

University of Trento

Faculty of Law

Bachelor's Degree in Comparative,
European and International Legal Studies

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Established in 1984, the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento has, from the outset, conceived its mission as approaching law from a comparative, European and international perspective. Law is taught as a complex reality, including domestic, international, supranational law and their reciprocal interactions. Against this backdrop, comparative law is deployed as the preferred methodology for exploring domestic legal systems and specific legal phenomena.

Thus, choosing to study law in Trento offers students a challenging learning experience, bringing students into the realm of law in both its comparative and transnational aspects.

Subject to the approval by the Ministry of Education, University and Research, the Faculty of Law will offer a Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS), taught entirely in English. The CEILS Programme will start from the 2017-2018 Academic Year and will be run alongside the five-year curriculum in Law (*Laurea in Giurisprudenza*).

The international dimension of legal education is central in the ethos of the Faculty of Law, as demonstrated by its membership of several associations and networks, such as ELFA (European Law Faculties Association), EPLO (European Public Law Organization), IALS (International Association of Law Schools), ASCL (American Society of Comparative Law), INVERNOMOS (International Law Firms Association), AFDL (Asociación de Facultades de Derecho Latinas) and IUCN (Academy of Environmental Law).

Law students may benefit from a number of bilateral conventions signed by the University of Trento, providing mobility programmes with the following institutions: University of Kansas (USA), Melbourne University (Australia), Universidade Vale do Itajai (Brazil), Universidad de la Habana (Cuba), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago and Villarrica campuses (Chile), Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (France), Université de Sherbrooke, Québec (Canada), McMaster University, Ontario (Canada) and Universidad de la Pampa (Argentina), Vermont School of Law (USA), Haifa University Law School (Israel), Hebrew University (Israel) and Washington University School of Law (WUSOL) in Saint Louis, Missouri (USA).

Living in Trento

Trento - seat of the Council of Trent in the XVI Century - with its medieval castle, the cathedral and Renaissance buildings is an exquisite little city (pop. 115,000), conveniently situated where roads from Venice, Verona and Lake Garda meet and lead north to Austria and beyond. The surrounding area is spectacularly beautiful, dotted with lakes and dominated by the fragile majesty of the Dolomites.

In a recent statistical analysis by the newspaper *Il Sole 24 ore* (an Italian national daily business newspaper), Trento was classified as the town with the highest quality of life in Italy.

The Festival of Economics takes place every year in the first week of June. It is conceived as an opportunity for economists, politicians and intellectuals to meet and exchange ideas, and to spark a debate with the general public.

The internationally renowned Trento Mountain Film Festival is the oldest international film festival dedicated to mountains, adventure and exploration.

The new but already internationally famous "MUSE" Science museum is based on interaction and experimentation as well as on a solid educational programme.

The Trento Christmas Market (which runs from mid-November to early January) is a magnet for shoppers from all over Italy.

University sporting events are promoted and run by UNI.Sport, a network of sport services. The *Facoltadi* is a multi-sport, inter-faculty competition, in which both students and professors take part.

For details on the average budget you need to study, live and enjoy life in Trento, please see the link of the Opera Universitaria: www.operauni.tn.it.





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Subject to the completion of the approval procedure held by the Ministry of Education, University and Research, in 2017-2018 the Law Faculty of Trento will launch a Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS), taught entirely in English. The CEILS will provide its students with an authentic international experience and an all-encompassing education in comparative, European, international and transnational law. Together with other national legal systems, elements of Italian law will be taught within the European, comparative and international framework. Last but not least, CEILS students will have the opportunity to apply for internship programmes in international institutions. The diversity of the students' community will enhance their learning commitment and intensify their contact with other cultures. The CEILS curriculum will be taught by Italian and foreign professors, who have wide-ranging research and teaching experience in Trento and abroad.

Study Plan

First Year

Comparative Legal Systems
Comparative Constitutional Law
Roman Foundations of European Law
European Union Law
Foundations of Private Law from a EU Perspective
Philosophy of Law

Second Year

History of Western Legal Tradition
Introduction to Economics
International Law
Comparative Private Law
Criminal Law
Multilevel Protection of Fundamental Rights

Third Year

Employment and Labour Law
Business and Company Law
Administrative Law
Transnational Civil Litigation in a Comparative Perspective
Criminal Procedure from a Comparative and International Perspective
Business and Consumer Transactions or Conflict of Laws or Competition Law

Other courses will be offered as elective

Other Activities: Internship (preferably in international institutions); Information Technologies; Legal writing
Final Exam: Written dissertation.

Programme overview

Main application deadline	Spring application deadline: March each year Summer application deadline: July each year For non-EU applicants application deadline: February-March each year for details: www.law.unitn.it ; info.ceils@unitn.it
Intake	September each year
Duration	3 years full-time
Minimum requirements	A high-school leaving certificate (permitting access to university studies), language competence (minimum B2 level of English)
Selection criteria	General culture from an international perspective, basic IT skills, political and institutional knowledge from an international perspective

Access to higher degrees and career opportunities

After the Bachelor's Degree, graduates can either continue their studies with a Master's Degree, or start their professional career immediately.

Students who decide to continue their education will be able to apply for national or international masters' programmes in law, economics, political science, and sociology. The comparative, European and international profile of CEILS graduates may constitute a valid background for the several higher (second-cycle) degrees offered by universities adopting the Bologna Process approach in legal education and beyond.

CEILS students will also be provided with a set of skills that are particularly valuable for accessing careers in the international market of legal professions in the public and private sectors. Indeed, CEILS graduates could aim at positions in the industry, services or trade sectors, as well as in public or other private institutions, both profit and non-profit organisations, which require international legal competences.

Positions as legal officials or linguistic legal experts may be applied for by CEILS graduates although, depending on the position, further requirements may be required, either academic (e.g. a Master's degree) or a professional qualification (e.g. barrister), or both.

Requirements

The curriculum is offered to 50 highly qualified candidates.

Admission to the CEILS Degree is subject to the following requirements:

- highschool leaving certificate or equivalent qualification obtained in a foreign country;
- certified knowledge of written and spoken English (minimum requirement B2).

The selection procedure evaluates candidates' general culture, political and institutional knowledge from an international perspective and their skills in basic information technology.

Admission requirements will be assessed by means of official transcripts and certificates. General culture, political and institutional knowledge and basic information technology skills will be evaluated through a test (in English) for EU applicants and through an interview operated by means of an internet-based communication system (skype or the like) for extra-EU applicants.

Selection procedures will take place in **March** for non-EU applicants (application deadline: February-March) and in **April** and **August** for EU applicants (application deadlines: March and July, respectively).



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