



Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
Department of Languages, Literatures and Modern Cultures - LILEC

Academic year 2023/2024

Call for Applications to the

International Second Cycle Degree Programme / 2-year Master (120 ECTS) in

Language, Society and Communication (LSC)

(Cod. 8874)

Second Cycle Degree Class: LM-38 Modern languages for international communication
and cooperation (referring to the Italian Academic System)

PAY ATTENTION: the call for applications has been modified in section 5 - HOW TO APPLY, as a mere textual error had led to the inclusion of a reference to unnecessary documentation in view of the fact that only graduate students are allowed to apply.

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Presentation

The *International Second Cycle Degree Programme in Language, Society and Communication* is an open access degree programme that aims to train Master's graduates with a high level of competence in at least two European languages of international communication (in addition to Italian). Admission to the degree course is subject to the possession of specific curriculum requirements and to being successful in an interview to assess the candidates' personal competence and skills.

SECTION 1 – PROGRAMME ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the second-cycle degree programme in *Language, Society and Communication* is subject to:

- a) possession of a **DEGREE QUALIFICATION**, being a three-year university degree or diploma, a Degree (ex D.M. 509/99 and ex D.M. 270/04), or a previous four-year regulation degree; or another suitable qualification obtained abroad;
- b) satisfaction of the **CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS** outlined in section 2;
- c) satisfaction of the **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS** and, specifically, knowledge of English to at least B2 level in the *Common European Framework of Languages*, to be accredited according to the procedures set out in section 2;
- d) assessment of the candidate's **PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS** in accordance with the procedures set out in section 3.

A Commission will verify the possession of the candidates' requirements as well as their personal competence.

The two languages selected during the application phase must be chosen in the study plan once you are enrolled. It is not possible to choose languages other than those selected at the time of admission to the interview of assessment of the competences and the skills.



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SECTION 2 – CURRICULAR AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Candidates holding an Italian qualification

In order to be admitted to the degree course, the following access requirements are needed:

- a) a degree or university diploma lasting three years, i. e. an Italian degree (ex Ministerial Decree 509/99 and ex Ministerial Decree 270/04), or a degree or university diploma of the previous four-year systems.
- b) to have acquired a total of at least 48 credit points (ECTS) in the two modern languages already studied in the first cycle degree (24 credit points in the first language + 24 credit points in the second language), which are intended to be studied further in the Master's degree course in two of the following disciplinary scientific fields:

L-LIN/04 - Language and Translation – French

L-LIN/06 - Hispanic Language and Literatures*

L-LIN/07 - Language and Translation – Spanish

L-LIN/11 - Anglo-American Languages and Literatures*

L-LIN/12 - Language and Translation – English

L-LIN/14 - Language and Translation – German

L-LIN/21 - Slavic Studies (only Russian)

**Please note that the credits in the subject groups L-LIN/06 - Hispanic Language and Literatures and L-LIN/11 - Anglo-American Languages and Literatures must be related exclusively to language - and not literature - course units. Candidates who have obtained credits in the two subject groups L-LIN/06 and L-LIN/11 must send the programmes of their language course units to the e-mail address lingue.lsc@unibo.it.*

Candidates holding a foreign qualification

In order to be admitted to the degree course, the following access requirements are needed:

- a) a degree or university diploma, or other qualifications obtained abroad and recognized as suitable;
- b) to have acquired a total of at least 48 credit points (ECTS) in the two modern languages already studied in the first cycle degree (24 credit points in the first language + 24 credit points in the



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second language), which are intended to be studied further in the Master's degree course in two of the following disciplinary scientific fields:

<i>Italian denomination</i>	<i>meaning the study of</i>
L-LIN/04 - Language and Translation – French	French Language and Linguistics
L-LIN/06 - Hispanic Language and Literatures	Hispanic Language and Literatures*
L-LIN/07 - Language and Translation – Spanish	Spanish Language and Linguistics
L-LIN/11 - Anglo-American Languages and Literatures	Anglo-American Languages and Literatures*
L-LIN/12 - Language and Translation – English	English Language and Linguistics
L-LIN/14 - Language and Translation – German	German Language and Linguistics
L-LIN/21 - Slavic Studies (only Russian)	Russian Language and Linguistics

**Please note that the credits in the subject groups L-LIN/06 - Hispanic Language and Literatures and L-LIN/11 - Anglo-American Languages and Literatures must be related exclusively to language - and not literature - course units. Candidates who have obtained credits in the two subject groups L-LIN/06 and L-LIN/11 must send the programmes of their language course units to the e-mail address lingue.lsc@unibo.it.*

Applicants with a foreign qualification for which it is not possible to define the admission requirements in terms of ECTS and final grade (see also section 3) can upload their documentation on www.studenti.unibo.it so that the Commission can assess the possession of the requirements for admission to verify the adequacy of their personal preparation.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to the degree course, candidates must have at least a B2 level of proficiency in English, as defined by the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR).

The requirement of linguistic knowledge is deemed to be fulfilled by the possession of the curricular requirements within the scientific-disciplinary fields of competence (L-LIN/12 and L-LIN/11 - only if they refer to linguistic and non-literary teaching).



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For applicants who have obtained less than 24 credit points (ECTS) in L-LIN/11 and L-LIN/12 during their Undergraduate Degree, and for all applicants holding a foreign degree, the B2 level requirement is accredited by:

- a. submitting a certificate of knowledge of the English language among those recognized by the University of Bologna;
- b. passing a language assessment interview in English with a Commission, if the candidate does not have a certification.

a. English language certificates accepted by the University of Bologna

The certificates must be uploaded to Studenti Online when registering for the selection. If you participate in more than one selection, you must upload the certificates in all applications.

List of certificates recognized by the University of Bologna

Institution	Certificate
British Council; IDP; Cambridge Assessment English	IELTS (Academic) with a minimum score: 5,5/ 9
British Council; IDP; Cambridge Assessment English	IELTS (General Training) with a minimum score: 5,5/9
Educational Testing Service (ETS)	TOEFL IBT with a minimum score: 80
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge English Preliminary (PET) with a minimum score: 160/pass with Distinction
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge B1 Preliminary with a minimum score: 160/grade A
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge English First (FCE) with a minimum score: 160/grade C
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge B2 First with a minimum score: 160/grade C
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge English Advanced (CAE)
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge C1 Advanced with a minimum score: 180
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge English Proficiency (CPE)



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Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge C2 Proficiency with a minimum score: 200
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge B2 Business Vantage (BEC Vantage) with a minimum score: 160/grade C
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge C1 Business Higher (BEC Higher) with a minimum score: 180
Trinity College London	ISE II, III, IV
Cambridge Assessment International Education	IGCSE English as a Second Language* with a minimum score: grade C
Cambridge Assessment International Education	IGCSE First Language English* with a minimum score: grade C
University of Bologna Language Centre (CLA)	self-certification downloaded from Studenti Online including passing the ENGLISH LANGUAGE B - 2 (or higher) test as part of another degree course at the University of Bologna
Other Italian universities language centres	self-certification of passing the ENGLISH LANGUAGE B - 2 (or higher levels) test as part of another degree course at other Italian universities

*For the recognition of IGCSE English as a Second Language and First Language English, all the components (reading, writing, listening, speaking) must be completed

All certificates must be obtained as from 1st January 2021.

b. English language interview

The individual interview aims at ascertaining the possession of a sufficient knowledge of English vocabulary and grammar to enable the candidate to participate fully in university study.

The interview will be carried out **remotely via Microsoft Teams** by a Commission appointed by the Degree Program Board, and during the period indicated in the calendar below.

A few days before the interview, candidates for the selection who have not met the requirement a. will receive email instructions on how to participate at name.surname@studio.unibo.it

Calendar



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Intake	Interviews
First, enrolment: From 10th February 2023 to 10th March 2023	From 27 th March 2023 to 31 st March 2023
Second, enrolment: From 1st April 2023 to 31st May 2023	From 26 th June 2023 to 30 th June 2023
Third, enrolment: From 10th June 2023 to 16th September 2023	From 25 th September 2023 to 29 th September 2023

On the basis of the outcome of the interview, the Commission will evaluate the candidate's **eligibility or ineligibility** for admission to the Master's Degree Course.

Any candidate who **fails to attend** the interview may enroll in the next intake.

A candidate who takes the interview but is considered **ineligible** by the Commission **can no longer apply** for intakes in the same academic year.

The interview is aimed solely at admission to degree programmes at the University of Bologna. No certification is issued.

Citizens of an English-speaking country and applicants who hold a foreign degree from an institution in an English-speaking country are not required to further prove their proficiency in English.

SECTION 3 – ASSESSMENT OF THE CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Candidates who meet the requirements described at section 2 may access the assessment of personal competence and skills which consists of:

- a) a verification of the previous academic career. The candidate must have obtained a Bachelor's degree with a grade of 105/110 or higher. Only if in possession of this qualification will the candidate be admitted to the interview (see b). For candidates in possession of a foreign qualification that does



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not provide for a final grade or for which it is not possible to convert the grade or judgement into hundredths, the Commission will evaluate the possession of the requirement.

b) an individual interview in one of the two foreign languages in which the candidate intends to pursue his/her studies, **provided that it is other than English.**

The interview of assessment of competence and skills will cover topics related to previous studies, any Erasmus experience/experience abroad, internships and work experience, as well as motivation and expectations regarding the course of study in *Language, Society and Communication*. The purpose of the interview is to ascertain that the candidate has reached at least B2 level of language proficiency in the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)*, as described in the Common Reference Levels document on the CEFR website.

The interview will be carried out by a Commission appointed by the Course of Study Board, remotely through Microsoft Teams, on the date indicated in the general calendar. The candidate will receive instructions on how to participate via the institutional e-mail address name.surname@unibo.it

The Commission, on the basis of the outcome of the interview, will issue **an evaluation of eligibility or ineligibility** for admission to the Master's Degree Course.

A candidate who **fails to attend** the interview may enroll in the next intake.

A candidate who takes the interview and receives a judgment of **ineligibility** by the Commission, **can no longer apply** for intakes in the same academic year.

SECTION 4 – ADMISSION AND DEADLINES

The following is the general calendar. Details of the procedure are referred to in the following parts of the call. The deadlines indicated in this call are mandatory and all deadlines given in the call and summarized in the general calendar must therefore be respected.



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	APPLICATION REGISTRATION	CONVOCAZIONE	INTERVIEWS	RECIPIENT
Intake 1	From 10 th February 2023 to 10 th March 2023	From 17 th March 2023	From 27 th March 2023 to 31 st March 2023	NON EU STUDENTS
Intake 2	From 1 st April 2023 to 31 st May 2023	From 17 th June 2023	From 26 th June 2023 to 30 th June 2023	NON EU – EU STUDENTS
Intake 3	From 10 th June 2023 to 16 th September 2023	From 20 th September 2023	From 25 th September 2023 to 29 th September 2023	NON EU – EU STUDENTS

SECTION 5 – HOW TO APPLY

In order to register for the assessment, candidates must comply with the following procedure:

1. Go to www.studenti.unibo.it, using SPID credentials. International candidates without an identity document issued in Italy, who are unable to obtain SPID, may log in using their University's credentials.
2. Access "**ADMISSION REQUEST - ADMISSION APPLICATION**", select "**LAUREA MAGISTRALE**" and select "**LANGUAGE, SOCIETY AND COMMUNICATION/LINGUA, SOCIETY AND COMMUNICATION**".
3. **Enter** the required data;
4. **Upload** the required documents in PDF format:
 - copy of front and back of a valid ID document; self-certification of the first-level academic degree with a list of exams taken, if obtained in Italy, or a copy of the degree obtained abroad that allows access in the country of attainment to second-level degree courses, accompanied by *transcript of records* and Diploma Supplement, where available, translated into Italian or English.



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- certification of the level of knowledge of English or other language certificates as described in section 2.

Caution:

- Self-Certificates must have a handwritten signature, otherwise they cannot be accepted.
- You must not send any paper or documents by email.
- All communications will be sent to your institutional e-mail address (name.surname@studio.unibo.it).
- No admission fees are required for participating in this selection procedure.
- The interviews organized in this announcement will be held remotely through Microsoft Teams.

5. Methods of participation for non-EU citizens living abroad.

Non-EU citizens living abroad must also follow the procedures defined by the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MUR) with a special Circular (MUR Circular) available on www.studiare-in-Italia.it/studentistranieri/ to participate in the assessment of competence and skills.

Specifically, they must be in possession of a first-cycle qualification allowing access to university.

Students must consult the detailed information on:

www.unibo.it/IscrizioniLaureaMagistraleTitoloEestero e
www.unibo.it/IscrizioniStudentiNonUE

SECTION 6 - REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ADMISSION TEST

Candidates who would like to make use of adaptations for the admission test must make a request before the deadline for registration for the test itself.



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The procedure for requesting adaptations is as follows:

1. **Log on** to Students Online (<https://studenti.unibo.it/sol/welcome.htm>) and register for the test.
2. Fill in the **Adaptation Request Form** which can be downloaded from the same site (in the part relating to the test registration procedure), save it in pdf format and attach it in the appropriate section. **Adaptations** may consist of:

- additional time: 30% for candidates with SLD, other specific developmental disorders and pathologies; 50% for candidates with civil disabilities and/or handicaps pursuant to Law 104/92.
- possibility of using aids such as text-reading aids, non-scientific calculators, etc., or other adaptations to be assessed on the basis of the specific case and certification.

The list of possible adaptations can be found on the form.

If, due to organisational requirements and/or mandatory provisions, the required adaptation cannot be guaranteed, an alternative measure of equal compensatory value will be defined.

3. Enclose the necessary specialist documentation, i.e:
 - Diagnosis of Specific Learning Disorders (SLD), according to law 170/2010, drawn up by the National Health Service, an accredited private centre or a private specialist accompanied by a document of compliance issued by the National Health Service. The documentation must be no older than three years or drawn up after the age of 18.

In view of the emergency situation that has led to a reduction in the activities of health service outpatient clinics, applications from candidates with a diagnosis of Specific Learning Disorders (SLD), as defined by law 170/2010, will be admitted, even if they submit certifications issued more than three years previously or without compliance. In these cases, the candidate must prove at the time of requesting adaptations to the admission tests that he/she is awaiting renewal of the diagnosis or certification of conformity from the national health service, and the University reserves the right to subsequently request the integration of the documentation envisaged therein. Certifications issued by private specialists must in any case be complete and drawn up in accordance with all the requirements defined by the 2011 Consensus Conference on specific learning disorders.



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- Documentation, issued by a national health service specialist, attesting to another type of specific developmental disorder affecting learning.
- Certification of handicap according to law 104/92.
- Certification of civil invalidity.
- Medical documentation, drawn up by a specialist, certifying the presence of health conditions (physical and/or psychological) that may lead to an inability, even temporary, to study and take the test.

The documentation must be clear and complete with all useful information to understand the candidate's specific needs.

(N.B. If you have both certification under Law 104/92 and other medical documentation, it is important to present both).

Candidates with disabilities or with SLD residing in foreign countries who would like to make use of adaptations must present the legalized certification attesting to their state of disability or SLD issued in their country of residence, accompanied by an official translation exclusively in Italian or English.

The University bodies in charge of examining the aforementioned certifications ascertain that the foreign documentation certifies a condition of disability or specific learning disorder recognised by Italian law.

ATTENTION: BEFORE CLOSING THE REGISTRATION FOR THE TEST PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE ATTACHED AN APPLICATION FORM AND HEALTH DOCUMENTATION.

The documentation is examined by the Service for Students with Disabilities and with SLD to assess the consistency of the requests for adaptations with the documentation submitted. In the event of incomplete or illegible documentation, a request for supplementation will be sent by email to the



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institutional email address nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it , which must be sent by the absolute deadline set in the communication.

It will not be possible to grant the requested adaptations to a candidate who does not submit the request by the deadline indicated in the notice or who fails to send any supplementary documents requested by the deadline indicated by the Service for Students with Disabilities and SLD.

Adaptations are always communicated by email from the Student Administration Office.

For clarification on the procedure for requesting adaptations, please contact the Service for Students with Disabilities and SLD at abis.adattamentiammissione@unibo.it

SECTION 7 – ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION

Candidates will be able to check the outcome of the assessment on www.studenti.unibo.it . Admitted candidates will receive an email at their institutional address, and from that moment they will be able to enroll in accordance with the dates shown in the general calendar **until 26 October 2023 without arrears and from 27 October 2023 to 23 November 2023 with arrears.**

By the dates indicated above, they must:

- 1. connect** to “Studenti OnLine” (www.studenti.unibo.it) by using the username and password obtained during the assessment enrollment procedure or by their SPID credentials;
- 2. click** on “Immatricolazioni”, select “Laurea magistrale” and then Language, Society and Communication (LSC), **fill in** the required data and attach a passport photo which shows the candidate’s full face;
- 3. make the first payment instalment**, according to the instructions on [Studenti Online](#).

By logging in with your SPID credentials and using them during enrolment, after payment has been made, your university career will be activated without any further formalities.



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Once your academic career is activated, it will be possible to use services such as submitting your study plan, enrolling for exams, accessing the Wi-Fi network and online library resources. It will also be possible to carry out academic career actions (change of course, transfer to another university, withdrawal from studies). Finally, an email will be sent to print the badge, according to the procedures that will be indicated.

After making payment for enrolment, students should check whether further steps are necessary, again at www.studenti.unibo.it.

- **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY**

A student with a recognized disability equal to or greater than 66% or who **has a certificate of disability in accordance with Law 104/92 on enrolment** must send the certificate attesting the condition to the email address of the Student Administration Office (segscform@unibo.it) in order to be entitled to the exemption described at <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/study-grants-and-subsidies/exemptions-and-incentives/exemptions-for-disabled-students>;

STUDENTS WITH FOREIGN QUALIFICATION

After the steps defined above, check [the documentation needed](#) to enroll.

Remember that the documentation you used for admission to the course of study (e.g. degree, transcript or records...) [must be translated and the authenticity and value must be checked where required](#).

You will have to upload the documents relating to the foreign qualification on [Studenti Online](#) in the "Announcements" section, choosing "Matriculation A.y. 23_24 - Upload of documents for international students and students with foreign qualifications".

When you arrive at the University of Bologna, you will have to make an appointment with the International Student Administration Office in Bologna or with the Student Administration Office on your Campus to show the original documentation.



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

NON-EU CITIZEN RESIDING ABROAD

In addition to the steps defined above, you will need to pre-register on University and apply for a student visa. Check [here](#) how to do it

TAXES AND BENEFITS

The tuition fees - minus the first instalment - for the academic year 2023/2024 and information on benefits and waivers will be published on the University Portal on page www.unibo.it/Tasse .

The fee is calculated progressively on the basis of a valid ISEE certificate only if the latter is presented as described in the page:

<https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/tuition-fees-and-exemptions>

If the ISEE certificate is not submitted, the maximum fee envisaged for the course of study will be applied.

The request for exemption is free of charge and can be made regardless of whether the student is enrolled in a course at the University of Bologna.

Information on other benefits can be found on the University Portal at <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/services-and-opportunities>.

If you are interested in benefits for the right to study, you must consult the relative announcement published by the Agenzia Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio (ERGO) on the site www.er-go.it

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Student Administration Office



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Email: segscform-lingue@unibo.it

<https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/student-administration-offices>

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<https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/LanguageSocietyCommunication/index.html>

For information of an IT nature (e.g.: access credentials, data entry, application use/malfunctioning, IT difficulties, etc.):

Studenti Online Help Desk

Phone number +39 051 2080301

E-mail: help.studentionline@unibo.it

For information for international students or students with foreign qualifications (e.g. eligibility of foreign qualifications for admission, pre-enrolment, visas and residence permits, financial benefits for international students, etc.):

International Student Administration Office

Email: segstudintbo@unibo.it

<https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/student-administration-offices>

International Desk



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Ufficio Contribuzioni Studentesche

Email: abis.contribuzionistudentesche@unibo.it

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