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Call for application for the Master's degree program in Food Animal Metabolism and Management in the Circular Economy

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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.

Brief overview of the degree Programme and study grants

The Master's Degree Course aims to obtain a professional figure specialized in the management of animal production systems within circular economic approach. This goal is achieved by combining specific skills in the field of animal metabolism, its multiple connections with the issues of animal efficiency and health and advanced notions on the circular management of intensive production. The course proposes innovative approaches that include seminars hold by international experts and the use of the University's facilities, such as the dairy center. Graduates possess abilities to manage complexity of the ecological and technological transition in food-animal production, professionally interacting with stakeholders, scholars and institutions.

RELEVANT DEADLINES

Applications will be assessed by the Admission Board in accordance with the procedure outlined below.

Candidates not admitted in one intake cannot participate in following intakes.

INTAKE 1

| STEPS | DATES |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Applications open | November 30th, 2023 |
| 2. Applications close | January the 11th, 2024 |
| 3. Partial results | By January 25th, 2024 |
| 4. Interview | February 1st, 2024 |
| 5. Publication of results | By February 7th, 2024 |
| 6. Enrolment | From February 7th, 2024 to November 21st, 2024 |

INTAKE 2

| STEPS | DATES |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Applications open | February 5th, 2024 |
| 2. Applications close | March 25th, 2024 |
| 3. Partial results | By April, 11th, 2024 |
| 4. Interview | April 18th, 2024 |
| 5. Publication of results | By April 29th, 2024 |
| 6. Enrolment | From April 29th, 2024 to November 21st, 2024 |

INTAKE 3

| STEPS | DATES |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Applications open | April 22nd, 2024 |
| 2. Applications close | May 31st, 2024 |
| 3. Partial results | By June 13th, 2024 |
| 4. Interview | June 20th, 2024 |
| 5. Publication of results | June 27th, 2024 |
| 6. Enrolment | From June 27th, 2024 to November 21st, 2024 |

INTAKE 4 (UE students only)

| STEPS | DATES |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Applications open | June 24th, 2024 |
| 2. Applications close | September 2nd, 2024 |
| 3. Partial results | By September 12th, 2024 |
| 4. Interview | September 16th, 2024 |
| 5. Publication of results | By September 20th, 2024 |
| 6. Enrolment | From September 20th, 2024 to November 21st, 2024 |

SECTION 1 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to the second-cycle degree Programme in Food Animal Metabolism and Management in the Circular Economy, 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 obtained a first-cycle qualification yet 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 Any other language requirements included in section 1.1 must also be met;
- 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

It is necessary to have obtained a degree (or other qualification got abroad and recognized as suitable) in one of the following classes¹:

- ◆ ex D.M. n. 270/2004:

class L-26 Scienze e Tecnologie Agro-Alimentari

class L-38 Scienze Zootecniche e Tecnologie delle Produzioni Animali

- ◆ ex D.M. n. 509/1999:

classe 20 Scienze e Tecnologie Agrarie, Agroalimentari e Forestali

classe 40 Scienze e Tecnologie Zootecniche e delle Produzioni Animali

Those who do not have a degree in one of the classes indicated must necessarily have acquired at least 30 credits in one or more of the following scientific-disciplinary sectors:

VET/01 Anatomia degli animali domestici - Animal anatomy

VET/02 Fisiologia animale - Animal Physiology

VET/03 Patologia generale e anatomia patologica veterinaria – General Patology and vet Patological Anatomy

VET/05 Malattie infettive degli animali domestici - Infectious diseases

VET/06 Parassitologia e malattie parassitare degli animali – Parasitology

VET/07 Farmacologia e tossicologia veterinaria – Pharmacology and vet toxicology

AGR/17: Zootecnica generale e miglioramento genetico – Zootechnics and genetic improvement

AGR/18: Nutrizione e alimentazione animale – Animal food and nutrition

AGR/19: Zootecnica speciale – Special zootechnics

AGR/20: Zoocolture - zooculture

AGR/01: Economia ed estimo rurale - Economy and rural appraisal

BIO/10: Biochimica - BioChemistry

For applicants holding a foreign degree, the Admission Board will ascertain equivalence between the foreign and the Italian degree.

¹ Students with foreign qualifications not recognized by CIMEA or MIUR will be assessed on the basis of the credits acquired in the scientific-disciplinary sectors listed.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Programme is subject to proving English language skills, equivalent to level B2 (or higher) of the Common European Framework (CEFR).

The English language requirement may be satisfied through:

1. submission of a suitable valid certificate:

| Institution | Certificate | Deadline |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| British Council; IDP; Cambridge Assessment English | IELTS (Academic) minimum score 5,5 ; | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| British Council; IDP; Cambridge Assessment English | IELTS (General Training) minimum score 5,5; | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Educational Testing Service (ETS) | TOEFL IBT minimum score: 80 | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge English Preliminary (PET) minimum score: 160/pass with Distinction | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge B1 Preliminary minimum score: 160/grade A | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge English First (FCE) minimum score: 160/grade C | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge B2 First minimum score di 160/grade C | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge English Advanced (CAE) | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge C1 Advanced | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge English Proficiency (CPE) | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge C2 Proficiency | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |

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| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge B1 Business Preliminary | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge B2 Business Vantage minimum score: 160/grade C | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment English | Cambridge C1 Business Higher | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Trinity College London | ISE II, III, IV | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment International Education | IGCSE English as a Second Language* minimum score: grade C | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Cambridge Assessment International Education | IGCSE First Language English* minimum score: grade C | issued no later than 01/01/2022 |
| Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (CLA) - Università di Bologna | autocertificazione scaricabile da StudentiOnline comprensiva del superamento dell'esame IDONEITA' LINGUA INGLESE B - 2 (o livelli superiori) in una precedente carriera presso l'Università di Bologna | superato dal 1/01/2022 |
| Centri linguistici di ateneo - altre università italiane | autocertificazione di superamento dell'esame IDONEITA' LINGUA INGLESE B - 2 (o livelli superiori) in una precedente carriera presso altre università italiane | superato dal 1/01/2022 |

A list of recognized certificates is also available on the web page:

<https://centri.unibo.it/cla/it/riconoscimento-idoneita-linguistica/tabella-certificazioni-equipollenti-prova-idoneita-linguistica.pdf>;

2. Successful completion of the OOPT (Oxford Online Placement Test) -B2 level, on the dates published in the calendar on the web page:

<https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/FoodAnimalMetabolismManagement/english-language-requirement-for-admission>

3. High school or Bachelor's Degree taught in English (Medium of instruction).

If no certificate is attached, the student cannot be evaluated.

1.2- Assessment of personal knowledge and skills

The verification will consist in the assessment of the applicant's university career by an Admissions Board, on the mandate of the Study Program Council. If necessary, the Admission Board can evaluate the candidate's knowledge and competences through an oral interview.

Evaluation criteria:

The evaluation is made on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Academic merit: duration and quality of the study course (exam average, final degree mark, diploma supplement, etc.). This criterion will be awarded a maximum of 75 points out of 100.
2. Curriculum evaluation for extra-academic activities relevant to the degree (internships, jobs, qualifications, etc.): a maximum of 20 points will be awarded for this criterion.
3. Knowledge of the English language: The candidate will be awarded a maximum of 5 points for knowledge of English, which in any case cannot be lower than level B2:

5 points in the case of a C2 level certificate

4 points in the case of a C1 level certificate

3 points in the case of a B2 level international certificate;

2 points in the case of a B2 level certified through the OOPT Test, or a degree obtained in English

1 point in the case of a high school diploma obtained in English.

Students who will achieve a minimum score of **65 points** will be admitted directly to the course of study. Those who reach a **score between 50 and 64 points** will also have to take an **online interview**, which will consist of a brief presentation of the thesis work and/or university knowledge of the subjects listed below, also in English:

mathematics, chemistry, physics, domestic animal anatomy, animal physiology, general pathology and veterinary pathological anatomy, infectious diseases of domestic animals, parasitology and parasitic diseases of animals, veterinary pharmacology and toxicology, general animal husbandry and breeding, special animal husbandry, nutrition and animal nutrition, special zootechnics, zoocultures, rural economy and appraisal, biochemistry.

Students who will achieve a score of less than 50 points will not be admitted to the Master's.

SECTION 2 – HOW TO APPLY

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

1. **Log into** Studenti OnLine (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 (nome.cognome@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 and clicking on *Register* and then *International students registration*

2. **Click on** "APPLY FOR ADMISSION", select "SECOND-CYCLE DEGREE" and choose the Programme named "**Food Animal Metabolism and Management in the Circular Economy**";
3. **UPLOAD the required documents in PDF format:**

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

- A copy of the front and back of a valid identity document. If the identity document does not have an English translation, a copy of your passport must be attached;
- Degree and transcript of records (one of the following):
 - Self-certification regarding your first-cycle academic Degree with a list of completed exams (if obtained in Italy) for those students holding a qualification obtained outside the University of Bologna
 - Form F for those Candidates graduated at the University of Bologna
 - 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 obtained the aforementioned qualification yet, upload the list of completed exams or the Transcript of Records;
- English language level certificate;
- Curriculum vitae (use the CV form attached).

All the documents requested must be provided within the intake deadline, **except for those candidates who are going to take an OOPT Language test organized by Unibo. In this case, they can submit the language certificate before the results publication deadline** (for example: Second intake closes on May 31st; Results are published on the 21st of June so you have until the 20th of June to submit the OOPT Test result).

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

- Copy of a valid residence permit (permesso di soggiorno), if already held;

- Declaration of Value for students with a non-Italian degree (issued by the competent Italian Representation abroad);
- Any other document not included above and that could be relevant for evaluation purposes. It is highly recommended to attach documentation certifying educational activities or competencies acquired by the candidate (Summer Schools attendance, specialization courses, etc...)
- Adaptation request form for students with disabilities (*only for Programmes that entail meetings or exams*). Further information is available at <https://site.unibo.it/studenti-con-disabilita-e-dsa/en>.

The Admission Board will only assess documents uploaded through the online application. Any mandatory documents that are missing or only partially uploaded by the application deadline shall result in the candidate not being considered (or selected) for admission.

Documents must not be sent by post or email to administrative offices.

No admission fees are required for the selection procedure.

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 30th, 2024. Candidates who do not meet this requirement will be excluded.

SECTION 3 – ADMISSION

An Admission Board will check candidates' academic backgrounds and whether they meet the requirements for admission. Candidates will be notified about admission to the degree Programme via Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it).

Candidates not admitted in one intake cannot participate in following intakes.

SECTION 4 – ENROLMENT

If you are admitted to the degree Programme, you will be able to enrol starting from the date indicated under step 4 in the above intake calendar. To enrol, you should complete the following steps:

1. **Log on** to Studenti OnLine (www.studenti.unibo.it) entering the username and password obtained when submitting your application.
2. **Select "Enrolment"**, then select "Second-cycle Degree", and then the degree Programme "**Food Animal Metabolism and Management in the Circular Economy**" 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

enrol 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).

After paying the enrolment fee, check the details of your enrolment application on Studenti OnLine (www.studenti.unibo.it) to verify your next steps and activate your career.

Your University career must be activated by the deadline set on a yearly basis by the Academic Bodies, otherwise your enrolment will be cancelled. Deadline: November 21st, 2024.

4.1 - Particular cases

- **If you enroll under condition**, you must obtain your undergraduate degree no later than the date set by the Academic Bodies: December 30th, 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).

- **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 exemption detailed at <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/study-grants-and-subsidies/exemptions-and-incentives/exemptions-for-disabled-students>, upon enrolment you should send the certificate via email to the relevant [Student Administration Office](#).
- **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.

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](#).

Link : <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/declaration-of-value-translation-and-legalizationx>

You will need to upload the documents concerning your international qualification on Studenti OnLine (www.studenti.unibo.it) in the section "Calls" by selecting ""Matriculation for the 23_24 academic year - document upload for international students with foreign qualifications".

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

The deadline for presenting the original documents is 28th of February 2025.

- **If you are a non-EU student living abroad**, on top of the previous steps to complete, you must also pre-enrol on University and request an entry visa for study purposes. [Click here to learn how](#).
- **If you want to apply for degree shortening based on previous studies**, check [here](#) how to proceed and verify the relevant deadlines (extended link <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/shortening-of-the-degree-programme>)
- **If you enrol and ask for transfer from a different University**, check the information on this link <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 [here](#) how to proceed (extended link <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 courses**, check the requirements and necessary steps on [this web page](#) (extended link <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/simultaneous-enrolment-in-different-courses>).

4.2- Tuition fees and benefits

The enrolment fees, net of the first instalment, for the 2024/2025 academic year and information on benefits and exemptions will be published on the University website on the page www.unibo.it/Tasse.

Remember that your fees will be calculated on a progressive scale based on a valid ISEE certificate only if submitted in accordance with the terms and procedures set out on the web page

<https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/tuition-fees-and-exemptions/tuition-fees> If you do not submit your ISEE, you will have to pay the full tuition fees relevant to your degree Programme.

Information on other benefits can be found on the University website on the page <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/services-and-opportunities> . If you are interested in benefits related to the right to higher education, you can consult the relative call published by the Regional Authority for the Right to Higher Education on the website www.er-go.it.

This procedure contents were approved by the Department Council seated on the 9th of November 2023.

SECTION 5 – CONTACTS

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[check how to get in touch](#)