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UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

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**Call for applications for the Master's Degree programme**

**ASTROPHYSICS AND COSMOLOGY**

**LM-58 (code 5828)**

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*The University has been working to raise awareness of and to address gender stereotypes. In this context, it has been decided to give greater linguistic visibility to gender differences. Where, solely for the sake of simplicity, the masculine form is used in this document, it is understood as referring to all persons who work within the community.*

## Introduction

This call for applications concerns the requirements, the deadlines and the procedures to be admitted and enroll in the second cycle degree in **Astrophysics and Cosmology, LM-58 (code 5828)**.

All relevant **information about the master's degree programme** are available at the university web site <https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/Astrophysics>.

**Admission requirements** to access the master's degree programme are described on the web page **Home > Admission > Programme enrolment: requirements, deadlines and methods**. Please read carefully the information at the following link <https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/Astrophysics/how-to-enrol>.

## DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION

Applications will be assessed by an Admission Board according to the timetable and the methods outlined below.

**Candidates that are not admitted cannot apply for following intakes.**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR NON-EU CANDIDATES

Non-EU applicants (not residing in Italy or in an EU country) can submit their application during INTAKE 1, 2 or 3. **NON-EU applicants who will apply during INTAKE 4 will not be evaluated.**

### INTAKE 1

STEPS	DATES
1. Applications open	25 January 2024
2. Applications close	02 April 2024
3. Enrolment	<b>From 11 April 2024</b>

### INTAKE 2

STEPS	DATES
1. Applications open	03 April 2024
2. Applications close	28 May 2024
3. Enrolment	<b>From 06 June 2024</b>

### INTAKE 3

STEPS	DATES
1. Applications open	29 May 2024
2. Applications close	22 July 2024
3. Enrolment	<b>From 31 July 2024</b>

### INTAKE 4 (for Italian and EU candidates only)

STEPS	DATES
1. Applications open	23 July 2024
2. Applications close	25 September 2024
3. Enrolment	<b>From 08 October 2024</b>

## SECTION 1 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to the second-cycle degree programme in **Astrophysics and Cosmology**, candidates must:

- a) hold a first-cycle **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION**, i.e., a three-year University degree or diploma or other suitable qualification obtained abroad.  
Candidates who have not yet obtained a first-cycle qualification may also apply. The application procedures are outlined in Section 2 – HOW TO APPLY;
- b) meet the **CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS** outlined in section 1.1;
- c) meet the **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS** and, specifically, proficiency in English equivalent to at least B2 level, to be demonstrated according to the procedures set out in section 1.1.
- d) have their **PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS** positively assessed in accordance with the procedures set out in section 1.2.

### 1.1- Curricular and language requirements

#### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Admission is granted to Applicants who satisfy curriculum requirements and whose personal preparation is deemed suitable. Applicants' personal preparation is assessed considering their academic records and the documents they provide. **Such assessment (“admitted” / “not admitted”) depends on the Admission Board’s irrevocable decision.**

For those graduating outside the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) who do not have the ECTS credits system in their career, the Admission Board will determine whether the number and the academic scientific contents of the exams they passed is sufficient to be evaluated.

Graduating students will be allowed to apply and enroll **under condition of receiving their bachelor degree (first cycle degree)** by a certain deadline, that will be set by the Academic bodies and will be indicated later in the degree website **Home > Admission > Programme enrolment: requirements, deadlines and methods** <https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/Astrophysics/how-to-enrol>.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the programme is subject to proving **English language skills, equivalent to level B2 (or higher)** of the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#).

Please refer to the degree website to verify how the English proficiency is assessed:

**Home > Admission > Programme enrolment: requirements, deadlines and methods**  
<https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/Astrophysics/how-to-enrol>.

## 1.2- Assessment of personal knowledge and skills

Along with the above-mentioned curricular requirements, admission to the Master's Degree programme is in any case subject to the assessment of personal preparation.

The procedure is carried out by a specific Admission Board through the evaluation of candidates' uploaded documents. The Admission Board may decide to carry out additional interviews, on an individual basis, by contacting candidates directly (please check your [name.surname@studio.unibo.it](mailto:name.surname@studio.unibo.it) email address).

For more information on the interview topics, please check the page **Home > Admission > Programme enrolment: requirements, deadlines and methods** <https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/Astrophysics/how-to-enrol>.

## SECTION 2 – HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted within the timeframe set by each intake in accordance with the following procedure.

1. **Log onto** Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)), using your SPID username and password. The system will automatically retrieve your personal details and it will create your University credentials ([name.surname@studio.unibo.it](mailto:name.surname@studio.unibo.it)).

International students who do not have an ID document issued in Italy and, therefore, cannot obtain SPID credentials, may log in with their University username and password which can be obtained by going to [www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it) and clicking on *Register* and then *International students registration*.

2. **Click on "APPLY FOR ADMISSION"**, select "SECOND-CYCLE DEGREE" and choose the programme named "**Astrophysics and Cosmology**";
3. **UPLOAD** the required documents in PDF format:

#### MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

- A copy of the front and back of a valid identity document/passport.
- **For students holding a qualification obtained outside the University of Bologna** - Self-certification regarding your first-cycle academic qualification with a list of completed exams, if obtained in Italy, or a copy of the qualification obtained abroad which enables access to second-cycle degree programmes in the country in which it was obtained. This must be submitted along with a Transcript of Records and a Diploma Supplement, where available, translated into Italian or English. If you have not yet obtained the aforementioned qualification, upload the list of completed exams or the Transcript of Records.
- Certificate proving your English language proficiency (see section 1.2).
- CV/Resumé.

#### OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

- Copy of a valid residence permit, if already held.
- Further supporting documents.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

- The Admission Board will only assess documents uploaded through the online application.
- Any mandatory documents that are missing or only partially uploaded shall result in the candidate not being considered for admission in that intake.
- **Students who are not evaluated because of incomplete documentation can submit a new application in the next available intake.**
- **Students who are about to graduate can also apply.** They will be admitted to the degree programme on the condition that they obtain their undergraduate degree by and no later than the date established by the Academic Bodies (**December 30, 2024**). Candidates who do not obtain the degree by the set deadline will lose the right to enroll.

## SECTION 3 – ADMISSION

An Admission Board will check candidates' academic backgrounds and whether they meet the requirements for admission.

Candidates can check their admission status in the "Requests in progress" section on Studenti Online (<https://studenti.unibo.it/sol/welcome.htm>):

- the **green status** means "admitted",

- the **red status** means “not admitted”,
- the **yellow status** means “not evaluated”.

By clicking on “See detail”, candidates will see a note with more information about their admission status.

All admitted candidates will also be notified by email on their Unibo account ([name.surname@studio.unibo.it](mailto:name.surname@studio.unibo.it)).

Matriculation will be possible starting from the date indicated under step 3 in the above intake calendar.

**Candidates who are not admitted because they do not meet the entry requirements cannot apply for other intakes.**

## SECTION 4 – ENROLMENT

**Before enrolling, applicants must be admitted.**

If you are admitted to the degree programme (green status on the web platform SOL), you will be able to enroll starting from the date indicated under step 3 of each intake in the above intake calendar.

In order to enroll, you should complete the following steps.

1. **Log on** to Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)) using your SPID credentials or entering the username and password obtained upon submission of your application.
2. **Select "Enrolment"**, then select “Second-cycle Degree”, and then the degree programme “**Astrophysics and Cosmology**” and enter the required data, attaching a jpg file containing a passport-size photo of your face. In case you made false statements, you will incur in fines set by art. 496 of the Penal Code and you will automatically lose the right to enroll and will not be entitled to any financial aid (when obtained). You will not be refunded of the expenses you sustained.
3. **Pay the first instalment** following the instructions provided on Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)). After paying the enrolment fee, check **the details of your enrolment application** on Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)) to verify your next steps and activate your student career.

**Your student career must be activated by the deadline set on a yearly basis by the Academic Bodies, which is set on February 28, 2025 for a.y. 2024/25, otherwise your enrolment will be cancelled.**

### 4.1 - Special cases

- **If you have a conditional enrolment**, you must obtain your undergraduate degree no later than December 30, 2024.

If you are a University of Bologna graduate, the IT system will automatically update the data concerning graduation after you obtain the qualification.

If you are graduating from a different institution, check your next steps on Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)).

- **If you are a non-EU citizen with EU-equivalent status and you have obtained your qualification in Italy** you must provide the relevant [Student Administration Office](#) with a copy of your residence permit which confirms the EU-equivalent status.
- **If you hold an international qualification**, after completing the above steps, check the required documentation to enroll at this link <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/enrolling-in-a-second-cycle-degree-programme-foreign-qualification>.

The documentation which you submitted for admission to the degree programme (e.g. diploma, transcript of records...) must be translated and bear proof of authenticity when applicable <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/translation-authenticity-and-value-of-foreign-qualifications>.

You will need to upload the documents concerning your international qualification on Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)) in the section “Calls” by selecting ““Matriculation for the 24\_25 academic year - document upload for international students with foreign qualifications””.

When you arrive at the University of Bologna, you will be required to make an appointment with the International Student Administration Office in Bologna or the Student Administration Office of your campus in order to show the original copies of your documentation.

- **If you are a non-EU student living abroad**, on top of the previous steps to complete, you must also pre-enroll on University and request an entry visa for study purposes. Check how to do this on the webpage <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/visa-and-rules-for-residence-in-italy/before-leaving-home-entry-visa>
- **If you wish to apply for degree shortening based on previous studies**, check how to proceed and verify the relevant deadlines at <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/shortening-of-the-degree-programme>
- **If you enroll and ask for transfer from a different University**, check the information on this webpage: <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/transferring-to-the-university-of-bologna/transferring-to-the-university-of-bologna>
- **If you wish to switch your degree programme within the University of Bologna (Passaggio di Corso)** check how to proceed at <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/changing-study-programme-within-the-university-of-bologna/changing-study-programme-within-the-university-of-bologna>
- **If you wish to apply for simultaneous enrolment in different degree programmes**, check the requirements and necessary steps on the webpage <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/simultaneous-enrolment-in-different-courses>

## 5 TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

### 5.1- Tuition fees

Information concerning the **amount of tuition fees, financial aid and fee waiver** are available on the University website at [www.unibo.it/Tasse](http://www.unibo.it/Tasse).

Tuition fees to be paid in order to enroll in a degree programme consist of a fixed part of € 157.04 and a variable part which is calculated according to the economic situation of the household (ISEE) up to a maximum that varies depending on the degree programme.

Tuition fees are calculated progressively on the basis of a **valid ISEE certificate**, only if this is submitted in compliance with relevant regulations and within the deadlines, as detailed at <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/tuition-fees-and-exemptions/fees-and-exemptions-amounts-and-deadlines>

If no ISEE certificate is submitted, the maximum tuition envisaged for the degree programme will be applied.

**ISEE submission is not linked to the enrolment process.** The order in which you carry out the two procedures is irrelevant, as long as you meet the deadlines for each one.

### 5.2- ER.GO benefits

On a yearly basis, the **Regional Authority for the Right to Higher Education – ER.GO** publishes calls for grants, accommodation in student residences, meal vouchers and other benefits on the website [www.er-go.it](http://www.er-go.it).

**The procedures to request ER.GO benefits are also independent of the degree programme application and enrolment process.**

### 5.3- Other economic benefits

Information on other economic benefits can be found on the University website in the following section <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/study-grants-and-subsidies/study-grants-and-subsidies>

If you hold a certificate demonstrating recognized invalidity of at least 66% or a certificate complying with Law 104/92, in order to benefit from the fee waiver, you should send the certificate via email to the relevant Student Administration Office. For further information: <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/study-grants-and-subsidies/exemptions-and-incentives/exemptions-for-disabled-students>



## 5.4- Important information for students who already have an active career

If you already have an active student career, before starting the transfer or degree programme switch process you should carefully read the **merit requirements to access benefits**. These are detailed in the call for applications available at [www.er-go.it](http://www.er-go.it).

You are strongly advised to do this because after the transfer/degree programme switch **your career will be evaluated starting from the first year of enrolment at University**, regardless of the recognized exams or the course year that you are admitted to. **This may cause the loss of benefits.**

### SECTION 6 – CONTACTS

**For general information for international students** (immigration/VISA procedures, study grants, guidance on arrival in Italy and on the services available at the Bologna Campus, Unibo for Refugees project):

International Desk [internationaldesk@unibo.it](mailto:internationaldesk@unibo.it)

**For technical issues on Studenti Online:**

Help Desk di Studenti Online Email: [help.studentionline@unibo.it](mailto:help.studentionline@unibo.it)

Tel. +39 0512080301

**For issues concerning admission:**

AFORM Servizi Didattici Scienze – Supporto ai Corsi di studio internazionali

Email: [science.international@unibo.it](mailto:science.international@unibo.it)

**For issues concerning enrolment:**

Segreteria Studenti Scienze [segscienze@unibo.it](mailto:segscienze@unibo.it)

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