

# **MASTER'S DEGREE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING F.A.Q.**

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the admission procedure.

They are divided by topic to facilitate the navigation, but if you can't find an answer in a specific topic please have a look at them all.

*If you still cannot find an answer or you would like further clarifications, please contact the Programme Coordinator at [campuscesena.lm-biomedical@unibo.it](mailto:campuscesena.lm-biomedical@unibo.it)*

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## **REQUIREMENTS**

### **I do not hold a Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Engineering. May I apply anyway?**

Yes, students from different backgrounds can apply. The evaluation is not performed on the type of Bachelor's you have obtained, but on which exams you have passed.

Make sure to check the "curricular requirements" you need to meet for admission, and compare them with the exams listed in your transcript of records.

### **I do not hold a Bachelor degree yet. May I apply anyway?**

Yes, students who have not graduated yet can still apply. The evaluation will be performed on the weighted average (or GPA) so make sure it is clearly stated in the transcript you submit. If you are admitted, the Degree Certificate must be submitted upon enrolling.

If you are an Italian student, remember that you need to have registered at least 162 CFU with grade in order to be evaluated. Traineeships, laboratories and other activities that are graded with a PASS (Idoneità) shall not be considered in the calculation of the CFU.

### **Is there a minimum GPA required to be admitted?**

Yes, in order to be admitted you need to meet some requirements regarding your final grade or weighted average. The requirements are expressed in the Italian grading system: the minimum final score required to be admitted is 85 out of 110; the minimum weighted average is 23 out of 30.

We use a mathematical formula to convert international grading system into the Italian one, in order to compare the final grades.

I do not meet all the curricular requirements. Can I get admitted anyway and take extra courses during the first year?

No, it is not possible to be admitted if you do not meet the curricular requirements. If you miss less than 12 ECTS, you could ask for a compensation. Please contact the Program Coordinator to verify if a compensation could apply.

It is not possible to compensate with extra courses during the first year.

### **My final grade doesn't meet the minimum required but I meet the curricular requirements. Can I ask for a compensation?**

Please contact the Programme Coordinator to look into detail at your case.

**I do not hold an English certificate of at least B2 level. May I apply anyway?**

If you do not hold an English certification yet, you may submit a partial application on Studenti Online, but you will not receive the official evaluation.

Uncomplete applications will remain on "PENDING" status (=yellow dot on Studenti Online) until all documents are provided.

Only once all the documentation has been uploaded, the application will be forwarded to the Admission Committee and will receive the official result according to the calendar.

If by the very end of the admission intake (September 1<sup>st</sup>) the application is still incomplete, it will be considered "NOT ADMITTED" (red dot on Studenti Online)

Admission cannot be granted without submitting a valid Language Certification proving English proficiency of at least B2 level.

**I do not hold an English certificate of at least B2 level. Can I enrol and submit the language certification during the first year?**

No, it is not possible to be admitted, and thus enrolling, without submitting the English Language Certification during the application process.

**How many seats are there for international students?**

The Master's Degree Programme is open access, which means that there are no limited seats for international students. All the students who meet the admission requirements will be admitted.

## **SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION**

### **I am enrolled in another Master's Degree but I want to transfer to Unibo. What can I do?**

In order to transfer to the Biomedical Engineering Master's Degree, you need to first submit your application and get admitted to the Programme. Then, you need to contact the Student Administration Office at Cesena Campus and request the transfer as well as the recognition of your previous career.

### **My passport hasn't been issued yet: can I apply with my national ID?**

Yes, you can apply with your national ID, but remember to upload your passport as soon as you get it.

### **Can I apply with unofficial copies of my Bachelor's Degree and/or Transcript of Records?**

Yes, you are not required to provide the original documents in the application. However, remember that if you are admitted you will need to submit the originals upon enrolling.

### **I am a Unibo student. Where do I find the self-certification of my exams?**

If you are a Unibo student, you need to log into Studenti Online and click in the "Certificates and Self-Certification" box.

### **Where am I supposed to upload documents such as Statement of Purpose, Reference Letters, CV, ...?**

Documents such as Statement of Purpose, Reference Letters, CV, and so on are NOT required, therefore there is not a specific slot to upload them on Studenti Online. If you still wish to submit them, you can attach them in the same section of your Transcript of Records and Degree Certificate. You can either upload multiple files or merged them into a single PDF document.

### **What if I missed the application deadline for the selection procedure?**

The intake has several intermediate cut-off dates, from November 2021 to September 2022. If you missed a deadline, you can still apply for the next one.

### **I have submitted my application. Will I receive a confirmation email from the University?**

No, confirmation emails regarding applications are not sent. However, we reach out if your application is somehow incomplete, so please keep your email account monitored.

**When will I know the result of the application?**

The calendar for Academic Year 22-23 has been published on the website. Please read it carefully to check the deadlines and the corresponding dates for publication of the results.

## **ADMISSION**

### **The day of the publication of the result has passed but I haven't received any emails: how do I know the result?**

On the date of the publication, you can directly check the result of the evaluation on Studenti Online: a green dot means ADMITTED, a red dot means NOT ADMITTED, a yellow dot means that the application is still PENDING and couldn't be evaluated.

### **The day of the publication of the result has passed but my application is still yellow: why?**

If your application is still yellow, it means that the Admission Committee could not evaluate it. This can happen in the following cases:

- The Transcript of Records has not been uploaded, or it is not complete with all the required information (e.g the SSD or number of CFU for Italian students)
- You do not reach the minimum number of 162 CFU required to be evaluated (Italian students only);
- The English certification has not been uploaded;

### **Can I be admitted for the second semester?**

No, there is not the option for a deferred beginning. It might happen that, due to VISA delays or other issues, students start attending classes in the second semester, but admission is referred to the entire academic year nonetheless.

### **I have been admitted. Will I receive any informative email from the University?**

Yes, an informative email is sent to all admitted students on the day of the publication of the results. Follow-up emails are also periodically sent to update perspective students on deadlines and opportunities.

If you have been admitted and haven't received any email, please check in your spam folder as well as your official University email account @studio.unibo.it.

Remember to provide a valid email address that you use frequently, otherwise you might miss important communications.

If you need to change the email address you used when you registered on Studenti Online, please contact the [Studenti Online Help Desk](#).

## **AFTER ADMISSION**

### **I have been admitted: what should I do now?**

Starting from February 2022, admitted students will have the possibility to enrol in the Degree Programme through Studenti Online. Further details about enrolment will be published soon.

International students will have to work on other aspects as well:

- Documentation (Translation, Declaration of Value and Legalization)
- Scholarships and grants
- VISA application

### **I am an International Student and I need to apply for a VISA: when will I receive the admission letter from the University?**

The University will not issue any admission letter or admission offer: students who are admitted will have to submit a pre-enrolment form through the website University. The pre-enrolment replaces the admission letter, so it will be validated and forwarded to the Embassy. The pre-enrolment process through University is regulated by a ministerial note that, for the academic year 2022-2023, has yet to be published. Further instructions will be posted once the procedure opens.

### **Are the pre-enrolment and the enrolment the same thing? Do I have to do both?**

No, the pre-enrolment and the enrolment are two very different steps, and yes, they are both required.

The pre-enrolment allows you to start the VISA application process at your local Italian Embassy or Consulate.

The enrolment allows you to confirm your choice and officially become a student at Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna.

The two processes are connected so you must undertake both of them.

### **How much does the programme cost?**

The maximum tuition fee for the programme amounts to around 3000,00 € per academic year. A regional tax of 157,04€ is also required to be paid upon enrolment.

Students can apply for a tuition fees reduction or exemption by submitting their ISEE document according to the deadlines published on the website.

International Students can apply for it as well, by submitting a list of documents that can be found at the following page: [Documents regarding the economic situation of international students.](#)

Further information on tuition fees is available at the page [Tuition Fees](#), which will be updated with the procedure and deadlines for academic year 2022-2023.

### **Where can I find information on financial support, scholarships and study grants?**

The University of Bologna provides several opportunities for financial support. Keep monitored the webpage [Study Grants and Subsidies](#) to stay up to date with the available opportunities.

There are also specific calls destined to International Students, which are listed at the page [Study Grants for International Students.](#)

### **Where can I find information on lodging and accommodations in Cesena?**

Finding a suitable accommodation in Cesena might be a little hard, so it is advisable to start looking well in advance. At the webpage [Accommodations and Residences in Cesena](#) you can find three useful resources that provide accommodation to international students: [Er.Go](#), [Ser.In.Ar](#) and the Town Hall online service, [Informagiovani](#).

The first two assign accommodations based on a specific call, the last one is a public online service that collects private listings and offers.