UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION
TO THE DOUBLE DEGREE MASTER PROGRAMME IN:

PLANT SCIENCE (LM-6)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

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A call for applications for admission to the double degree Master programme in Plant Science (Class LM-6) for the 2024/2025 academic year is issued.

The programme is developed and organised jointly by the Università degli Studi di Milano (UNIMI) and the Université de Grenoble Alpes (UGA). Students participating are expected to spend at least one semester at UGA and one semester at UNIMI.

Art. 1 - Deadlines summary

EU residents not applying for a Visa	
Steps	**Deadlines**
Application	from 14 March to 12 June 2024, 12.00 pm (noon)
Admission interview	20 June, 2024
Ranking list publication	27 June 2024, 2.00 pm
Enrolment	within 9 July 2024, 2.00 pm
First update	from 10 to 22 July 2024, 2.00 pm

Non-EU Candidates Applying for a Visa	
Steps	**Deadlines**
Application	from 14 March to 29 April 2024, 12.00 pm (noon). If positions are still available, applications will be accepted until 30 May 2024, 12.00 pm (noon).
Admission interview	9 May 2024
Ranking list publication	16 May 2024, 2.00 pm
Enrolment	before 30 May 2024, 2.00 pm

Art. 2 - Admission requirements

Graduates of class L-13 Biological Sciences, who are recognized as fully satisfying the curriculum requirements, can apply to the double degree master programme in Plant Science, provided they have completed a training course consistent with the indications of the National College of University Biologists (CBUI). The requirements include:

- 66 ECTS in biological areas (SSD BIO), of which at least 6 in BIO/01 Botanica generale (General Botany), BIO/02 Botanica sistematica (Systematic Botany), BIO/04 Fisiologia Vegetale (Plant Physiology), BIO/05 Zoologia (Zoology), BIO/06 Anatomia comparata e citologia (Comparative Anatomy and Cytology) (at least

12), BIO/07 Ecologia (Ecology), BIO/09 Fisiologia (Physiology), BIO/10 Biochimica (Biochemistry), BIO/11 Biologia Molecolare (Molecular Biology), BIO/18 Genetica (Genetics), BIO/19 Microbiologia Generale (Microbiology).

- 12 ECTS in FIS/01 - FIS/08 Fisica (Physics), INF/01 – Informatica (Informatics), ING-INF/05 - Sistemi di elaborazione delle informazioni (Information processing systems), MAT/01-MAT/09 Mathematics.
- 12 CFU in CHIM/01 - Chimica analitica (Analytical Chemistry), CHIM/02 - Chimica fisica (Physical Chemistry), CHIM/03 - Chimica generale e inorganica (General and Inorganic Chemistry), CHIM/06 - Chimica organica (Organic chemistry).

Other graduate students in the same class L-13, who have not followed a training course in line with the indications of the CBUI, or in class L-12 Biological Sciences (ex DM 509/99), or in other classes, may be admitted provided they have an adequate number of ECTS, not less than 90 ECTS, in the disciplinary sectors (SSD) mentioned above;

For students graduated in the L-25 class, i.e. Agricultural and Forestry Science and Technology (Scienze e Tecnologie Agrarie e Forestali) and related classes, ECTS acquired in the following disciplinary sectors: AGR/02 Agronomia e Coltivazioni erbacee (Agronomy and Field crops), AGR/03 Arboricoltura generale e Coltivazioni arboree (Arboriculture and Fruitculture), AGR/07 - Genetica agraria (Agricultural genetics), AGR/12 – Patologia vegetale (Plant pathology), AGR/13 Chimica agraria (Agricultural chemistry), AGR/16 Microbiologia agraria (Agricultural Microbiology), AGR/17 Zootecnica Generale e Miglioramento Genetico (Livestock systems, Animal breeding and Genetics), VET/01 Anatomia degli Animali Domestici (Veterinary anatomy), VET/02 Fisiologia Veterinaria (Veterinary physiology), will also be considered for admission.

Students must be proficient in English, with a B2 level of competence as indicated in the paragraph knowledge of the English language (art. 5.2).

Students enrolled in the final year of first cycle degree courses, who have gained at least 156 credits at the time of the admission exam, can be admitted to the programme provided they graduate **by 20 October 2024**.

Also, candidates in possession of university qualifications gained abroad and recognized as suitable by the University can be admitted.

All details on qualifications and access for international students to Italian universities are published on the website http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/ and on the University website in the sections dedicated to international students.

Art. 3 - Number of places available

The number of places available for the first year is 10 for EU residents not requiring a VISA, plus **3 places** reserved for non-EU students living abroad (VISA applicants).

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Art. 4 – Admission procedure and deadline

Applications from <u>EU citizens and EU residents who do not require a VISA</u> will be accepted from 14 March 2024 until 12 June 2024 at 12.00 pm (noon).

Applications from <u>non-European students requiring a VISA</u> will be accepted from 14 March 2024 until 29 April 2024 at 12.00 pm (noon).
After ranking list publication, if positions are still available, applications will be accepted until 30 May 2024, 12.00 pm (noon).

All candidates are required to apply online, according to the following procedure:

1. register on the University portal through the page:
   https://registrazione.unimi.it/reg_utenti_esterni/ENG/registrazione/form.html
   (not required for those already registered on the portal or in possession of university login credentials or SPID);

2. sign up to the Services for admission to *Master programmes with an entrance examination*, using university credentials or SPID:
   https://www.unimi.it/en/study/student-services/technology-and-online-services/online-services-former-sifa;

3. choose the programme: PLANT SCIENCE *or* PLANT SCIENCE (VISA APPLICANTS) and fill out the online application with the requested data;

4. pay the fee of € 30.00 by the deadline for admission at the very latest, on pain of exclusion.

The online admission service also requires the following documents to be uploaded, in .jpg, .pdf or .rtf format:

- curriculum vitae (in English);

- diploma supplement or, alternatively, a transcript of the student's records including courses and marks (in English, Italian, French, German or Spanish);

- certificate for B2-level in English, if in possess;

- passport (only the pages containing personal information) or other valid ID Document – (only for non-Italian candidates).

Applicants may upload any other document they judge relevant for the evaluation.

Transcripts from candidates of the Università degli Studi di Milano are acquired automatically. Candidates from other Italian Universities may upload a self-certification instead of the transcript.

In addition to their personal details, **candidates who have not yet graduated** must provide the total credits obtained, the average grade, exams taken and not yet recorded with the relative credits, exams not yet taken with the relative credits, and their expected date of graduation.

A receipt is issued at the end of the online procedure, which could be requested on the day of the exam together with the receipt of payment.

The receipt is the only document accepted as proof of registration for the admission exam.

Any candidate who provides false details or is not in possession of the admission requirements will be excluded from the final ranking list.

Art. 5 – Admission exam schedule and assessment criteria

5.1 Admission exam schedule

- For EU citizens and EU residents who do not require a Visa the admission exam will take place **on 20 June 2024**, 2:00 pm at the Department of Biosciences, Via G. Celoria 26, Milan. Check the website for more information regarding the room. Applicants not residing in Italy can ask to have an online interview by sending a request to the following email address plant.science@unimi.it.

  Candidates must arrive at 1.45 pm bearing a valid identity document (preferably the one indicated during the online application). The exam will start after the identification. Candidates who arrive without an identity document, with an invalid one, or late will not be admitted to the interview.

  The board and the supervisory staff will supervise the observance of the abovementioned rules and have the right to adopt the necessary measures resulting from their non-observance. For any matters not covered in this announcement, the provisions on the conduct of public competitions apply.

  It is advisable to check for any possible updates concerning dates and times of the examination on the website: https://plantscience.cdl.unimi.it/en.

- Non-European applicants who do not reside in an EU member state (Visa applicants) will be evaluated based on their curricula and, provided all CV requirements are met, and invited to an online interview that will take place on 9 May 2024. Details will be supplied in the invitation email. If the 3 places reserved for non-EU students living abroad are not filled, applications will be accepted until 30 May 2024, 12.00 pm (noon).

5.2 Examination programs and assessment criteria

The admission exam consists of an interview with the Commission for Admittance to the Master programme; the interview will evaluate the expertise of the candidate in topics related to the Plant Science degree and will ascertain the knowledge of the English language.

The committee evaluates the candidate on a 100-point scale:

- up to 25/100 will be given for the graduation grade; for undergraduates the average grade of the sustained teaching activities is evaluated;
- up to 10/100 for the curriculum (type of degree, extra-curriculum free courses, Erasmus experience, etc.);
- up to 65/100 for the interview.

The minimum requirement for admission is 60/100. In the event of two or more candidates with the same score, priority will be given to the younger candidate.

Candidates who pass the exam and achieve a sufficiently high position in the ranking list can register in the first year of the course.

Art. 6 – English language proficiency

Students must be proficient in English, with a B2 level of competence. Applicants are required to certify their knowledge of the English language in one of the following ways:

- B2 level certification (vantage or upper intermediate, as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment; recognised certifications https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-entry-tests-and-english-courses);
- a B2 result in the placement test given by the University of Milan.

Candidates may also be accepted provided their level of English proficiency is unmistakably good, as evaluated during the admission test. The adequate personal preparation of the candidates and their ability to communicate in English are decisive elements for the admission. They will be verified and tested during the admission interview.

Art. 7 – Ranking lists publication, enrolment and updating

7.1 Ranking lists publication

EU residents not applying for a Visa

The ranking lists will be published on **27 June 2024, after 2.00 pm,** on the University's website at the following page: https://www.unimi.it/en/study/student-services/technology-and-online-services/online-services-former-sifa (Admission and Ranking Lists - Degree Programmes).

Place winners must enrol online no later than 9 July 2024 at 2.00 pm:

- if future graduates from UNIMI, using the form that will be sent to their UNIMI e-mail address;
- if already graduated, or future graduates from other universities, following the procedure described at the webpage https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-

master-study/degree-programme-enrolment/enrolment-masters-programme/masters-degree-programmes-limited-enrolment.

<u>Non-EU Candidates Applying for a Visa</u>

Non-EU candidates applying for Visa will be placed in a separate ranking list, to cover the reserved places indicated at art. 2. The ranking lists will be published on **16 May 2024, after 2.00 pm,** on the University's website at the following page: https://www.unimi.it/en/study/student-services/technology-and-online-services/online-services-former-sifa (Admission and Ranking Lists - Degree Programmes).

Place winners must enrol online no later than 30 May 2024 at 2.00 pm:

• if future graduates from UNIMI, using the form that will be sent to their UNIMI e-mail address;

• if already graduated, or future graduates from other universities, following the procedure described at the webpage https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/degree-programme-enrolment/enrolment-masters-programme/masters-degree-programmes-limited-enrolment.

Publication of the ranking lists constitutes official communication to the candidates. Candidates will not receive any communication. They must personally consult the enrolment deadlines, updates of the ranking lists and every other information published on the webpage of the chosen degree programme.

Enrolment of undergraduates will be validated only if they obtain their Bachelor's degree by 20 October 2024.

7.2 Enrolment and updating of the ranking lists

Places left vacant after the deadline for enrolment indicated in art. 1 are assigned to the next students in the ranking list and will be published **from 10 July 2024** on the University's website at the following page: https://www.unimi.it/en/study/student-services/technology-and-online-services/online-services-former-sifa (Online services former SIFA – Admission and Ranking Lists)**.**

Candidates admitted for the places available must enrol **by 2.00 pm on 22 July 2024,** following the procedures indicated in art 7.1.

Art. 8 - Candidates with qualifications gained abroad

All details on qualifications and access for international students to Italian universities are published on the website http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/ and on the University website in the sections dedicated to international students.

The eligibility of foreign qualifications is in any case assessed by the University, in accordance with applicable ministerial guidelines and bilateral agreements.

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Applicants with qualifications gained abroad will be required to submit compulsorily the following documents during the online enrolment application:

- Admission fee receipt;
- Copy of High school diploma legalized by the authorities of the issuing country, with an official Italian translation;
- First cycle degree (BSc. or equivalent) legalized by the authorities of the issuing country, with an official Italian translation *(translation not required when the Diploma Supplement is provided)*;

- Statement of validity (Dichiarazione di Valore in loco) issued by the Italian Embassy in the country where the qualification was obtained or CIMEA Statement of Comparability or Statement of validity issued by other ENIC-NARIC centres. If available, the **Statement of Correspondence** processed through the ARDI platform, together with the **Statement of Verification** issued by CIMEA, replace the CIMEA **Statement of Comparability.**

- Copy of a valid Residence permit (only for non-EU citizens);
- Italian tax code;
- Identity document (passport or EU ID).

Upper secondary school diplomas, post-secondary and university certificates are accepted in Italian as well as in French, English, German or Spanish.

The certified translation of the university degree and the related Declaration of Value/statement of validity can be replaced by the Diploma Supplement issued by the universities of countries belonging to the European Higher Education Area.

In addition to these documents, **non-EU students applying for a visa** are required to submit the following:

- Universitaly pre-enrolment application receipt;
- Student visa.

Candidates who do not hold the required documentation when enrolling have to submit it **by 28 November 2024** through the dedicated online service available on the International enrolment in degree programmes page.

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

8.1 - Non-EU Candidates Applying for a VISA

Since the first semester is held at the Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA), students falling under this category are required to apply for a French student VISA.

These candidates can enrol only if included in the quota of reserved places.

Art. 9 - Examining board

The examining board is appointed by the competent academic council.

During the exam the board will be assisted by staff, who will be responsible for supervising and identifying the candidates.

Art. 10 - Procedure Manager and Contacts

Pursuant to law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 the manager of the procedure related to this announcement is Ms Emanuela Dellavalle (Managing Director of the Student Registrar and Education Incentive Programmes Division).

For any further information regarding the content of the call refer to the Informastudenti Service (https://www.unimi.it/en/study/student-services/welcome-desk-informastudenti) by selecting the category: "Enrolment - Enrolment, test and ranking list".