



Study Plan Double Degree in Policies and Governance in Europe with King's College London

Track 1: Starting the Double Master's at King's College London

1st year at King's College London – a.y. 2026/2027

	Credits
European Union: History, Institutions and Politics ¹	15
Political Economy of Europe ¹	15
Research Design	15
Five Optional Modules (see list at page 5)	15 x5
	120

2nd year at Luiss – a.y. 2027/2028

Students choose one of the following concentrations:

- Cultural Heritage Policies and Management
- Economic Governance and Market Regulation

ECTS

Cultural Heritage Policies and Management

TWO CORE COURSES

- Cultural Heritage Policies: Nations and Markets
- Law and Regulation of Cultural Heritage

ONE CORE ELECTIVE COURSE AMONG:

- Cultural Heritage Policies and Management for Art and Food
- Tourism and Sustainable Development

¹ The courses European Union: History, Institutions and Politics and Political Economy of Europe will be transferred to Luiss' degree as three 6-ECTS courses. The average grade of the two courses taken at King's will be converted, according to the conversion table in page 4 of this document, to the three Luiss courses.



THREE ELECTIVE COURSES

Up to one elective in the first semester to be chosen among:²

- Corruption as a Policy Problem
- Regulation by Independent Agencies
- Industrial Policy in Europe
- Governance of Digital Markets and Technologies in Europe
- Managing and Developing Heritage
- Healthcare Policies in Europe

At least two electives in the second semester to be chosen among:³

- EU Law and Regulation
 - Policy Evaluation and Implementation
 - Demography, Society and Policy in Europe and Beyond
 - Social and Labor Market Regulation
 - Analysing the European Public Policy-Process
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Economic Governance and Market Regulation

THREE CORE COURSES

- Regulation by Independent Agencies
- Social and Labor Market Regulation
- Industrial Policy in Europe

THREE ELECTIVE COURSES

At least one among:⁴

- Law and Regulation of Cultural Heritage
- Cultural Heritage Policies and Management for Art and Food
- Tourism and Sustainable Development

Up to one elective in the first semester to be chosen among:⁵

- Corruption as a Policy Problem
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² The list of first-semester elective courses is to be considered provisional, subject to confirmation in February 2027. First-semester elective courses might not be delivered if the number of enrolled students does not permit it, according to internal Luiss regulations.

³ The list of second-semester elective courses is to be considered provisional, subject to confirmation in September 2026.

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- Law and Regulation of Cultural Heritage
- Cultural Heritage Policies and Management for Art and Food
- Tourism and Sustainable Development
- Governance of Digital Markets and Technologies in Europe
- Managing and Developing Heritage
- Healthcare Policies in Europe

At least one elective in the second semester to be chosen among:⁶

- EU Law and Regulation
- Policy Evaluation and Implementation
- Demography, Society and Policy in Europe and Beyond
- Analysing the European Public Policy-Process

Internship or Project Work	6
Writing a Master's Thesis	2
Final Work	16
	60

⁶ The list of second-semester elective courses is to be considered provisional, subject to confirmation in September 2026.



Track 2: Starting the Double Master's at Luiss

1st year at Luiss – a.y. 2026/2027

	Semester	ECTS
European Politics and Institutions since 1945	1	6
Applied Research Methods	1	6
Comparative Public Policy	1	6
The Economics of Europe in a Global Context	1	6
Public Regulation and Economic Governance in Europe	1	6
Demography, Society and Policy in Europe and Beyond	2	6
Social and Labor Market Regulation	2	6
Analysing the European Public Policy-Process	2	6
Policy Evaluation and Implementation	2	6
EU Law and Regulation	2	6
		60

2nd year at King's College London – a.y. 2027/2028

Students choose one of the following specializations:

- European External Relations
- Finance in Europe

	Credits
The Political Economy of Europe	15
Research Design	15
Foreign Policies of the European Union ⁷ or The Political Economy of Financial Crises ⁸	15
Five Optional Modules (see list at page 5) ⁹	15 x 5
Dissertation	60
	180

⁷ Mandatory course for specialization European External Relations

⁸ Mandatory course for specialization Finance in Europe

⁹ One of the optional modules will be transferred to Luiss as a free additional course, which will be listed in the student records but will not have an impact in the weighted GPA nor the total number of credits required to obtain the Luiss' Master's Degree.



Optional Modules for the year at King's College London (all modules 15 credits)

- Capitalism, Liberalism and Democracy
- China's Global Rise: "Great Power Diplomacy with Chinese Characteristics"
- Clandestine Side of Globalisation: Organised Crime, Terrorism and Corruption
- Democratic Legitimacy of International Cooperation
- Displacement and Development in the Contemporary Era
- Energy Security and Energy Transition in Eurasia
- Environment and Development: Crises, Power, and Transformations
- European Identities and the EU
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Global Governance and International Organisations
- Global Politics: Transatlantic, Transpacific and Eurasia
- International Political Economy of Energy Markets
- Lobbying and Policy Making in the EU
- Multinational Corporations and Global Supply Chains
- Power and Poverty in Africa-EU Relations
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Russia's War in Ukraine
- The Middle East in the Global Political Economy
- The Political Economy of Development
- The Political Economy of the Financial Crisis
- The Political Economy of International Migration
- The Politics of Economic Inequality
- The Political Economy of Platform Capitalism
- The State in Comparative Perspective

Important Rules

- This study plan is designed for students starting the Double Degree Program in 2026/2027.
- Interested 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 may be subject to changes should the academic offer at King's College London or Luiss be amended.
- The listed exams must be taken and passed in the academic year indicated in the scheme (not after). Any possible change must be formally authorized by the Academic Commission.
- During any given academic year, students will be subject to the rules of the university they are attending.
- Selected students can progress to the 2nd year if they have passed at least 45 ECTS (at Luiss) or 90 credits (at King's) during their 1st year.
- Students will not be allowed to change their registration status to part time.
- During the studies at King's College, students will have one re-sit opportunity.

- At the end of the program, if compliant with both Luiss and King's academic requirements, students will obtain two degrees in Policies and Governance in Europe: a Master of Arts by King's College London and a Master's Degree (Laurea magistrale) by Luiss.

Thesis

- Students will complete their theses during the 2nd year (2027/2028) with one leading supervisor from the university in which they are studying and one secondary supervisor from the other university.
- Students must respect the thesis procedures and deadlines from both institutions. Each institution will grade the final thesis according to its own standards.
- Students are reminded that they are required to comply with the Luiss regular procedure regarding the thesis assignment, registration for the degree exam and upload of the thesis. For further information, please check the following page.
- Students are required to complete all academic activities (including all courses included in the 1st year, to be taken at Luiss) prior to defending the thesis.
- Students will be required to submit their thesis by August 2028 to both institutions and will graduate in November at King's and Luiss.
- Students will be required defend their thesis orally at Luiss in an in-person session in Autumn 2028 or Spring 2029.

Conversion Table

Please note that the conversion table may be revised and updated ahead of the mobility in the a.y. 2026/2027 should the distribution of grades at the partner university change.

Luiss	King's College London	
30 e lode	Over 70	Excellent
30	59-68	Excellent
29	57-64	Very Good
28	53-60	Good
27	59-57	Good
26-24	56-55	Satisfactory
23-18	54-50	Pass
Fail	Below 50	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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