PhD in SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

CYCLE 42nd - COHORT 2026-2027

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

Lessons start in early September.

The program requires full-time commitment with compulsory attendance.

First year - a.y. 2026-27

- 1 preparatory course + 13 compulsory courses
- + Research Ethics course (self-managed online course)

SEM.	CODE	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1	40295	HISTORY OF INSTITUTIONS: CIVIC, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL	24	ALFANI
1	40991	STATISTICS	24	BONETTI
1	40294	SOCIOLOGY	36	TBC
1	40291	POLITICAL SCIENCE	36	INVERNIZZI
1	40992	DATA ANALYSIS	24	CASTRO DE BRITTO DIOGO
2	41055	COMPUTATIONAL METHODS - PREPARATORY COURSE	12	MOSCATO
2	40996	COMPUTATIONAL METHODS FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE	36	HOVY
2	40061	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	24	COMPAGNI
2	40993	THE POLICY PROCESS	24	GIUPPONI
2	40994	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND SOCIETY	24	KENTIKELENIS
2	40959	MOBILITY, SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND INEQUALITY	24	TBC
2	40995	METHODS FOR POLICY EVALUATION	24	CASTRO DE BRITTO DIOGO
2	40293	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	24	MELE
2	41027	DOING RESEARCH	24	KENTIKELENIS
1-2	41065	PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH ETHICS	2	

Requirements to pass to the next year

- Exam for each compulsory course;
- Research project or reading period during the summer.

Second year - a.y. 2027-28

9 courses:

- 6 compulsory courses
- 3 electives
- + Open Science For Researchers Workshop (Elective offered by Bocconi Library)

Compulsory courses

SEM.	CODE	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR
1	41032	POLITICS AND ECONOMICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	24	ALTOMONTE
1	41023	DEMOGRAPHY	24	MENCARINI
1	41026	REPRESENTATION AND DEMOCRACY	24	MARTIN
1	41025	GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT	24	STUCKLER
2	41024	EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH	24	BONETTI
2	41031	INEQUALITY, GENDER AND POLICY	24	PROFETA

3 electives out of the following:

SEM.	CODE	TITLE	HOURS	COURSE DIRECTOR	
1	41072	POLITICAL ORDER(S), STATES AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS:	24	COLLI	
		HISTORY AND GEOPOLITICS			
2	41033	POPULATION DYNAMICS	24	AASSVE	
2	41028	GOVERNANCE, CORRUPTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY	24	CUCCINIELLO	
2	41080	POLITICS OF MIGRATION	24	ALRABABAH	
2	41029	HEALTH AND SOCIETY	24	TORBICA	

Requirements to pass to the next year

- Exam for each course;
- Research paper.

Third and Fourth year - a.y. 2028-29 and 2029-30

- Study/research period at other universities
- Teaching/Teaching Assistantship/Research Assistantship activities (optional);
- seminars;
- completion of the thesis prospectus and oral defence (3rd year);
- thesis submission to external reviewers (end of 4th year);
- thesis dissertation.