PhD IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

From research data to effective policy
The PhD in Social and Political Science is a 4-year PhD program completely taught in English. The program is designed for highly qualified and motivated students who wish to pursue a career in academia and research, and features a strong focus on high-level personal engagement: even before committing, selected applicants will interview with world-renowned faculty. Participants can count on close interaction with professors during courses and will work side by side with a distinguished mentor to carry out an intense period of research training. They are thus fully prepared and confident when they undertake their dissertation.

One of the program’s most unique features is that it seeks common ground among disciplines often studied separately, employing multi-disciplinary training in theory and methods combined with an evidence-based approach. The program emphasizes the interconnections between social and political science, recognizing that political processes, social dynamics and economic factors necessarily interact. Students will choose among a range of elective courses to specialize in one or more of the core areas covered, but the program’s structure ensures that all students will be exposed to the entire lifespan of a socio-political concept, from basic sociological research through the implementation and evaluation of public policy. Core areas include demography, economic history, international relations, gender, political science and political economy, public and global health, and public administration and public policy, and all are dealt with in the compulsory curriculum.

From the Program Director

This PhD is an outstanding opportunity to work with world-class scholars and become a leader in academic research and public policy analysis.

About Bocconi

Bocconi University, founded in 1902, was the first Italian university to grant a degree in economics. For over a century, Bocconi has played a leading role in Italy’s social and economic modernization. It has remained true to its founding values of being a major research university, with democratic values and open to the world, as well as being financially and politically independent. As the 21st century unfolds, Bocconi continues to contribute to the advancement of European higher education through teaching and research across a range of disciplines, including economics, management, social and political sciences, and law, producing world leaders both in business and academia.

About Milano

Recognized as the Italian financial and industrial capital, Milan also has a rich history of art, design, fashion and cuisine. It is a vibrant and bustling city, a great place to live for thousands of young professionals who enjoy a wide range of cultural and entertainment opportunities.

Admission and Scholarships

Bocconi offers 5 fully funded positions and one tuition waiver to qualified candidates, who will be selected on the basis of several criteria.

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