



## Why the MISS?

Security studies have long been important to analyse the challenges of **international relations**. From traditional ideas of security (such as war, global terrorism, and national security), to non-traditional concerns (such as energy crises and climate change), security studies represent a solid framework for the analysis of the multi-level challenges posed to our global society.

Based on a **multidisciplinary** approach, the Master's Degree in International Security Studies (MISS) aims to produce a new generation of graduates able to meet contemporary national and international security challenges. The programme is designed to provide high-level training for students in preparation for careers as analysts and policymakers or for further academic research. The course equips students with a firm knowledge of core security issues and emerging threats faced in the international arena.

## About the Degree

The Master's Degree in International Security Studies (MISS) is a programme **offered jointly** by the School of International Studies (SIS) of the University of Trento and the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Pisa. Foundation areas of the MISS include **security, law, politics, history, and economics**. The Master provides its graduates with both the theoretical and practical experience required to understand the dynamics of contemporary security issues and to evaluate responses from national actors and the international community. Thanks to an innovative learning approach that combines class teaching with role-play, simulations, moot courts, and case-study analysis, participants are expected to acquire the theoretical tools and practical skills necessary to understand the various factors and actors having an impact on the global order, with specific reference to security issues.

All courses are taught in English.

## The Degree in Detail

Students spend the **first year** at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Pisa, where teaching is focused on the main issues concerning security, including hard and soft security, technological security, environmental security, and human security. These and other germane topics are dealt with through different disciplinary approaches, including International Relations, International Law, Political Philosophy, Political Economy, Statistics, Criminal, Constitutional, Environmental and Comparative Law.

The **second year** is based at the School of International Studies in Trento, where students have a closer look at the specific security challenges modern societies are faced with, such as migration, energy issues, environmental degradation, financial flows, armed and other violent conflicts. During the second year, students are encouraged to spend a period abroad for research purposes, to prepare their dissertation, or pursue an internship. MISS students can apply for a place on one of the numerous exchange agreements and mobility programmes the School of International Studies and the University of Trento have with prestigious academic institutions all over the world.

Graduates also have a working knowledge of at least one additional foreign language and, in the case of international students, a proven knowledge of Italian.

## Beyond the Classroom

Both the School of International Studies and the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Pisa organise a multitude of **extra-curricular activities** and events which MISS students are encouraged to attend. From a lively series of guest lectures and seminars held by academics of international standing to talks given by **professional practitioners** working in distinguished international organisations. From conferences and round table debates to Alumni meetings and career fairs. And not least, to enhance graduates' key **professional competences**, soft skills workshops such as report and policy brief writing, project management and interview skills.

MISS students also have numerous opportunities for student mobility through the international exchange and Erasmus+ programmes and the specific bilateral agreements stipulated between the SIS and other prestigious academic institutions. In addition, thanks to a number of dedicated partners, MISS students are encouraged to apply for internship programmes with organisations operating in a European or international sphere, whether based in Italy or abroad.

## Admission Requirements

Students intending to enrol on the first year must be in possession of:

- A three-year bachelor's degree (180 credits) awarded in Italy, or other qualification recognised as equivalent awarded abroad, which includes the equivalent of at least 60 course credits from at least two of the following disciplinary areas: History and Philosophy, Economics, Law, Political Science, Sociology or Foreign Languages;
- A good command of the English language;
- Basic knowledge of a second foreign language, other than Italian, from among those offered at the University of Trento (Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, German);
- A personal background with professional and vocational experience as well as academic qualifications appropriate to the interdisciplinary nature of the degree course.

The number of students admitted is capped at 25 each year.

**Application deadlines for 2017-2018:** late March for non-EU citizens; early July for EU citizens.

For further details about the programme and entry requirements, visit the MISS webpage at

[www.unitn.it/sis-lm-miss](http://www.unitn.it/sis-lm-miss)

## Future Prospects: An International Career

The MISS prepares its students for positions within the areas of security, public policy, and international relations. MISS graduates will possess the skills and qualifications necessary to:

- Hold positions of responsibility within **European and international institutions and organisations** engaged in security, peacekeeping, and state-building activities;
- Work in **private organisations** dealing with risk prevention and risk management;
- Work in **national ministries** and enter the **diplomatic service**;
- Work for **governmental and non-governmental organisations** engaged in areas such as institution-building, project management, humanitarian assistance, local development and reforms, security risk prevention and management;
- For those intending to continue their studies, the programme provides a solid basis for admission to **PhD programmes** in international studies and in disciplines related to international security.