



Laurea / B.A. in Global Governance

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Do You agree to publish this interview on our official website : Yes

- 1. The Bachelor of Arts in Global Governance – as you can see from our Courses described in the booklet - offers interdisciplinary teaching, which aims to prepare professionals to face global challenges that require specific legal and socio-economic competencies, as well as a wide range of technical and scientific knowledge and soft skills to manage cultural integration, mediation and team dynamics. With regard to the issues that your sector faces, can they be addressed by relying only on a single field of knowledge or do they require the melding of several specialties?**

I definitely think that multidisciplinary approach is necessary in the year of 2020. Based on my experiences of We Need to Talk and UN Advocacy, I use both my legal knowledge and my experience on development studies, politics and governance. I truly encourage Global Governance Students to never fully focus on one area and instead having their expertise nurtured by additional multidisciplinary approaches.

- 2. One of the main goals of the 3-year B.A. in Global Governance is to support the academic education of our students with a series of professional trainings so as to better identify their potential work opportunities after they graduate. For this reason, Global Governance encourages training programs and internships within institutions, firms and organizations, both in Italy and abroad, selected on the basis of their prestige and quality of the experience. Do you think that these activities are important for the placement of our students in a company/institution like yours or is it too early to do them during a Bachelor?**

No, I definitely do not think it is early for bachelor students. I myself discovered I was not interested in becoming a corporate lawyer due to many internships I had in law school. Internships are crucial opportunities to figure out what you want and what you do not want in your future

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career. Having said this, I think one or two internships per year is sufficient and Bachelor students should not fill their summers completely by being interns.

- 3. Global Governance is implementing the so-called "Mentors Project". The main purpose of the project is to provide advice to students regarding choices on future studies and/or careers by putting them in touch (throughout the duration of the course) with a professional for advice and counsel. Do you think it is a worthwhile project? Would you be willing to mentor once a year a GG student (via skype or in Rome)? Do you think they are effective projects for the personal growth process of students?**

Yes, I had many mentors throughout my process of building "We Need To Talk" movement, they were strong successful women who were also role models for me. I think an effective mentorship is crucial for young people but the mentor-mentee matching and effective communication is very important. I would be more than happy to mentor a GG Student who is interested in gender equality agenda.

- 4. In order to help our students select an appropriate academic pathway to follow after they have completed the B.A. in Global Governance, the course offers three majors to choose from: Economics and Philosophy; Political Science, Law and History; Science and Technology. Do you think it is advisable to offer majors, or in other words, subject areas that students specialize in, in a Bachelor Degree? Would your company/institution give a greater attention to a candidate from one of those three paths or would you look only at other dimensions of their Bachelor studies? In case yes, which one of the 3 majors?**

I absolutely think providing such specialization opportunities for Bachelor's at a young stage of their academic careers is a big advantage for students. If a young person with this backgrounds for a position in We Need To Talk, it would be a huge plus for them. As a human rights lawyer, I find Political Science major to be most appealing since as an employer, it would give me the idea that this candidate has strong basic knowledge of many social sciences and truly comprehends multidisciplinary approached.

- 5. What are the competencies, skills and abilities that in general your company/institution cherishes in an applicant? Do you hire Bachelor-only students or you require a Master? What type of Master would you advise a GG student to follow to have a chance to enter your company/institution?**

We also hire Bachelor graduates, but of course having a Master's degree take the candidate a step forwards. The biggest ability that we are looking for is to be a good team-player and time-management skills. In terms of the type of Master's, we would not have a specific choice, but we believe that having a certain Bachelor programme and moving on with a Master's in a different branch is a big plus.

- 6. Would your Company potentially interview an interested candidate graduated in Global Governance? If yes, would you need to provide him with extra-training once in? Of what kind?**

Of course, we would need to give extra training to due our working area, particularly gender equality advocacy at UN and the jargon that we use, basics of period poverty, but I believe a Global Governance student would be quite qualified for our institution.

7. How can we improve the training of our students so that their skills can better respond to the needs of your sector?

You can easily organize "virtual trips" to the United Nations Entities or register your students to UN Events as observers/participants. I believe such experience would contribute positively.

8. How can we improve the training of our students so that their skills can better respond to the needs of your company/institution?

I think the programme can offer coding/web design courses since it is highly regarded and needed from our institution. This is a skill that is often searched for civil society employers.

9. Would you or someone in your company/institution be willing to ask for a specific profile to our Global Governance Alumni Association (composed as of now of more than 100 GG graduates most of them holding a further Master/Laurea Magistrale degree)?

Yes, sure.

10. Would your company/institution be interested in offering internships to Global Governance students? If yes, are there any specific prerequisites or competences that our students should have in order to be selected to carry out the internship?

Yes, of course we would be interested in offering internships. Working knowledge of Turkish would be an asset however not mandatory. Our interns could prepare digital content for us and support our advocacy work.

11. Please report here any other comment or suggestion regarding the structure and contents of the Global Governance BA.

It was my utmost pleasure to be a speaker and meet the students of Global Governance. I would love to stay in touch with the students in case they may need some suggestions or assistance on a possible career in UN or if they are interested in We Need To Talk. Thank you very much for this opportunity.