



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

Academic year 2022/2023

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)

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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 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, in the event that 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 in a previous career at the University of Bologna
Other Italian universities language centres	self-certification of passing the ENGLISH LANGUAGE B - 2 (or higher levels) test in a previous career 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 gained as from 1st January 2020.

b. English language interview

The individual interview aims at ascertaining the possession of an adequate lexical background and the main grammatical structures of the English language, useful for addressing the study and deepening of the contents related to the university experience.

The interview will be carried out **remotely through Microsoft Teams** by a Commission appointed by the Degree Program Board, and on 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 instructions on how to participate at name.surname@studio.unibo.it



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Calendar

Intake	English language interview
First, application: From 10 th February 2022 to 10 th March 2022	From 28 th March 2022 to 31 st March 2022
Second, application: From 1 st April 2022 to 31 st May 2022	From 27 th June 2022 to 30 th June 2022
Third, application: From 10 th June 2022 to 16 th September 2022	From 26 th September 2022 to 29 th September 2022

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 the same academic year.

The interview is aimed solely at the 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 the candidate will 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 different from 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 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 2022 to 10 th March 2022	From 17 th March 2022	From 28 th March 2022 to 31 st March 2022	NON EU STUDENTS
Intake 2	From 1 st April 2022 to 31 st May 2022	From 17 th June 2022	From 27 th June 2022 to 30 th June 2022	NON EU – EU STUDENTS
Intake 3	From 10 th June 2022 to 16 th September 2022	From 20 th September 2022	From 26 th September 2022 to 29 th September 2022	NON EU – EU STUDENTS

SECTION 5 – HOW TO APPLY

In order to register for the assessment:

1. Go to www.studenti.unibo.it, access the "**REGISTERED**" section and complete the required fields, or access directly by entering the credentials already in possession of the student. If you are a foreign student and you have no tax code ID ('codice fiscale'), you should access the section "**REGISTRATION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**" and follow the instructions to create the institutional credentials. Institutional credentials are valid for the entire duration of the university career and are required each time you access your personal profile. If you have a SPID digital identity (for information www.spid.gov.it) this can be used to register on Studenti Online by selecting the "Register" button and then the "Log in with SPID" button. The system will automatically retrieve your personal data from SPID and at the end will create your credentials name.surname@studio.unibo.it.
2. Access "**ADMISSION REQUEST - ADMISSION APPLICATION**", select "**LAUREA MAGISTRALE**" and select "**LANGUAGE, SOCIETY AND COMMUNICATION/LINGUA, SOCIETY AND COMMUNICATION**" (you can only register for the session open at the time of access - see Session Deadlines Summary Table).
3. **Upload** the required documents in PDF format:



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- a. copy of a valid ID (Passport or other official ID);
- b. Transcript – Self-certification of previous Degree(s), examinations, marks, number of credits, subject groups and final degree mark.

Graduates holding a non-Italian Degree: you need to attach a copy of your Degree Certificate issued by your University with all the examinations taken; EU candidates can attach their Diploma Supplement or a Self-Certificate of their Degree with all the examinations taken.

- c. Certification of the level of knowledge of the English.

4. **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:

- submit a pre-enrolment application through the web site University;
- be in possession of a qualification allowing access to university;

Students must consult the detailed information on:

www.unibo.it/IscrizioniLaureaMagistraleTitoloEstero e www.unibo.it/IscrizioniStudentiNonUE

NB!

- Registration for assessment is valid only if submitted within the deadlines indicated.
- Self-Certificates must have a handwritten signature, otherwise they cannot be accepted.
- In all cases, the Examining Board will examine candidates' applications on the basis of the documents attached.
- All communications will be sent to your institutional e-mail address (name.surname@studio.unibo.it).



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- You must not send any paper or e-mailed documents: the only procedure to be followed is as described on “Studenti Online”.
- No admission fees are required for this selection procedure.

The interviews organized in this announcement will be held remotely through Microsoft Teams on the date and as described in the text of the call.

SECTION 6 – 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 to the institutional address, and from that moment they will be able to enroll up to 27 October without late payment fees, and from 28 October to 24 November with late payment fees.

In order to enroll you 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 in jpg format which shows the candidate’s full face. Please remember that, if anything you declare is false, in addition to incurring the penalties established in art. 496 of the Italian Criminal Code, you will also lose the right to enrol and any other benefits obtained, while relinquishing the right to any refunds;
3. make **the first payment instalment**, according to the instructions on [Studenti Online](#) and within the established dates. Failure to pay will result in exclusion from the procedure.

After paying matriculation fees, check on Studenti Online what you need to do to activate your career.

If you are a student with a recognized disability equal to or greater than 66% or **has a certificate of disability in accordance with Law 104/92**, when matriculating s/he 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 referred to on the page <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and->



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[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. 22_23 - 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.

<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 fees and information on benefits and exemptions are published on the University web site at www.unibo.it/Tasse .



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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/tuition-fees-a-y-2020-21>

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

SECTION 7 – CONTACTS AND HELPDESK

Student Administration Office

Email: segscform@unibo.it

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

Program Coordinator: Dott. Enrico Carlini

Email: lingue.lsc@unibo.it

Website:

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



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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

Email: internationaldesk@unibo.it

Tel. +39 051 2088101

For information on fees and benefits:

Ufficio Contribuzioni Studentesche

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