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COURSES AND CLASSES

Calendar and timetable

The academic year in the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences is divided into three terms. Courses and other teaching activities are scheduled accordingly.

For the 2025-26 academic year, the [academic calendar](#) is organised as follows:

- First term: 15 September – 5 December
- Second term: 7 January – 17 March
- Third term: 30 March – 22 June

The [PPPA Educational Plan](#) specifies the distribution of courses over the three terms for each academic year.

Classes start on the first day of each term, and the [timetable](#) is available on the dedicated online portal.

Classroom locations

Classes are held on campus in the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences buildings:

- Via Conservatorio 7 (classrooms 2-6, 10-13, 20-27, IT classroom and graduation hall).
- Via Livorno 1 (classroom 1 and seminar room).
- Via Pace 10 (classrooms A, B, D and E).

Class attendance

Although attendance is not compulsory, it is highly recommended. Our statistics show that students who attend classes tend to pass their exams more easily and achieve higher grades.

The way in which learning is assessed may differ between attending and non-attending students. For example, attending students' final assessment may take into account their participation in class activities, and they may sit interim exams. To help non-attending students prepare for the exam, teachers may set extra reading to replace lectures.

To obtain attendance status, students are usually required to meet certain criteria (e.g. not missing more than a certain number of classes, participating in class activities and submitting required materials on time). These requirements will be listed in the course syllabus or on the MyAriel website for the course, or explained by the teacher during class.

Course syllabi on the University website

Each course is linked to a page on the University website where students can access the course syllabus. This provides information about the course content, teaching methods, resources (including the reading list) and assessment methods.

Students will find a [list of PPPA courses](#) with links to their respective syllabuses on the [PPPA website](#).

Students can check this [link](#) for courses offered by other programmes.

Course websites on the MyAriel platform

Most courses have a corresponding website on the [MyAriel platform](#).

On these websites, students can find additional course information, class-related materials and exam preparation resources, as well as updates on class organisation.

These websites can be accessed directly from the [MyAriel platform](#) or from any course page on the University website.

Using their UNIMI login details, PPPA students can access all the MyAriel websites associated with PPPA courses. To access MyAriel websites for courses offered by other programmes, students must contact the course teacher.

STUDY PLAN

What the study plan is

The study plan is a personalised document listing all the courses and activities a student must complete to obtain 120 credits and graduate.

Each study plan must adhere to the PPPA Educational Plan, including all compulsory courses and activities of the programme, as well as the required elective courses and activities, which are chosen in accordance with the PPPA Regulations and Manifesto.

In order to graduate, a student must pass the exams for all the courses listed in their most recently approved study plan, as well as completing all the associated activities.

Without an approved study plan, PPPA students can only take exams for PPPA courses. They cannot take exams for courses from other programmes.

Further information can be found on the [University website](#).

Content of the study plan

According to the PPPA Educational Plan, students enrolling in the 2025-26 academic year must include the following courses and activities in their study plan.

PPPA compulsory courses (57 credits)

First Year

- Conflicts, Political Arrangements and Legitimacy
- Ethical Theory and Hard Choices
- Political Order, Violence and Institutions
- Rationality, Rules and Institutions
- The Western Tradition: Moral and Political Values

Second Year

- Differences and Non-Discrimination: Rights in Action
- The Welfare State and Social Innovation

PPPA compulsory laboratory (6 credits)

- Critical Thinking and Argumentation
- Empirical Research in Political Sciences

PPPA elective courses (24 credits)

First Year

One course chosen from the following:

- Economy and Society: Past, Present and Perspectives
- Labor Market and Inequalities
- Liberal Rights and Social Justice

One course chosen from the following:

- Gender Theory and Social Issues
- Migrations and Cultural Diversity
- The Politics of Mobility, Displacement and Asylum

Second Year

One course chosen from the following:

- Climate Change: Ethics and Politics
- Frontiers in Bioethics
- Neuroethics and Human Enhancement
- Reasoning with Data

One course chosen from the following:

- Dirty-Hands Politics: Theories and Practices
- Global Challenges to Democracy
- Justice and International Affairs

One or more additional electives to be chosen either from PPPA electives not already taken, or from courses offered by other programmes (12 credits).

While students can choose elective courses from all those offered by the University of Milan and the University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, they are encouraged to consider completing all the courses included in one of the PPPA elective groups listed above (or three out of four in the case of the third group). This would enable students to specialise in one of the programme's various thematic areas.

Courses taught in Italian may be chosen as additional electives.

Only courses that end with a grade out of thirty can be selected as additional electives. Activities that do not end with a grade, but only a pass/fail assessment — such as laboratories or language assessments — cannot be selected.

Courses with content that is very similar to that of a compulsory or elective PPPA course cannot be selected as an additional elective. Study plans that include these courses will not be approved.

One or more activities of your choice from the following (6 credits):

- Curricular internships
- Work activity
- Advanced computer skills certificates and courses
- Language certificates and courses
- Laboratories
- Seasonal schools and other crash courses

Final exam (15 credits)

Study plans with more than 120 credits

It is possible for your study plan to exceed 120 credits. This usually happens if, instead of choosing one 12-credit course or two 6-credit courses, or one 9-credit course and one 3-credit course, to cover the 12 elective credits, you choose one 9-credit course and one 6-credit course (+3 credits), or two 9-credit courses (+6 credits). If this is the case, don't worry — your study plan will still be approved and you will graduate with more than 120 credits.

Submission and approval

Study plans can be submitted or modified once per academic year through the dedicated [online procedure](#) available on [UNIMIA](#).

For the 2026–27 academic year, the procedure will be available from 2 to 26 February 2027. Once submitted, study plans are checked to ensure that they comply with the [PPPA Educational Plan](#). More specifically:

- The Student Secretariat approves study plans that comply with the PPPA Educational Plan and include electives and activities offered by the PPPA or by other programmes within the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences.
- Study plans that do not comply with the PPPA Educational Plan or include electives and activities offered by other faculties are submitted to the PPPA Faculty Board for approval.

Study plans can be submitted or modified once per academic year via the dedicated [online procedure](#) on [UNIMIA](#).

The submission period is usually in February.

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Changes to the study plan

What if you want to make changes to your study plan after it has been approved? For example, what if you want to replace an elective with another?

Don't worry — you can modify your study plan during the submission period for the following year.

Outside of this period, you can also make changes by paying a small fee if these are necessary for you to graduate.

If you wish to replace an elective course included in your study plan with a different one, there is no need to wait until your study plan has been amended before taking the exam for the new course. You can take the exam and then change your study plan.

EXAMS

Exams in the Italian university system

In order to graduate and receive their Master's degree, students must pass all the exams included in their study plan.

To pass an exam, students must obtain a final grade of at least 18 out of 30.

Students who fail an exam must retake it until they pass.

There is no limit to the number of times students can retake an exam, although its content and methods may vary from one academic year to the next.

Exam content and structure

The content and structure of the exams and the reading list for each course are indicated in the course syllabus.

For some courses, the content and structure of the exams and the reading list differ between attending and non-attending students.

Students must always consult the syllabus of the most recently completed edition of the course to find out how to prepare for an exam.

Exam sessions

Each course has at least six exam sessions per academic year.

The schedule varies depending on the term of the course.

First term courses

- December
- January
- March-April
- May-June
- July
- November

Second term courses

- March-April
- May-June
- July
- September
- November
- December

Third term courses

- June
- July
- September
- November
- January
- March-April

Exam sessions for courses offered by other faculties may be organised differently. Students are advised to consult the relevant faculty website for more information.

Dates for exam sessions are usually published on the dedicated [online portal](#) 60 days in advance, and students can view them via [UNIMIA](#).

Some courses have interim exams for attending students. Teachers provide details and dates during classes or on the MyAriel website for each course.

Extraordinary exam sessions for graduating students may be held at the teachers' discretion. However, teachers are under no obligation to grant such requests. Students are responsible for planning their exams so that they can be completed by the graduation deadline, making use of the many regular sessions available.

Exam registration

To sit exams, students must register for exam sessions before the registration deadline. Students who are not registered will not be allowed to take the exams.

The registration deadlines are published on the [exam session website](#).

Students can access the registration procedure via [UNIMIA](#).

To register for exams, students must have paid all fees and completed the course evaluation questionnaire.

Please note:

The course "The Western Tradition: Moral and Political Values", is divided into two teaching units, each taught by a different teacher. Students are required to take two separate exams, one for each unit. They must consult the course syllabus or the MyAriel website to find out how to register for the exams and which sessions to choose in order for their final grade to be recorded.

Mark registration

Teachers responsible for the course register marks.

Students are notified when marks are registered and have 10 days to accept or reject them. If a mark is not rejected within this timeframe, it will be permanently recorded in the student's academic record.

CREDITS FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES

How to earn credits for other activities

All PPPA students should earn 6 credits through one of the following activities:

- Curricular internships
- Work activity
- Advanced computer skills certificates and courses
- Language certificates and courses
- Laboratories
- Seasonal schools and other crash courses

Curricular internships

PPPA students can obtain up to 6 credits for other activities through curricular internships. Typically, an internship should last 75 hours to earn 3 credits, or 150 hours to earn 6 credits. Longer internships would only be approved if they meet the following conditions:

- The student is enrolled in the second year and has already achieved the 60 credits stipulated for the first year, as well as an additional six credits for each completed term of the second year.
- The agreement must provide for reimbursement of expenses or financial compensation for the intern.
- If the internship takes place during class time, the planned weekly commitment must be compatible with class attendance and the agreement must allow for the intern to be absent from the internship during class time.

To qualify for the credits, internships must take place during the period of regular enrolment in the course, be the result of agreements made through the COSP - University Study and Career Guidance Service and be approved by the [PPPA Internship Tutor](#) prior to the start of the internship.

Time spent at an academic institution abroad preparing for the thesis does not count as an internship and does not qualify for credits.

Internship opportunities are advertised on the [COSP's noticeboard](#). Alternatively, students can seek out internship opportunities by contacting potential host institutions to check their availability. In either case, the host institution must sign an agreement with the COSP before the internship begins.

The procedures for activating an internship are outlined in the links below:

- for internships in Italy: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/traineeships-and-work/traineeships-and-internships/activating-curricular-internship>

- for internships abroad: <https://www.unimi.it/en/international/study-abroad/traineeships-abroad/activating-internship-abroad>

On the last day of the internship, both the student and the host organisation tutor will receive an email (to the addresses provided in the training programme) containing links to the final evaluation questionnaire. Both the student and the host organisation tutor are required to complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire is completed online and automatically submitted to the Placement Services Portal.

Once both questionnaires have been submitted, students can request internship validation by filling in the [online credits recognition form](#). They must then email the receipt they received after submitting the form to pppa@unimi.it with the subject line "Documents for credit recognition" and attach all the required documents. Credits will only be awarded once all these steps have been completed.

Work activity

PPPA students may be awarded either 3 or 6 credits in recognition of work experience, provided that the following conditions are met:

- The work experience must be relevant to the programme's educational objectives.
- The work experience must have been undertaken while the student was enrolled on the PPPA programme.
- The work experience must amount to at least 75 hours for the award of 3 credits, or at least 150 hours for the award of 6 credits.

To have their work activity assessed and, if relevant, receive credits, students should complete the [online credits recognition form](#). They should then email the receipt they received after submitting the form, along with a signed work contract or certificate, writing "Documents for credits recognition" in the subject line.

Advanced computer skills certificates and courses

PPPA students can obtain up to 6 credits for other activities by submitting certificates for [ICDL Professional](#) modules. Two modules are required for each 3 credits.

These certificates must have been obtained after enrolment in the programme.

Once the certificates have been obtained, students should complete the [online credits recognition form](#). They should then email the receipt they received after submitting the form, along with the certificates, to pppa@unimi.it, writing "Documents for credits recognition" in the subject line.

Alternatively, students can obtain 3 credits for advanced computer skills by attending and passing an advanced computer skills course offered by other programmes at the University of Milan. These courses should have the following characteristics:

- Be at an advanced level.
- Last at least 20 hours.

- Be concluded with a pass/fail assessment.

Students who choose to take an advanced computer skills course at the University of Milan must include it in their study plan and register for the final exam. Once they have passed, this will be automatically recorded in their academic record.

Before including an advanced computer skills course in their study plan, students must check with the course teacher whether they can attend. Places on courses offered by other programmes may be limited and/or reserved for students of those programmes.

Language certificates and courses

PPPA students may earn up to 6 credits for other activities by demonstrating proficiency in one or two of the following languages (3 credits per language):

- French: B2 (only for students without a French diploma or degree)
- German: B1 (only for students without a German diploma or degree)
- Italian: A2 (only for students without an Italian diploma or degree)
- Spanish: B2 (only for students without a Spanish diploma or degree)

Students who already hold a language certificate accepted by the University, obtained no more than three years before the date of submission and certifying a level equal to or higher than that required, may apply for its validation.

Italian-language certificates must be uploaded through the [dedicated online platform](#). Certificates for French, German or Spanish must be submitted through the InformaStudenti platform, under the "Language Test" category.

Students who do not hold a valid language certificate may obtain the credits through the tests and courses offered by SLAM - University of Milan Language Centre, as follows.

Italian

Students may take an Italian entry-level test, held in October and February. The Italian entry-level test may be taken only once during a student's university career.

Students who achieve the required level in the entry-level test will be awarded the corresponding 3 credits, which will be automatically recorded in their academic record.

Students who do not achieve the required level must attend one or more 60-hour Italian-language courses organised by SLAM. The first course begins in the first term for students who take the entry-level test in October and in the second term for those who take it in February. Attendance is compulsory.

At the end of the course, students must take a final test in the first available session. Students who do not pass the final test may retake it up to five times.

To be admitted to the final test, students must attend at least 75% of classes and complete at least 75% of the activities on the online learning platform. Students who do not meet either of these requirements will not be admitted to the final test.

Students who pass the final test will be awarded the corresponding 3 credits, which will be automatically recorded in their academic record. Students who do not pass the test after

six attempts, or who are not admitted to the final test, must submit a valid language certificate issued by an external institution in order to have the 3 credits recognised.

Other languages

Students may take a language assessment test administered by SLAM. For further information, please consult the University webpage on [Other foreign languages: tests and courses](#).

Laboratories

PPPA students can obtain up to 6 credits by attending one or more laboratories, provided that they meet the following conditions:

- The laboratories must be included in the University of Milan's list of courses.
- They must last at least 20 hours.
- They must conclude with a pass/fail assessment. Courses that end with a grade out of thirty do not count as laboratories.

Students can include any laboratory offered by the University of Milan that fulfils these conditions in their study plan. No prior authorisation from the PPPA Faculty Board is required.

Students should register for the final exam once they have completed the laboratories in order to obtain the corresponding credits. These credits will then be automatically added to their academic record once they have passed the exam.

Seasonal schools and other crash courses

Finally, PPPA students can earn up to 6 credits by attending crash courses, including seasonal schools (e.g. summer and winter schools).

To earn 3 credits, a crash course must involve at least 20 hours of class activity. If a crash course involves less than 20 hours of class activity, students should complete more than one crash course to obtain 3 credits. They can apply for the credits once they have completed a total of 20 hours of class activity.

Once students have reached the required number of hours of class activity, they should complete the [online credits recognition form](#) and send the receipt they will receive by email once the form has been submitted, together with a certificate of attendance for each crash course attended, to pppa@unimi.it, writing "Documents for credits recognition" in the subject line.

STUDY ABROAD

Erasmus+ programme

PPPA students have the opportunity to participate in the [Erasmus+ mobility programme](#), spending a period of time studying at one of our European partner universities. During this time, they will be able to attend courses and take exams. Students interested in this opportunity must apply for the [Erasmus+ Call](#), published in February each year.

The University organises [information sessions](#) to present the programme and provide details on the participation procedure and requirements. In January-February 2026, there will also be a dedicated information session for PPPA students.

Applicants will be evaluated by ad hoc committees based on their proposed training programme, CV, previous academic career, motivation, and language skills.

Their academic career will be assessed using the Erasmus+ Index, which considers the applicants' average grades and credits obtained up to the beginning of March 2026.

Please note:

The deadline for acquiring the relevant credits for the Erasmus+ selection process means that only final grades officially registered during the January 2026 exam session will be taken into account.

4EU+ courses

The University of Milan is a member of the [4EU+ European University Alliance](#) alongside the Charles University of Prague, Sorbonne University Paris, the University of Copenhagen, the University of Geneva, the University of Heidelberg, the University Paris-Panthéon-Assas and the University of Warsaw.

The 4EU+ Alliance promotes the international mobility of students from partner universities.

Students from the University of Milan can attend courses offered by partner universities. A dedicated website lists the [courses offered by each partner university](#).

PPPA students can include 4EU+ courses as additional electives in their study plan.

Students interested in this opportunity must complete the [Learning Agreement form](#) and submit it to the [PPPA Erasmus+ and International Mobility Tutor](#). After attending the selected courses and taking the corresponding exams, students must validate the acquired credits by accessing the [ElixForm procedure](#) and filling in a form with their data, as well as submitting their Learning Agreement and transcript of records.

Thesis abroad programme

Thanks to [scholarships](#) offered by the University of Milan, PPPA students have the opportunity to carry out all or part of their thesis work in academic and research institutions abroad.

These scholarships are awarded following an application process which is open twice a year, in April-May and September.

Applicants must provide the following documents:

- A letter of acceptance from the host institution.
- A detailed research project agreed with their thesis supervisor at the University of Milan and their tutor at the chosen host institution.
- A letter of reference (which can be provided by the thesis supervisor).

Students interested in the Thesis Abroad Programme are therefore advised to start preparing their application in advance to allow time to gather all the necessary documents.

GRADUATION

Prerequisites

To be admitted to the final exam, students must have completed all the exams and other activities included in their study plan.

The final exam involves preparing and discussing a Master's thesis written in English on a topic related to one of the courses in the student's study plan. This is done under the supervision of a professor or lecturer from the University of Milan.

To graduate, students must comply with all procedures, requirements and deadlines established for their chosen graduation session.

Full details can be found on the [PPPA website](#).

Master's thesis

The thesis is intended to present the results of original research carried out under the supervision of a primary supervisor and a co-supervisor.

The topic and structure of the thesis must be agreed with the supervisor, who will guide the student in defining the specific focus of the research, selecting the methodological approach, and organising the structure of the thesis.

For PPPA students, the minimum length of the thesis is 12,000 words. This corresponds approximately to 66,000–78,000 characters (including spaces), though the final page count may vary depending on formatting. No maximum length is formally established. In all cases, the overall length and scope of the thesis must be agreed with the supervisor, also taking into consideration the type of thesis to be written.

Supervision

Master's theses are supervised by a supervisor.

During the writing process, students must regularly update their supervisor on their progress.

Students are responsible for finding a suitable supervisor based on their chosen topic or disciplinary area.

Students should preferably choose their supervisor from among the professors and lecturers from whom they have taken an exam.

Together with their supervisor, students must choose a co-supervisor who can assist them in writing their thesis.

Both the supervisor and co-supervisor must be professors or lecturers with teaching posts at the University of Milan. If it would be beneficial for the thesis to be supervised by scholars from outside the University, they can be formally involved as “adjunct co-supervisors”.

Supervisors do not have to be in charge of a PPPA course; students can also choose supervisors from among professors and lecturers in charge of courses offered by other programmes. However, if the chosen supervisor is not a member of the PPPA teaching staff, the co-supervisor must be. Conversely, if the chosen supervisor is a member of the PPPA teaching staff, the co-supervisor need not be.

Graduation sessions

There are four graduation sessions each academic year:

- Summer session: July
- Autumn session – first round: October
- Autumn session – second round: December
- Winter session: March

To graduate in one session, students must complete all the exams and activities listed in their study plan by the deadline set by the Student Secretariat each year. This deadline is published on the PPPA website as soon as it becomes available. The Secretariat usually sets the deadline a few months before the graduation session. Students can find all the deadlines for the previous academic year’s graduation sessions on the [PPPA website](#), and can expect the deadline for the current academic year to be similar, with a possible variation of a few days.

The calendar for each graduation session, including the time and place of the final exam for all participating students, is usually published one week before the exam.

During the final exam, students present their thesis to a committee including their supervisor and co-supervisor.

The final exam should be held on campus. Students will not be permitted to discuss their thesis online.

Students have approximately 8-10 minutes to present their thesis. This is followed by a discussion during which the supervisor, co-supervisor and other members of the committee will ask questions and make comments.

Students who do not graduate in time for the winter session of an academic year must register and pay fees for the subsequent year. For instance, PPPA students in their second year of the 2025-26 academic year can graduate in the winter session in March 2027 without registering for the 2026-27 academic year. However, if they do not graduate by that point, they must register for the 2026-27 academic year.

The session in which a student graduates does not affect their final grade. Students who complete the course within the normal time limit do not receive extra points.

1to1 tutoring service

The 1-to-1 tutoring service has been created to help students with any queries they may have when preparing a project for their thesis. Two tutors are available: one specialises in research design and methodology in the social sciences, and the other specialises in structuring a philosophy thesis.

Students wishing to use the service must email pppa@unimi.it, indicating the type of help required, after which they will be directed to the relevant tutor. Once they have contacted the tutor, there are two possible scenarios:

- The problem can be solved satisfactorily via email.
- The problem needs to be solved in a meeting. In this case, a meeting will be arranged either in person or online, in agreement with the tutor.

Each student is allowed two meetings, each lasting approximately 30 minutes.

The 1to1 tutoring service is designed to help students identify a research question, organise their research, and draft a structure for their final thesis. Tutors will not read thesis chapters, check for typos, correct referencing styles or suggest bibliographies.

Full details of the service will be provided by email.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity requires students to submit work that accurately represents their own knowledge, skills and intellectual contribution. The rules below apply to all examination papers, course papers, assignments, presentations, thesis chapters and other documents or materials submitted for assessment within the PPPA programme.

Plagiarism

The PPPA programme has a zero-tolerance policy towards plagiarism. Plagiarism consists in presenting another person's words, ideas, data or other intellectual work as one's own without appropriate acknowledgement. No form of plagiarism will be tolerated in work submitted for assessment.

Students must therefore observe the following rules:

- Direct quotations must be clearly identifiable as such. They must be enclosed in quotation marks or formatted as block quotations and accompanied by an appropriate reference.
- Paraphrases, summaries and other indirect uses of another person's ideas or arguments must also be appropriately referenced.
- All sources must be acknowledged, regardless of their format. This applies both to traditional academic sources, such as monographs, book chapters and journal articles, and to websites and other online content.
- References must provide sufficient information to identify the source and, where appropriate, the specific passage being cited.

Submitted work is subject to plagiarism checks using software made available by the University. Cases of plagiarism may have consequences for the assessment concerned and may be referred to the relevant University bodies for possible disciplinary action.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

The following general rules apply unless an individual lecturer has provided different or more specific instructions for a particular course, assignment or examination. Students are responsible for following any such instructions and should ask the lecturer for clarification if they are uncertain whether a particular use of AI is permitted.

Permitted uses

AI tools can be valuable resources and may be used in ways that genuinely support study and research. During the preparatory stages of a project, they may be used, for example:

- to clarify ideas or explore a possible research question;
- to reflect on the formulation of a research project;
- to identify potentially relevant bibliographical or documentary sources;
- to test an argument by identifying gaps, weaknesses, logical discontinuities, objections or counterarguments;
- to check the effectiveness of code or scripts for statistical packages or other software.

Any source, reference, quotation or factual information suggested by an AI system must be independently located and verified. Any code or script suggested by an AI system must also be independently checked and tested. AI-generated references and information may be inaccurate, incomplete or entirely fictitious. Students remain fully responsible for the accuracy of everything included in their work.

Prohibited uses

AI may be used to support research, preparation and the critical testing of ideas. It may not, however, be used to write or revise any text submitted for assessment.

In particular, students may not use AI to:

- draft any part of a paper, assignment, thesis chapter or other assessed text;
- generate arguments, analyses or conclusions that are then presented as the student's own;
- rewrite or paraphrase text written by the student;
- translate passages that will be included in the submitted work;
- expand, shorten, restructure or reorganise the text;
- improve its style or argumentation by replacing the student's own formulations with AI-generated formulations.

This prohibition applies regardless of the quantity of text involved. The use of AI to generate or revise even a limited portion of an assessed text is not permitted. Acknowledging or declaring such use does not make it acceptable.

Work submitted for assessment must be the student's own, both intellectually and linguistically. Students must personally formulate their arguments, organise their material and write their text. AI may assist with the work that precedes writing, but it may not replace the act of writing itself.

Limited exception for degree theses

A limited exception applies to the final linguistic revision of a degree thesis. AI may be used exclusively for final language polishing, but only after the supervisor has read and corrected

a previous version written entirely by the student. That previous version must already be complete and linguistically acceptable.

AI may be used at this stage to correct linguistic errors and make minor stylistic improvements. It may not be used to alter the thesis substantially, reorganise it, rewrite its arguments or replace substantial passages of the student's own prose with AI-generated text.

This exception does not normally apply to course papers and assignments. Such work is not expected to be linguistically or stylistically perfect. It must be clear and acceptable, but linguistic imperfections are preferable to a text that no longer reflects the student's actual abilities.

Checks and consequences

Written work may be checked using AI-detection software made available by the University. The results of automated checks may be considered together with the lecturer's own assessment of the text and any other relevant evidence.

Suspected cases of prohibited AI use may be reported to the PPPA Programme Coordinator. Repeated or serious cases may be referred to the relevant University office for consideration of disciplinary measures.

- Improper use of AI will also have consequences for the assessment concerned, in accordance with the rules applied by the lecturer and the University's regulations on academic integrity. Work that does not represent the student's own knowledge, skills and abilities cannot provide a valid basis for assessment.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SERVICE

The [University Library Service](#) connects all of the University's libraries, including those of the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences. PPPA students have access to all of the University's libraries and their services.

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Students can explore the collection through the online catalogue, [Minerva](#), which provides links to digital resources.

The [Library of the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences](#) is located at Via Conservatorio 7. It regularly organises courses for students on bibliographic research and how to make the best use of its resources and services.

PPPA NEWSLETTER

PPPA students will receive a weekly newsletter in their UNIMI mailbox containing important programme information, announcements about student opportunities, and a list of events (such as seminars, lectures and conferences) to be held in Milan and the surrounding area over the next fortnight.

CONTACTS AND LINKS

Further information and resources can be found at:

- the [University's website](#), which includes [sections](#) for new students
- the [Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences website](#)
- the [PPPA website](#)

For further information or clarification, please email pppa@unimi.it or follow this [link](#) for the contact details of the PPPA programme director and tutors.

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