



SELECTION CALL FOR A DOUBLE DEGREE MOBILITY DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

The University of Milan (UNIMI) has established an agreement with [Université Catholique de Louvain](#) (UCL) and [Université de Namur](#) (UNamur) for the activation of a Double Degree program of “Laurea magistrale in Economics and Political Science” and “Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité approfondie” or “Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité spécialisée”. The Double Degree program is entirely taught in English.

On the basis of the agreement, n° **4** places are available to study abroad at partner universities.

Study program provisions

The study period abroad will last one academic year, and will take place during the second year of Master Degree. It will be recognized as part of the academic program.

The study abroad period will be agreed and formalized through a Learning Agreement signed between the academic coordinators of both Universities (Home and Host Institution) and the student, prior to departure. A draft of L.A. will be provided.

UNIMI students taking part in the Double Degree program will simultaneously be recognized as UCL/UNamur students registered in either the “Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité approfondie” or the “Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité spécialisée”, according to the study plan they choose to follow during their second year at UCL/UNamur (see below, Annex 1, points a. and b).

The participants will also write their Master’s dissertation under the co-direction of supervisors of partner universities and UNIMI.

Admission requirements

Applicants must be regularly enrolled, in the current academic year, as first-year students in the EPS Master’s program.

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying:

- a. applicants must have gained at least half of the ECTS credits associated with the first term courses (12) and the other learning activities regarded as compulsory in the study plan for the curriculum of the EPS program in which the applicants are registered;
- b. the applicants’ weighted cumulative grade point average, relative to the same courses and other learning activities as in point a. above, must be no less than 25/30;



- c. applicants must prove their English proficiency (level B2 or higher). English language skills will at any rate be further tested during the interview.

Mobility requirements

Selected students must be regularly enrolled in their second year of the above-mentioned study program for the a.y. 2024-2025. Students more than one year behind their study program (fuori corso) cannot participate to the mobility.

The status of student, guaranteed by the regular payment of UNIMI fees, must be maintained for the entire duration of the study period abroad.

A selected candidate will be authorized to spend her/his second year at the host University only if, she/he has gained at least 48 ECTS credits associated with the courses and the other learning activities regarded as compulsory in the first-year study plan of the EPS program.

Attention: should it not be allowed to reach the destination country, upon the consent of the Partner University, the exchange program will be held on a virtual basis.

Application procedure

Applicants must submit their application through the platform [elixForms](#).

Documents required are the following:

1. copy of a valid identity document, possibly a passport if already in the possession of the candidate (pdf/jpeg);
2. curriculum vitae (pdf/jpeg);
3. transcript of undergraduate/graduate academic career, including the *matricula* number, the grades obtained in all the exams taken up until the date of the application submission and the final grade for the graduation (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page- pdf/jpeg). Students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must fill up the form [Dichiarazione sostitutiva di iscrizione, conseguimento titolo, esami \(box 2\)](#) or, if available, the certification issued by the University where they graduated, with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records;
4. statement of purpose in English, a letter explaining the personal motivations for the mobility and where the student will specify the “Study plan” chosen (see Annex 1, point a. and b. - pdf/jpeg);
5. English proficiency certificate if any (pdf/jpeg);
6. any other document or qualification deemed relevant to the competition.



Application deadline

All the documents required must be sent by **March, 19th, 2024** at **12 pm** (Italian local time), under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Selection procedures

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Giovanna D'Adda and constituted by Professors Claudia Meroni and Fabio Franchino.

The committee will interview the applicants on **March, 22th, 2024** at **10am** (Italian local time), via videoconference on the platform Microsoft Teams.

Participation in the interview is mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure.

After completing the interviews, the committee will rank the applicants according to their merit. For each applicant the overall score will be obtained by summing up the following partial scores:

1. curriculum vitae (up to 15/100);
2. academic career (up to 25/100);
3. statement of purpose (up to 10/100);
4. proficiency in English (up to 20/100)
5. interview (up to 30/100)

Only applicants achieving an overall score of at least 75/100 will qualify for the international Double Degree program.

Selection results

The final ranking will be published online on the UNIMI website [here](#) by **March, 29th, 2024**. No personal communication will be sent to the applicants.

The positions of winners of the ranking will be automatically confirmed as selected candidates. Any withdrawal must be sent within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this [link](#).

Ufficio Mobilità internazionale e per la Promozione internazionale (The Office) will contact any eligible student who will replace the renouncer in the ranking.

The Office will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host Universities for final approval.

All the information necessary for this purpose will be communicated by e-mail. It will be the responsibility of the selected student to carefully check the e-mail address communicated at the time of application: it is recommended to use an address clearly showing name and surname.



Insurance coverage

During their stay abroad, the selected students will be covered by UNIMI insurance for third party liability and accidents, exclusively during the performance of institutional activities at the Host university.

Mobility costs

For the attendance of the courses, the host University will waive tuition and fees. Travel and accommodation expenses, including any supplementary insurance, are borne by the student, except as indicated below.

Financial aspects

The University of Milan will award a grant according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreteria Studenti.

Here below the awarding criteria:

ISEE (€)	Monthly allowance (€)
less or equal to 13.000	500
from 13.000 to 21.000	450
from 21.000 to 26.000	400
from 26.000 to 30.000 and further	350

The amount of the grant corresponds to the actual period of mobility spent abroad. Should it last shorter than that established by the call will result in a partial refund of the grant itself.

Confidentiality

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 "RGPD" and Legislative Decree no.196/2003 and ss. mm. ii, with regard to the protection of personal data, the Institution undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the Participant: all data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to participation in the Program. Information on the implementation of legislation on the processing of personal data is available on the [University website](#) at: Home> University> Regulations> Privacy.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator: [Giovanna D'Adda](#). Students can also contact eps@unimi.it.



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For information on administrative issues related to the call and to all aspects relating to mobility, students are invited to contact the Office: international.education@unimi.it.

For information on administrative issues related to academic double-degree career, students are invited to contact International Students and Double Degree Programme Office, doubledegree@unimi.it.

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Annex 1: Study plan for students starting the program at UNIMI in 2023-2024

First year at Unimi	EPS
Second year at UCL/ UNamur	a. Professional focus (Finalité spécialisée)
	b. Research Master (Finalité approfondie)

a. Study plan double degree “Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité spécialisée” (Professional focus) and “Laurea Magistrale in Economics and Political Science”

1st year at Unimi		Credits
	Optimization	6
	Research methods	12
	Advanced microeconomics	6
	Advanced macroeconomics	6
	Positive political theory	9
	Game theory	6
	Comparative politics	9
	International economic law	6
TOTAL		60
2nd year at UCL/ UNamur		Credits
ECON2910	Mémoire	20
1 course out of the following	Evaluation des politiques économiques et sociales	5
	Empirical Finance	5
2 seminars		10
1 option among the following	International Economics	15
	Firm's strategies	15
	Economics of public intervention	15
	Development: poverty and institutions	15
1 macro course out of the following	Modélisation macroéconomique	5
	Globalization and Macroeconomic Policies	5
	Topics in growth: theory and applications	5
1 Elective among the following	Economics of competition Policy	5
	IO and competition Policy	5



	Globalisation, firms and trade	5	
	Regulation theory and practice	5	
TOTAL			60
Total number of credits			120

b. Study plan double degree “Master en sciences économiques orientation générale à finalité approfondie” (Research focus) and ”Laurea Magistrale in Economics and Political Science”

1st year at Unimi			Credits
	Optimization		6
	Research methods		12
	Advanced microeconomics		6
	Advanced macroeconomics		6
	Positive political theory		9
	Game theory		6
	Comparative politics		9
	International economic law		6
TOTAL			60
2nd year at UCL/UNamur			Credits
LECON2910	Mémoire		20
	Industrial organization		5
1 course out of the following			5
	Economics of competition Policy	5	
	Globalisation, firms and trade	5	
	Regulation theory and practice	5	
2 courses from the list advanced economic analysis I			10
LECON2121	Advanced Macroeconomics I: Intertemporal Behavior and Business Cycles		5
LECON2122	Advanced Macroeconomics II: Growth, Dynamics and Policy		5
LECON 2131	Advanced econometrics I		5
1 research seminar of the following			5
LECON 2653 / M653	Research Seminar I: Microeconomics	5	
LECON2161	Research Seminar II: Macroeconomics	5	
LECON2603	Research Seminar III: Econometrics	5	
TOTAL			60
Total number of credits			120

Validity of the study plan

The study plan described here is valid as long as no new legal measures or decisions at the University level are introduced. In case of such legal modifications, the responsible professors will communicate and modify the program accordingly.



Annex 2: Mark Conversion

% of successful students normally achieving the grade	Corresponding UCLouvain-UNamur grades (over 20)	Corresponding UNIMI grades (over 30)
10 %	18-20* 17	30 e lode 30
25%	16 16 15	29 28 27
30%	14 14 13 13	26 25 24 23
25%	12 12 12	22 21 20
10%	11 10	19 18
-	9 8 7	17 16 15
-	0-6	0-14

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- i) by default 30 e lode is converted to 18/20
- ii) students may get 19/20 by presenting a memo/email from the instructor stating that they belong to the upper 4% of the latest 5-year distribution of results for the course,
- iii) the maximum grade of 20/20 will be awarded only if they have achieved at the top 2% of the same distribution.

Awarding of mention and voto di laurea

UCLouvain/UNamur mention	Unimi voto di laurea
Plus Grande Distinction	110 cum laude (& average $\geq 29/30$)
Grande Distinction (& average $\geq 16/20$)	110 cum laude (& average $< 29/30$)
Grande Distinction (& average $> 16/20$)	110
Distinction	95 - 109
Satisfaction	66 - 94

For Unimi students, the joint degree will be conferred upon deliberation and proclamation at UCLouvain/UNamur, also on behalf of Unimi.

Still, Unimi students necessarily need to apply for graduation at both institutions, according to the respective deadlines and procedures by the Double Degree Office, as they will receive a diploma from each University.