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Teaching	Economic-Political Geography (Monographic Course)
Level and course of study	Master's Degree Course in International Relations (LM-52) - European Studies Curriculum
Academic Year	2025-2026
Total number of credits	9
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Presentation	The specialised objective of the Monographic Course in Economic-Political Geography - focusing on “Population and Migration” - is to train professionals with operational skills useful in contexts such as population policy planning and national crises arising from the governance of migration flows. To this end, the course consists of an initial introductory part on the analytical tools of Population Geography and Demography, with a reminder of the geopolitical and geo-economic implications of population. It will then investigate the consequences of the shift in the geo-demographic centre of gravity and the significance of the structure of the world geo-demographic contexts, with particular reference to the Euro-Mediterranean area. The main peculiarities of the migration phenomenon and its multiple implications will then be analysed. Finally, the course will offer an overview of the geography of migrations in the world and will conclude with a geopolitical analysis of population movements in Europe, with a special focus on the case of Italy.
Learning objectives	The monographic course in Economic-Political Geography (Population and Migration) has the following learning objectives: 1. Understanding the relevance of the “population” factor in the context of today’s international relations 2. Illustrate the geo-demographic dynamics underlying the geopolitical and geo-economic outcomes of states 3. Developing analytical and programming skills useful for population policies and migration management
Prerequisites	The course is at an advanced level and is not descriptive. Rather, it requires the student to have already acquired basic historical-geographical, political-economic and statistical-demographic knowledge in the previous three years.
Erasmus+	Lessons in Economic-Political Geography (Monographic Cours in Population and Migrations) are taught in Italian. Erasmus+ students can still take the oral examination in English. The examination programme, which uses English texts available in the university library, must be agreed upon with the professor through a student reception (online or in person). Erasmus+ students are advised to contact the professor by e-mail before embarking on the study of the subject.