challenges to International Law (9 ECTS)

European Union Law (9 ECTS)

2nd year

International Relations

International Human Rights Law (6 ECTS)

Choose between

History and Politics of Contemporary Africa (6 ECTS)

History of the Republic of China (6 ECTS)

Choose between

Geopolitics (6 ECTS)

Religions and International Relations (6 ECTS)

Choose between

Health and Education Economics (6 ECTS)

Energy Poverty and international policies (6 ECTS)

Two optional courses (12 ECTS)

Internship (6 ECTS)

Dissertation (18 ECTS)

2nd year

European Studies

Politics of European Integration (6 ECTS)

Structural Funds (6 ECTS)

Choose between

Society and Social Change in Europe (6 ECTS)

Demography in Global Politics (6 ECTS)

Choose between

ICT Policies and Cybersecurity Intelligence and National Security (6 ECTS)

Politics of Central-Eastern Europe (6 ECTS)

Theories and Practice of Lobbying (6 ECTS)

Two optional courses (12 ECTS)

Internship (6 ECTS)

Dissertation (18 ECTS)