



**UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO**  
DIPARTIMENTO DI FILOSOFIA  
“PIERO MARTINETTI”

**Master Degree in Philosophical Sciences - Guide**

**Academic Year 2022-2023**

This document briefly collects some fundamental information for students wishing to enroll in the Master Degree in Philosophical Sciences. It provides information concerning the first steps to be taken and the first things to know before attending classes, as well as about the following steps. Refer to the following website for more complete information:

<https://scienzefilosofiche.cdl.unimi.it/en>

Students are invited to explore the site to get the information they need. Also tutors are available and students can write to them for further support on what cannot be explicitly found on the website, see:

<https://scienzefilosofiche.cdl.unimi.it/en/programme/contact-persons>

**1. Admission Requirements**

Admission to the Master Degree in Philosophical Sciences is free. Students satisfying the following requirements may access:

*Qualification*

Option A. Bachelor Degree (L-5 Filosofia or others), achieved at the Università degli Studi di Milano or any other Italian University, including:

- (a) at least 60 ECTS credits in one or more of the following SDS (Scientific Disciplinary Sector): M-FIL/01, M-FIL/02, M-FIL/03, M-FIL/04, M-FIL/05, M-FIL/06, M-FIL/07, M-FIL/08, SPS/01, IUS/20, M/STO-05,

of which

- (b) at least 18 credits must have been achieved in one or more of the following: M-FIL/06, M-FIL/07, M-FIL/08;
- (c) and a maximum of 18 credits achieved in SDS of the following areas (Italian academic system):

01 Scienze matematiche e informatiche

- 02 Scienze fisiche
- 05 Scienze biologiche
- 10 Scienze dell'antichità, filologico-letterarie e storico-artistiche
- 11 Scienze storiche, filosofiche, pedagogiche e psicologiche
- 12 Scienze giuridiche
- 13 Scienze economiche e statistiche
- 14 Scienze politiche e sociali.

Option B. Bachelor Degree in Philosophy or in any other Discipline from a foreign University comparable to the Italian degree. For both options, it is required that the academic path congruously satisfies the criteria (a), (b), and (c) given above. Admissions of these candidates' is subordinated to the decision of the Admission Committee of the Master Degree in Philosophical Sciences, based on the curriculum evaluation and possibly including an interview aimed at assessing whether education and competence fit the program's requirements.

In all cases, qualifications shall be uploaded during the admission procedure.

#### *Language Requirements*

A CEFR B1 (or above) level of English is required. The B1 level will be tested by SLAM (Centro Linguistico di Ateneo) during the admission process, by one of the following means:

- (a) English certificate obtained up to three years before presenting the Admission request. The list of accepted certificates is available at the following website:

<https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-and-english-courses/accepted-language-certificates>

The certificate held must be uploaded during the admission process.

- (b) English level achieved during a Bachelor's degree at the Università degli Studi di Milano by SLAM up to four years before presenting the Admission request. The certification will be automatically attested, without the need to provide any documentation during the Admission process.

- (c) Entry test issued by SLAM. Any candidate who does not possess a valid certificate, nor possess a valid level of knowledge will be summoned for a test by SLAM during the Admission procedure. Candidates who do not sit or pass the placement test will have until 31 December 2022 to obtain and submit a recognized certificate to SLAM. Students who do not meet the requirement by 31 December 2022 will not be admitted to the Master's degree programme and may not sit further tests.

You can find the available slots for the entry test at:  
<https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-and-english-courses/english-entry-tests>

### *Previous career*

When uploading the Admission request, candidates must have acquired at least 126 ECTS credits during the previous academic career. All of the acquired ECTS credits count for meeting this Admission requirement.

Requests of credit transfer are only admissible for ECTS credits acquired in Master programs, and exclusively for credits not used to meet the admission requirements. The Admission Committee of the Master Degree may evaluate the relevance of acquired credits, including their timeliness.

## **2. Admission procedure**

Applications for admission to the Master Degree in Philosophical Sciences must be submitted via the electronic procedure. At the time of submission, candidates must:

- (a) select a curriculum;
- (b) document their previous academic career, including a list of sustained exams with marks received and related SDS;
- (c) explicitly request the recognition of any ECTS credits previously acquired during other Master Degrees, specifying in place of which courses of the study plan in Philosophical Sciences these are proposed and providing documentation attesting
  - (I) the course's titles,
  - (II) its SDS (Scientific Disciplinary Sector),
  - (III) the number of ECTS credit acquired.

Missing any of the above, the Committee will not grant any credit transfer, which may nonetheless be requested later to the relevant office. The Committee may require information about the syllabi of previous exams for which a credit transfer is requested.

To be admitted to the A.Y. 2022-2023, candidates must have all the admission requirements (degree, additional credits, knowledge of the English language) and have uploaded all the necessary documents for verification on the University system by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Regardless of when submitted, the Admission Committee will evaluate applications for admission only when all requirements are met.

### **3. Verification of competencies and qualifications**

Satisfaction of competencies and qualification is considered verified for Candidates with a degree title from an Italian University and a final evaluation mark of at least 95/110. For candidates who have obtained a final evaluation lower than 95/110, the verification of personal competence's adequacy is carried out via individual interviews (possibly online). Moreover, the Committee may decide to invite for an interview:

- (a) candidates with a degree from a foreign university, to ascertain competencies and motivations;
- (b) candidates who have request any credit transfer from a previous academic career, to ascertain the request's validity and correctness.

The Admission Committee can be contacted to request clarifications which may be not explicitly provided in this document, via the following e-mail:

[ammissioni.scienze@unimi.it](mailto:ammissioni.scienze@unimi.it)

The Committee does not provide evaluations of *curricula* or of possible validation of credit transfer requests previous to applications.

Dates for interviews will be communicated by the committee directly to the candidates in accordance with the evaluation of applications.

Candidates will be invited via the online application system. Candidates who do not reply to an invitation will not be admitted.

Call and deadlines

Application for admission:  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Application for matriculation:  
Graduate students already admitted: by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Students who acquire all the admission requirements by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022: by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **4. Choosing the curriculum**

By enrolling, the choice of a curriculum is compulsory. The study plan for each curriculum has important distinguishing characteristics. For this reason, a thoughtful choice is recommended. Ask your bachelor's thesis supervisor, or the curricula tutors, for information:

<https://scienze@unimi.it/en/programme/contact-persons>

Change of curriculum is possible, but only some of the given acquired credits might be recognized.

The *curricula* for the Master Degree in Philosophical Sciences are the following four:

*Critique of the Contemporary: Perspectives and Genealogies*

The curriculum offers an ample and varied study path with a distinctly critical-theoretical character. The curriculum allows to achieve a specialized preparation in the philosophical branches of Theoretical Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, and Aesthetics, considered in their connection with historical, individual, and social issues. Through several disciplines, the curriculum aims at showing how philosophy, loyal to its task, addresses present day issues from the hermeneutical perspectives developed in modern and contemporary thought.

*Philosophies, Cultures, and Societies*

The curriculum aims to offer a varied course of study including anthropological, moral, sociological, and political disciplines. This course of study aims, in particular, to deepen the multiple connections and contaminations between philosophy, on the one hand, and human sciences, in the broadest sense, on the other.

*Philosophy and Its Histories: Concepts, Traditions, Transformations*

The curriculum aims to provide students with advanced philosophical training, characterized by a historical approach to philosophical research. Thanks to historical research, philosophical inquiry acquires a critical understanding of the genesis and meaning of the problems it debates and of their possible solutions. The study course follows a dual path: on the one hand, it provides content related to philosophical thought and the methodology of historical and cultural analysis; on the other hand, it strengthens awareness of philosophical problems and the current debate, along with any interdisciplinary connections.

*Reasoning, Analysis, and Modelling*

The curriculum enables the students to acquire deep knowledge of the methods and topics developed by analytic philosophers, providing specialized training in contemporary debates on the following subjects: the nature and limits of human knowledge; the relations between language, thought, and reality; the structures of sound reasoning; the fundamental categories of reality. Courses are held either in Italian or English, and students can take the entire curriculum in English, with lectures encouraging the active participation of students.

To acquire more information about the *curricula*, you are suggested to navigate the Program description of the academic year, available under *Official documents* at this link:

<https://www.unimi.it/en/education/philosophical-sciences>

## 5. The first semester

The study plan for the first semester of the first year is compulsory, including the first three mandatory courses characterizing each curriculum. During the first semester, it is possible to take optional exams only after having undergone the compulsory exams. It is mandatory to take a B2 English test, which is binding in order to take exams taught in English.

In particular, compulsory exams are:

*1- Critique of the Contemporary: Perspectives and Genealogies:*

Philosophical Anthropology (9 ECTS)  
Performative Aesthetics (9 ECTS)  
Philosophy of Practices (9 ECTS)

*2- Philosophies, Cultures, and Societies:*

Philosophical Anthropology (9 ECTS)  
Philosophy of Practices (9 ECTS)  
History of Classical German Philosophy (9 ECTS)

*3- Philosophy and Its Histories: Concepts, Traditions, Transformations:*

History of Classical German Philosophy (9 ECTS)  
History of Medieval Philosophy (MA) (9 ECTS)  
History of Political Philosophy (MA) (6 ECTS)

*4- Reasoning, Analysis, and Modelling:*

Logical Methods (9 ECTS)  
Philosophical Analysis (9 ECTS)  
Rules, Reason and Norms (9 ECTS)

The student who is not able to take all or some of the mandatory exams during the first semester, will be given the possibility to take them at any other moment of their university career.

## 6. Study plan

During the first year of enrolment, students are required to submit the study plan and to indicate which exams they intend to take within the relevant curriculum. The choice is to be made considering a set of clearly indicated constraints. The study plan must conform with the Programme Description and consider the year of enrolment. All useful information can be found at

<https://scienzefilosofiche.cdl.unimi.it/en/courses/educational-plan>

The opening and closing dates of the study plan compilation window can be found on Unimia, in the *Study plan* section.

Once completed and approved, the study plan cannot be modified until the opening of the next year's compilation window. The modification of the study plan is carried out by presenting a new one through the Unimia system. In alternative, the compilation of the individual study plan may be requested through the InformaStudenti system.

## **7. Career and employment**

Graduates in Philosophical Sciences may:

- fill in strategic, organizational, and communication roles in the public administration, and in public or private, national or international companies;
- work in the field of traditional and multimedia publishing;
- carry out professional activities in the communication sector;
- carry out professional activities in the field of philosophical counseling;
- coordinate working groups as a cultural mediator.

Graduates in Philosophical Sciences will be able to:

- conduct independent research in the context of doctoral or research programs in philosophy and related sciences in Italy and abroad;
- teach philosophy, history, pedagogy, and demo-anthropological disciplines in high schools and other secondary schools;
- fill in management and coordination roles in the public administration;
- work in HR recruiting and development, communication, inter-company relations, and cultural programs in public and private organizations;
- work as an editorial director or manuscript editor;
- work as a cultural event manager, or copywriter;
- work in corporate and work-life balance counseling;
- work in promoting cooperation in the workplace or otherwise in multi-cultural societies;
- integrate data, define concepts, and model problems to illustrate users' requests and business goals.

## **8. Apprenticeships**

The degree course includes internships through convention, including proposals by the student, authorized and followed by a tutor of the Academic Board. An internship lasts from 3 to 6 months, with flexible working hours and allows students to acquire 3 ECTS credits. Through an intense tutoring activity – carried out mainly by the University Study and Career Guidance Service COSP – the course directs students towards internships

which, in addition to offering generic training for entering the labor market, allow them to use the specific skills acquired in the study course. The course especially gives priority to training experiences in high school, libraries, and sectors related to cultural organizations, publishing, communication, computational, and data processing.