



Call for Applications - Level-I Master in Cooperation for Sustainable Agri-Food Development - Academic Year 2022-23

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- Pursuant to art. 6 of Law no. 341 dated 19 November 1990;
- Pursuant to art. 1, paragraph 15, of Law no. 4 dated 14 January 1999;
- Pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 270 dated 22 October 2004, containing new rules governing the educational autonomy of Universities and supplanting Ministerial Decree no. 509 dated 3 November 1999;
- Pursuant to the Academic Regulations of the University of Milan, issued by Rector's Decree no. 1208 dated 4 March 2020;
- Pursuant to the Regulations for Master's programmes, advanced courses and lifelong learning, issued by Rector's Decree no. 1737 dated 23 April 2020;
- Pursuant to the 28 April 2022 resolution of the Board of Directors, authorising the institution of the Master's programme indicated hereunder, and the favourable opinion issued by the Academic Senate on 12 April 2022;
- Pursuant to the Regulations for tuition fees, waivers and scholarships, issued by Rector's Decree of 13 May 2022;

**HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:**

Admissions into the Level-I Master programme in Cooperation for Sustainable Agri-Food Development - Academic Year 2022-23 are now open.

For information on learning objectives, employment opportunities, programme organization, contact details and any other specifics of the programme, please refer to the annex, which forms an integral part hereof.

**Art. 1 Summary of Procedures and Deadlines**



Steps	Deadlines
Online application for admission (Unimi portal)	Until 3 October 2022
Admission test (oral exam)	19 October 2022, 9:00 am
Publication of the ranking list on the Unimi portal	24 October 2022, after 2:00 pm
Enrolment	24 October to 2 November 2022
Payment of first instalment	24 October to 2 November 2022
Payment of second instalment	By 1 February 2023
Course start date	7 November 2022

## Art. 2 - Admission Requirements

Applicants to the programme must hold a degree in one of the following classes pursuant to Ministerial Decree 270/2004:

- L-2 Biotechnology;
- L-6 Geography;
- L-7 Civil and Environmental Engineering;
- L-13 Biology;
- L-18 Business Administration;
- L-21 Town, Regional and Environmental Planning;
- L-25 Agricultural Science and Technology;
- L-26 Food Science and Technology;
- L-32 Environmental Sciences;
- L-33 Economics;
- L-36 Political Science and International Relations;
- L-37 Peace Studies;
- L-38 Animal Husbandry Sciences and Technologies;

Moreover, English-language proficiency is required.

The suitability of a foreign academic qualification in terms of content is assessed by the admission board for the Master's programme, in compliance with the regulations in force in Italy



and in the country in which the academic qualification was issued, and the international treaties or agreements pertaining to the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

**Upcoming graduates** from the above programmes may apply for admission as long as they obtain their degree within the start date, or at the latest within three months from the start date, of the Master's programme. In such case, the candidate will be admitted conditionally and will be required to self-certify the possession of the degree within thirty days from the achievement date. Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the programme.

Enrolment on the Master's programme is incompatible with enrolment on other study programmes (first- or second-cycle degree programmes, doctoral research programmes, postgraduate schools, master's programmes) for the same academic year. Attendance in the various course activities of the Master's programme is mandatory. Only those who have attended at least two thirds of the planned training activities may take the final exam.

### Art. 3 - Application for Admission

Admission applications must be submitted **by 3 October 2022** as follows:

- 1) Register on the University portal through the page <https://registrazione.unimi.it/>. This operation is not required of applicants already registered on the portal or with University login credentials, such as Milan University students or graduates, who can go to the next step;
- 2) Use your credentials to access the online application procedure at <http://studente.unimi.it/ammissioni/a/master/checkLogin.asp>;
- 3) Pay the non-refundable selection fee of € 50.00 (Regulations on fees, dues, waivers and scholarships);
- 4) Upload the following documents in .pdf, .jpg or .rtf format:
  - CV (specifying the degree held) for use in the selection procedure and in the awarding of any scholarships;

Candidates with a foreign qualification please refer to art. 6.

Candidates who provide false data or fail to meet the requirements will be excluded from the programme.



#### Art. 4 - Candidates with SLD

Candidates with specific learning disabilities (SLD), who require accommodations for the test, must upload their certificates **when applying for admission online**.

SLD certificates must be issued by the National Health Service, by an authorized private medical team or by a private specialist pursuant to Law 170/2010, and must be accompanied by a document of compliance issued by the competent health authority.

If the applicant was a minor when the certificate was issued, documents older than three years will not be accepted.

For information, contact SLD Services: [ausili.ammissioni@unimi.it](mailto:ausili.ammissioni@unimi.it).

#### Art. 5 - Candidates with Disabilities

Candidates with disabilities who require additional time and/or specific aids for the test, must upload their certificates **when applying for admission online**.

The documents to be submitted must certify disability ("invalidità civile") and/or handicap pursuant to Law 104/1992.

For information, contact Disability Services: [ausili.ammissioni@unimi.it](mailto:ausili.ammissioni@unimi.it).

#### Art. 6 - Candidates with International Qualifications

Candidates who have obtained their degree in a foreign university must comply with the same admission procedures and deadlines as the other candidates (see art. 4).

Moreover, they will be required to upload the following documents:

- a) University qualification;
- b) Italian translation of the qualification, done by an official translator and certified in accordance with existing regulations;
- c) "Dichiarazione di valore in loco" (statement of validity) to be requested from the Italian diplomatic office in the country in which the qualification was awarded;
- d) Degree certificate in Italian or English with transcript of records;
- e) Passport (only the page with personal data).



The documents listed in points b), c) and d) above may be replaced by a *Diploma Supplement* issued by the University in accordance with European Commission, Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES standards, or by any other statement of validity issued by ENIC\_NARIC centres or by diplomatic offices in Italy.

The validity of foreign qualifications is verified upon submission of the official documents. Until then, candidates are admitted to the programme conditionally, and may be rejected at any time if they are found not to meet the requirements.

#### **Art. 7 - Selection Procedures and Ranking Criteria**

Admission to the programme is through an oral exam, as well as assessment of the applicant's CV.

Evaluation criteria:

- **Oral exam:** 80% of the final score - the oral test will consist of the discussion of the candidate's qualifications and the assessment of the skills acquired throughout their university career. The oral test will be graded out of thirty;
- **CV assessment:** 20% of the final score- the degree mark and any work experience in the cooperation sector will be considered.

Candidates must score at least 18/30 for admission.

Admission tests will be held at **9:00 am on 19 October 2022**.

The ranking of candidates admitted to the programme will be published on 24 October 2022.

#### **Art. 8 - Publication of the Ranking List and Enrolment**

The ranking list of admitted candidates will be posted to the University website at:

<http://studente.unimi.it/ammissioni/g/graduatoriamaster/checkLogin.asp>.

The publication of the ranking list serves as official notice. Therefore, no personal communication will be sent out to candidates.

Students must enrol online at

<http://studente.unimi.it/immatricolazioni/master/checkLogin.asp>.

Those admitted to the programme are required to enrol and pay the **€ 1,516.00** first instalment within 7 working days of the publication of the ranking.



The online enrolment service automatically directs you to the PagoPA platform, where you can choose the payment method (e.g. credit card, current account, or cash payment through one of the licensed collection agencies).

Late payment will be subject to a penalty fee of € 30.00 (Regulations on fees, dues, waivers and scholarships).

Those who do not intend to enrol are required to promptly notify the Student Office for PHD, Masters, State Exams and Post-Graduate Programmes through [the online platform InformaStudenti](#).

### Special cases

If the **enrolment fee is paid by an institution, organization or company**, the enrolled must contact the Student Office for PHD, Masters, State Exams and Post-Graduate Programmes through [the online platform InformaStudenti](#), **before the deadline**, to obtain specific instructions.

As the programme is part of the University's institutional activities, no VAT is applied to the enrolment fee, and no invoice will be issued.

**Admitted candidates who are enrolled on another programme** cannot enrol online. They must instead contact the Student Office for PHD, Masters, State Exams and Post-Graduate Programmes via [the online platform InformaStudenti](#).

**Foreign candidates** are required to provide, through the online enrolment service, a copy of their tax code ("codice fiscale") and, for non-EU citizens, their residence permit.

Further details on the enrolment procedure are available on the website [www.unimi.it](http://www.unimi.it) at <https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/frequentare-un-corso-post-laurea/master>.

### Art. 9 - Payment of Second Instalment

The second instalment must be paid within the deadline set forth in art. 1 through the online [payment service](#), which can be accessed from [UNIMIA](#), the student personal portal (also for post-graduates).

The service automatically directs you to the PagoPA platform, where you can choose the payment method (e.g. credit card, current account, or cash payment through one of the



licensed collection agencies).

For large amounts it is advisable to choose the payment notice option (“Emissione avviso di pagamento”) and pay via online banking or at your bank.

Late payment of the second instalment will be subject to a penalty fee of € 30.00 for payments made up to 15 days after the deadline and of € 60.00 thereafter.

#### **Art. 10 - Students Obligations**

Course attendance is mandatory and verified according to course-specific procedures.

Only those who have attended at least two thirds of the planned training activities may take the final exam.

Studies cannot be interrupted for any reason whatsoever.

The Regulations on fees, dues, waivers and scholarships for the current academic year shall apply, as far as compatible, to those enrolled in the programme, in terms of payment settlement, withdrawal, any refunds, tuition waivers for students with a disability greater than 66%.

Students who intend to withdraw from the programme must send a formal request by sending the [form available on the website](#) to the Student Office for PHD, Masters, State Exams and Post-Graduate Programmes through [the online platform InformaStudenti > Post-Graduate > Master](#).

If withdrawal occurs prior to the actual start of the programme, any fees paid will be reimbursed, less a 10% charge covering general and administrative costs.

#### **Art. 11 - Other Information, Privacy and Contacts**

For further information on the organization of the Master's programme, please refer to the annex and the University's website: <https://www.unimi.it/index.php/it/corsi/corsi-post-laurea/master-e-perfezionamento/catalogo-master>

Pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 196 of 2003 (Personal Data Protection Act) as amended and supplemented, as well as EU Regulation 679/2016 (General Data Protection Regulation or, more briefly, RGDP) the University commits to keep the candidates' information confidential. All data provided is processed solely for purposes related to the competition and possibly for managing





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the applicant's relationship with the University, in compliance with current legislation.

The privacy notice is available at <https://www.unimi.it/it/ateneo/normative/privacy>.

For any information on enrolment, to request certificates and forms, visit the website <https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/frequentare-un-corso-post-laurea/master>

or contact the Student Office for PHD, Masters, State Exams and Post-Graduate Programmes through [the online platform InformaStudenti](#) (select the POSTGRADUATE>Master option from the menu).

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Prof. Elio Franzini

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## Level-I Master's programme in Cooperation for Sustainable Agri-Food Development

**Coordinator: Prof. Guido Sali**

### Learning objectives

The Master's programme, which will be held in English, aims to train students to understand and address rural development issues from different angles (e.g. technical, social, economic, institutional). Rural development is still a high priority in many parts of the world, where local communities base their existence on the agricultural sector, which requires continuous adaptation to respond to the challenges of globalization, population growth, natural and anthropogenic threats. Moreover, the development of rural communities should go hand in hand with environmental, social and economic sustainability, which is the only guarantee of a lasting and sound use of available resources in keeping with the institutional, cultural and natural environment. In this context, it is essential to understand the reality that we operate in, and to favour processes of self-development, empowerment, social and institutional capital building.

Altogether, the hours of training activity amount to 60 university credits (CFUs).

### Employment opportunities

Career opportunities are to be found mainly in the following professional sectors: non-governmental organizations; EU institutions and agencies; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS); local administrations; professional consultancy for Italian, EU and international institutions.

### Available spaces

Places are capped at 25 students. The University reserves the right not to run the programme if the number of enrolled students is less than 25.

### Programme organization

The programme will run from 7 November 2022 to 27 October 2023.

The programme includes 356 hours' face-to-face lectures (39 CFU), 144 hours' training (e.g. exercises and seminars, 11 CFU).

Teaching is structured as follows:

- Policies and strategies (International and national institutions, civil society)



- Analysis of the geographical, social, political context
- Project design 1: Theory of Change, Problem and solution trees, Logical Framework, Results chain.
- Project design 2: Co-design and participatory methods, Conflict management.
- Monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning 1 - Theory and practice
- Mapping and monitoring - GIS and Remote Sensing
- Water-Energy-Food nexus - Water management
- Water-Energy-Food nexus - Integrated energy approach
- Water-Energy-Food nexus - Appropriate technologies for farming
- Management of biotic and abiotic stresses in extreme environments
- Water-Energy-Food nexus - Livestock systems
- Water-Energy-Food nexus - Valorisation of local food resources.

An internship period of **250 hours** (10 CFU) will follow.

During the programme, students will be assessed through interviews and/or practical tests.

The final exam will consist in writing a paper on the internship activity and presenting it to the examining board.

Those who cannot take the exam in person, because they live abroad or far from the University, will defend their paper online.

Students are not awarded marks for interim or final exams, but a pass or fail; in the case of a 'fail' outcome, the exam must be repeated.

The Master's qualification is worth **60 university credits (CFUs)**.

### **Enrolment fee**

Those admitted to the programme shall pay an enrolment fee of € 4,016.00 (including insurance coverage and stamp duty).

The enrolment fee must be paid in two instalments:

- First instalment, amounting to € 1,516.00, to be paid by the enrolment date;



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- Second and final instalment, amounting to € 2,500.00, to be paid by 1 February 2023.

The first instalment includes stamp duty.

## Grants

The following financial aid is made available in the form of a partial tuition waiver for the Level-I Master's programme in Cooperation for Sustainable Agri-Food Development for academic year 2022/2023, to be granted based on merit ranking for admission to the programme:

- a) **Four grants of € 3,000.00 each** for candidates from particularly poor and developing countries, as listed in the Decree of the Minister of University and Research of 12 February 2021;
- b) **Four grants of € 2,000.00 each** for candidates from other countries, who are currently in particularly poor and developing countries as defined in point a) above for cooperation activities.

Any funds that are not fully disbursed to one of the two categories shall be made available to the other category.

The University reserves the right to require evidence of the financial condition of the household for an ex-post assessment.

## Programme administration

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## For administrative enquiries

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