

Rector's Decree
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OBJECT: Activation of the 3rd edition of the first level international University master's course, lasting one year, in "International master in Religion, politics and global society" (IMRPGS), in English and Arabic, at the Department of Law and Political, Economic and Social Sciences of the Università degli studi del Piemonte Orientale (administrative headquarters) and the Università degli studi di Padova, in collaboration with the Université Internationale de Rabat (Morocco), for the A.Y. 2023/2024.

THE RECTOR

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DECREES

1. To activate the 3rd edition of the first level international master's course, lasting one year, in "International master in Religion, politics and global society" (IMRPGS), in English and Arabic, at the Department of Law and Political, Economic and Social Sciences of the Università degli studi del Piemonte Orientale (administrative headquarters), with the Università degli studi di Padova, and the collaboration of the Université Internationale de Rabat (Morocco), for the A.Y. 2023/2024, according to the text below.

1st level Master's course in
"International master in Religion, politics and global society" (IMRPGS)
A.Y. 2023/2024 - 3rd edition

Art. 1

Type, duration and name of the course

It is established for the A.Y. 2023/2024 the 1st Level International Master, lasting one year, "**International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society – IMRPGS**", at the Università degli studi del Piemonte Orientale and the Università degli studi di Padova, with the collaboration of the Université Internationale de Rabat, organized as part of an agreement signed between the three just mentioned universities.

The Master ideally represents a development of the "PriMED – Prevention and Interaction in the Trans-Mediterranean Space" project, funded by the MUR and carried out by the Università degli studi del Piemonte Orientale (as "leader"), by the Università degli studi di Padova, by the Université International de Rabat and by numerous other Italian and international institutions.

The Università degli studi del Piemonte Orientale carries out the course in compliance with its Code of Ethics.

The material for the promotion of the course and student orientation, including the relevant pages of the website of the Université Internationale de Rabat, is written in English.

Art. 2

Admission requirements to the Master

Those who have at least a three-year university degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) and sufficient knowledge of English and Arabic for the course activities can apply for admission to the Master.

Undergraduates are also admitted on condition that they achieve the degree within the deadline for enrolment with reference to a previous academic year.

It will be preferable for admission to work in public or private bodies or organizations engaged in various capacities in secular or religious volunteering, in the context of intercultural and social mediation.

Art. 3

Educational objectives and potential career opportunities

The course should enable the attending students to acquire the ability to make use of the cognitive contributions offered by research and by the world of scientific knowledge in general in relation to the processes of cultural, social and religious change, which are involving contemporary societies. A field of particular interest is the socio-cultural evolution of Islam in Europe and in the countries of the Mediterranean and the Middle East in relation to issues and questions of current international geopolitical importance. This Master's course aims to provide a training proposal closely linked to an original interdisciplinary scientific activity, which outlines a set of skills capable of concretely nurturing widespread paths of good practice.

The attending student must be able to use this knowledge to interact usefully in challenging relational contexts in which familiarity with themes and problems of cultural and religious diversity is presented as a practical need, allowing them to organize with sufficient autonomy paths of analysis and interpretation of specific situations, and to plan and carry out concrete actions. At the end of the course, students must have acquired the ability to effectively organize communication with subjects and groups that identify themselves with the most diverse political, social, and religious realities, within institutional and non-institutional concrete contexts in multicultural and multireligious societies.

The Master is therefore aimed at graduates who intend to develop, in the direction of higher education, the theme of the relationship between religion and politics in contemporary societies and to those who believe they must accord this particular importance in the context of the work they carry out or intend to undertake. The Master therefore intends to train consultants for public and private administrations and contribute to the training of managers and public officials, third sector operators, the social private sector, social and health services, teachers and trainers, religious operators, community leaders, economic and communication operators.

Art. 4

Didactic plan

The Master is divided into **12 modules** (which include lectures, seminars, workshops, distance learning) according to the following scheme:

MODULES	Teachings	SSD	ECTS	CREDIT STRUCTURE	
				hours *	hours **
Socio-anthropology of Religion and Politics	Religion and Society	SPS/08	2	15	35
	Religion and Society: Introduction to research Methodology	SPS/07	2	15	35
	Politics, Religion and Society	M-DEA/01	2	15	35
History and philosophy of religions	Religious Studies	SPS/08	2	15	35
	Comparative Profiles between Systems: Judaism, Christianity and Islam	STO/06	2	15	35
Political Philosophy and History of Political Thought		SPS/01	2	15	35
Religion and Law in Contemporary Societies	Law and Religions: Europe, Mediterranean and Middle East	IUS/11	2	15	35
	Religions, Public Policies and Individual and Collective Rights	IUS/11	2	15	35
Islamic Studies and Plural societies	Introduction to Islamic Studies	L-OR/10	2	15	35
	Elements of Contemporary Islamic thought	SPS/01	2	15	35
Globalization Processes	Anthropology of contemporary Religious Dynamics and Globalization	M-DEA/01	2	15	35
	Religion, Society and Globalization in Europe	SPS/11	2	15	35
	Culture, society and Globalization in the Arab world	L-OR/12	2	15	35
Religion, State, and Civil Society	Religion and Politics in Europe in the Mediterranean Region	IUS/11	3	20	55
	Religion and Politics in the Arab world	SPS/04	3	20	55
Cultural Diversity, Religious Pluralism and Intercultural Mediation		SPS/08	3	20	55
Religion and Migration		SPS/07	3	20	55
Religion, Market and New Media		SPS/08	2	15	35
Religious Extremism and Violence in the Contemporary world	Religion, Identity and Violence: Psychological Perspectives	M-PSI/05	2	15	35
	Religion, Identity and Radicalisation: Sociopolitical Perspectives – First Part	SPS/08	3	20	55
	Religion, Identity and Radicalisation: Sociopolitical Perspectives – Second part	M-DEA/01	2	15	35

Political Science: Introduction to Future Studies	SPS/04	2	15	35
		49	355	870

* Lectures, seminars, workshops and distance learning activities.

** Individual study

	ECTS	Hours
Teachings	49	1.225
Training (stage o project work)	6	150
Final exam	5	125
Total amount	60	1.500

Art. 5

Methods of carrying out teaching activities

The lesson hours include the following activities: theoretical training through lectures offered by internal and external teachers, coming from national and international academic backgrounds. There will also be seminars held by experts with supporting testimonies to integrate the theoretical aspects of the studied subjects.

Part of the lessons will be carried out remotely with e-learning modalities that involve students individually from home or in working groups in university facilities at predetermined times.

All modules will be delivered in Arabic and English. The interaction with the tutor and / or the teachers will take place in English, Arabic, French and Italian depending on the origin of the students and teachers.

Project work hours are dedicated to work experience, to be carried out in Italy or abroad, in public or private institutions, including research centres. Project works are supervised by tutors who have the task of guiding the project, keeping the reference teacher up to date.

Individual study hours are dedicated to the in-depth study of theoretical and methodological contents and to the analysis and interpretation of the literature indicated by the teachers.

Art. 6

Mode of certificate of attendance

At the end of the Master Course, participants who have attended at least 75% of the hours dedicated to training activities and practical learning and who have successfully passed all the intermediate tests and the final test will be awarded the first level University Master's degree "International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society – IMRPGS".

Both lessons delivered in presence and at distance and those delivered and attended with e-learning methods are taken into account as time of attendance.

Art. 7

Maximum number and method of selection of participants

The maximum number of students who can enroll in the course is set at 55 units. This number may increase by another 15 units in the event that other institutions with their own budget join the project by signing a specific agreement aimed at supporting the Master's program with the Università del Piemonte Orientale.

The aspiring students will be selected by a Commission on the basis of the curriculum vitae (relevance of the university degree in relation to the specificity of the Master, university degree grade, professional experience, qualifications other than those required for access to the course, type of thesis, etc.) and possible selection interviews by telematic means.

Art. 8

Intermediate Profit Tests

Intermediate tests will be carried out in written and/or oral form. These tests will result in a final qualification required for admission to the final examination.

Art. 9

Contents, characteristics and number of credits of the final exam

The final paper, preferably linked to the project work, is supervised by a teacher belonging to the master or by an expert on the subject. A specially appointed commission will evaluate the final paper and will give an assessment of its suitability. The final paper will then be discussed by the candidate during the Graduation ceremony.

Art. 10

University degree awarded

Candidates who have complied with the attendance requirement and passed both the intermediate and final tests will receive the 1st level **“International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society-IMRPGS”** signed by the Rector of the Università del Piemonte Orientale, by the Rector of the Università di Padova and by the Director of the Master. The Université Internationale de Rabat will issue the title **“Executive Master: International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society – IMRPGS”**, according to its own regulations.

Art. 11

Period and location of the course

The **“International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society – IMRPGS”** course will take place in the academic year 2023/2024 and will be held at the following structure: Università degli studi di Padova, FISPPA Department – Sociology Headquarters, Via Cesarotti 12, 35123 Padua.

Art. 12

Minimum number of students

The Master's course cannot be held if the minimum number of 20 students is not reached at the expiry of the deadline for the submission of applications.

Art. 13

Registration fees

The registration fee for the course is set at € 6,000.00 (to which € 32.00 must be added for administrative fees). The fee includes the full IMRPGS academic program, the educational materials, the access to the IMRPGS e-learning platform for the entire duration of the course and other fees relating to the implementation of the program. The registration fee is paid to the Université Internationale de Rabat.

According to art. 10 and art. 11 of the agreement between the three partner universities of this Master is the Université Internationale de Rabat which manages the aspects relating to enrollment fees and scholarships with a specific action plan.

Scholarships are provided that are awarded to some students on the basis of merit and economic conditions, covering the entire or partial amount of the registration fee.

Applicants must produce evidence of academic excellence and evidence of socio-economic needs. Financial aid programs will be of two types: A) Full coverage of the university enrollment fee: (€ 6,000.00); B) Partial coverage of 50% of the registration fee (€ 3,000.00); a study prize of € 1,000.00 for the student who obtained the best grade.

Art. 14

External collaborations

The Master is organized as part of a collaboration between the three universities: Università degli studi del Piemonte Orientale, Università degli studi di Padova and Université Internationale de Rabat.

Art. 15

Available teaching facilities

The available teaching facilities are those of the FISPPA Department – Sociology Headquarters of the Università degli studi di Padova.

Art. 16

Application for admission to the selection

The application for admission:

- must be submitted via the following platform:
<https://irc-fidr.it/admission-application-to-a-specialist-master-programme-2023/>;
- can be sent until October 20, 2023, 12.00 pm Italian time.

The following documentation must be attached to the application, on plain paper:

- copy of university degrees;
- copy of any other qualifications that can be assessed for admission to the course and any publications;
- legalized declaration of knowledge of the English language (for those who are not native speakers of English) or of the Arabic language (for those who are not native speakers of Arabic), accompanied by diplomas and/or certificates;

- curriculum vitae in English and in Arabic and/or French;
- photocopy of a valid identity document.

Art. 17

Publication of the ranking list

The ranking list of those admitted to the course will be visible by **October 23, 2023** at 12.00 Italian time on the websites <https://www.digspes.uniupo.it/>, <https://uir.ac.ma> and www.hermes-unipd.it.

Art. 18

Application for enrolment in the Master

The application form:

- can be sent by e-mail to simona.faccia@uniupo.it, starting from the date of publication of the ranking until **December 1, 2023** at 12.00 Italian time; paper documentation must be handed in to the Master's coordinator during the first week of intensive in-presence lessons;
- must be drawn up with a revenue stamp using the appropriate forms that can be downloaded from the websites: : www.uniupo.it¹ e <https://uir.ac.ma>;
- Academic qualifications obtained in Italy: substitutive declaration of certification, pursuant to art. 46 point m) of the Presidential Decree 28/12/2000, n. 445, certifying the achievement of the bachelor's degree and indicating the marks obtained in the exams and in the degree exam (the degree title on the basis of which you apply to participate in the master course must be obtained before enrollment to the master itself);
- in the case of university degrees obtained in a foreign country: original foreign university degree complete with legalized translation and declaration of value (by the Consular Service of the Embassy of Italy abroad) or, as an alternative to the latter, declaration of compatibility issued by CIMEA; graduating students will present a certificate indicating the marks obtained in the exams;
- in the case of non-European Union citizens residing abroad (and not already present in Italian territory on the basis of suitable residence documentation), the possession of an entry visa for study purposes and the required consular documents are required, in accordance as indicated on the web page: <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>.
In particular, these subjects are called upon to fulfill the obligations through the University portal (<https://www.university.it/>)
- the privacy policy duly signed
- photocopy of the tax code;
- passport-size photo.

Art. 19

Master Council

The Master Council is composed of the Director, Prof. Stefano Allievi, Prof. Roberto Mazzola (Università del Piemonte Orientale), the Co-Executive Director Prof. Farid El Asri (Director of the Center for Global Studies, Université

¹ <https://digspes.uniupo.it/en/university-studies/forms-procedures/specialist-masters-helpdesk/2-enrolling-specialist-master-programme>

Internationale de Rabat) and by the Co-Executive Director and Educational Coordinator, Prof. Mohammed Khalid Rhazzali (Deputy Director of the FIDR-Interuniversity Center International Forum for Democracy and Religions, Università degli studi di Padova).

Art. 20

Administrative-accounting affiliation

The Master is administratively related to the Department of Law and Political, Economic and Social Sciences (DiGSPES) of the Università degli studi del Piemonte Orientale.

Art. 21

Course Financial Budget

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Art. 22

Process managers

The Manager of the Procedure for the establishment and activation of the course is identified Head of the Development and Quality Staff of Higher Education Educational Projects and International Mobility, Dr. Mara Zilio.

The Manager of the Procedure responsible for the selection of participants and enrolment in the course is identified in the Head of the Teaching and Secretariat Office of the Alessandria Campus, Dr. Paolo Paiuzzi.

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THE HEAD OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

(Mara Zilio)

THE RECTOR

(Gian Carlo Avanzi)

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