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SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCES

SECOND CYCLE DEGREE/TWO YEAR MASTER

INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
INTERCULTURAL HERITAGE
(I-CONTACT)

OUR CONCEPT

INTRODUCTION

The programme offers a solid interdisciplinary and problem-oriented training to graduate students with diverse backgrounds who plan to work in the field of international cooperation and development.

It aims at broadening students' conceptual and analytical abilities, equipping them with both academic and professional skills. The practical objective is to enable students to manage global development projects in complex, multi-dimensional and intercultural environments. Close attention is paid to historical and geopolitical dynamics between European Union and Central, Eastern European and East Asian countries, as well as in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The course focuses on the evolving economic, political, social and cultural issues related to international cooperation and development as well as on professional skills and methodological tools that are needed to critically address and tackle them.



WHY HUMAN RIGHTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE TOGETHER?



SOCIAL MEMORY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights, in this perspective, are strictly related to the empowerment of cultural development and critical thinking, as the background of the 'specialist in the Human Rights Based Approach', oriented to the protection of the rights of the persons excluded and marginalized. In the same vein, cultural heritage is not limited here to monuments, art works, above all as far as indigenous, traditional knowledge is concerned. The recent inclusion of 'world's natural and cultural heritage' in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030) has finally recognised it as a global issue. For this reason, the programme adopted the wording 'intercultural heritage'.

In order to emphasize the most open-minded and future-oriented way to intend the sense and role of cultures today: not as islands to be safeguarded but as doors and bridges to let ideas pass and being shared.



The programme relies on the collaboration of: World Bank, the Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (European Commission), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Geneva, UNESCO International Traditional Knowledge Institute Florence.

The highly qualified level of training is completed by the study of a foreign language, and one or two internship periods. The programme offers classes on, for example, Politics and Development in the Global World; Political Economics of Mediterranean Countries; Geography of the Euro-Mediterranean Region; Cultural Anthropology and Migration Processes; Citizenship and Development in Africa; Justice, Multiculturalism and Human Rights; History of Eastern Europe, Nation Building and Protection of Minorities; and so on.



We strongly urge our students to do an internship some time during the programme. As you may well understand, internships give students the opportunity to acquire academic credits (ECTS-CFU) while gaining valuable work experience, establishing important contacts in a field of interest, exploring potential career paths, and acquiring professional work habits and skills. This is the reason why the University of Bologna has been since a long time agreements on exchanges with universities in Europe and other countries. English is the prevalent language of instruction. At the end of the course, career outlooks are accessible in national and international organisations. NGOs, companies working on development problems or in developing countries, both in private and public sectors, local government offices and other institutions. Employment opportunities are based on the foregoing background of our students and include positions such as aid program manager, development consultant, researcher and advisor.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The second cycle degree International Cooperation On human rights And interCultural heriTage (I-CONTACT) is an open access degree; therefore, there are no limitations with respect to the number of admitted students, except for non-EU citizens.

All candidates will be assessed equally in relation to the academic requirements specified in the Call for Applications.

All applicants will be considered on their merits. The minimum entry requirements are:

- possession of a first cycle degree/bachelor's degree;
- possession of 12 ECTS in programme subject areas;
- proficiency in English language;
- adequate academic and personal skills.

PLEASE, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MAKE REFERENCE TO THE PROGRAMME'S WEBSITE:

[I-CONTACT \(International Cooperation On human rights And interCultural heriTage\)](#)

THE PROGRAMME WILL RUN ONLY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE ESTABLISHED MINISTERIAL PROCEDURE





Environment and Security in the Mediterranean: Water

- Desert
- Irrigated areas
- Aquifers
- Oasis
- Pump aqueduct or canal
- Planned aqueduct or canal
- Pump station
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- Desalination capacity of country in 2007 (m³/day) (planned extension of capacity 2015 in percent)
- Mediterranean basin boundary

Sources: Plan Bleu, Global Water Intelligence, Great Man Made River Authority, Philippe Rekacewicz

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Source: GRID-Arendal, 2012

