

Scienze Politiche Political Science

ECTS Information Package

International Prospectus

Cultural area and aims

Politics is the science that deals with the 'Polis'. In its widest sense it deals in rules and dynamics that our associated living, in communities that have variable dimensions, from the town to Europe, from micro-groups to the global village of the information network.

Historical, social, political, economic and judicial themes all play an important role. The Faculty aims to present each of these areas in its own specificity yet at the same time to present their mutual relationships.

The graduate in Political Sciences is above all a person who is able to think in complex terms. (S)he is able to apply different methods of analysis according to the problems and variables that may emerge.

Degree Course First level, 3 years in

- Public Relations and Communications
- Politics and International Relations
- Administrative Science
- Administrative Science and Public Security
- Government and Administrative Science (seat in Modica – Ragusa)
- Social Administration (restricted selection)
- Sociology
- History and Political Science

Degree Course Specialisation Second level, 2 years in

- Management and Programming in the Politics of Social Administration

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Three-year Degree Course in Public Relations and Communications

Educational objectives and professional development

The Degree course in Public Relations and Communications, in collaboration with the Faculty of the Science of Professional Training is based in Caltanissetta and has the duration of 3 years. It is directed towards the training of professional communicators.

Graduates will have basic competence and specific ability in the sectors of the means of communication, communicative activities and public relations in private companies and public administration, in the organisation of managerial and editorial activities inherent to the area of journalism, in the use of two foreign languages, in the understanding of social phenomenon and of the dynamics of the system of institutions and the judicial system.

The degree course is articulated into two curricula, the first in Public Relations and the second in Journalism. The curriculum in Journalism is distinguished in the third year by a restricted number of 20 students, selected between those who have been assigned the credits in the first two years.

Attendance is obligatory for students on the curriculum in Journalism.

Among the planned educational activities are seminars, training in structures with conventions with the University, language and information technology laboratories. Structures that provide excellence in the complete training of students.

Graduates will be able to carry out professional activities in public and private, national and international organisations in the role of public communicators, press officers, experts in management of editorial, multimedia and advertising companies.

Credits

First Year

Institutions of Public Law	6
General Psychology	3
General Sociology 1st Course	6
History of Public Institutions	6
Modern History	3

English 1st Course	6
Private Law	6
Political Economics	3
Contemporary History 1st Course	6
Economic and Political Geography	6
History of Economic Thought	3
History of Political Ideology 1st Course	6
Total	(60)

Second Year

English 2nd Course	4
French or	6
Spanish or	
German	
General Sociology 2nd Course	4
Sociology of Cultural and Communicative Processes	6
Penal Law	6
Political Philosophy	3
Social Psychology	3
Political Science 1st Course	5
Contemporary History 2nd Course	5
English Literature	3
Administrative Law 1st Course	5
Information Science	4
History of Political Ideology 2nd Course	3
History of Medieval and Modern Law	3
Total	(60)

Third Year

Political Science 2nd Course	3
General Sociology 3rd Course	1
Logic and Philosophy of Science	3
History of International Relations	3
Psychology of Work and Organisations	3
Social Statistics	6
Business Economics	4
Business Management	
History of Political Ideology 3rd Course	2
Administrative Law 2nd Course	3
Other courses included in the study plan	
Marketing	5
Theory and Techniques of Mass Communication	4
Techniques in Advertising Communication	5
Student Options	(9)
Theory of Public Communication	
Theory of Public Relations	3
Techniques of Public Relations	3
International Law	3
European Union Law	3
Final Exam: Dissertation 7 credits; Foreign Language 2 credits	9
Total	60

Three-year Degree Course in Politics and International Relations

Course objectives and professional development

The Degree course in Politics and International Relations was created to confront the necessity of giving students who decide to study political and social phenomena a balanced basic multidisciplinary preparation in the sectors designed at providing a complete understanding of the processes and problematics of the public and private areas in modern society at a national and international level whilst emphasising the growing interdependence between the two.

The objective of the course is to provide its graduates professional with competence to be able to operate in work environments in which an understanding of national, international and European decision making procedures and systems are imperative. The knowledge and understanding provided on the course will allow graduates to identify professional opportunities for work in varying public and private sectors in that the multidisciplinary approach of the course allows for an understanding and management capacity in dealing with the growing complexities of contemporary society and tools of analysis which would be difficult to acquire in a more rigid monodisciplinary field of study

The professional areas most specifically aimed at are : local and national public administration in positions that require ever increasing knowledge of events at a regional, national and European level, organisation and management of human resources and marketing in private companies, international governmental and non-governmental organisations, cultural and research institutes and the Institutions of the European Union.

The course also provides a general interdisciplinary preparation which is particularly useful in order to follow courses of study in numerous specialist degrees of a political and international character for those students who wish to continue their university studies at a second level.

	Credits
First Year	
Public Law	4
Political Economics 1st Course	4
Private Law	4
Political Science	7
Political Philosophy	7
Sociology	4
Contemporary History	6
History of Modern and Contemporay Political Thought	7
International Law	7
Economic and Political Geography	4
or	
Penal Law	4
French	6
or	
Spanish	6
or	
German	6

	Credits
Second Year	
English	5
Statistics	4
International Relations	4
Political Economy 2nd Course	4
Administrative Law	4
European Union Law	6
Comparative Public Law	6
Politics of the European Union	6

Sociology of Political Issues	6
Economic Sociology	4
or	
Urban Sociology	4
Student Options	5
Self Study	6

Third Year**Credits**

Political Economics	6
Comparative Poliiics	6
Politics of the global System	4
Sociolgy of International Politics	4
or	
Sociology of International Relations	4
History of International Relations	6
Economomics of Multitnational Companies	4
International Organisations	4
History of Political Institutions	4
or	
History of Africa	4
English	5
or	
French	5
or	
Spanish	5
Student Options	4
Self Study	4
Final Exam: foreign language	2
Final Exam: Dissertation	7

Three-year Degree Course in Administrative Science

Course objectives and professional development

The Degree course in Administrative Science aims at the preparation of graduates possessing a wide base of knowledge based on the teachings in statistics, sociology, history and psychology.

Such preparation is widened and completed by specific subjects necessary for the professional development of graduates in administrative roles in the areas of judicial competence.

By this is meant public administration (regional, provincial, town council, chamber of commerce, health authorities etc.) and private administration in the areas of the economic market and dealing with private law (banks, insurance, firms etc).

It must be underlined that the course of study is of importance for the collocation of graduates in the area of Public Safety which was popular with graduates from the previous Degree Course with specialisation in Politics and Administration.

Attention must be placed on the choice of subject areas, which aim at joining traditional themes with contemporary issues, for the training of professionals that are able to dialogue effectively in the modern world of work and in particular the structures that plan the management of personnel.

It is in the judicial sector above all that the student will acquire the ability to consult legal texts, sentences and decisions by national and supranational authorities and policy documents of a positive law nature and at a level of modifying existing legislation.

First Year

Course	Credits
Institutions of Public Law 1st C	6
Private Law	7
Modern History	4
Contemporary History	6
History of Political Doctrines	6
History of Public Administration	6
General Sociology	6
Statistics	3
Political Economy	6
History of Economic Thought	3
Social Psychology	3
Computer Science	4

Second Year

Course	Credits
Institutions of Public Law 2nd C	6
International Law	6
Comparative Public Law	6
Law of Administration 1st C	6
European Union Law	4
Penal Law 1st C	6
Economic Policy	6

Sociology of Political Phenomena	6
Foreign Language	6
(French, English, or German)	

Third Year

Course	Credits
Law of Administration 2nd C	6
Penal Law 2nd C	2
Labour Law	2
Sociology of Economic Processes and of Labour	3
Science of Finance	3
Political Philosophy	3
Social Psychology 2nd C	3
Psychology of Labour and of Organizations	4
Foreign Language	6
(English, French, German or Spanish)	
Elective Courses	9
Linguistic Ability with final test	10
Final Language test	7
Final Thesis	2

Administrative Science and Public Security

First Year

Course	Credits
Institutions of Public Law 1st C	6
Private Law	6
Constitutional Law	6
Contemporary History	6
History of Public Administration	6
General Sociology	6
Statistics	3
Political Economy	6
Social Statistics	3
General Psychology	4
Social Psychology 1st C	4
Computer Science	4

Second Year

Course	
Comparative Public Law	4
Law of Administration	4
International Law	6
European Union Law	6
Penal Law 1st C	6
Penal Trial Law 1st C	6

Economic Policy or Political Economy	3
Political Science	7
Sociology of Political Phenomena	6
Juridical Sociology of Deviancy and Social change	6
Foreign Language (English, French, German or Spanish)	6

Third Year

Course	Credits
Penal Trial Law 2nd C	3
Penal Law 2nd C	6
Sociology of Economic Processes and of Labour	3
Science of Finance	4
Social Psychology 2nd C	4
Psychology of Labour and Organizations	6
Foreign Language (English, French, Spanish, or German)	6
Free Elective Credits	9
Information Science, Linguistic and Professional Abilities	10
Final tests, Language Tests	7
Thesis	2

Three-year Degree in Government and Administrative Science (Seat in Modica, RG)

Objectives of formation and professional perspectives

Science of Government and Administration is multifaceted in formation content, condensing the essential knowledge of Juridical Science and Social Economics. The methods and cultural content matter of the graduates is geared to forming professionals who are well able to interpret changes and innovations in the organization of both private and public administrations. They are able to do so by starting from *political* profiles, from the study of central governing bodies and above all, by studying local and regional governing bodies, to follow up with administration and management: correctness of action, cost and benefit evaluation, results etc.

Graduates will be able to assist public institutions, private firms and institutions of the third sector in planning and implementing initiatives, and promoting community economic, social and civil development. This course of study is geared to young people who want to take part in public administration, agencies which manage public utility services or firms, corporations, or associations which offer public services or have to do with public administrations in some way.

Graduates will take on professional duties in public administrations (central and local), in firms, in private organizations and in the third sector. This involves all the job positions in state administration (central and suburban), the region, the province and the *comune*, as well as the respective companies and organizations dealing with the public. In addition, graduates can also find positions at the University, Health Organizations, Chamber of Commerce, independent administrations, private enterprises, private social agencies, Voluntary Service Organizations, and associations promoting social benefits with partnership activity.

First Year

Course	Credits
Contemporary History	9
Private Law	6
Public Law	6
Political Economy I	6
Social Psychology	6
English I	6
Law of Administration	4
General Sociology	4
Political Science	
Computer Science I	4
Optional (Law of Local Agencies, History of Republican Italy)	5

Second Year

Course	Credits
Law of Administration II	9
Science of Administration	6
Political Economy II	6
Political and Juridical Sociology	6
International Law of the European Union	6
Law of the Environment	6
English II	6
Science of Finance	5

History of Political Doctrines	5
Statistics	5

Third Year

Course	Credits
Economy and Organization of Institutions	7
Administration Justice	6
Law of Economy	6
French	6
Economic Sociology	4
Analysis of Public Policy	4
History of the Territory	4
Penal Law	3
Computer Science II	3
Optionals	4
Law of European Administration	
Labour Law	
Theory of Organization	
Apprenticeship	4
Final Test	9

Third-year Degree Course in Social Administration (planned number)

Formative aims and professional prospects

Lasting three years and with compulsory attendance of 70% of the classes, the course is directed towards acquiring the theoretical and practical abilities necessary for the profession of Social Worker. This course is characterised by a constant correlation with the world of employment which is composed of intense training periods under professional supervision both in public and private organisations which have an agreement with the University and in which the professional social services have been working for years with stabilised, shared methods and procedures.

As well as the general education subjects (law, history, languages, sociology, psychology) the course offers the knowledge of technical, methodological subjects specifically directed at the formulation of the essential operational tools of the profession and at the knowledge of the different organisational and institutional social realities, where the social services are carried out.

This degree gives admission to the Professional Order of Social Workers, section B (social workers), access to the specialised degree Course in Programming and management of the Politics of the Social Services (which gives membership of section A of the Register, specialist social workers), and also entry to the Master's degree in social Politics and Mediterranean culture.

The social worker is a professional figure who intervenes in contexts characterised by social relations subject to conditions of risk and uncertainty.

With well-established methods of intervention and specifically oriented theoretical knowledge, s/he identifies, supports and develops the possibilities for change that such contexts elaborate, supplying the individuals, families, and social groups involved with information, knowledge and instruments of guidance aimed at their autonomous growth.

S/he is a professional whose activity requires abilities directed towards reading and interpreting living conditions in which conditions of intolerable risk develop, and the demands for intervention that such conditions reveal. An ability to read and interpret aimed at taking responsibility for individuals or family groups, activating services and integrating them,

together with other resources from that context, so as to construct and consolidate a support network to accompany and sustain the promotion process of these people and render them autonomous.

Thus the social worker is a professional figure specialised in planning, running, verifying and evaluating activities which consist in these support processes for individuals, both in the public and the private sectors.

Syllabus

First Year

	Credits
Development Psychology	3
Private Law	5
Public Law	6
Sociology	6
Principles and Foundations	6
Methods and Techniques of the Social Services I	6
Hygiene	3
English	3
History of Philosophy	2
Contemporary History	3
Sociology of the Family	3
Psychiatry	3
Training	11
total	60

Second Year

	Credits
Methodology and Techniques of Social Research	6

Social Psychology	6
Methods and Techniques of the Social Services II	6
Sociology of Cultural Processes	3
Organisation of the Social Services I Course	3
Social Politics I	4
Criminal Law	3
Juvenile Law	3
Social Medicine	3
Industrial Law	2
Sociology of Deviance	3
Sociology of Medicine	3
English	3
Training	10
Total	60

Third Year	Credits
Psychopathology	3
Sociology of Law	4
Criminal Law	3
Methods and Techniques of the Social Services III	4
Organisation of the Social Services II Course	3
Social Politics II	4
Administrative Law	3

Social Statistics	7
English	3
Training	8
Student's option	9
Final thesis	9
Total	60

Third-year Degree Course in Sociology

Formative aims and professional prospects

Many subjects, many points of view, many theories, many methods and many techniques enable one to describe and analyse a society, its functioning, its organisations, its institutions, its culture, its economy, its means of communication.

Catania University's degree course in Sociological Science offers a wide range of prospects, which give the student the opportunity to form abilities and acquire analytical, interpretative and critical skills. In particular, the course has the distinction of offering knowledge relevant to all the current trends of sociological analysis, including revisional sociology and non-linear sociology. The choice of a degree in Sociological Science means acquiring real instruments to carry out actions of social intervention and develop communicative and cultural processes.

Thanks to its interdisciplinary nature and to the flexibility of the basic preparation, the Degree Course in Sociological Science forms a graduate able to seize the opportunities in a fluid and innovative world of employment, especially in the high-tech service industry and in the welfare system, and to develop professional and managerial skills suited to the needs which constantly arise on the job market.

A degree in Sociological Science leads to work in private companies, in public authorities, in the Civil Service, in scientific institutions, in non-governmental organisations, in the service industry.

Graduates will be able to perform as experts in methods and techniques of social research, in processes of interpersonal and mass communication, in problems connected to the development of the territory and of tourism, in the problems of labour organisation and the management of human resources, as well as working in defined roles in public and private administration, with autonomy and responsibility.

Specific professional prospects

- executive in Management of Public Politics;
- executive in Management Services of Human Resources;
- executive in Evaluation and Monitoring of Public Politics;
- executive in Management of Community Intervention Projects
- executive in Industrial Relations;
- executive in Organisation of Non-profit Enterprises;
- expert in Human Relations;
- consultant for Activities of Cultural, Tourist and Spare-time Promotion;
- executive in Employment Services.

First Year

Courses

Credits

General Sociology	9
Sociology of Communication	6
Economic Sociology	9
Institutions of Public Law	6
Contemporary History	9
Political Economy	6
Statistics	6
English	6
Student's option	3

Second Year

Courses

	Credits
History of Thought	6
Methodology	6
Sociology of the Media	3
Sociology of Labour	6
Sociology of the Environment and Territory	6
Private Law	6
History of Political Doctrine	3
Political Science	9
Languages	6
Student's option	4
Information Science and Technology	3
Training	2

Third Year

Courses

	Credits
General Sociology	6
Sociology of Culture	3
Sociology of Organisation	6
Sociology of Political Phenomena	6
Legal Sociology of Deviance and Social change	6
Economic-Political Geography	3

Social Psychology	6
Social Statistics	6
Student's option	2
Autonomous Language Learning	3
Training	3
Linguistic knowledge for final test	3
Final test	7

Three-year Degree Course in Historical and Political Science

Formative aims and professional prospects

The degree course in Historical and Political Science has the objective of forming graduates qualified with knowledge and skills particularly suited to interpreting the political reality of contemporary society, and to work, in its complex configurations, in different sectors of political and administrative management and of production. The instruments that this degree course is able to provide are based on the premise that technical knowledge that is not supported and accompanied by an adequate knowledge of historical processes loses its effectiveness and validity in a short time.

Graduates have to:

acquire a basic training aimed at investigation and historical interpretation of the political and social processes of the contemporary world.

learn the general ideas of the history of humanity, with particular reference to modern and contemporary history, the essential elements of the methodology of historical research, the analysis and use of documentary sources;

to be able to use efficiently, in both its written and oral forms, at least one modern language of the European Union, apart from Italian.

Graduates from this degree course will be capable of carrying out professional work both in the public and the private sector, in cultural, political and social services, in the revival of local activities, traditions and identity, and in every kind of cultural institution. They will also be capable of using modern computer communication technology.

More specifically, graduates from this degree course will find job opportunities with editorial and advertising companies, in the running of social and political activities, and in all those areas of work which require interpretative and critical abilities based specifically on historical knowledge.

First Year**Subject**

	Credits
Medieval History	4
Modern History	4
Contemporary History	6
Public Law	4
Political Economy	4
History of Philosophy	6
Cultural and Political Anthropology	4
History of Modern Political Thought	6
General Sociology	6
Political Science	6
English language	6
Student's choice	4

Second Year**Subject**

	Credits
Political and Economic Geography	4
Modern History	4
Contemporary History	6
Economic Politics	4
History of Contemporary Political Thought	6
African History and Institutions	4
History of Political Institutions	6
Political Philosophy	6
Economic and Work Sociology	4
Italian Literature	6
French or English language	6
Student's choice	4

Third Year

Subject

Credits

Private Law	4
History of Economic Thought	4
History of Islamic Countries	5
French or English language	6
Economic History	4
Sociology of Cultural and Communicative Processes	4
Social Psychology	3
History of Contemporary Literature	4
Italian Linguistics	4
History of Contemporary Art	4
Computer Technology	2
Student's choice	4
Final exam	12

Specialised two-year Degree Course in Planning and Management of Politics and Social Services

Educational aims and job possibilities

The course aims at the formation of graduates, specialised in the planning, programming and management of politics and social services, who are able to operate in institutions offering services to individuals, to families and to communities, with high levels of responsibility and autonomy, and allowing for eventual access to the highest level in the Register of social assistants.

The formation requires the acquisition of the following abilities:

Advanced knowledge of sociological disciplines, of the relative methods of application of the Social Service and the relative methods of application of social politics and the different systems of social politics, also from a comparative stance; of the organisation of services, and of the economic-statistical discipline; of the juridical and political science disciplines; of the anthropological, psychological, historical and philosophical disciplines;

high level capacity for the analysis and interpretation of social, cultural and philosophical phenomena, and command of the various methods of planning, setting up and carrying out social enquiries regarding individuals, organisations and territorial areas;

essential competence in the planning, the organisation and the management of intervention in services and in social politics in the areas of health, education, the family, immigration, social discrimination and exclusion, prevention of hardship and the support of equal opportunities and weaker subjects within the general area of welfare politics;

advanced knowledge of the methods and techniques regarding the monitoring and evaluation of the results and of the impact on society of single programmes of intervention;

the capacity to operate with a high level of autonomy and to carry out the functions of director of institutes, services, departments and highly complex areas of social politics,

and to direct group work and co-ordinate;
advanced competence in the use of instruments of communication and the management of information;

competence and ability to interact with the cultures and the immigrant populations in the prospect of intercultural and multiethnic social relationships;

knowledge of a European language other than Italian.

First Year

Subject

Credits

General Sociology	6
Organisation of Social Services	6
Sociology of Law	5
Social Statistics	6
Administrative Law	5
History of Political Doctrines	3
European Community Law	6
Cultural Anthropology	3
Theoretical Philosophy	6
Contemporary History	6
Apprenticeship Seminar	2
Student's choice	6

Second Year

Subject

Credits

Political Economics	6
Public Law Institutions	6
Sociology of Communication	3
Private Law	5

Judicature	3
Social Psychology	6
Clinical Psychology	3
Political Philosophy	6
African History and Institutions	6
Political Science	6
Apprenticeship seminar	3
Final exam	7

