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SPS Track Allievi Honors Program



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Strengthen students' preparation with additional courses, tutorials and learning activities, and help them succeed in their international academic or professional careers



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- Complement UniTo and Politecnico
- Strengthening and deepening program
- Past Allievi have gone on to outstanding placements

https://www.carloalberto.org/education/allievi-honors-program/placement/

Previously only for economics and statistics



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Established 2020

Program for SPS students to enrich their knowledge about the social sciences and prepare them for future success in academic or professional careers



- Analytical, quantitative, and empirically rigorous track
- Become better social scientists and thinkers
- Integrated social sciences approach
- Concrete skills e.g. programming
- Master's Degree from the Collegio



Tutorials on fascinating and challenging questions:

- Why do people put their lives at risk to help strangers?
- Are African Americans more discriminated against than those with criminal records?
- How do voters make up their mind in election campaigns?
- Why do boys obtain lower school grades than girls?
- Does online communication resemble an echo chamber and does this lead to polarization of opinions?
- Why do people leave tips and why does this vary so much according to countries?



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- Courses on reasoning, research design, data gathering, and analysis
- Thesis

Deepen substantive knowledge and develop analytical tools to understand and identify social phenomena

- International faculty active in cutting edge research
- **Excellent** instructor to student ratio



Tutorial in SPS (30 hours)

- Identify and dissect empirical puzzles
- Weekly essay and tutorial
- End puzzle workshop

Logical Reasoning for Sciences (20 hours)

- Mathematical and logical tools for reasoning
- Joint with economics and statistics

Applied Statistics for SPS (40 hours)

- Statistical methods for the social sciences
- Classes and Stata practicals



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Advanced Research Design (30 hours)

- Strategies of data gathering *causal* emphasis
- Innovative techniques for data gathering

<u>Applied Economics</u> (30 hours)

- Deeper learning of statistical methods
- Joint with economics and statistics

Dissertations

- Empirical research (max 10,000 words)
- Can overlap with *laurea magistrale* dissertation
- Supervised by SPS Allievi faculty member



- Collegio mentor
- Work area at the Collegio
- Allievi network
- (Partial) coverage of university taxes
- Lunch vouchers for a bar near the Collegio
- Yearly public transportation ticket
- University residence for those from outside Piedmont



- Students **passionate** about social and political phenomena
- Interest in quantitative and formal methods
- Academically outstanding
- GPA (*media ponderata dei voti*) of at least 27/30 during the Bachelor (*triennale*)
- Enrollment in the first year of any *laurea magistrale* at the University or the Politecnico of Turin starting from September 2021
- Up to 8 students
- Not essential to have quantitative background



- GPA of at least 27/30 during the UniTo or Politecnico master (*magistrale*)
- Attend all the required courses (90 and 60 hours) and pass the exams
- Develop and write a final thesis under the supervision of a faculty member



Gain an advantage for any position that requires data analysis and analytical reasoning skills

Collegio network relevant for SPS Allievi

- **Research centers** in Italy, e.g. Centro Einaudi, FIERI, IRS, ISMU, ISPI, T.way, Torino Social Innovation, Forward-TO, ASVAPP
- **European bodies and agencies**, e.g. EU Commission, EU Council, Council of Europe ETF European Training Foundation
- International agencies, e.g. ITC/ILO, UNESCO, UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, UN Staff College, Office on Drugs and Crime, International Centre for Migration Policy Development
- **European think thanks** e.g. European Institute for Asian Studies, Esprit Communautaire, EU Core
- European project agencies e.g. CODEX- Agenzia di sviluppo, EPC Progetti Europei
- **Bank foundations**, in particular Compagnia di San Paolo and related bodies (Ufficio Pio, Fondazione per la Scuola, Collegio Carlo Alberto)
- Italian Chamber of Commerce units abroad





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Mid-February 2021: call opens

July 4th 2021: deadline for applications

September 2021: SPS Allievi start