



Study Plan Double Degree in International Relations with CFAU

Study Plan Abroad

1st year at Luiss – a.y. 2024-2025

Courses attended at Luiss	ECTS	Recognition in CFAU study plan	ECTS Credits
Demography and Social Challenges	6	Theories of International Relations (compulsory)	3
Comparative History of Political Systems	6	Comparative Political Analysis (compulsory)	3
International Economics	6	China's Economy and China's Economic Relations with Foreign Countries	3
Comparative Politics	6	SINO US Relations and US Diplomacy	3
Content Design & Production	2	Policy Research and Report Writing	2
Be Active in the Summer	2		
Writing and Reading Academic Text	2		
Writing a Master's Thesis	2		
Research Methods for Social Sciences	6	Valid only for Luiss degree	-
Academic and Professional Communication skills	6	Valid only for Luiss degree	-
Comparative Public Law	6	Valid only for Luiss degree	-
Learning Innovation Activities	2	Other Activities	-
International Organization and Human Rights	6	International Law	3
Total	58	Total	17

2nd year at CFAU – a.y. 2025-2026

Courses attended at CFAU	ECTS	Recognition in Luiss study plan	ECTS Credits
Trilateral Relationship among China, the United States and Russia	2	Core Abroad 1	6
Elective	2		
General Situation of China (compulsory)	3	Core Abroad 2	6
Elective – Diplomacy of Contemporary China	3	Elective Abroad 1	6
Elective – Political Theory (Chinese Political Theory)	2	Elective Abroad 2	6
Elective	2		
Chinese Language	4	Chinese Language	6
Introduction to International Relations (compulsory)	3	Core Abroad 3	6
Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Science	3	Elective Abroad 3	6
		Other Activities	4



Thesis	18	Thesis	16
Total	42	Total	62

Important Rules

- This study plan is designed for students taking part in the mentioned Double Degree Program and spending the academic year 2025-26 at CFAU.
- The list of courses to be taken abroad may be subject to changes should the academic offer at CFAU be amended.
- 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. Changes to the study plan are usually not possible. Any request in this sense must be conveyed to the International Development Office and the Academic Coordinator, that will evaluate the request.
- 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 the mobility, students will be subject to the rules of CFAU.
- At the end of the program, if compliant with both Luiss and CFAU academic requirements, students will obtain both CFAU Master's Degree (shuo-shi-xue-wei) in International Relations (issued by CFAU - China Foreign Affairs University) and the Laurea Magistrale in International Relations (issued by Luiss).

Thesis

- Students will complete their theses during their mobility period with two supervisors, one from each university.
- Both supervisors must approve the proposal, which must meet the standards of both institutions.
- Students must respect the thesis procedures and deadlines from both institutions.
- 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](#).
- Each institution will grade the final thesis according to its own standards.
- Luiss Students will defend their thesis in CFAU during Summer 2026 (as per CFAU deadlines).
- Please note that the earliest available graduation session at Luiss for students taking part in this program will be the Autumn session in the a.y. 2025-26, to accommodate the availability of the Transcripts of Records.



Conversion Table

Courses taken at CFAU during the a.y. 2025-26 will be transferred to the Luiss degree according to the following grade conversion table:

Luiss Guido Carli	CFAU Grades
30 e lode	95-100
30	90-94
29	85-89
28	80-84
27	
26	
25	75-79
24	
23	
22	
21	70-74
20	
19	
18	
< 18 fail	0-69

Please note that the conversion table may be revised and updated ahead of the mobility in the a.y. 2025-26 should the distribution of grades at the partner university change.

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.

Published in February 2025.