



Call for Applications Mobility a. y. 2024/2025: Double Degree (DD) Programs for Master's Degrees in International Relations and Governo, Amministrazione e Politica

This call is open to Luiss students enrolled in the 1st year of the Master's Degree in International Relations and Governo, Amministrazione e Politica during the academic year 2023/2024.

Program	Destination	Master's Degree	Available Slots
Political Science with Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)	Brussels, Belgium	International Relations; Governo, Amministrazione e Politica (all tracks)	10
European Studies with University of Salzburg	Salzburg, Austria	International Relations	8
International Affairs with Sciences Po Bordeaux	Bordeaux, France	International Relations	5
International Relations with China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU)	Beijing, China	International Relations	9

Applications can be submitted from 8 January 2024 until 26 January 2024 at 5:00 PM

Application Deadline	By 26 January 2024 at 5.00 PM
Selection Results	By 26 February 2024
Confirmation of participation	Within one working day

1. General Rules

Selected students will have the possibility to attend courses at the partner university during the mobility and have the credits recognized on their Luiss career at the end of the second year. If compliant with both universities' rules and conditions, as for credits envisaged, attendance, deadlines, academic integrity, etc., participating students will receive two degrees, which will be issued according to each university's procedures.



Selected students will spend abroad the 2nd year of the Master’s Degree in International Relations or in Governo, Amministrazione e Politica, during the a. y. 2024/2025 and will be registered at Luiss during their stay at the partner university. They will not be required to pay additional tuition fees at the partner university, but they will continue paying fees to Luiss.

All expenses related to the participation in the program, notably transport, accommodation and food, administrative expenses, costs associated with securing a visa, medical/health/accident insurance, books and personal expenses, will be borne by students. Furthermore, students must comply with all the regulations of both university in order to obtain the two Degrees.

Selected students are required to read and understand the study plan and its rules. The study plan can be found in the webpage of each DD program (in pdf, towards the end of the webpage). Please refer to the table in page 1 of the present Call for Applications for the links to each webpage. The study plan and its rules are to be considered binding to the successful completion of the double degree program. Once selected, students are required to carefully read and sign the document “General Understanding on Mobility for Double Degrees and Structured Exchanges”. Exams passed at the partner university during the mobility period will be transferred to the Luiss career according to the DD study plan. It is not possible to request an official renounce of the grades registration.

Selected students for EU destinations could receive an Erasmus+ grant, depending on the European Commission annual fund for Erasmus+. Further information will be available in Summer 2024.

While every effort will be made to provide students with complete, accurate and timely information, Luiss reserves the right to change, amend, modify or revoke the aforementioned program. Luiss is not responsible for any cancellation or modification due to events beyond its control. If the program is cancelled or modified for these reasons, Luiss will inform all interested students in a timely manner.

2. Requirements

Students will be able to participate only if they comply with the requirements listed in the summary in point 2.5 (“Summary of requirements by program”), respect the agreed timeframes and have no pending administrative issues with Luiss.

2.1 Mandatory Study Plan Abroad

Only for International Relations students: if selected for any DD, students will be required to select the “Study Plan Abroad” when filling out the study plan¹.

2.2 Weighted average grade

¹ More information: <https://graduate.luiss.it/en/page/student-services/guide-to-the-compilation-of-study-plans>



The weighted average grade will be calculated based on the data available to the Student Office by 19 February 2024.

2.3 Exams

Students are strongly encouraged to pass all exams taught during the 1st year, ahead of the mobility year (see point 2.5 “Summary of requirements by program”).

Please note that the Learning Innovation Activities are required to be completed by the end of the academic year 2023/2024.

2.4 Language requirements

2.4.1 English language

The language certificates must not be older than two years from the start of the mobility (1 September 2024). Hence, we will consider as valid the English-language certificates listed at the point 2.5 that have been obtained from September 2022 onwards. Applicants must meet the requirements using a single test.

Please note that documents certifying the enrolment in the Master’s Degree in International Relations is not considered as an English certificate for the present call. Only certificates listed in the table at the point 2.5, “English Language” will be accepted.

In case a Luiss student does not have an English language level issued by the Luiss Language Center (CLA) and does not hold one of the requested certificates, the student has also the possibility to take an ad hoc, free of charge test at the Accademia Linguistica Trinity School di Roma (Via dei Mille, 35) by 16 January 2024. To register, please send an email to the CLA at cla@luiss.it (please cc the International Development Office at international@luiss.it) no later than 10 January 2024, at 1:00 PM. During the test the use of dictionary or other translation tools is not permitted.

During the registration process, students might opt for taking the test either in person at the Trinity School or online on the dedicated platform, with a final Skype interview for the oral assessment. Thus, students who have not a Skype account yet, are invited to create it in advance. For further information about the test and the language level as stated by Luiss please contact the CLA cla@luiss.it by January 10.

Students not eligible to take the ad hoc test mentioned above but interested in submitting a certificate issued by the Trinity School are allowed to do so but must note that this is a fee-paying assessment test, which shall be reserved autonomously by the student. The test can be taken at any moment before the application deadline. The test is available also for students holding other language certificates and/or a CLA language level.



2.5 Summary of requirements by program

PROGRAM	Master's Degree	WEIGHTED AVERAGE GRADE	EXAMS	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Other Pre-Requirements
UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES (ULB)	- International Relations - Governo, Amministrazione e Politica (Governo e Amministrazione; Politica e Comunicazione)	27/30 by 19th February 2024	At least 2 exams among core courses ² by 19th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL min. 75/120 IBT • IELTS min. 6.5 • Duolingo min. 110 • Cambridge: CPE, CAE, FCE min. grade B; • Accademica linguistica Trinity School di Roma: B2.4 level • Luiss University Language Center: B2.4 level • International Secondary School Diploma totally taught in English • Bachelor's Degree totally taught in English 	
UNIVERSITY OF SALZBURG	- International Relations	27/30 by 19th February 2024	At least 2 exams among core courses ² by 19th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL min. 91/120 IBT • IELTS min. 7 • Duolingo min. 125 • Cambridge: FCE min. grade A; CAE grade B/C • Accademica linguistica Trinity School di Roma: C1 level • Luiss University Language Center: C1 level • International Secondary School Diploma totally taught in English • Bachelor's Degree totally taught in English 	
SCIENCES PO BORDEAUX	- International Relations	27/30 by 19th February 2024	At least 2 exams among core courses ² by 19th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL min. 75/120 IBT • IELTS min. 6.5 • Duolingo min. 110 • Cambridge: CPE, CAE, FCE min. grade B; • Accademica linguistica Trinity School di Roma: B2.4 level • Luiss University Language Center: B2.4 level • International Secondary School Diploma totally taught in English 	



				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree totally taught in English 	
CFAU	International Relations	27/30 by 19th February 2024	At least 2 exams among core courses ² by 19th February 2024²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL min. 75/120 IBT • IELTS min. 6.5 • Duolingo min. 110 • Cambridge: CPE, CAE, FCE min. grade B; • Accademica linguistica Trinity School di Roma: B2.4 level • Luiss University Language Center: B2.4 level • International Secondary School Diploma totally taught in English • Bachelor's Degree totally taught in English 	Bachelor's Degree equal or above 100/110

3. Specific Program Rules

3.1 DD Programs with ULB

3.1.1 Special note on application restrictions

Students with a Bachelor's Degree issued by a university in Belgium cannot apply to the DD Program with ULB.

3.1.2 French language

Students selected for this program will follow the course and sit for the French language exam during the mobility period, as part of the Double Degree program. If not already present in the Luiss study plan, the French language will be included once students are selected. The course will be recognized in Luiss as the compulsory second language of the Master's Degree in International Relations.

In order to be successfully admitted to the ULB language course, selected students are required to reach a minimum level of B1 CEFR in the French language by the day of their arrival at ULB.

3.1.3 Graduation at Luiss

Please note that the first Luiss graduation session available for students taking part in this program may be in July (if possible) or in October/November, depending on the availability of the Transcripts of Records.

² Only courses with a final grade out of 30 can be considered.

3.2 DD Program with Salzburg

3.2.1 German language

If they wish, students taking part to this program have the possibility to attend a German course in Salzburg. The course is not compulsory. Please note that the course has fees, according to the number of hours and the level of language knowledge (approximately from a minimum of € 25 to a maximum of € 75). The course will not be recognized in Luiss as the compulsory second language part of the Master of International Relations: students will need to take and pass the second language course in Luiss by the end of the 1st year.

3.2.2 Fees

Students are exempted by tuition fees but are requested to pay € 20 per semester for the students union ÖH.

3.2.3 Graduation

Students are requested to graduate first in Luiss, and then in Salzburg: students who will graduate at Salzburg later than October 2025, will be requested to pay for an additional fee of € 20 for the first semester of the a.y. 2025/2026.

3.3 DD Program with Sciences Po Bordeaux

Applications by students with French education or background will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by Sciences Po Bordeaux and Luiss.

Students will need to take and pass the second language course in Luiss by the end of the 1st year.

3.4 DD Program with CFAU

3.4.1 Chinese language

Students selected for this program will follow the course and sit for the Chinese language exam during the mobility period, as part of the Double Degree program. If not already present in the Luiss study plan, the Chinese language will be included once students are selected. The course will be recognized in Luiss as the compulsory second language of the Master's Degree in International Relations.

3.4.2 Special notes on application process and post-selection procedures

Applications from students or graduates holding only Chinese citizenship cannot be accepted.



Only students who have obtained a Bachelor's degree grade equal to or above 100/110 are eligible to participate in this program.

During the application process, it is mandatory to provide two academic reference letters, as specified in point 8. of paragraph 4.3.1 "List of Attachments".

By the end of February 2024, students selected for this program will have to send to the International Development Office a Research Plan of their Master Thesis (within 500 words) and a Short Introduction of their Luiss thesis supervisor.

Once selected, students will need to request a Non-Criminal Records Certificate (in English), in order to proceed with the CFAU online application system by the end of April 2024.

Please note that the documents required to apply for the visa to enter China will be provided by CFAU around July 2024.

At their entrance in China, students will be asked to provide physical examinations concerning their health status. Students can take the examinations before going to China (the list of examinations will be provided in advance by CFAU). If students cannot take the medical examinations before going to China, they will be required to take the health check upon arrival. The cost of physical examinations is approximately 400 RMB (Chinese renminbi).

Students taking part to this program will have to pay an administrative fee to CFAU, concerning expenses related to the graduation procedures. The fee is approximately 3000 RMB.

4. Application procedure

Applications can be submitted from 8 until 26 January 2024 at 5:00 PM. To apply, students must complete the application form and upload the required attachments in the web self-service area of the Luiss website³. Only applications accompanied by all documentation and received by the application deadline will be considered. Students are encouraged to apply well in advance of the application deadline.

In case of doubts about the documents to upload or to get further information about the requested documents, students are invited to contact the International Development Office (international@luiss.it) before the application deadline.

Furthermore, students that might require compensatory tools or dispensatory measures during the mobility are invited to get in contact with the International Development Office (international@luiss.it)

³Students are required to carefully read the Application Instruction published in the program webpage.

before applying to the program, in order to get more information on the special provisions guaranteed in the selected destinations.

4.1. Compatibility among the DD Programs

Governo, Amministrazione e Politica students can apply only for the Double Degree Program with ULB. International Relations students are allowed to apply to all the DD Programs among those included in this Call for Applications and will rank the programs according to their preferences at the moment of application. Please note that this preference is completely binding and cannot be changed after the application has been correctly submitted.

Students will be selected for only one DD within their list of preferences and will be removed from the selection procedures of the other DD programs.

Students who are not selected for any DD can remain in the waiting list of more than one DD. If they are recalled from the waiting list of any program (regardless of their preference) and they confirm their participation, they will be subsequently removed from the other waiting lists.

Refusal or missing confirmation of the DD selection implies the official withdrawal from all the DD programs in this call.

4.2. Compatibility with the International Student Exchange program

Eligible students are allowed to apply to these programs and the International Student Exchange programs.

Students applying to both Calls who will be selected for a DD must confirm their participation to the DD within the established deadline as detailed in paragraph 7. "Acceptance".

If selected students confirm their participation to the DD, they will be automatically excluded from the selection for the International Student Exchange program and will be removed from the candidates list.

If selected students do not confirm their participation to the DD according to the rules explained in paragraph 7. "Acceptance", they will remain eligible for the International Student Exchange program.

4.3 Attachments requested in the application

Please note that the application must be completed through the web self-service. You are required to follow the Application Instructions which are uploaded in the Useful Documents section of the webpage of each program.

To be considered, the attachments must be in English and in PDF, readable, scanned (not photographed), named as follows:



DOCUMENT_SURNAME_DDPROGRAM (e. g.: PASSPORT_ROSSI_DDCFAU)

4.3.1 List of the Attachments:

1. English Language Certificate.
2. Curriculum Vitae (in English).
3. ID Card or Passport, depending on the entry requirement for the selected destination⁴.
4. A motivation letter in English using the template provided by the International Development Office. The template can be found in the “**useful documents**” section of every program web page. The document is prepared in the form of guidelines, considering the specific content required for selection. You are required to state the reasons for applying to the programme for each desired destination. Once completed, the motivational letter must be uploaded on Web Self Service as a pdf file.
5. Bachelor’s Degree diploma, including the final grade (mandatory for DD with CFAU, if applicable for the other programs).
6. Transcript of Records during mobility program (if applicable).
7. Certificate of internship/traineeship abroad (if applicable; must state the duration of the internship, where it was done, and tasks covered).
8. Two academic reference letters (mandatory only for CFAU)
9. Other certificates (optional)

5. Selection

Eligible candidates will be ranked after the assessment of their academic performance and other relevant criteria, as reported in the table below. The academic performance will be calculated on the data available to the Student Office by 19 February 2024. Candidates are responsible to check its accuracy in due time.

⁴The passport should be submitted by the application deadline. In case of need to renew it, the passport can be submitted via email to international@luiss.it no later than March 15. Students who fail to do so will be excluded from the selection. Therefore, students who do not have a passport or whose passport is due to expire during the year 2025 are requested to apply for a new passport and make sure it will be issued in time.

Criterion	Percentage	Details
Weighted GPA	40%	Starting from the minimum valid grade (18/30).
Registered ECTS credits	28%	The academic score will take under consideration all registered credits valid towards one's degree (excluding internships). Credits must be registered by 19 February 2024 . Please note that additional courses (corsi liberi) will not be taken into consideration
English language level	20%	To be calculated according to 6 levels (from A1 to C2) of the CEFR standard
Bachelor's Degree final grade	8%	Starting from 100 and up to 110 cum laude
Registered ECTS credits for Internship	2%	Credits registered in the current academic records for internship
International experience	2%	To be considered in the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University in-person or virtual mobility program abroad, for at least one semester ○ Having attended a Bachelor's Degree out of their home countries. ○ Internship/traineeship abroad, for at least 100 hours (certificate required).

5.1 English language proficiency

The English language proficiency will be assessed according to the following table:

Language levels	Cambridge	IELTS	TOEFL IBT	Duolingo	Other
C2.2, C2.1	CPE, CAE grade A	9 – 8.5 - 8	120 - 110	160 - 145	
C1.3, C1.2, C1.1	CAE grade B, C FCE First B2 grade A	7.5 - 7	109 – 91	140 - 125	Bachelor's degree totally taught in English International Secondary School Diploma totally taught in English
B2.4	FCE First B2 grade B	6,5	90 – 75	120 – 110	

5.2 International experience

Only one international experience will be taken into consideration for the academic performance score purposes. The international experience will be assessed through the following documents:

- Transcript of Records of the exams taken abroad or a certificate issued by the host University concerning the study experience abroad;
- Certificate of internship/traineeship abroad, registered by a University Career Service, for at least 100 hours. Certificates other than those officially registered by the University Career Service might be submitted to the International Development Office, who reserves the right to consider them.

5.3 Bachelor's Degree final grade



Regarding the Bachelor's Degree final grade, the score will be calculated proportionally to the final grade, from a minimum grade of 100/110 up to a maximum of 110 cum laude.

5.4 Ex aequo

In case of ex aequo, curriculum vitae, personal statement, and knowledge of other languages will be considered. The students may be requested to send documents proving their experiences as declared in the CV.

6. Communication of results

In compliance with current provisions on personal data protection, rankings will not be published. Students will be informed of the result of their own application only. Information such as other candidates' position in the ranking will not be disclosed. Selected students will receive the communication via-email by 26 February, 2024 (date may be subject to change) on their Luiss student e-mail account. Thus, students are strongly invited to check their Luiss email account every day while the selections are ongoing.

Only for International Relations students: Please note that once the student is selected for the Double Degree, the student will be responsible for enrolling in the Study Plan Abroad.

7. Acceptance

Selected students will be required to confirm their acceptance through written notification within one working day from the notification of results.

In case of refusal or missing notification by the deadline, the following candidate in the waiting list will be recalled. Recalled students will be required to confirm their participation by written notice within one working day.

Every refusal received after the established deadline will be transferred to the Deputy Rector for Master's Degrees Programs who will evaluate its motivations with the Dean of the Graduate School and the Director of Academic Services & Global Learning, and will inform the Graduation Commission of those refusals deemed not properly motivated.

8. Additional points

The participation and successful completion of a DD program will provide additional points to the Final Grade of the Master's Degree, according to [Luiss rules](#).

9. Useful contacts



9.1 For generic queries:

International Development Office
 email: international@luiss.it

9.2 For program related queries:

Program	Contact person	Email Address	Telephone Number
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International Affairs with Sciences Po Bordeaux	Elena Salemi	esalemi@luiss.it	+39 06 85225954
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