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## **Double Degree Program UNIPI-MGIMO**

### ***“European-Eurasian Geopolitical Dynamics”***

**Class: LM-52**

**Department: Political Sciences**

**Access: through annual call for applications**

**Language: English**

**Typology: Double Degree (Master’s degree recognised both in Italy and in the Russian Federation)**

#### **The course**

The program has been designed in the framework of a double title by the University of Pisa and the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). In particular, participating students are offered the opportunity to study in depth the phenomenon of the so-called “Eurasian integration” and the relationship between it and the experience of the European Union from different points of view (historical, political, legal and economic).

The students will have the opportunity to experience at first hand not only the scientific dimension of the subjects of the course, but also the cultural atmosphere and certain decision-making and operational dynamics of the Italian Republic, the European Union (EU), the Russian Federation and the Eurasian Union (EAES).

The present course of studies has a dual purpose: on the one hand, to guarantee specific training with regards to one of the key regions of international geopolitical dynamics, Eurasia. On the other hand, to foster the dissemination of knowledge - and, therefore, understanding and interest - about the Italian and European system among students from Russia and other Eurasian countries. Starting from solid linguistic, historical-political, juridical and political-economic foundations, this curriculum will develop the knowledge and the ability to analyse and forecast the political, social and economic events of the Russian Federation and the post-Soviet world, both internally and in regional and international dynamics. As for the complex of relations with regional organizations, specific attention is reserved to the relations between the Eurasian world and the European Union.

#### **Contents**

The curriculum allows to acquire in-depth knowledge:

- I. Of the historical-political processes that have led to the formation of the European, Russian and Eurasian identity.
- II. The origins and evolution of the pathways of European and Eurasian integration.
- III. The legal mechanisms for the articulation and functioning of the EU and EAES and their external relations.



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- IV. Issues related to migratory phenomena and the solutions envisaged both in the European and Eurasian context.
- V. International economic issues related to globalisation, from poverty to international trade and multinational companies.
- VI. Security policies in relation to actual threats such as terrorism, drug trafficking and illegal immigration.

In addition, students are offered advanced Russian, English and Spanish language courses.

### Professional skills and opportunities

With reference to the particular skills acquired within this curriculum, they aim to prepare highly specialised profiles to work in various functions and structures in the Eurasian context. In addition to the diplomatic career and in other Italian or European Union public bodies at the Russian Federation or other Eurasian countries, the training of graduates of this programme responds to the needs expressed by the economic world to have qualified personnel to develop the activity and then carry out representation and management tasks in the Eurasian region. At the same time, thanks to the internship opportunities provided during the year in Moscow, graduates will also be able to seriously consider a professional career on behalf of companies and other Russian public or private entities interested in operating in European markets.

### Organization

The programme runs over two years.

- **For students of the University of Pisa:** the programme is aimed at first-year students enrolled in the LM-52 Master's Degree in International Studies. **Interested students must participate in the call for applications which is published in February.** The winners, under the condition of having completed all the first year's exams (**60 ECTS**) by July, will leave for Moscow where they will take part in the **second year**. The programme includes the following examinations:

### First year (in Pisa): 60 ECTS

1. Geopolitica e geografia della regione mediterranea (6 ECTS)
2. Economia dello Sviluppo (6 ECTS)
3. Storia delle relazioni transatlantiche (6 ECTS)
4. UDF Diritto Internazionale e dell'Unione Europea (12 ECTS)
5. Storia del pensiero politico contemporaneo (6 ECTS)
6. GR1 Lingue Europee a scelta fra francese, inglese, tedesco, spagnolo II (6 ECTS)
7. GR2 un esame a scelta tra Economia dell'Ambiente, Storia e politiche dell'Unione europea; Diritto dell'ambiente e dell'energia; Storia economica: istituzioni finanziarie internazionali (6 ECTS)
8. Attività a libera scelta dello studente (12 ECTS)



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**Second year (in Moscow): 60 ECTS**

1. Applied political analytics (3 ECTS), SPS/06
2. Foreign language (5 ECTS),
3. Politics and security in post-soviet countries (2 ECTS), SPS/06
4. Critical Geopolitics (2 ECTS), SPS/06
5. Globalization and its challenges (3 ECTS), SPS/04
6. Politics in Eurasian states (2 ECTS), IUS/21
7. Politics in Russia (2 ECTS), IUS/21
8. The EU, the Council of Europe and Russia (2 ECTS), IUS/21
9. Methodology of Political Research (3 ECTS), SPS/04
10. Research for the thesis (17 ECTS)
Internship (19 ECTS)

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students will then do an internship by one of the entities affiliated with MGIMO, including federal ministries and the Moscow Administration, important public and private companies, foundations and scientific institutions. During this period students will write their thesis, which will then be discussed upon their return to Pisa with the assistance of a MGIMO supervisor and a supervisor from the Department of Political Science of the University of Pisa.

**The students who won't pass the selection process will regularly take part in the second year in Pisa following the curriculum "Geopolitics of European interests in the era of globalisation".**

**N.B. ONLY STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE SECOND YEAR AT THE MGIMO WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE DOUBLE QUALIFICATION.**

- **For MGIMO students:** the students selected by MGIMO will spend the **first year** at the University of Pisa, where they will carry out the following program:

1. History of Transatlantic Relations (6 ECTS)
2. Storia dell'Italia nel sistema internazionale (in Italian for Russian students who have a B2 level in Italian language) OR Comparative Migration and Immigration Policy (6 ECTS)
3. International and European Migration Law (6 ECTS)
4. Development Economics (6 ECTS)
5. International Political Economy (6 ECTS)
6. English Language (6 ECTS)
7. Advanced International Relations: methods and concepts (6 ECTS)
8. The EU and its international relations (3 ECTS)
9. Europe-Russia Relations (3 ECTS)
10. Spanish language (6 ECTS)
Traineeship (150 hours – 6 ECTS)



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In the second year they will be back to Moscow, where they will complete their academic career.

### **Practice information for students of the University of Pisa**

No additional fee is required at the host university.

Students will pay their own expenses at the host university, including visa, travel, insurance, food and university textbook.

MGIMO will provide Italian students with **free accommodation in the student residence**.