Call for application to the international CURRICULUM APPLIED CRITICAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND HERITAGE – ACRA

Second Cycle Degree in
Archaeology and Cultures of the Ancient World
Code 6702 – Class LM-2 (Italian Academic System)

(The present requirement information is conditional upon the ministerial approval)

A.Y. 2025/2026

SUMMARY

Our University has been working for a long time 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, regardless of gender.

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1. HOW TO ACCESS THE PROGRAMME

The Second Cycle Degree Programme/two year Master's International "Curriculum Applied Critical Archaeology and Heritage – ACRA" is a two-year programme (120 ECTS) with open access, meaning there is no maximum number of enrolments for the academic year 2025/26. However, enrolment is conditional upon meeting the requirements outlined in this notice and obtaining a positive evaluation from a designated committee of adequate personal knowledge and skills.

Entirely taught in English, the programme offers specific courses and support services for enrolled students. Non-EU students must also comply with terms and procedures to enrol in Italian universities by contacting Italian embassy or consulate in their home country.

2. SCHEDULE OF PROCEDURES

Applications will be assessed by the evaluation committee in accordance with the procedure outlined below. Candidates not admitted in one intake may **not** apply for subsequent intakes within the same a.y. 2025/26.

2.1 Deadlines - Intake 1

The first intake is open to both European and non-European graduated and graduating candidates who must apply by April 28th, 2025.

Opening of applications *(Section 5)*   March 3rd, 2025
Closing date for applications *(Section 5)*   At 11:59 pm on April 28th, 2025
Publication of the outcome *(Section 6)*   From May 9th , 2025
Matriculation *(Section 7)*   Deadline: November 20th, 2025

2.2 Deadlines – Intake 2

The second intake is open to both European and non-European graduated and graduating candidates who must apply by June 30th, 2025.

Opening of applications *(Section 5)*
April 30th, 2025
Closing date for applications *(Section 5)*
At 11:59 pm on June 30th, 2025
Publication of the outcome *(Section 6)*
From July 11th , 2025
Matriculation *(Section 7)*
Deadline: November 20th, 2025

2.3 Deadlines – Intake 3

The third intake is open only to European graduated and graduating candidates who must apply by August 25th, 2025.

Opening of applications *(Section 5)*
July 2nd, 2025
Closing date for applications *(Section 5)*
At 11:59 pm on August 25th, 2025
Publication of the outcome *(Section 6)*
From September 5th, 2025
Matriculation *(Section 7)*
Deadline: November 20th, 2025

3. RECIPIENTS OF THIS NOTICE

3.1 Recipients

This call is addressed to candidates who meet the admission requirements outlined in Section 4 and wish to enrol in this degree programme, including those candidates transferring from another programme or university or those who are waiving a programme.

3.2 Information for graduating students

Graduating students can apply for the first, second and third intake and, if eligible, register for the programme, provided they only need to complete the final examination, where applicable. Graduating students from Italian institutions need to have a weighted average mark equal to or higher than 25/30. If graduating students are from foreign institutions, the committee will evaluate their knowledge and skills based on their academic background.

The degree must in any case be obtained **by December 31st, 2025 at the latest**; otherwise, any matriculation will be cancelled.

3.3 Information for international students

🌐 Specific procedures are foreseen for:

▶ **Students with a foreign qualification**, regardless of citizenship
▶ **Non-EU nationals with an equivalent qualification**
▶ **Non-EU nationals resident abroad**

If you fall into one of these cases, pay attention to the **blue 'International' boxes with the symbol** 🌐.

Check which case you fall into at www.unibo.it/StudentiInternazionaliChiSono .

Should you have any questions, please contact the **International Desk**:

www.unibo.it/ContattiPerStudentiInternazionali.

4. PROGRAMME ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to the Second Cycle Degree Programme "Curriculum in Applied Critical Archaeology and Heritage - ACRA", candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. the required academic qualification (Section 4.1);

2. specific curricular requirements (Section 4.2);

3. specific language requirements (Section 4.3);

4. adequate personal knowledge and skills, verified according to the criteria established by the programme (Section 4.4).

4.1   Qualifications

▶   First cycle academic qualification: a three-year university diploma or degree

or

▶   🌍 Qualification obtained abroad recognised as suitable under Italian law, current international agreements and the rules laid down in the MUR Circular "Procedures for entry, residency and enrolment of international students and the respective recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy" for A.Y. 2025/2026, which will be published on https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri.

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4.1.a. What happens if you do not have the necessary qualification

If you do not have the necessary academic qualification and do not fall under the cases dealt with in Section 3.2 - 'Information for graduating students', you will not be able to register for the programme.

4.2   Curricular requirements

1) Possession of a first cycle/bachelor's degree in the following classes:
L-1 BENI CULTURALI
L-10 LETTERE
L-42 STORIA
L- 43 DIAGNOSTICA PER LA CONSERVAZIONE DEI BENI CULTURALI

Or:

2) Possession of a first cycle/bachelor's degree or a three-year university diploma in a class other than specified in point 1 and at least **24 ECTS** in the subject areas, as follows:

- 10 ECTS at least in the following subject areas:

Archeologia e antichità classiche e medievali
L-ANT/01 - Preistoria e protostoria
L-ANT/04 - Numismatica
L-ANT/05 - Papirologia
L-ANT/06 - Etruscologia e antichità italiche
L-ANT/07 - Archeologia classica
L-ANT/08 - Archeologia cristiana e medievale
L-ANT/09 -Topografia antica
L-ANT/10 - Metodologie della ricerca archeologica
L-ART/01 - Storia dell'arte medievale
L-ART/04 - Museologia e critica artistica e del restauro

Formazione tecnica, scientifica giuridica
BIO/08 - Antropologia
ICAR/06 -Topografia e cartografia
ICAR/18 -Storia dell'architettura
ICAR/19 - Restauro
FIS/07 - Fisica applicata (a beni culturali, ambientali, biologia e medicina)
GEO/01 - Paleontologia e paleoecologia
GEO/02 Geologia Stratigrafica e Sedimentologica
GEO/11 - Geofisica applicata
CHIM/12 - Chimica dell'ambiente e dei beni culturali
IUS/10 - Diritto amministrativo
M-DEA/01 Discipline demoetnoantropologiche

Archeologia e antichità orientali
L-OR/02 - Egittologia e civiltà copta
L-OR/03 - Assiriologia
L-OR/05 - Archeologia e storia dell'arte del Vicino Oriente antico
L-OR/06 - Archeologia fenicio-punica
L-OR/16 - Archeologia e storia dell'arte dell'India e dell'Asia centrale
L-OR/20 - Archeologia, storia dell'arte e filosofie dell'Asia orientale

14 ECTS at least in the following subject areas:

Storia antica e medievale
L-ANT/02 - Storia greca
L-ANT/03 - Storia romana
L-OR/01 - Storia del Vicino Oriente antico
M-STO/01- Storia medievale
M-STO/09 - Paleografia
L-FIL-LET/01 - Civiltà egee
L-FIL-LET/02 - Lingua e letteratura greca
L-FIL/LET/04 - Lingua e letteratura latina
L-FIL-LET/05 - Filologia classica
L-FIL-LET/06 - Letteratura cristiana antica
L-FIL-LET/07 - Civiltà bizantina
L-FIL- LET/08 - Letteratura latina medievale e umanistica

Or:

3) If candidates hold a recognized foreign qualification or a degree from a previous Italian academic system degree programme, the committee will evaluate their knowledge and skills based on their academic background.

4.2.a. What happens if you do not meet the curricular requirements

If you do not meet all the curricular requirements indicated, you will not be able to register for the programme.

4.3   Language requirements

English language skills are required to **at least CEFR level B2**.

4.3.a. How to fulfil the language requirement

The English language requirement is fulfilled during the application phase by submitting a recognized certificate of English language proficiency at the B2 level (or higher) (CEFR or equivalent). The list of recognized certificates is available here:

https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/AppliedCriticalArchaeologyHeritage/language-certificate;

The English language requirement can also be satisfied by:

▶ submitting a self-declaration confirming you are native English speaker;

▶ providing evidence of a bachelor's/master's degree with English as medium of instruction.

4.4   Adequate personal knowledge and skills

Admission to the Second Cycle Degree Programme is in any case subject to the assessment of adequate personal knowledge and skills, carried out as indicated below.

4.4.a. How the adequacy of personal knowledge and skills is verified

The assessment of personal knowledge and skills is deemed fulfilled if graduates from Italian institutions have achieved a final grade mark of 95/110 or higher.

For graduating students from Italian institutions who are required to complete only the final examination, where applicable, the assessment is considered fulfilled if their weighted average mark is equal to or greater than 25/30.

If candidates hold a recognized foreign qualification, the committee will evaluate their knowledge and skills based on their academic background.

4.4.b. What happens if my personal knowledge and skills do not meet the adequacy criteria

Candidates from Italian institutions who have achieved a final grade mark below 95/110 will not be able to register for the programme, even if they meet the curricular requirements.

Graduating candidates from Italian institutions who are required to complete only the final examination, where applicable, with a weighted average mark below 25/30 will not be able to register for the programme, even if they meet the curricular requirements.

Candidates with a recognized foreign qualification who receive a negative assessment by the evaluating committee based on their academic background will not be able to register for the programme.

5. HOW TO APPLY

Within the period set for each intake (see Schedule of Procedures - Section 2) you can apply by following the steps below.

1. **Log on to Studenti Online** (www.studenti.unibo.it)

If you are accessing for the first time, choose **'Register'** and log in with SPID or CIE. The system will automatically retrieve your personal details and create your University credentials (name.surname@studio.unibo.it).

🌐 *If you reside abroad and do not have an identity document issued in Italy* you may log on with the University username and password, which can be obtained by going to Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it) and clicking on "**Register**" and then "**International students registration**".

2. Click on "**Apply for admission**", select "Second Cycle Degree Programme" and select the programme named "**Archeologia e culture del mondo antico**"

3. **Upload the following documents in PDF**:

If you obtained your **degree at the University of Bologna**, you do not have to upload documentation already held by the University. You may upload the **optional documents** below.

▶ **Compulsory documents (only for those who obtained their degree at a university other than the University of Bologna):**

  ▶ front and back copy of a valid identity document.

  🌐 *If you are a citizen of a foreign country and your identity document does not have an English translation*: copy of your passport;

  ▶ *if the qualification is obtained in Italy*: self-certification of the first-level academic qualification with a list of examinations taken.
  If you have not yet obtained the qualification, upload the list of exams taken.

  🌐 *if the qualification is obtained abroad*: a copy of the qualification obtained abroad, translated into Italian or English, allowing access to Second Cycle Degree Programmes in the country of origin / in the home country, accompanied by a transcript of records and Diploma Supplement where available. If you have not obtained the qualification yet, upload the list of exams taken (Transcript of Records).

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▶ Proof of B2 level English language proficiency

▶ **Optional documents**

- Your CV in English.

- A statement of purpose (stating interests and personal and professional goals-max 500 words).

- Copy of a valid residence permit, if already held.

- Form for requesting adaptations for persons with disabilities. Further information is available at https://site.unibo.it/studenti-con-disabilita-e-dsa/it/per-studenti/adattamenti-per-le-prove-di-accesso

The committee will only assess documents uploaded through the Studenti Online application (www.studenti.unibo.it). Any mandatory documents that are missing or only partially uploaded by the application deadline shall result in the candidate not being considered.

Documents must not be sent by post or email to the administrative offices.

In the event of false declarations, in addition to incurring the penalties laid down in Article 496 of the Italian Criminal Code, you will automatically forfeit your right to registration and any benefits obtained, without being entitled to any reimbursement of the sums paid.

🌐 **If you are a non-EU citizen and reside abroad**, in compliance with the procedures defined by the Italian Ministry of University and Research in the Circular "Procedures for entry, residency and enrolment of international students and the respective recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy" for A.Y. 2025/2026 published on https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri, in addition to following the steps required for admission to the degree programme, you will have to:

▶ **pre-enrol on Universitaly** and request an **entrance visa** for study purposes;

6. VERIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS AND PUBLICATION OF THE OUTCOME

6.1 Evaluation committee

A committee will check the candidates' personal knowledge and skills and ensure they meet the requirements for admission.

The committee, appointed by the Department of History and Cultures at the University of Bologna, is made up of: Prof. Andrea Gaucci (Chairman); Prof. Claudio Cavazzuti (Member); Prof. Francesco Iacono (Secretary).

Faculty members in the first and second year of the curriculum Applied Critical Archaeology and Heritage – ACRA may also sit on the committee as alternate members.

6.2 Outcome of the checks

The results of your application will be published on Students Online (www.studenti.unibo.it) and sent to your institutional email address (name.surname@studio.unibo.it), as from the date indicated for each intake in the Schedule of Procedures (Section 2).

The outcome will be either

- ▶ **"application checked":** in this case you can register for the programme;
- ▶ **"not admitted to the selection procedure":** in this case you cannot register for the programme and may not apply for subsequent intakes within the same a.y. 2025/26.

7. MATRICULATION, PROGRAMME TRANSFER, UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

7.1 Matriculation

If you receive confirmation of admission, you can register as from the date indicated in the Schedule of Procedures (Section 2), following the steps below.

1. **Log on to Studenti Online** (www.studenti.unibo.it) using your SPID or CIE credentials or entering the username and password you obtained during the application procedure.

2. **Select "Registration",** then select **"Laurea Magistrale/Second Cycle Degree Programme",** then the degree programme **"Archeologia e culture del mondo antico"**

and enter the required data, attaching a .jpg file containing a passport-size photo of your face.

In the event of false declarations, in addition to incurring the penalties laid down in Article 496 of the Italian Criminal Code, you will automatically forfeit your right to registration and any benefits obtained, without being entitled to any reimbursement of the sums paid.

3. **Pay the first enrolment instalment** via the PagoPA platform, as indicated on Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it).

4. After you have made your matriculation payment, check under **Registration** on Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it) what you need to do for the purposes of **identification** and **career activation**.

7.1.a. University identification and career activation

Identification

- ***If you submitted your application by logging in with SPID or CIE***: after making the payment, your identity will be automatically validated.

- ***If you have submitted your application by logging in with your username and password***: complete the identification procedure specified under Matriculation on Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it).

Career activation

Activating your career enables you to take part in all the activities you will carry out as a student (e.g. submitting your study plan, booking exams, carrying out any other procedures related to your career, accessing the Wi-Fi network and online library resources, and using the MyUnibo app).

After identification, career activation will take place automatically, unless you fall into one of the following cases.

▶ ***If you have not yet graduated at the time of matriculation*** (deadline November 20th, **2025**) you must obtain your degree **by December 31st, 2025 at the latest**. Otherwise, your matriculation will be cancelled.

If you are graduating from the University of Bologna, the system will automatically update your position once you have obtained your degree.

If you are graduating from another university, after matriculating please check on Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it) for any further steps required.

🌐 If you are a **non-EU citizen but hold a qualification equivalent to one obtained in Italy**, in order to activate your career you must submit a copy of your valid residence permit allowing equivalence to the Student Administration Office responsible for your degree programme.

If you have a foreign qualification, check the documentation required for matriculation purposes.

The documentation submitted in your application for admission (e.g. degree, transcript, etc.) must be translated and its authenticity and value must be verified, where required.

You must upload the documents related to foreign qualifications in the Studenti Online application (www.studenti.unibo.it) by clicking on "Call for applications" and then "Matriculation for A.Y. 25_26 - document upload for international students with foreign qualifications".

When you arrive at the University of Bologna, you must make an appointment with the International Student Administration Office in Bologna or on your campus in order to show the original copies of your documentation.

If you are a non-EU citizen, but hold an equivalent qualification and have obtained your qualification abroad: check the documentation required to enrol.

Remember that the documentation submitted in your application for admission (e.g. degree, transcript, etc.) must be translated and its authenticity and value must be verified, where required.

In the "Calls" section of Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it), select "Matriculation A.Y. 25_26 - document upload for international students with foreign qualifications" and upload your qualification diploma and a copy of your residence permit allowing equivalence. Moreover, make an appointment with the International Student Administration Office in Bologna or on your campus in order to show the original copies

of your documentation. PLEASE NOTE: Check very carefully, at www.unibo.it/whoareinternationalstudents, what is meant by 'non-EU students with equivalent status' and what types of residence permits allow for equivalence. Lack of an equivalent qualification will prevent you from matriculating, even if you have been admitted and have paid the first instalment.

If you are a non-EU national, are resident abroad and have obtained your qualification abroad: see details at www.unibo.it//IscrizioneLaureaMagistraleNonUE. Check the foreign qualification documentation required to matriculate. Remember that the documentation submitted in your application for admission (e.g. degree, transcript, etc.) must be translated and its authenticity and value must be verified, where required.

In the "Calls" section of Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it), select "Matriculation A.Y. 25_26 - document upload for international students with foreign qualifications" and upload your qualification diploma and a copy of your entry visa for study purposes. When you arrive in Italy, make an appointment with the International Student Administration Office in Bologna or on your campus in order to show the original copies of your documentation.

Warning: if you have a foreign qualification, admission to the programme and any subsequent validation of your pre-enrolment with or without reserve by the University do not confer any right to finalise your matriculation, even in the event of obtaining an entry visa, being physical present in the country, becoming eligible for and/or actually receiving scholarships or contributions of any kind. For matriculation purposes, it will be necessary to verify the actual suitability of the foreign qualification and the authenticity of the submitted documentation. Your qualification will be formally checked by the International Student Administration Office in Bologna or on Campus after paying the first matriculation instalment and submitting the original copies of all the required documentation.

Career activation must take place by **February 26th, 2026**; otherwise, your matriculation will be cancelled.

Once your career is active, you will be sent an e-mail with a QR code allowing you to print your badge.

7.1.b. Shortening a degree programme (for those with previous university careers)

If you want to apply for recognition of previous academic careers, check how you can do this and the applicable deadlines at https://www.unibo.it/it/studiare/iscrizioni-tasse-e-altre-procedure/lauree-e-lauree-magistrali/abbreviazione-di-carriera.

7.2 Programme transfers, university transfers and simultaneous enrolment

If you want to change degree programme within the University of Bologna (Programme transfer), check how you can do this at https://www.unibo.it/it/didattica/iscrizioni-trasferimenti-e-laurea/cambiare-corso-di-studio-interno-universita-di-bologna/cambiare-corso-di-studio-interno-universita-di-bologna.

If you matriculate and request to be transferred from another university, consult the page Transferring to the University of Bologna - University of Bologna (unibo.it).

If you wish to apply for simultaneous enrolment in two programmes, as provided for by Italian Law no. 33 of 12 April 2022, please read the information on the page Simultaneous enrolment in different programmes - University of Bologna (unibo.it).

If, on the other hand, you register in one programme and are subsequently admitted to another, but do not wish to maintain enrolment in both programmes, do not enrol simultaneously; instead:

- if both programmes are at the University of Bologna: apply for a programme transfer;

- if the first programme is at another university: apply for a university transfer.

Alternatively, you can waive your current programme and proceed with a new matriculation (Section 4).

🌐 **Please note!**

If you are a **non-EU citizen, reside abroad, hold a residence permit for study purposes and formally renounce your studies** at this or another university, you **lose the requirements for residency in Italy, and therefore your residence permit will be revoked.** In this case, you must return to your country of origin and initiate the pre-enrolment procedures through Universitaly at the competent Italian diplomatic mission (Embassy/Consulate), within the

deadlines set annually and published on the website https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri.

8. FEES AND BENEFITS

8.1 University fees

Information on **tuition fees** and on **benefits and exemptions** is published annually on the University Portal at www.unibo.it/Tasse.

The fee to be paid to enrol for a degree programme consists of a fixed element of € 157.04 and a variable element calculated according to the student's family's financial situation (ISEE) up to a maximum that varies according to the programme.

Your tuition fees will be calculated on a progressive scale based on a valid **ISEE certificate** only if submitted in accordance with the terms and procedures set out on the web page www.unibo.it/Tasse. If you do not submit an ISEE certificate, you will have to pay the full tuition fees relevant to your degree programme.

Submission of an ISEE certificate is independent of programme enrolment. The order in which you carry out the two procedures is irrelevant, as long as you comply with the deadlines set for each.

🌐 **Please note!**

International students who only have income and assets abroad cannot submit an ISEE certificate, but must refer to the information at https://www.unibo.it/it/didattica/iscrizioni-trasferimenti-e-laurea/tasse-e-contributi/ISEE-e-altre-attestazioni-utili-per-le-esenzioni-delle-tasse-universitarie.

⚠️ **Please note!**

Submitting financial documentation for tuition fee exemptions, following the instructions on www.unibo.it/Tasse, is very simple and worthwhile even if you have not yet decided whether to enrol in a programme at this university. Remember that if you do not submit

the documentation by the deadline, you will not be eligible for any discount. The deadline is peremptory and no exceptions are ever allowed.

8.2   Right-to-higher-education grants provided by ER.GO

Azienda Regionale per il Diritto agli Studi Superiori – ER.GO publishes **calls** for scholarships, places in university residences, catering and other benefits on its website (www.er-go.it) every year.

The application for ER.GO grants is independent of the degree programme application and enrolment procedures.

⚠️ Please note!

You must submit your application for an ER.GO grant via the company's website, also entering your ISEE certificate. Applying is very simple and is worth doing even if you have not yet decided whether to enrol in a programme at this university. Remember that calls have a peremptory deadline and no exceptions are ever allowed.

8.3   Important information for those who already have an active university career

If you already have an active university career, before transferring from another university or changing programme, if you are already enrolled in a programme at the University of Bologna, carefully consult the **merit requirements for access to grants** set out in the call published on www.er-go.it because, due to the recognition of university educational credits (CFUs) acquired in your previous career, **your position may change as regards access to grants**.

⚠️ Please note!

For all ER.GO benefits, the minimum number of university educational credits required for merit is always determined starting from the year of first enrolment at university (even if for another University, University Institute or Degree Programme, even abroad), regardless of the year of the programme to which you are admitted following the recognition of your credits, and only those that are recognised on the programme you are enrolled in are considered valid.

8.4   Right-to-higher-education grants provided by the University

Information on the University's grants can be found on the University Portal under www.unibo.it/AgevolazioniEconomiche.

For each grant, please carefully read the instructions on how and when to apply. Remember that deadlines are always peremptory and no exceptions are ever allowed.

9.   WHO TO CONTACT

For questions concerning admission requirements:

Programme Coordinator for information about the degree program

Email disci.acra@unibo.it

Information about the admission procedures

Student Administration Office of Humanities, Bologna

Email segstudiumanistici@unibo.it

www.unibo.it/SegreterieStudenti

IT information

Studenti Online Help Desk

Telephone +39 051 20 80 301

Email help.studentionline@unibo.it

Matriculation information for international students and students with foreign degrees

International Student Administration Office, Bologna

Email segstudintbo@unibo.it
www.unibo.it/ContattiStudentiInternazionali

International desk, Bologna

E-mail internationaldesk@unibo.it

www.unibo.it/ContattiStudentiInternazionali

Service for students with disabilities and SLD

E-mail ases.adattamentiammissione@unibo.it

https://site.unibo.it/studenti-con-disabilita-e-dsa/it

Student Tuition Fees Office

E-mail ases.contribuzionistudentesche@unibo.it

www.unibo.it/Tasse

Offices are closed on :

- April 21st, 2025
- April 25th, 2025
- May 1st, 2025
- June 2nd, 2025
- From August 11th to August 15th, 2025
- December 8th, 2025

National holidays (www.unibo.it/CalendarioAccademico)

Any further extraordinary closures will be published on the University Portal www.unibo.it

February 13, 2025

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