Rimini Campus

Second Cycle Degree Program / 2 years Master in
Resource Economics and Sustainable Development (RESD)
Code 8839

Academic year 2018/2019
Call for applications
The international master/ second cycle degree programme (Laurea Magistrale) in Resource Economics and Sustainable Development (from now on referred as RESD – official website www.resd.unibo.it) is a two-year postgraduate degree, equivalent to an M.Sc. that offers excellent preparation in environmental economics.

RESD graduates will have a critical understanding of complex interactions and interdependencies between economic decisions, market forces, governmental policies and the environment. Built on a solid foundation in applied economics, this preparation will distinguish RESD graduates for their ability to critically evaluate the qualitative, and quantitative implications of environmental policies; to autonomously produce research, forecasts and plans concerning the evolution of markets for natural resources; and to contribute to the design, production and marketing of products compatible with the consumption of natural resources and their sustainability. RESD offers a series of courses that provide an in-depth analysis of specific natural resources, where the consumption of the resource is studied in an integrated way, taking into account the institutional setup of markets and the competitive strategies of firms.
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1. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the 2nd cycle degree programme in Resource Economics and Sustainable Development (RESD) is open to EU and NON-EU citizens.

1.1 Entry requirements

All candidates shall meet the following general requirements:

- **First cycle degree** or equivalent bachelor level achieved in any subject, awarded by an Italian or an accredited foreign university or university-level institution. This qualification shall grant access to 2nd cycle courses/ post graduate level. Final admission will be confirmed by the appointed office, upon receipt of evidence of the legal value of the qualification.

1.2 Course requirements

Additionally, all candidates shall meet specific conditions for RESD programme as follows:

- Knowledge of fundamental elements in disciplines of business, economics, law and mathematical-statistical areas;
- English language requirement, at least B2 level (CEFR). The assessment of knowledge and skills in the English language can be certified by: language certification tests by recognised international English schools. Graduates in an English-taught degree program, English native speakers and graduates in English language and literature or equivalent are exempted from this assessment.

Annual quota for Non-EU citizens resident abroad: maximum 40 Non-EU students will be accepted.

2. ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

2.1 EU Citizens and non-EU Citizens with equivalent status (also known as *equiparati*).

- **EU citizens** from: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, UK, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary.

- **NON-EU citizens with equivalent status are:**
  - Candidates from the following countries: Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Switzerland and RSM;
Candidates holding one of the following: EU long-term residence permit, (former EC long-term residence permit or residence card), residence permit for the purpose of employment or self-employment, for family reasons, political or humanitarian asylum, or on religious grounds;

Candidates that have been a resident in Italy for at least one year, holding a qualification obtained in Italy;

Candidates with the following diplomas: final diploma of an Italian school abroad or foreign or international schools operating in Italy or abroad, subject to bilateral agreements or special regulations for the recognition of qualifications and which satisfy the general conditions required for entry for study purposes (see art. 26 of Italian Law no. 189 of 30 July 2002);

Candidates whose parents are in service at a foreign Diplomatic Representation or international organization working in Italy (accredited with the Italian government or the Holy See).

2.2 NON EUROPEAN Citizens resident abroad

These are citizens of a country that is not a member of the EU and do not possess the requirements to be treated as equivalent to EU citizens.

Admission of non-EU citizens resident abroad is regulated by the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR – Ministero dell’Istruzione Università e Ricerca), with the Circular letter M.I.U.R. available on the official website www.miur.it. The deadlines for the pre-enrolment procedure will be confirmed by the same M.I.U.R. Circular letter, to be published in 2018.


IMPORTANT!

Non EU- students resident abroad, shall start at the same time administrative procedures at the Italian Embassy as soon as possible. Dealing with the papers requires long time, sometimes months. Do check deadlines carefully. The Embassy administrative procedures include the request of the following documents:

a) **Pre-enrolment** (Form A) must be signed and stamped by the Italian Embassy and can be downloaded here: http://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/pre-enrolment-in-the-italian-diplomatic-representations-abroad

   Applicants must specify 2nd cycle degree course in Resource Economics and Sustainable Development, academic year 2018/2019,

b) **Declaration of Value/Dichiarazione di valore**. The DOV is a statement issued by the foreign Italian diplomatic authorities (Embassy, Consulate) of territorial reference. The DOV is an official document which provides a short description of a foreign study qualification, awarded to a specific person by an institution belonging to an educational
system other than the Italian one. Check with the Embassy the list of papers you will need to provide before submitting your request.


c) **Visa for Study** reasons ("Immatricolazione Università").

### 3. HOW TO APPLY FOR THE MASTER PROGRAMME

In order to guarantee the quality of the educational environment, admission to the RESD Program is regulated by a selection process evaluating the applicants' motivation, academic preparation and language ability. Before you start your application, make sure you have all your supporting documents scanned and ready to upload.

**3.1 Application procedure in 2 steps:**

**STEP 1 – FIRST LOG IN (only if you do not have a “unibo” account).** You will need to set up an IT account so that you can then log in to track your application and to finalize enrolment with Unibo, if you are successful:

a) Connect to [www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it) to create your personal User ID and Password;

b) Click on "Se non sei ancora registrato, vai qui" (if you are not registered yet), and you will be able to switch to English language, if necessary.

c) Register by providing the required details (foreign student without the Italian Tax Code/Codice Fiscale can click on “International students registration”) and fill in the form to create your User ID and Password.

d) After your first access, you will be notified to change your password. Keep a note of your user ID and IT account details as you will need these throughout the process.

**STEP 2 – APPLICATION (User ID and Password required)**

a) Connect to [www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it) with your **username** and **password** (STEP 1 above).

b) Click on the “Entrance Exams – AlmaWelcome!” button.

c) Select “Second cycle degree programme”, then next.

d) Select “RESD – Resource economics and sustainable development”, then next
e) Upload the required documents in .pdf format.

3.2 Required documents

All supporting documents have to be provided in English:

a) Evidence of qualifications (degree certificates and transcript of records) to show that you meet or expect to meet the entry requirements. According to D.P.R. 445/2000, Italian citizens can provide a self-certification of the academic qualification achieved in Italy and of the transcript of records.

b) CV (Curriculum Vitae) duly signed*. The file must be named: "CV Full name"

c) Letter of motivation (maximum length 1500 words): A personal statement detailing why you wish to study the course, your experiences, what you can bring to the course and any other information that you see as relevant to your application. Duly signed*.

d) Letter of reference

e) Copy of a valid identity document (ID card, or passport).

f) Copy of your residence permit (if possessed).

g) Any relevant document for the evaluation process, such as references, signed by the referee and on headed paper (optional).

h) Evidence of English language proficiency (equivalent to the B2 level of the Council of Europe). The assessment of English language ability can be certified by: internationally recognised language certification tests (such as TOEFL, IELTS as in the table below), internationally recognised English schools. Graduates in a degree program taught in English, English native speakers and graduates in English language and literature or equivalent are exempted from this assessment.

The following table reports the appropriate score to be met before starting the course. Nevertheless, candidates without the appropriate score can apply, but they will receive a conditional offer:

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* b) and c) must be properly signed or the application will be null and void, only handwritten signature is valid, no typed name.

IMPORTANT:

Last-year students of a first cycle degree/ bachelor programme can apply even before completing their first cycle degree/ bachelor programme, and have their dossier revised, but they must graduate by November 16th, 2018, or they will not be able to finalize the enrolment and the application will be void.

The documents submitted are subject to the Italian Presidential Decree 445/2000. The candidates must be aware as well of the penalties laid down by the article 496 of the Italian Penal Code in case of false statements and false certifications.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA and RESULTS

Admission to the 2nd Cycle Degree Programme RESD is conditional on the assessment of the personal qualification by the Degree Programme Board through the evaluation of the submitted documents, according to the following criteria:

- **Academic merit**, it refers to the quality of the bachelor degree (first cycle) attended as well as to the final grade attained: max 50 points;
- **Motivation**, it refers to the quality of the motivation letter and reference letter: max 20 points;
- **Coherence** between the academic curriculum and the learning objectives of RESD: max 15 points.
- **Work experience** assessed by the CV and other possible documents: max 15 points.

Minimum points to be accepted: 60/100. In case of equal points, the youngest will precede.
4.1 Results

The **ranking list** will be available on unibo personal profile after each intake (see art. 5.1 Table 2). Accepted candidates can proceed with the final enrolment, according to terms and conditions as stated by the University of Bologna in due time. Deadlines will be available on Unibo official webpage.

4.2 Pre-acceptance letter NON-EU applicants

**Pre-accepted NON-EU applicants** will receive a pre-acceptance letter via e-mail, which has to be delivered at the Italian representative abroad, in order to start visa procedures through the Italian Embassy in the country of residence. It is the applicants’ responsibility to check carefully any deadline for visa and **pre-enrolment procedure** at any Italian Embassy/Consulate.

**Important!** The pre-acceptance letter is referred to the successful result of the evaluation by the Degree Programme Board: it does not imply the confirmation of the legal value of the qualification, for the enrolment at the University in Italy. Unconditional admission, however, is carried out by the appointed Student Administration Office upon delivery of original documents. The verification includes: degree title, nature, duration and level, deputy institution of release, previous education, academic rights and effective achievement.

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5 WHEN TO APPLY

5.1 Deadlines

Applicants will be evaluated in three different intakes, on a first-come first-serve basis, so candidates are invited to apply as early as possible, starting from February 2017. Intakes A and B are particularly important for non-EU students, since they have to deal with administrative procedure through the Italian Embassy/Consulate in their home country; and for candidates applying for scholarships offered by University of Bologna (UNIBO Action 2). For individual advisory on the application and personal requests, applicants can get in contact with our staff. Always quote user ID and intake code.

Although there is no official limit in the number of places available on the programme, the efficient size for the RESD class is around 50 students. The appointed Admission Board will examine the applications in several intakes, according to the rules outlined in art. 4, within the following **deadline** schedule:

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* Non-EU applicants can apply under condition they already submitted pre-enrolment (form A) to the Italian Embassy within due date (deadlines to be checked at Italian Embassy at home country). The form duly stamped by the Embassy must be uploaded with all other supporting documents.

5.2 How to enrol at the University of Bologna

If the master's application is successful, the accepted candidate will receive a formal communication, with all details about enrolment procedures. Starting from the end of July through the end of November 2018 pre-accepted applicants will have to complete the enrolment procedures at the University of Bologna through the website: www.studenti.unibo.it using the unibo account.

6. CONTACTS

➢ Further information on the academic content of the degree programme:

   Director of RESD prof.ssa Elettra Agliardi Email: elettra.agliardi@unibo.it

➢ For further information on the admission procedure and/or immigration rules in Italy:

   Programme Coordinator Tel. +39.0541.434119
   E-mail: cdim.resd@unibo.it

➢ International Candidates and candidates with a foreign qualification need to visit the official web page of the University of Bologna and get in contact with:

   International Desk - Rimini Campus Tel. +39.0541.4 34244
   e-mail: campusrimini.internationaldesk@unibo.it

➢ For technical problems (i.e. unibo account, documents upload, online application, IT general questions, etc.):

   Help Desk di Studenti Online Tel. +39 051 2099882
   e-mail help.studentionline@unibo.it