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MSc Students School of Design

Academic Year 2024-2025
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01. Studying at the School of Design
The MSc program is awarded after two years of study (120 ECTS) and aims to provide advanced training in more highly specialized areas. The credit system ECTS represent the workload of the academic year of study.

2 YEARS = 120 ECTS

Each subject is assigned a number of credits which students obtain when they pass the final examination. The CFU fully coincide with ECTS credits.

1 CFU = 25 hours of workload

Includes lectures and other forms of instruction like: exercises, assignments and independent work.

30cfu = Credits per Semester approx.
60cfu = Credits per Academic Year approx.
Courses Type

1. **DESIGN STUDIO (laboratorio)**  
   Project based course  
   Students are divided in sections

2. **MONODISCIPLINARY & INTEGRATED COURSES**  
   Project and Theory course  
   May host all the sections or be divided

3. **WORKSHOP & DESIGN SEMINAR**  
   Design Studio concentrate in 1 or 2 full weeks  
   (end of the semester: February and June)

4. **ELECTIVE COURSES**  
   Interdisciplinary courses  
   Available to all the students of the School. Students can attend them in the 1° or 2° semester

5. **INTERNSHIP**  
   Practical experience  
   250 hours of professional experience

6. **FINAL EXAMINATION - THESIS**  
   Individual Thesis developed  
   With the guidance of a Prof. from the School of Design
Exams and Grades

Exams are graded using a **scale of 30**, where **18** is the **minimum** passing grade and **30 cum laude** the **highest**.

Students have the **possibility to refuse** the final mark and present again the exam in a next exam session (with exception of the design studios).

The **final grade** in a course can be based either on the **final examination** only or it can be based on a combination of the final examination and **course work**. The grade requirements are indicated in the course **details online** and explained at the beginning of the course.

<18  ≥18

Not Passed  Passed
Each MSc Program is divided in sections:

The sections share the same educational objectives, in most of the cases the differences among the sections are minimal, they may differ from each other offering different topics in the Design Studios on which the student will be called to carry out project activities.

For some programs, the main difference among the sections is defined by the Design Studios namely:
- Laboratorio (Design Studio)
- Workshop

Other programs are divided into sections according to the language of teaching:
- English
- Italian
Section Selection

1. BEFORE ENROLLING
Some students will need to express a preference among the sections activated within the MSc Program.

2. AT THE TIME OF ALLOCATION
Some students will need to indicate the options in order of preference.
Before making the choice, it is advisable to check the study program to select your preferences.

3. THE ALLOCATION
will be communicated before the enrolment start and cannot be changed after enrolment.

4. AFTER ENROLMENT
Students will need to present the Study Plan and insert only the optional plan elements available in each program.
Sections and Teaching Language

**COMMUNICATION DESIGN**
- C1
- C2
- C3

**DIGITAL AND INTERACTION DESIGN**
- DI1
- DI2

**PRODUCT SERVICE SYSTEM DESIGN**
- PS1
- PS2

**DESIGN FOR THE FASHION SYSTEM**
- M1
- M2

**INTEGRATED PRODUCT DESIGN**
- IP1
- IP2

**DESIGN & ENGINEERING**
- DE1
- DE2

**INTERIOR AND SPATIAL DESIGN**
- IS1
- IS2
- IS3
- IS4
02. Courses structure
The MSc programme in Communication Design prepares a designer able to cope with strategic communication problems, providing innovative solutions and coordinating all the roles and competences involved in a complex communication project.

In the Laurea Magistrale critical thinking and research methodologies are developed to reach a deep knowledge that allows the masterly designer to coordinate and control complex communication systems by using inter-media or transmedia forms of communication.

The areas in which the graduate intervenes include traditional and multimedia publishing, brand and product identity, products and services for new television, information design, internet and mobile device.

This programme is divided in 3 sections: C1 – C2 – C3. Courses in sections C1 and C2 are held mostly in Italian language. Courses in section C3 are held in English language. Students admitted in the program in English will be registered automatically in this section.
## Study Plan – Communication Design

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Only students admitted to the MSc in Communication Design in Italian, need to indicate the section of preference before the enrolment (C1 – C2).

Students admitted to the MSc in Communication Design in English, will automatically be assigned to the section (C3).

Students admitted in the Program in Italian, can have more information about the programs:

Reading the 2nd semester Design studios course details which are the main difference among the sections (C1 – C2)

C1 Laboratorio di Sistemi per L'interazione

C2 Laboratorio di Sistemi per L'interazione
Section Selection

**BEFORE THE ENROLMENT**
Only students admitted in the MSc Program in Italian, needs to indicate their preferences to be allocated in a specific section.

**TO MAKE A CHOICE**
we advise you to read the course details for the design studios which are the main difference among each section.

In order to indicate your preferences you need to fill the following form

**THE DEADLINE**
to answer the form and express your preferences is 7th July 2024
Students who miss answering this form will be allocated automatically in a section by the academic offices.

The section of allocation will be communicated by email before the enrolment and cannot be changed
Design & Engineering

Website: https://design-engineering.polimi.it/
Overview

The programme created by the cooperation in the educational project of the disciplinary areas of Design, Mechanical Engineering and Materials Engineering - has the objective of specialist training in three fundamental areas: Design, Process and Industrial Production; Design Materials; Representation and Prototyping.

This programme has the objective of preparing a design figure who integrates the Design and “engineering” cultures, a professional able to provide a complete project dossier comprising product concept, via final and working design, and preparation of the documents necessary to go into production; who has particular skills in the choice of materials, in design methodologies in a virtual environment and in the impact of the technological aspects of production systems on the project.

This programme is divided in two sections: De1 – De2
You’ll see in the following pages the courses related to the 1st and 2nd year. These are the compulsory courses you need to attend in order to obtain your MSc Degree.

35
Places available per year
for International students

3
Double Degree Programs:
Les Ecoles University
Xi'An Jiaotong University
Sao Paulo University

94%
Employed 1 Year after graduation*

*Font: Career Service statistics in 2023
### Study Plan – Design & Engineering

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How to Select the Sections

**Students admitted** to the MSc Program in Design & Engineering need **to indicate** the section of preference before the enrolment.

**In order to make a choice**, students can have more information about the programs:

Reading the 1st semester Design studios **course details** which are the main difference among the sections *(De1 - De2)*

**De1 Product Development Design Studio 1 – course details**

**De2 Product Development Design Studio 1 – course details**

**HOW TO SEARCH FOR COURSES**

In order to **search the courses you’ll attend and read the courses details** you can see this **tutorial** on how to search them on the website:

[How to search for courses](#)
BEFORE THE ENROLMENT
each student needs to indicate their preferences to be allocated in a specific section.

TO MAKE A CHOICE we advise you to read the course details for the design studios which are the main difference among each section.

In order to indicate your preferences you need to fill the following form!

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to answer the form and express your preferences is 7th July 2024. Students who miss answering this form will be allocated automatically in a section by the academic offices.

The section of allocation will be communicated by email to all the students, before the enrolment and cannot be changed.
Design for the Fashion System

Website: http://www.moda.polimi.it/it/
The Fashion Design degree programme at Politecnico di Milano trains fashion designers: not isolated artists expressing their talent, but designers who are inspired in their projects and in their profession by the relationship with the fashion system and its protagonists.

The polytechnic education is derived from the Italian design culture, a synthesis of craft and of profession, of experimentation and of multidisciplinary knowledge.

Students at Politecnico carry out practical manual work at our labs and work out projects by means of a versatile design method, thus combining the craft traditions of Italian fashion with the new digital technologies. They attend workshops in cooperation with leading fashion companies and at the same time they deepen their knowledge on the research on new materials. In a complete and exciting educational path, one can tailor one’s studies in different fields, such as apparel, jewelry, accessory, knitwear, sportswear or further analysis of the distribution process, of retail and of visual merchandising.

This programme is divided into two sections: M1 - M2. You’ll see in the following pages the courses related to the 1st and 2nd year, with the compulsory courses you need to attend in order to obtain your MSc Degree.
## Study Plan – Design for the Fashion System

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*Optional elements*
Students admitted to the MSc in Design for the Fashion System need to indicate the section of preference before the enrolment.

In order to make a choice, students can have more information about the programs:

Reading the 1st semester Design studios course details which are the main difference among the two sections (M1 - M2)

M1 Fashion Design Studio course details

M2 Accessory Design Studio course details
Section Selection Form

BEFORE THE ENROLMENT
each student needs to indicate their preferences to be allocated in a specific section.

TO MAKE A CHOICE
we advise you to read the course details for the design studios which are the main difference among each section.

In order to indicate your preferences you need to fill the following form

THE DEADLINE
to answer the form and express your preferences is 7th July 2024.
Students who miss answering this form will be allocated automatically in a section by the academic offices.

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Responding to the development of Information and Communication Technologies in the last decades, the programme will provide knowledge and design experiences in all the application fields of digital technologies: interactive and connected products, responsive environments, tangible and multimedia interfaces, personal artifacts. The focus is on design for experience through the innovation of artefacts, spaces and services.

The programme aims at training highly qualified professionals who are able to employ the potentials of technologies in all domains of design applications, to drive design processes in multidisciplinary contexts and to use the design tools to represent also the non-material dimensions of interactive experiences.

This programme is divided in two sections: DID1 and DID2. You’ll see in the following pages the courses related to the 1st and 2nd year. These are the compulsory courses you need to attend in order to obtain your MSc Degree.
## Study Plan – Digital and Interaction Design

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### Study Plan – Digital and Interaction Design

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Students admitted to the MSc in Digital and Interaction Design, need to indicate the section of preference before the enrolment.

In order to make a choice, students can have more information about the programs.

Reading the 2nd semester Design studios course details which are the main difference among both sections (DID1 and DID2)

DID1 ENVISIONING AI THROUGH DESIGN

DID2 EMBODIED INTERACTION STUDIO

HOW TO SEARCH FOR COURSES

In order to search the courses you’ll attend and read the courses details you can see this tutorial on how to search them on the website:

How to search for courses
**Section Selection Form**

**BEFORE THE ENROLMENT**
each student needs to indicate their preferences to be allocated in a specific section.

**TO MAKE A CHOICE**
we advise you to read the course details for the design studios which are the main difference among each section.

In order to indicate your preferences you need to fill the following form

**THE DEADLINE**
to answer the form and express your preferences is **7th July 2024**
Students who miss answering this form will be allocated automatically in a section by the academic offices.

The section of allocation will be communicated by email to all the students, before the enrolment and cannot be changed
Interior and Spatial Design

Website: https://www.interiordesign.polimi.it/
**Overview**

This programme aims at training highly skilled professionals, who are able to critically deal with new interior spaces, design of urban interiors and ephemeral places, with particular interest in new technologies, including, in addition to the traditional interior design themes, broader themes related to Landscape, Urban Design, Performance and Art and Visual Technologies.

The programme is characterized by different teaching activities, ranging from monodisciplinary courses, to design studios and workshops, where students are given the opportunity to experiment the tools used in design professions through the involvement of companies, institutions, visiting professors and design studios. Interior and spatial designers will be able to creatively work in projects with an innovative functional, aesthetic, technical and technological approach even for social innovation.

This programme is divided in 3 sections: Is1 – Is2 – Is3 – Is4. You’ll see in the following pages the courses related to the 1st and 2nd year, with the compulsory courses you need to attend in order to obtain your MSc Degree.

50
Places available per year for International students

94%
Employed 1 Year after graduation*

Double Degree Programs:
- Tongji University
- Tsinghua University

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*Font: Career Service statistics in 2023
# Study Plan – Interior and Spatial Design

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- **Optional elements**
- **Bold text** indicates Design Studio (Laboratorio)
## Study Plan – Interior and Spatial Design

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Students admitted in the program in English, need to indicate the section of preference, before the enrolment.

In order to make a choice, students can have more information about the programs:

Reading the 1st semester Design studios course details which are the main difference among the sections (Is1 - Is2 - Is3 – Is4)

**Is1 New Interiors Studio course details**

**Is2 Ephemeral/Temporary Spaces course details**

**Is3 Landscape Studio course details**

**Is4 Flexible Dwelling course details**
Section Selection Form

**BEFORE THE ENROLMENT**
Only students admitted in the MSc Program in English needs to indicate their preferences to be allocated in a specific section.

**TO MAKE A CHOICE**
we advise you to read the course details for the design studios which are the main difference among each section.

In order to indicate your preferences you need to fill the following form

**THE DEADLINE**
to answer the form and express your preferences is 7th July 2024
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Integrated Product Design

Website: https://productdesign.polimi.it/en/master-of-science/
The MSc Programme in Integrated Product Design approaches the Product Design discipline in a comprehensive and systemic way, with a strong cultural attitude.

Within an accelerated social and technical progress, products progressively evolve into complex systems that merge both tangible and intangible aspects. Consequently, the boundaries of the product design discipline expand to integrate different facets, such as the relationship between design and technology and the need for new augmented functions; strategic and market-related actions; a focus on social and environmental issues; and a clear understanding of the processes that concur in the definition of the qualities of products.

This programme is divided in two sections: Ip1 – Ip2
You’ll see in the following page the courses related to the 1st and 2nd year. These are the compulsory courses you need to attend in order to obtain your MSc Degree.

Courses in section Ip1 are held mostly in Italian language. Students admitted in the program in Italian will be registered automatically in this section.

Courses in section Ip2 are held in English language, students admitted in the program in English will be registered automatically in this section.

20
Places available per year for International students

4
Double Degree Programs:
PUC University
Sao Paulo University
Tsinghua University
UNISINOS

89%
Employed
1 Year after graduation*

*Font: Career Service statistics in 2023
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**BOLD TEXT** Design Studio (Laboratorio)
How to Select the Sections

**Students admitted** to the Integrated Product Design in Italian will be registered automatically in the section IP1 which is held in Italian and English.

**Students admitted** in the program in English, will be registered automatically in the section IP2 which is held in English.

**HOW TO SEARCH FOR COURSES**

In order to search the courses you’ll attend and read the courses details you can see this tutorial on how to search them on the website:

[How to search for courses](#)
Product Service System Design

Website: www.pssd.polimi.it
The programme aims at training highly qualified designers who may deal with the complexity of a product-service system (PSS), that is an integrated blend of products, of communication strategies, of services and of spaces. These are created and managed by different kinds of stakeholders (profit/non-profit companies, institutions, associations, organisations, etc.) to offer innovative solutions. PSS designers will be trained to work in team, to collaborate with experts and professionals from other fields, to broker different languages and to work in highly competitive international contexts. The programme develops in the participants the skills to creatively conceive and to manage integrated product, service, event and communication strategies, by using a wide design toolkit and by employing basics of project management, supply chain management, sustainability, anthropology and ethnography, communications and media. PSSD students have the possibility to apply for the double degree programme at Tongji University (Shanghai) or for the internal double degree with Management Engineering at Politecnico di Milano.

The programme is divided in two sections: **Ps1 – Ps2.** You’ll see in the following pages the courses related to the 1st and 2nd year with the compulsory courses you need to attend in order to obtain your MSc Degree.

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### 40

Places available per year for International students

### 2

Double Degree Programs:
- Tongji University
- Management Engineering at Polimi

### 93%

Employed 1 Year after graduation*

*Font: Career Service statistics in 2023
# Study Plan – Product Service System Design

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In order to make a choice, students can have more information about the programs:

Reading the 2nd semester Design studios course details which are the main difference among both sections (Ps1 and Ps2)

Ps1 Design Studio course details

Ps2 Design Studio course details
BEFORE THE ENROLMENT
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TO MAKE A CHOICE
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academic offices.

The section of allocation will be communicated by email to all the students, before the enrolment and cannot be changed.
03. Submit your Study Plan
After enrolment, the student must submit the Study Plan and insert the optional elements (first year courses of your choice and/or any courses with language option).

The Study Plan is done only once per year. Therefore it includes the courses to attend in the 1st and 2nd semester of each academic year.

The student can decide how many credits to include in the Plan from 30 to 80 credits. Depending on the number of credits included, the amount of the tuition fees may vary.

Before inserting optional courses in the Study Plan, it is advisable to check the course details and schedule published online.

You can see this video tutorial* to help you when submitting the study plan.

For more details about the study plan submission: How to submit the study plan
Allocations

For students newly enrolled in Master of Science programs, the allocation in the optional courses is based on a *merit ranking* considering the *score* assigned by the Academic Commissions at the time of admission.

The allocation procedure in the 2nd year in the optional courses, is based again on a *merit ranking* considering the *student’s academic average* registered on 31st July of each year.

*The preferences* expressed will be accepted considering the student’s *ranking* until the maximum number of places available for each course is reached, the first options will be evaluated first. Students are invited to pay attention to all the options expressed once registering the study plan, checking in particular the semester and the timetable of the lessons.

Courses in Excess

These courses do not enter into the calculation of the credits to achieve the MSc Degree and not contribute in the academic records. However, they are considered in the calculation of the credits on which the tuition fees are calculated. Acceptance in the excess courses depends on the availability of places registered after the study plan registration.
04. Teaching Modalities
Courses last one semester and are held once per year.

1st year Design Studios are preparatory to the Final Synthesis Design Studio; therefore students need to pass them in order to be able to register in the 2nd year Design Studio.

The attendance in the Design studios and workshops is mandatory: to achieve attendance, it will be necessary to acquire a minimum 80% of attendance is necessary.

Some monodisciplinary and integrated courses may be available for non-attending students. It’s important to check if this option is indicated in the course details. Otherwise, the attendance is required as per the Design studios.
Exams Sessions

The exam sessions are distributed during the year:

1st semester courses the exams sessions are on:
- **February** with 2 different exams dates available
- **July** with 2 different exams dates available
- **September** with 1 exam date available

2nd semester courses the exams session are on:
- **July** with 2 different exams dates available
- **September** with 1 exam date available
- **February** with 2 different exams dates available

The Design Studios will have only **two exam dates** scheduled and only at the end of the semester the design studio has been held.

If not passed, the Design Studios and Workshops must be re-attended the **following academic year**. Given the particular nature of the Workshops and the Design Studios, no retake exams are foreseen.

To be able to sit an exam session, you must register within the deadlines provided through the Online Services.

The evaluation that students can receive are:

- **Promoted** with a vote
- Or
- **Postponed** to the next session

After the publication of the marks by the Professors, students have the possibility (before consolidating the marks) to **decline the evaluation** attributed, by replying the email in which the grades are communicated in the Polimi email.

In the absence of explicit waiver of the grade, the Professor will register the grade assigned on your career.
05. Additional Information
## Important Dates

Check the School academic calendar here:
[Lessons Timetable, Calendars & Deadlines - Design (polimi.it)](https://www.polimi.it/)

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Welcome Week

From **10th to 12th September 2024**
Politecnico di Milano will organize the welcome and orientation week.

We’ll meet on **10th September** to give you an overview about our programs, academic system, etc.

The complete programme will be available online and will include seminars and meetings to help incoming students to become familiar with the university's facilities, professors and staff.

More information about the welcome week will be available shortly here:

[Welcome and orientation activities - polimi](#)
International Students Office

https://www.polimi.it/en/international-prospective-students/contact-us-and-faqs/international-students-office/

Help Desk for:
- students interested in Laurea programmes
- students who have been admitted in Laurea Magistrale programmes in Milano campuses

If you want to:
- Send us a message
- Meet us by sending a message where you explain the reason for the appointment and, if necessary, we’ll confirm date and time
- Chat with us on Monday: 9:30-12:30 and Thursday: 13:30-16:00

Click:
Contacts for students →

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4. Answers questions about enrolment, tuition fees, scholarships
5. Provides certifications and official documents
6. Provides information and support about the stay permit, visa issues, etc.
How to Reach Bovisa Campus

**By bus 92 or tram 2**
Get out at the stop “Via Imbriani - Piazzale Bausan”

**By bus 82**
Get out at the stop “Via Maffucci Via Baldinucci”

**By train**
Get out at the stop “Bovisa Politecnico”. Out of the station turn left.
Trains headed to Bovisa: S1, S2, S3, S4, S12, S13

**By Bike sharing (BikeMI)**
Two bike stations located near Bovisa Train station and Bausan square

www.trenord.it/EN/
www.atm.it/en
www.bikemi.com/en/
Entrance

B1  Library - 1st floor
    School of Design Offices - 3rd floor

B2  Classrooms and Design Labs

B3  Polifactory

B4  Polishop and print shop

B5  Poli.Design

B6  Classrooms and Crash Test Lab

B7  Department Design

B8  Classrooms

B9  Aula “Carlo De Carli”
You’ll find this presentation here:

Incoming Students - Design (polimi.it)

Contact: School: Send an email (polimi.it)

More Information: www.design.polimi.it
Thanks!