



International Relations Academic Board

ACADEMIC PLAN

Communication to students

The **first term (from September 21st, 2020 to December 5th, 2020)** of the Master's Degree in International Relations (REL) 2020-2021 Academic Year will alternate between distance learning mode and in presence lectures.

The organization of the second and third terms' teaching – all details concerned will soon be available on the Master's Programme website (<https://rel.cdl.unimi.it/it>) – will take into account the measures adopted by the competent authorities and any developments of the health situation. Access to the lectures – whether online or in presence – will nevertheless be guaranteed to all students for the whole Academic Year.

Lectures will therefore be carried out as follows:

- in presence, along with the possibility of accessing remotely
- simultaneous distance learning, along with the possibility of accessing the content of the lectures in asynchronous mode

Synchronous teaching means live online teaching, according to the timetable posted on the website for each lesson, using one of the platforms supported by the University (mainly Microsoft Teams or Zoom).

Asynchronous teaching means that students will be able to access all uploaded material (audio and video recordings) in deferred mode.

The Master's Degree is made of **four different curricula**. Each curriculum's timetable takes into account the type of lectures (whether in presence or distance learning) and any time needed to get to the lectures delivered on campus, so as to allow those students who wish to attend all the courses that are an integral part of their chosen curriculum the possibility to do so. The first term **timetable** is already available

here:

https://easystaff.divsi.unimi.it/PortaleStudenti/index.php?view=home& lang=it&empty_box=0&col_cel ls=0.

Please refer to the corresponding [syllabi](#) for details on how each lesson of the first term courses will be delivered. The syllabi are being currently defined and will be available on the Master's Programme

website by the end of the first week of September 2020. This notice provides students with the basic information they need to make an optimal use of the planned educational activities. The information will be updated progressively with the addition of further details. Students are therefore kindly asked to constantly monitor the Master's Programme website: <https://rel.cdl.unimi.it/en>

First year students' teaching will be mixed. The "Legal and Academic Discourse in English" course – a mandatory course for all students enrolled in all four curricula – as well as its practical lectures will be carried out in presence (with the possibility of remote access) starting from October 2nd, 2020. The first two weeks of the course, starting from September 21st, 2020, however, will take place in distance learning mode in order to allow the completion of the preparation of the necessary equipment for students who won't be able to attend in presence and will access remotely.

A second course, specific to each chosen curriculum, will be carried out simultaneously in distance learning mode, with the possibility, nevertheless, of accessing the lectures also in asynchronous mode.

Second year students' first term teaching will be carried out simultaneously in distance learning mode, with the possibility, nevertheless, of accessing the lectures also in asynchronous mode.

As far as **exams** are concerned, in compliance with the Rector's Decree of July 31st, 2020, applicable **until October 15th, 2020**, all oral exams will take place remotely (via Microsoft Teams or other specified platform as stated in the exam calendar). Any written exams will take place in presence, in compliance with the current safety regulations. For international students, students living in other regions and students with serious illnesses, the possibility of sitting the written exams remotely, even on a different date, will be guaranteed.

On 21 September 2020, at 10.30 a.m., the Master's Programme coordinator will **welcome** first year students meeting them via Microsoft Teams.