



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERCULTURAL HERITAGE” (I-CONTACT) in a nutshell

Dear applicant,

Many thanks for your interest in the I-CONTACT International Master's degree! If you are reading this document, it means you are strongly motivated to apply for our programme and you may need some additional support or clarification to solve your queries. In this section, we tried to provide you with some of the most common questions applicants usually have, giving you a comprehensive answer. For any other question or information request, we invite you to send your query to our Institutional mailbox: icontact.info@unibo.it or to the tutors' mail cdl.icontact-tutor@unibo.it.

MOTIVATIONS & PROSPECTS

A degree in development cooperation, such as the Master's Degree in International Cooperation on Human Rights and Intercultural Heritage, offers many job opportunities, both in the public and private sectors:

International development cooperator

The international development cooperator works on projects and programmes for development promotion, the protection of human rights, the peaceful settlement of conflicts and pursuing economic reconstruction.

Recruitment possibilities are expected within international bodies for cooperation (UN, EU, World Bank, IMF, etc.), in non-government organisations active in assisting development, in the area of projects for the protection of human rights in Europe and other geo-political contexts, in public and private enterprises, in research institutions and in the offices in charge of the decentralised cooperation at the regional, provincial, or municipal level.

Specialist in the Human-Rights-Based Approach

The role of the specialist in the Human-Rights-Based Approach, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2006), is to protect the rights of excluded or marginalised individuals and those whose rights are exposed to the risk of violation. The role consists of designing programmes for sustainable human development, based on a global view that considers the family, the community, the civil society, the local, national and international authorities, and ensures the institutionalisation of a democratic process.

Career opportunities lie in the sectors and bodies dedicated to protecting human rights, the protection and integration of migrants, the creation of programmes relating to the migration-development relationship on an international level (UN, EU), in NGOs, in national bodies and in local administration institutions.

More info [HERE](#).

ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT

Admission to the selection: check-list

- Register on the portal and upload the required documentation (application form, degree certificate or signed self-certification with final grade and/or list of examinations with grades, CFUs and Scientific Disciplinary Sectors to which the examinations belong).
- A special committee will assess whether you meet the entry requirements (personal preparation and curriculum/linguistic requirements) on the basis of the documentation you submit.
- If your personal preparation is judged insufficient, you will not be able to enrol in the I-CONTACT course.
- If both your personal preparation and your curricular/linguistic requirements are considered adequate, the board will grant you a clearance and you will be able to enrol.

Curriculum requirements

In order to be admitted it is required to hold an Italian **first cycle degree** (laurea) or a **former 4-years Italian degree** or an equivalent foreign **bachelor's degree** in the following fields:

Administration and Organisation sciences	Landscape and urban planning
Agriculture and forestry	Legal services and Law
Applied languages	Linguistic mediation
Business administration	Natural sciences
Communication	Philosophy
Cooperation and peace studies	Political science and international relations
Cultural heritage	Psychology
Economics	Social work
Education and training	Sociology
Geography	Statistics
History	Technologies for Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage
Humanities	Tourism

Linguistic requirements

Admission to the programme is subject to proving English language skills, equivalent to level B2 (or higher) of the Common European Framework (CEFR). In the call, you can find a long list of options to satisfy this requirement (par. 1.1).

Tuition fees and opportunities, scholarships

Tuition fees are calculated based on the ISEE value with special subsidies in relation to the right to higher education. First year students with an ISEE of up to €27,000 benefit from full exemption. Above this limit, tuition fees are calculated progressively.

International students from target countries could benefit from the flat tax: [HERE](#).

More info [HERE](#).

International students

International students have to check carefully the different processes before the request of enrolment: [Information for International Students - Ravenna Campus](#). If you possess a foreign qualification, you are encouraged to check carefully the requirements related to Translation, authenticity and value of foreign qualifications [HERE](#).

Non-EU students must submit the application for pre-enrolment via the University portal. To complete your application, follow the instructions indicated [HERE](#). ***(Please, do not start your University application before having been granted admission to the Master's degree).***

Once the pre-enrolment application is completed, you will need to apply for a STUDY VISA at the Italian Embassy (or Consulate) in your country of residence. The Visa officers will directly check your application from the portal, which, if you are declared eligible, will have been validated by us.

All the most recent information about the above procedure, including the documentation required by the embassies, are published [HERE](#).

AT THE BEGINNING ALL IN CLASSROOM!

Academic year

The course diagram and the educational offer can be consulted online and from the MyAlmaOrienta App. Consult it carefully to find out which subjects and educational workshops you can follow. Usually, the semester starts by the end of September.

Attendance of lectures

Lecture attendance is not compulsory but is strongly recommended.

Enrolment in upcoming years

Until the academic title is obtained, the student must enrol in all the years envisaged by the chosen course of study. Enrolment in the course years following the first is done by paying the annual contribution fee, either in a single instalment or in several instalments.

Consult all the information on the amounts, methods and deadlines relating to enrolment fees on the website [HERE](#).

If you meet certain financial and merit requirements, you can benefit from scholarships or partial or total exemptions from tuition fees.

Course structure diagram

The Master's Degree I-CONTACT comprises 120 CFU/ECTS spread over 2 years: it includes lectures, workshops, internships, divided into 2 curricula. More info [HERE](#).

Mobility opportunities

The University of Bologna offers its students different possibilities to study abroad, to do internships, or to prepare the dissertation abroad (thanks to Erasmus+ or Overseas programmes).

More info [HERE](#).

AT THE END DISSERTATION

Final exam

The objective of the final examination is to verify the graduate student's ability to work independently and to present and discuss with clarity and full command the results of an original research project on a specific theme.

The final examination consists of the preparation of an original written thesis on a topic within the field of I-CONTACT and its presentation and discussion before the Degree Committee. The research activity that forms the basis of the final examination could constitute a separate educational activity from the final examination itself (so called "Preparation for the final examination").

More info [HERE](#).