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UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

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**Call for applications for the degree programme in Precise and Sustainable Agriculture – LM69 (cod. 5705)**

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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.*

Complete information about the Degree Programme is available on the website:

<https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/PreciseSustainableAgriculture>

## RELEVANT DEADLINES

Applications will be assessed by the Admission Board in accordance with the procedure outlined below. Candidates that are not admitted may apply for other intakes.

### INTAKE 1

STEPS	DATES
1. Applications open	<b>01/02/2024</b>
2. Applications close	29/02/2024, at 13:00
3. Results are made available	From 20/03/2024
4. Enrolment	From 03/06/2024

### INTAKE 2

STEPS	DATES
5. Applications open	<b>01/03/2024</b>
6. Applications close	10/06/2024, at 13:00
7. Results are made available	From 01/07/2024
8. Enrolment	After having received confirmation of the admission from Studenti Online

### INTAKE 3 (NO extra-EU candidates)

STEPS	DATES
9. Applications open	<b>11/06/2024</b>
10. Applications close	23/08/2024, at 13:00
11. Results are made available	From 04/09/2024
12. Enrolment	After having received confirmation of the admission from Studenti Online

### INTAKE 4 (NO extra-EU candidates)

STEPS	DATES
13. Applications open	<b>24/08/2024</b>
14. Applications close	24/10/2024, at 13:00

<b>STEPS</b>	<b>DATES</b>
<b>15.</b> Results are made available	From 04/11/2024
<b>16.</b> Enrolment	After having received confirmation of the admission from Studenti Online

## SECTION 1 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to the second-cycle degree programme in Precise and Sustainable Agriculture, candidates must:

- a) hold a first-cycle **QUALIFICATION**, i.e., a three-year University degree or diploma or other suitable qualification obtained abroad complying with the requirements set in the Notice of the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) for a.y. 2024/25 which is published on the website [www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/](http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/).

Candidates who have not yet obtained a first-cycle qualification 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;
- 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

The minimum graduate admission requirement for the Master’s Programme is one of the following: a three-year Bachelor’s Degree, the acquisition of at least 180 ECTS credits, or another suitable qualification obtained abroad which is recognized as equivalent. Possession of an Italian Undergraduate Degree (or equivalent) in one of the following classes (D.M. 270/04):

ex D.M. 270/04	ex D.M. 509/99
L-25 Agricultural and forestry	20 Scienze e tecnologie agrarie, agroalimentari e forestali
L-26 Food science	01 Biotechnology
L-2 Biotechnology	12 Biological Science
L-13 Biological Science	27 Environmental Sciences
L-32 Environmental Sciences	40 Animal production science and technologies
L-38 Animal science and animal production technologies	

The same criteria shall also apply to those who hold a University Degree obtained abroad (and deemed appropriate by the Degree Programme Board) for which it is possible to convert the degree score into the Italian system, and to identify the scientific areas and the number of credits (ECTS/CFU) obtained in each disciplinary scientific sector (into the Italian system):

<b>Academic discipline</b>	<b>ECTS/CFU</b>
Mathematical discipline:  MAT/01 MATHEMATICAL LOGIC MAT/02 ALGEBRA MAT/03 GEOMETRY MAT/04 MATHEMATICS EDUCATION AND HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS MAT/05 MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS MAT/06 PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS MAT/07 MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS MAT/08 NUMERICAL ANALYSIS MAT/09 OPERATIONS RESEARCH	6 ECTS / CFU
Chemical discipline:  CHIM/03 GENERAL AND INORGANIC CHEMISTRY CHIM/06 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	6 ECTS / CFU
Biological discipline:  BIO/01 GENERAL BOTANY BIO/02 SYSTEMATIC BOTANY BIO/03 ENVIRONMENTAL AND APPLIED BOTANY BIO/04 PLANT PHYSIOLOGY BIO/05 ZOOLOGY BIO/06 COMPARATIVE ANATOMY AND CYTOLOGY BIO/07 ECOLOGY BIO/08 ANTHROPOLOGY BIO/09 PHYSIOLOGY BIO/10 BIOCHEMISTRY	6 ECTS / CFU
Agricultural science discipline:  AGR/01 AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL APPRAISAL	6 ECTS / CFU
Agricultural science discipline:  AGR/02 AGRONOMY AND FIELD CROPS AGR/03 ARBORICULTURE AND FRUIT CULTURE AGR/04 VEGETABLE AND ORNAMENTAL CROPS AGR/13 AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY	18 ECTS / CFU

AGR/17 LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS, ANIMAL BREEDING AND GENETICS AGR/18 ANIMAL NUTRITION AND FEEDING AGR/19 ANIMAL SCIENCE AGR/20 AQUACULTURE, POULTRY AND RABBIT SCIENCE	
Agriculturalscience discipline:  AGR/08 AGRICULTURAL HYDRAULICS AND WATERSHED PROTECTION AGR/09 AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND MECHANIZATION AGR/10 RURAL BUILDINGS AND AGRO-FOREST LAND PLANNING	6 ECTS / CFU
Agriculturalscience discipline:  AGR/07 AGRICULTURAL GENETICS AGR/11 GENERAL AND APPLIED ENTOMOLOGY AGR/12 PLANT PATHOLOGY AGR/16 AGRICULTURAL MICROBIOLOGY	6 ECTS / CFU

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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

The assessment of the B2 level knowledge and skills of the English language is fulfilled if the candidate satisfies one of the following requirements:

- provides an International Language Certification (see the complete list of recognised certifications available below);
- is a citizen of a country whose official language is English or comes from a course of study in English;
- has resided in a country whose official language is English for a period at least of 12 months;
- have passed an English language exam of a B2 level in the previous Degree Programme at the University of Bologna or at another University Language Centre part of the AICLU (Italian Association of University Language Centres). Please note that this case should be certified through the transcript of records/degree certificate or by an official letter released by the University issuing the Degree.

The recognised English language certifications are the following:

Ente/Institution	Certificato/Certificate	Validità/Validity
British Council; IDP; Cambridge Assessment English	IELTS (Academic) con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 5,5/ 9	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021

British Council; IDP; Cambridge Assessment English	IELTS (General Training) con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 5,5/9	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Educational Testing Service (ETS)	TOEFL IBT con punteggio minimo/with a minimun score: 80	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge English Preliminary (PET) con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 160/pass with Distinction	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge B1 Preliminary con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 160/grade A	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge English First (FCE) con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 160/grade C	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge B2 First con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 160/grade C	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge English Advanced (CAE)	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge C1 Advanced con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 180	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge English Proficiency (CPE)	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge C2 Proficiency con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 200	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge B2 Business Vantage (BEC Vantage) con punteggio minimo: 160/grade C	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment English	Cambridge C1 Business Higher (BEC Higher) con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: 180	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Trinity College London	ISE II, III, IV	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment International Education	IGCSE English as a Second Language* con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: grade C	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Cambridge Assessment International Education	IGCSE First Language English* con punteggio minimo/with a minimum score: grade C	ottenuto dopo il/obtained after 01/01/2021
Centro Linguistico di Ateneo - Università di Bologna (CLA) / University of Bologna Language Centre (CLA)	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/self-certification downloadable from StudentiOnline including passing the ENGLISH LANGUAGE B - 2 (or higher) test in a previous career at the University of Bologna	superato dopo il/ passed after 1/01/2021

Students that have achieved a Master or Bachelor Degree entirely taught in English or having passed an English taught exam will be examined by an online interview with the Admission Board that will evaluate the language proficiency.

## **1.2- Assessment of personal knowledge and skills**

Admission to the 2nd cycle Degree Programme is subject to the verification of the candidate's personal preparation.

A specific Committee assesses the basic academic knowledge of Economics and Rural Appraisal, Agronomy and Herbaceous Cultivations, Agricultural Mechanics, Rural Constructions and Agro-Forestry Territory, General Zootechnics, Animal Breeding or Special Zootechnics.

Personal preparation is met if the candidate graduated in classes L-25 and L-26 (Ministerial Decree 270/04) or L-20 (Ministerial Decree 509/99) and shows a GPA graduation mark equal to or greater than 90/110 (or foreign equivalent).

Alternatively, the candidate is required to take an oral examination which will focus on the academic knowledge mentioned above. The oral examination can be performed in person or by Microsoft Teams.

Since the test is carried out at a minimum university knowledge level, any of the aforementioned undergraduate subjects can be taken as study reference from any Bachelor's Degree Programme.

### **Disciplines**

- Economics and Rural Appraisal,
- Agronomy and Herbaceous Cultivations,
- Agricultural Mechanics,
- Rural Constructions and Agro-Forestry Territory,
- General Zootechnics,
- Animal Breeding or Special Zootechnics

After taking the interview, successful candidates will receive a communication to their email address (@studio.unibo.it). In order to validate the admission, they are requested to proceed with the official enrolment as soon as possible. **The matriculation process will be available from June 3rd, 2024 until October 29th, 2024. It will be possible to enrol with surcharge from October 30th to November 21st, 2024.**

The application process is also open to students who are about to graduate. Candidates 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 relative academic bodies, of which students are informed upon matriculation. Candidates who do not meet this requirement will be excluded.



## SECTION 2 – HOW TO APPLY

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

- 1. Log onto Studenti OnLine** ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)), using your SPID username and password. The system will automatically retrieve your personal details and at the end of the process it will generate your University credentials ([nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it](mailto:nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it)).  
International students who do not hold an ID document issued in Italy and, therefore, cannot obtain SPID credentials, may log in with their University username and password; to obtain them log onto StudentiOnline ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)), click on “Register” and then “International Student Registration”.
- 2. Click on "ADMISSION APPLICATION"**, select "SECOND-CYCLE DEGREE" and choose the programme named "**Precise and Sustainable Agriculture**";
- 3. UPLOAD the required documents in PDF format:**

### MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

- For students holding a qualification obtained outside the University of Bologna: 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.
- transcript of academic records: Bachelor’s Degree certificate reporting the full list of exams and grades achieved, including final graduation mark (Italian students can attach a self-certification of their 1st cycle Degree, while EU applicants must attach copy of their Diploma Supplement),
- Certificate attesting to your English language competency (at least B2 level).
- Curriculum Vitae in English/résumé,
- syllabus: outline/description of main exams given during Bachelor’s studies and relevant to the Master’s Programme (4-5 pages max.) - NON-EU only.

Applicants should be aware that – throughout the online application – they will be required to identify their graduation mark or CGPA, as well as the maximum score achievable (for instance 14 out of 20, 65 out of 100, 2.5 out of 4).

### OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

- reference letters,
- personal statement of motivation.
- Copy of a valid residence permit, if already held.
- 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 that have been uploaded within 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.

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. Candidates who do not meet this requirement will be excluded from the selection process.

### **SECTION 3 – ADMISSION**

An Admission Board will check candidates' academic backgrounds and whether they meet the requirements for admission.

The Admission Board is composed of: Prof. Claudio Ratti, Prof. Gabriele Baroni, Prof. Barbara Padalino, Prof. Giuseppe Di Modica.

Lecturers delivering classes in the degree programme may also sit on the committee as substitute members.

Candidates will be notified about admission to the degree programme via Studenti Online ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)) and with an e-mail at your institutional address (@studio.unibo.it) starting from the date indicated under step 3 in the above intake calendar.

Candidates that are not admitted may apply for other 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 of each intake in the above intake calendar. In order to enrol, you should complete the following steps.

1. **Log on** to Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)) using your SPID credentials or entering the username and password obtained upon submission of your application.
2. **Select "Enrolment"**, then select "Second-cycle Degree", and then the degree programme "**Precise and Sustainable Agriculture**" 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](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)). After paying the enrolment fee, check **the details of your enrolment application** on Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)) to verify your next steps and activate your student career. **Your student career must be activated by the deadline set on a yearly basis by the Academic Bodies, which is set on February 28, 2025 for a.y. 2024/25**, otherwise your enrolment will be cancelled.

#### 4.1 - Special cases

- **If you have a conditional enrolment**, you must obtain your undergraduate degree no later than December 30, 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](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)).

- **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 enrol at this link <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/enrolling-in-a-second-cycle-degree-programme-foreign-qualification>.

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

You will need to upload the documents concerning your international qualification on Studenti OnLine ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)) in the section "Calls" by selecting ""Matriculation for the 24\_25 academic year - document upload for international students with foreign qualifications".

When you arrive at the University of Bologna, you will be required to make an appointment with the International Student Administration Office in Bologna in order to show the original copies of your documentation.

- **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. Check how to do this

on the webpage <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/visa-and-rules-for-residence-in-italy/before-leaving-home-entry-visa>

- **If you wish to apply for degree shortening based on previous studies**, check how to proceed and verify the relevant deadlines at <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 web page: <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 how to proceed at <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 degree programmes**, check the requirements and necessary steps on the web page <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/simultaneous-enrolment-in-different-courses>

## 5 TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

### 5.1- Tuition fees

Information concerning the **amount of tuition fees**, **financial aid** and **fee waiver** are available on the University website at [www.unibo.it/Tasse](http://www.unibo.it/Tasse).

Tuition fees to be paid in order to enrol in a degree programme consist of a fixed part of € 157.04 and a variable part which is calculated according to the economic situation of the household (ISEE) up to a maximum that varies depending on the degree programme.

Tuition fees are calculated progressively on the basis of a **valid ISEE certificate**, only if this is submitted in compliance with relevant regulations and within the deadlines, as detailed at

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

If no ISEE certificate is submitted, the maximum tuition envisaged for the degree programme will be applied.

**ISEE submission is not linked to the enrolment process.** The order in which you carry out the two procedures is irrelevant, as long as you meet the deadlines for each one.

## 5.2- ER.GO benefits

On a yearly basis, the **Regional Authority for the Right to Higher Education – ER.GO** publishes calls for grants, accommodation in student residences, meal vouchers and other benefits on the website [www.er-go.it](http://www.er-go.it).

**The procedures to request ER.GO benefits are also independent of the degree programme application and enrolment process.**

## 5.3- Other economic benefits

Information on other economic benefits can be found on the University website in the following section <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/study-grants-and-subsidies/study-grants-and-subsidies>

If you hold a certificate demonstrating recognised invalidity of at least 66% or a certificate complying with Law 104/92, in order to benefit from the fee waiver, you should send the certificate via email to the relevant Student Administration Office. For further information: <https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/study-grants-and-subsidies/exemptions-and-incentives/exemptions-for-disabled-students>

## 5.4- Important information for students who already have an active career

If you already have an active student career, before starting the transfer or degree programme switch process you should carefully read the **merit requirements to access benefits**. These are detailed in the call for applications available at [www.er-go.it](http://www.er-go.it).

You are strongly advised to do this because after the transfer/degree programme switch **your career will be evaluated starting from the first year of enrolment at University**, regardless of the recognised exams or the course year that you are admitted to. **This may cause the loss of benefits.**

## SECTION 6 – CONTACTS

Segreteria studenti (Student Administration Office)

Email [segagr@unibo.it](mailto:segagr@unibo.it)

Check the link <https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/student-administration-offices> to learn how to access

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For information about the submission of documents and completion of  
matriculation to degree programmes in Bologna, for students with foreign  
qualifications

**Segreteria Studenti Internazionali** (International Students Administration Office)

Email [segstudintbo@unibo.it](mailto:segstudintbo@unibo.it)

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For information about Admissions, academic matters

Email [distal.pasa@unibo.it](mailto:distal.pasa@unibo.it)

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