

Study Plan Double Degree in International Relations with Victoria University of Wellington

Study plan for Luiss students

Bachelor's Degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics - Major in Fundamental Rights' Protection
Academic offer of reference: 24-25

1st year at Luiss – a.y. 2024-2025

Courses attended at Luiss	ECTS	Recognition in VUW study plan	ECTS Credits
Academic English	8	WRIT 151	16
Microeconomics	8	ECON130	16
Contemporary History	8	HIST100	16
Statistics	8	STAT193	16
Sociology	8	SOSC102	16
Lab of Computer Skills	4	None	0
Elements of Mathematical Analysis	0	None	0
Public Law	8	LAWS 100	16
Political Philosophy	8	FHSS103	16
Behavioral Economics and Psychology	8	UNSP100	16
GAPI: Character & Mindset	2	None	0
Second Mandatory Language	6	None	0
Grand Challenge (Module I)	2	None	0
Total	78	Total	128

2nd year at Luiss – a.y. 2025-2026

Courses attended at Luiss	ECTS	Recognition in VUW study plan	ECTS Credits
Lab of data analysis for economics and political sciences	2	None	0
Macroeconomics	8	ECON141	16
International Relations	8	INTP113	16
Political Science	8	POLS200	16
International Law	8	INTP200	16
History of Political Thought	8	POLS112	16
Methods of Social Research	8	FHSS200	16
European Union Law	8	INTP200	16

Academic Writing Skills	0	None	0
GAP2: Scientific Thinking	2	None	0
Grand Challenge (Module II)	2	None	0
Total	62	Total	112

3rd year at VUW – a.y. 2026-2027 (Luiss Major in Fundamental Rights' Protection)

Courses attended at VUW	ECTS	Recognition in Luiss study plan	ECTS Credits
ANTH202 Capitalism, Culture and Inequality	20	Economics of Inequality	6
HIST249 New Zealand Political History	20	History of Political Institutions (Core Abroad I)	6
One of the following courses connected to fundamental rights:	20	Multilevel Protection of Fundamental Rights (Core Abroad II)	6
• INTP363 Human Rights • ANTH208 Human Rights, Humanitarianism and Development • PHIL264 Ethics and International Affairs • PHIL303 Rights, Equality and Freedom: Contemporary Political Philosophy			
One of the following courses in International Relations (INTP 200-299):	20	Elective Abroad I	6
• POLS206 Politics of Aotearoa New Zealand: Power, Equality, and Ideology • POLS210 Contemporary Politics of the Middle East • POLS214 Ideas That Shape the World • POLS231 Governing Divided Societies / Te Kāwana i ngā Whenua Wāhi Rua • POLS232 Public Opinion and Elections / Te Huatau Marea me ngā Pōti • INTP244 New Zealand Foreign Policy • INTP245 Foreign Policy Analysis • INTP247 International Relations: Wealth and World Affairs / Hononga whenua: Te Rawa me ngā Take o te Ao • INTP248 International Security			

One of the following courses in International Relations and Political Science (INTP 300-399 or POLS 300-399):	20	Elective Abroad II	6
• INTP302 Global Politics of the Environment • INTP303 Critical Global Politics / Ngā Take Tōrangapū Matua o te Ao • PHIL303 Rights, Equality and Freedom: Contemporary Political Philosophy • PUBL304 Cabinet Government / Te Rūnanga o Te Kāwanatanga • MAOR316 Te Mana me te Rangatiratanga/Māori Politics • POLS320 Politics and Music / Te Tōrangapū me te Puoro • HIST336 The Pacific Islands after 1945/ Ngā Moutere a Kiwa whai muri i 1945 • POLS352 Migration and Identity / He Mātai Hekenga, he Mātai Tuakiritanga • POLS353 Contemporary Challenges and Directions for NZ Politics • INTP354 International Relations of East Asia / Ngā Hononga ā-Ao o Ahia ki te Rāwhiti • POLS354 The Politics of the Pacific Islands • POLS355 Special Topic: The Politics of China • INTP360 Special Topic: US Foreign Policy • POLS362 A Topic in Political Philosophy: Feminist Theory • INTP365 Special Topic: Politics of Forced Migration • POLS365 Special Topic: Governing Divided Societies • INTP370 Special Topic: Crisis, Power and Ideas in the World Economy • POLS378 Special Topic: Social Movements, People Power, and Populism • POLS382 Special Topic: Politics and Government in the United States			

One of the following courses (INTP 300-399):	20	Elective Abroad III	6
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- INTP302 Global Politics of the Environment
- INTP303 Critical Global Politics / Ngā Take Tōrangapū Matua o te Ao
- INTP354 International Relations of East Asia / Ngā Hononga ā-Ao o Ahia ki te Rāwhiti
- INTP360 Special Topic: US Foreign Policy
- INTP365 Special Topic: Politics of Forced Migration
- INTP370 Special Topic: Crisis, Power and Ideas in the World Economy

or

- HIST 336 The Pacific Islands after 1945/ Ngā Moutere a Kiwa whai muri i 1945
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One of the following courses in:	20	Free Course	0
Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS300-399): FHSS302 FHSS Internship			
or POLS300-399 or INTP300-399:			
- INTP302 Global Politics of the Environment - INTP303 Critical Global Politics / Ngā Take Tōrangapū Matua o te Ao - PHIL303 Rights, Equality and Freedom: Contemporary Political Philosophy - PUBL304 Cabinet Government / Te Rūnanga o Te Kāwanatanga - MAOR316 Te Mana me te Rangatiratanga/Māori Politics - POLS320 Politics and Music / Te Tōrangapū me te Puoro - HIST336 The Pacific Islands after 1945/ Ngā Moutere a Kiwa whai muri i 1945 - POLS352 Migration and Identity / He Mātai Hekenga, he Mātai Tuakiritanga - POLS353 Contemporary Challenges and Directions for NZ Politics - INTP354 International Relations of East Asia / Ngā Hononga ā-Ao o Ahia ki te Rāwhiti - POLS354 The Politics of the Pacific Islands - POLS355 Special Topic: The Politics of China - INTP360 Special Topic: US Foreign Policy - POLS362 A Topic in Political Philosophy: Feminist Theory - INTP365 Special Topic: Politics of Forced Migration - POLS365 Special Topic: Governing Divided Societies - INTP370 Special Topic: Crisis, Power and Ideas in the World Economy - POLS378 Special Topic: Social Movements, People Power, and Populism - POLS382 Special Topic: Politics and Government in the United States			
or One of the following courses in History (HIST300-399):			
- CLAS307 Roman Social History - HIST312 Working Lives in New Zealand			

• HIST317 New Zealand History/ He Kōrero Hītori mō Aotearoa • HIST318 Special Topic: Arabs, Persians, Turks: The Modern Middle East • HIST329 Special Topic: Telling NZ-Pacific Lives • HIST332 The Holocaust - Te Patunga Nui o ngā Hūrae mā • HIST334 World War One: Social and Cultural Perspectives on 1914 – 1918 • HIST336 The Pacific Islands after 1945/ Ngā Moutere a Kiwa whai muri i 1945			
No thesis requirement at VUW	0	Final thesis	4
Total	140	Total	40

Important Rules

- This study plan is designed for students taking part in the mentioned Double Degree Program and spending the academic year 2026-27 at Victoria University of Wellington.
- At the partner university, the academic year is structured as follows: Trimester 1 (from late February to early July), Trimester 2 (from mid-July to mid-October), and Trimester 3 (from mid-November to late February), with a summer break from late December to early January. Students participating in the program during their third year will arrive at VUW in late June 2026 and will complete Trimester 2, Trimester 3, and Trimester 1 of the following year (February-June 2027).
- Since students are expected to be at VUW by the end of June, it is important that they plan their academic commitments in Luiss accordingly and are strongly encouraged to take and pass all exams of the second semester (Year 2) during the earliest available exam sessions before their departure.
- As language courses required to validate the second mandatory foreign language of the PPE study plan are not available at the partner university, students participating in the program must complete and pass the second mandatory foreign language examination at Luiss before departure, at the end of their second year. Consequently, they will not be required to take this examination at the end of their third year upon returning from the mobility period.
- Selected students are required to read and understand the study plan and its rules. These are to be considered binding to the successful completion of the double degree program.
- The list of courses to be taken abroad may be subject to changes should the academic offer at Victoria University of Wellington be amended.
- During the mobility, students will be subject to the rules of Victoria University of Wellington.
- At the end of the program, if compliant with both Luiss and Victoria University of Wellington academic requirements, students will obtain both Bachelor's Degree in International Relations (issued by Victoria University of Wellington) and the Laurea Triennale in Politics: Philosophy and Economics (issued by Luiss).

Thesis

- Only Luiss requires a final thesis.
- A defense of the dissertation is not required for the Bachelor's Degree; instead, the final paper will be evaluated.
- Students will complete their theses during their third year of studies with a Luiss supervisor.
- Students must adhere to Luiss thesis procedures and deadlines, including submission, assessment, quality control, and originality checks, etc.
- Students may submit their theses in the Summer session (July), Autumn session (October-November), or in March of the following year.
- The Luiss supervisor must approve the proposal, which must meet Luiss standards.
- The final thesis will be graded according to Luiss standards.

Conversion Table

Courses taken at VUW during the a.y. 2026-27 will be transferred to the Luiss degree according to the following grade conversion table. Please note that the conversion table may be revised and updated should the distribution of grades at the partner university change.

Percentage Range	VUW	Luiss
90-100%	A+	30 e lode
85-89%	A	30
80-84%	A-	29
75-79%	B+	28
70-74%	B	27
65-69%	B-	26
60-64%	C+	25
55-59%	C	24
50-54%	C-	23 - 18
40-49%	D	Fail
39% and under	E	Fail

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.

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