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in Global Governance

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1. Global Governance students are required to do internships with institutions, firms and organizations both in Italy and abroad, because we believe that this allows them to identify work opportunities after they graduate. Do you think these activities are important for the placement of students in other universities or in the labor market? Is it too early for them to do this during a bachelor program?

I think it's very useful for you students to have a better idea of what kind of jobs there are, either positively or negatively, so you can decide if there is something you want to do, or something that is not good for you. I also think it is the right time to do it during a bachelor degree. What we have to check is the other side -that of the institutions. They tend to be open to young people, because they know that excellence and innovative ideas can come from them, but maybe they could consider it to be too early. Therefore, we have to check if there are specific programs for bachelor students and how long they are.

2. The Bachelor of Arts in Global Governance prepares students to face global challenges that require legal and socio-economic competences, as well as soft skills, technical knowledge and ability to manage cultural integration and team dynamics. We would like to ask: what is your opinion about this type of programs?

I think they're very good to work in International Organizations, but also in companies that work worldwide. I believe this kind of expertise is needed and expected by institutions, and in my personal opinion there is actually a growing demand of these skills. So, I think you made the right choice! Of course, you also need to try to achieve a certain level of flexibility, because things may change in terms of way of working (with technology, AI, this sort of things) and also in terms of how the world is organized.

3. In order to help our students to select an appropriate academic pathway to follow after they have completed their journey in Global Governance the course offers 3 majors: *Economics and Philosophy, Political Science, Law and History* and *Science and Technology*. Do you think



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it is advisable to offer students subjects in which they can specialize in a bachelor's degree program? Would you give a greater attention to a candidate from one of these majors or would you look at other dimensions of their studies?

I think a certain degree of specialization is necessary, since sooner or later you will have to follow a path. I see and I expect that the three majors are still quite open, quite wide, so you have a spectrum of different possibilities. I think this organization is fine, you can specialize later. Of course, institutions and companies will always have to face the trade-off between people that are very specialized (what there is to check is if their area of specialization is needed) and people that are more flexible and have the kind of mindset that can deal with issues that have not been dealt with before (especially young people).

4. Do you think that the Global Governance graduates that the course intends to train will be in demand by the labor market over the next ten years? If not or only partly, what do you think is missing?

I think this demand will increase. Of course, currently we have to face a world where multilateral institutions are receding or are under attack, and surely this may hamper their role. However, I believe it is unavoidable, with the new technologies, to still have a globalized world where companies, institutions, governments and even individuals have to face different cultures and environments. Therefore, I think the demand of Global Governance graduates will remain high.

5. Would you suggest any extra activity or training that can be implemented in Global Governance and could improve the structure of the program?

You have a major in technology, so that is already there. You also already have the possibility to do internships, and I encourage this especially abroad. What is missing? Overall, the structure seems fine. We have talked about flexibility and the fact that it is sometimes a "plus" in the labor market in certain environments, so that flexibility should be encouraged, giving you the opportunity to follow courses on things that are apparently not related to the program, like philosophy or mathematics, something like that.

6. What are the competences, skills and abilities that, in general, in the labor market of the fields we are covering, are important for an applicant that graduated in Global Governance?

Well... If you liked what you studied in Global Governance, as I said, you should just acquire more flexibility in approaching things and also developing other skills that are not that close to the program may be useful. What sometimes is missing and is very appreciated by institutions and companies is the critical way of thinking. I don't know, maybe your professors already pay enough attentions to this, but having a critical approach and being aware that there are other ways of thinking or that there may be loopholes and criticalities in theories and data is very useful, because then you can bring some innovative ideas to the places you will work in.