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Two-year Master's Degree in European and International Studies
MEIS
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Why the MEIS

We live in a fast moving, interconnected world where globalisation, regionalisation, transnationalism, supranationalism, intergovernmentalism, multi-level governance and complex political and social actors are engaged in different political, economic and social affairs, not least the EU, are intertwining and interacting in new and frequently conflicting ways. From the Eurocrisis to the immigration crisis, from the Brexit to cybercrime, from AI to IS, from tumbling oil prices to the Paris Agreement, challenging and seemingly insurmountable challenges are rapidly evolving and increasingly complex international system is a challenge in itself. The Master’s in European and International Studies (MEIS) equips our graduates with theoretical approaches and multidisciplinary perspectives and tools with which to understand, analyse and evaluate the events, phenomena and transformations in Europe and beyond, and to understand the EU’s role in international governance.

About the Degree

The Master’s Degree in European and International Studies (MEIS) is offered by the Postgraduate School of International Studies (SIS) at the University of Trento. The foundation pillars of the programme are economics, history, law, political science and sociology. However, the hallmark of the MEIS is its multi- and interdisciplinary approach, which pushes students to venture beyond the confines of individual academic disciplines. The multidisciplinary organization of the study programme enables students to develop a broader and deeper understanding of the transformations in systems of European and international governance. Indeed, the course aims to equip students with the knowledge and tools and to develop those skills and competences necessary to analyse the economic, legal, political and social actors and systems impacting on and driving these transformations. All courses are taught in English.

The Degree in Detail

First Year

Foundation Courses in the core disciplines: Principles of International Economics, Elements of International and European Union Law, European and International Politics, Contemporary History, Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences, English Language and elective workshops in German, Spanish or French.

To enrol on the MEIS, students need to satisfy the following requirements:

- a first-level (bachelor’s) degree, (180 credits), including at least 60 course credits from at least two of the following discipline areas: Economics, History, Philosophy, Law, Political Science, Sociology or Foreign Languages;
- proven (by means of an international certificate) knowledge of the English language at B2+ (upper intermediate) level;
- basic knowledge of a second foreign language from among those offered at the University of Trento.

The number of students admitted is capped at 50 each year. Recently, the School has received over a hundred applications from all over the world, with an average 45 students enrolling after selection.


Future prospects: an international career

The Master’s Degree in European and International Studies prepares students for careers both in the public and private sectors. MEIS Graduates will have the necessary skills and competences:

- to hold positions of responsibility within national and international institutions engaged in European and international affairs and private enterprises operating in international markets;
- to work for governmental and non-governmental organisations engaged in areas such as human rights, peace promotion, institution-building, project management, etc.;
- to contribute to research and dissemination activities in think tank and research institutes;
- to prepare for entry into the diplomatic service.

For those intending to continue their studies, the MEIS provides a sound academic grounding for admission to PhD programmes in International Studies or in European Studies at our partner universities and research institutes (SIS); to professional programmes (e.g. in financial analysis, energy law, environmental protection, institution-building, project management, etc.). MEIS graduates have gone on to rewarding careers as young diplomats, policy advisors, consultants, project coordinators, researchers and the like, working in international institutions, NGOs, think tanks, as well as multinationals, or have been admitted to prestigious PhD and Advanced Master’s programmes in Europe and North America. Indeed, recent statistics show that around 80% of MEIS graduates have the cutting edge in terms of both employability and continued academic success, with over 90% of our fully embarked on an international career just 3 years after graduation.

Thanks to the MEIS’ dual focus on theoretical perspectives and tools and solid multidisciplinary knowledge and on critical/strategic thinking skills and key employability competences. MEIS graduates have the cutting edge in meeting the needs of tomorrow’s globalised workplace.