



**UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO**  
**PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22**  
**MASTER DEGREE**  
**Historical Sciences (Classe LM-84)**  
**Enrolled from 2017/2018 until 2020/2021**

### HEADING

<b>Degree classification - Denomination and code:</b>	LM-84 Historical Sciences
<b>Degree title:</b>	Dottore Magistrale
<b>Curricula currently available:</b>	
<b>Length of course:</b>	2 years
<b>Credits required for admission:</b>	180
<b>Total number of credits required to complete programme:</b>	120
<b>Years of course currently available:</b>	2nd
<b>Access procedures:</b>	Open, subject to entry requirements
<b>Course code:</b>	C75

### PERSONS/ROLES

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#### Degree Course website

<https://scienzestoriche.cdl.unimi.it/it>

#### Academic Committee

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#### Degree Programme

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### CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

#### General and specific learning objectives

The objective of the Historical Sciences M.A. is to provide students with an in-depth historical knowledge encompassing a critical approach to historiography and the sources. Such an education will enable students to acquire not only advanced knowledge but also skills and abilities ensuring that the programme's educational outcomes will be achieved, namely a full understanding of historical dynamics, source analysis skills and the use of tools, including IT, a critical awareness of current historiography and a mastery of the languages of historical communication.

## Expected learning outcomes

In accordance with the specific features of the two study options, a Historical Sciences M.A. graduate will:

- have a knowledge of the historiographical trends and languages specific to the historical research tradition and more recent enquiry methods, both traditional and innovative, in cross-disciplinary dialogue with cultural spheres;
- know historical communication languages in both their specialist research and high profile historical culture dissemination forms;
- have a critical understanding of and ability to analyse chronological and thematic developments in past events, the role of the past in the present world, the documentary sources and their transmission methods;
- have achieved appropriate awareness of the complementary nature of the specific area of historic study with other disciplinary areas;
- be capable of sourcing, analysing, summarising and communicating information (in written, oral or web form) in relation to the diverse registers required in the reference context;
- be capable of applying the knowledge acquired to the modern world and its economic and social dynamics, critically comparing them with the past;
- be able to assess complex situations and suggest potential solutions using analysis and communication methods and techniques appropriately;
- be capable of passing on historical contents in the upper secondary school context with suitable educational tools.

Within the context of the period or disciplinary specialisation chosen, graduates will also be capable of:

- analysing specific period sources following expert exegesis methods and using attentive and original analysis methods;
- critically reading the historiographical products of diverse cultural and chronological contexts;
- autonomously producing written texts characterised by an original reading and interpretation of texts and documents using a specialist vocabulary;
- dealing with international historiography;
- conducting specific research in the bibliographical and documentary context, taking advantage of advanced analysis and communication techniques and methods;
- applying its principles and techniques to archive and library material selection, management and use;
- promoting diverse types of sources on the basis of identifying, analysing and communicating their specific features;
- understanding and assessing the potential bound up with cultural heritage promotion.

## Professional profile and employment opportunities

The careers opened up by an M.A. in historical sciences are bound up with graduates' skills in organising and classifying complex problems and information in a coherent way, planning and communicating opportune solutions. It is thus held that graduates will be capable of taking on roles of responsibility in:

- activities linked to the cultural initiative and service sectors;
- specific institutions such as archives, libraries, museums, cultural centres and foundations with cultural aims;
- study and research centres, both public and private;
- national and local governmental institutions in the cultural services sector and the recovery of local activities, traditions and identities;
- in publishing, in the specific context of the dissemination of historical information and culture;
- in the human resources and staff selection sectors;
- in all reporting activities requiring an ability to take responsibility for understanding, organising and planning in a range of contexts involving a propensity for innovation, adaptability and creativity.

In particular, historical sciences graduates will be eligible for work in history, philosophy, geography and literature teaching in middle and secondary schools, after gaining the requisite professional credentials and/or passing public application processes. I.e. having acquired the further specific technical skills and, where required, professional credentials and /or related public application processes, graduates will be eligible for the following professions: journalism, popular history, writing, critical and educational text writing in the humanities (especially history), university history teaching, history and philosophy research and technical work, archivism, library work, documentary patrimony curating and conservation in museum institutions, archives and libraries.

## Notes

### Computer skills

Students who are supposed to earn 3 credits (CFU) for basic computer skills, as provided by their degree programme, have to attend the ?Computer Science Course 3CFU?.

It is a blended course with a compulsory final exam.

The first round is scheduled for January, and more will follow according to a calendar to be made available on the course delivery platform.

Students who have already fulfilled an ICT Assessment during their previous studies should submit the related certification to their degree Secretariat, seeking its acknowledgement: it will be evaluated and they will receive a positive or negative feedback.

The ?Computer Science Course 3CFU? course is managed by the CTU - Teaching and Learning Innovation and Multimedia Technology Centre.

## **EXPERIENCE OF STUDY ABROAD AS PART OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM**

The University of Milan supports international mobility by providing its students with the opportunity to spend study and internship periods abroad. It is a unique chance to enrich your educational path in a new exciting environment.

The agreements entered into by the University with over 300 universities from the 27 EU member countries and other Extra-EU countries under the European Erasmus+ programme allow regularly enrolled students to carry out part of their studies at one of the partner universities or to undertake internships at companies, training and research centres and other organizations.

Similar international mobility opportunities are provided outside Europe, through agreements with a number of prestigious institutions.

Joint diploma agreement with Pierre Mendès University in Grenoble II.

In the context of the Master internazionale franco-italiano (MiFi) – Laurea magistrale franco-italiana (LiFi) joint French-Italian qualifications Grenoble II University and University of Milan set up a programme enabling students to work for a joint diploma based on co-ordinated international teaching at the two universities.

The course lasts two years. Students follow courses for University of Milan History Department's M.A. in Historical Sciences LM 84 in the first year. Then students who have passed the requisite exams will be eligible for the second year of this M.A. called Histoire et Histoire de l'Art (recherche), specialisation Histoire des relations et Echanges culturels Internationaux de l'Antiquité à nos jours, at Grenoble University II. Students will study at Grenoble on the first and second semesters of the second year of their studies and write their M.A. theses in the second year before submitting these to their university of origin.

After students pass their exams and their theses are approved Grenoble II University will grant them a 'master' and University of Milan a Laurea magistrale in Scienze storiche.

Joint diploma agreement with Aix-Marseilles University

In the context of the Master internazionale franco-italiano (MiFi) – Laurea magistrale franco-italiana (LiFi) joint French-Italian qualifications Aix-Marseille University and University of Milan set up a programme enabling students to work for a joint diploma based on co-ordinated international teaching at the two universities.

The course lasts two years. Students will follow courses for University of Milan History Department's M.A. in Historical Sciences LM 84 in the first year. Then students who have passed the requisite exams will be eligible for the second year of this M.A. called Le monde moderne et contemporain del master Historie et Humanités at Aix-Marseille University. Students will study at Grenoble on the first and second semesters of the second year of their studies and write their M.A. theses in the second year before submitting these to their university of origin.

After students pass their exams and their theses are approved Aix-Marseilles University will grant them a 'master' and University of Milan a Laurea magistrale in Scienze storiche.

### **Study and internships abroad**

This Historical Sciences M.A. has a solid international exchange tradition which began with the founding of the ERASMUS, now ERASMUS plus programme.

A concise overview of ERASMUS is available on the M.A. programme site, on the student bulletin board.

These reciprocal agreements give students and teachers access to a year abroad, an exchange agreement between University of Milan and the universities of many countries including: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, the Low Countries, Poland, Portugal, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Hungary.

A list of specific universities encompassed by the agreement for historical science graduates can be consulted in appendix A: <https://www.unimi.it/it/internazionale/studiare-allestero/cerca-una-opportunita-internazionale/bando-erasmus-studio-2021/2022>

With Erasmus+ University of Milan also assigns study periods in Switzerland based on bilateral agreements with Swiss universities under the SEMP - Swiss European Mobility Programme.

Historical sciences students can complete study periods ranging from a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 12 months during the two years of the programme, at one of the university's partner institutions. Average study periods abroad last 5-6 months. Students are advised to complete overseas study periods in the 2nd semester of the 1st year or the 1st semester of the 2nd year.

Study abroad (course attendance, exams, any thesis research work) is accredited on students' return with a number of study credits which take account of the activities completed abroad. The related study programme, called a Learning Agreement, is agreed on departure on the basis of courses, exams and activities decided by students in accordance with their Italian study plans. Careful choice by the teaching staff responsible in identifying a wide ranging and specific correspondence between the University of Milan's educational programme and that of its partner universities enables students to take full advantage of their studies abroad and acquire the credits they need to complete their Italian studies. The study sectors which can be developed are essentially historical but credits in other humanities disciplines can also potentially be acquired.

This M.A. has a permanent internationalisation via ERASMUS co-ordinator (Prof. Michela Minesso). Specific meetings for M.A. Historical sciences students leaving for periods abroad are organised to supply them with the information they need on the various institutions available and useful contact numbers. The History Department also has international research and

teaching partnerships with institutions such as Lomonosov University in Moscow. In such cases specific study plans are agreed with the co-ordinator and the work done is recognised in accordance with the criteria listed above.

The History Department is also active in ERASMUS Plus-Placement which now provides for international exchange for new graduates (within 12 months of graduation), too, and information on the programmes which can be applied for is available on the website. The department works to identify international partners (archives, libraries, publishing houses, cultural institutions and universities) for internships designed to provide professional training.

### How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs

The students of the University of Milan can participate in mobility programmes, through a public selection procedure.

Ad hoc commissions will evaluate:

- Academic career
- the candidate's proposed study programme abroad
- his/her foreign language proficiency
- the reasons behind his/her application

Call for applications and informative meetings

The public selection generally begins around February each year with the publication of a call for applications specifying the destinations, with the respective programme duration (from 2/3 to 12 months), requirements and online application deadline.

Every year, before the deadline for the call, the University organizes informative meetings to illustrate opportunities and rules for participation to students.

Erasmus+ scholarship

The European Union grants the winners of the Erasmus+ programme selection a scholarship to contribute to their mobility costs, which is supplemented by the University funding for disadvantaged students.

Language courses

Students who pass the selections for mobility programmes can benefit from intensive foreign language courses offered each year by the University.

Learn more at <https://www.unimi.it/en/international/study-abroad/studying-abroad-erasmus>

For assistance, please contact:

International Mobility Office

Via Santa Sofia 9 (second floor)

Tel. 02 503 13501-12589-13495-13502

Contacts: InformaStudenti [mobility.out@unimi.it](mailto:mobility.out@unimi.it)

Student Desk booking through InformaStudenti

<b>COURSE YEAR UNDEFINED Core/compulsory courses/activities common to all curricula</b>		
<b>Learning activity</b>	<b>Ects</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Elements of Historiography	9	SPS/02
Total compulsory credits	9	
<b>Further elective courses common to all curricula</b>		
<b>9 CFU in one of the following disciplines</b>		
History of Southern Italy	9	M-STO/02
Intellectual and Cultural History	9	(3) M-STO/04, (3) M-STO/01, (3) M-STO/02
<b>9 CFU in one of the following disciplines</b>		
Historical Communication and Public History	9	(3) M-STO/04, (3) M-STO/01, (3) M-STO/02
Teaching History	9	(3) M-STO/04, (3) M-STO/01, (3) M-STO/02
<b>9 CFU in one of the following disciplines</b>		
Digital Humanities	6	M-STO/08
Digital librarianship	6	M-STO/08
Diplomatics	6	M-STO/09
History of printing and publishing systems	6	M-STO/08
Library and Archival History	6	M-STO/08
<b>End of course requirements common to all curricula</b>		
Final exam	30	NA

**ACTIVE CURRICULA LIST**

CURRICULUM IN HISTORY Course years currently available: 2nd

ARCHIVAL, BIBLIOGRAPHIC AND DOCUMENTARY CURRICULUM Course years currently available: 2nd

**CURRICULUM: [C75-A] CURRICULUM IN HISTORY**

<b>Further elective courses Curriculum-specific features CURRICULUM IN HISTORY</b>		
<b>AFTER EARNING THE 36 CFU IN COMMON ACTIVITIES, THE STUDENT SHOULD CHOOSE THE REMAINING 39 CREDITS WITHIN ONE OF THE AVAILABLE TACKS, IN CONSISTENCY WITH THEIR MAJOR SUBJECT.</b>		
<b>BY THE END OF THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR OF THE PROGRAMME, THE STUDENT MUST AGREE THE TOPIC OF ITS MASTER'S DEGREE DISSERTATION WITH THE TEACHER OF A SUBJECT THEY HAVE FOLLOWED.</b>		
<b>ANCIENT HISTORY</b>		
<b>39 CFU (a total of three 9-CFU exams and two 6-CFU exams, of which at least 18 in the following subjects: L-ANT / 02 and/or L-ANT / 03)</b>		
<b>(NOTE: Ancient Numismatics and History of medieval and modern coins are alternatives to each other)</b>		
Ancient numismatics MA	6	L-ANT/04
Antiquity and greek studies	6	L-ANT/02
Antiquity and roman studies	6	L-ANT/03
Economic and Social History of Classical Antiquity	6	L-ANT/03
Greek History MA	6	L-ANT/02
Greek literature	6	L-FIL-LET/02
History of ancient philosophy (MA)	6	M-FIL/07
History of medieval and modern coins	6	L-ANT/04
Latin epigraphy	6	L-ANT/03
Latin literature	6	L-FIL-LET/04
Medieval history	6	M-STO/01
Roman History	6	L-ANT/03
<b>MEDIEVAL HISTORY</b>		
<b>39 CFU (a total of three 9-CFU exams and two 6-CFU exams, of which at least 18 in the following subjects: M-STO/01)</b>		
<b>NOTE: The following subjects are alternatives to each other</b>		
- Diplomatics and Library and Archival History		
- History of medieval and modern coins and Medieval Latin literature		
- Roman History (MD) and Antiquity and roman studies		
- History of the medieval church and heretical movements and History of the church and heretical movements		
- History of the Early modern Italian States and History of Historiography in the Modern Period		
Antiquity and roman studies	6	L-ANT/03
Civilization and culture in the Middle Ages	6	M-STO/01
Constitutional history	6	SPS/03
Diplomatics	6	M-STO/09
Economic and Social History of Classical Antiquity	6	L-ANT/03
Historical methodology: interpreting medieval sources	6	M-STO/01
History of ancient philosophy (MA)	6	M-FIL/07
History of Historiography in the Modern Period	6	M-STO/02
History of medieval and modern coins	6	L-ANT/04
History of medieval church and heretical movement	9	M-STO/07
History of science and technology	6	M-STO/05
History of Scientific Thought	6	M-STO/05
History of the church and heretical movment	9	M-STO/07
History of the Early modern Italian States	9	M-STO/02
Library and Archival History	6	M-STO/08
Medieval history	6	M-STO/01
Medieval Latin literature	6	L-FIL-LET/08
Roman History	6	L-ANT/03
<b>MODERN HISTORY</b>		
<b>39 CFU (a total of three 9-CFU exams and two 6-CFU exams, of which at least 18 in the following subjects: M-STO/02)</b>		
<b>NOTE: The following subjects are alternatives to each other</b>		
- Archival records management, Business History and Archives, Digital curation, Library and Archival History, History of medieval and modern coins		
Archival records management	6	M-STO/08
Business History and Archives	6	SECS-P/12

Constitutional history	6	SPS/03
Cultural history of modern age	6	M-STO/02
Digital librarianship	6	M-STO/08
Economic and social history of the early modern age	6	SECS-P/12
History of Eastern Europe	6	M-STO/03
History of Historiography in the Modern Period	6	M-STO/02
History of medieval and modern coins	6	L-ANT/04
History of printing and publishing systems	6	M-STO/08
History of science and technology	6	M-STO/05
History of Scientific Thought	6	M-STO/05
History of the Age of Reformation and Counter-Reformation	6	M-STO/02
History of the church and heretical movment	9	M-STO/07
History of the Early modern Italian States	9	M-STO/02
International History of the Modern World	6	M-STO/02
Library and Archival History	6	M-STO/08
<b>CONTEMPORARY HISTORY</b>		
<b>39 CFU (a total of three 9-CFU exams and two 6-CFU exams, of which at least 18 in the following subjects: M-STO/03 and/or M-STO/04)</b>		
<b>NOTE: The following subjects are alternatives to each other</b>		
<b>- Archival records management, Business History and Archives, Digital curation, Library and Archival History</b>		
Archival records management	6	M-STO/08
Business History and Archives	6	SECS-P/12
Constitutional history	6	SPS/03
Digital librarianship	6	M-STO/08
History of Colonialism and Decolonisation	6	M-STO/04
History of contemporary culture	6	M-STO/04
History of Contemporary Political Thought	6	SPS/02
History of contemporary world	6	M-STO/04
History of Eastern Europe	6	M-STO/03
History of European Integration	9	M-STO/04
History of political parties and political communication	6	M-STO/04
History of printing and publishing systems	6	M-STO/08
History of science and technology	6	M-STO/05
History of Scientific Thought	6	M-STO/05
History of Spain and Latin America	6	M-STO/02
History of the church and heretical movment	9	M-STO/07
Library and Archival History	6	M-STO/08
Social history of the spectacle	6	M-STO/04
<b>HISTORY OF INSTITUTIONS AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT</b>		
<b>39 CFU (a total of three 9-CFU exams and two 6-CFU exams, of which at least 18 in the following subjects: SPS/02 or SPS/03)</b>		
<b>NOTE: The following subjects are alternatives to each other</b>		
<b>- Economic and social history of the modern age and History of the medieval church and heretical movements</b>		
<b>- History of printing and publishing systems and History of contemporary world</b>		
<b>- Archival records management, Business History and Archives, Digital curation, Library and Archival History, History of medieval and modern coins</b>		
<b>- History of the medieval church and heretical movements and History of the church and heretical movements</b>		
Archival records management	6	M-STO/08
Business History and Archives	6	SECS-P/12
Constitutional history	6	SPS/03
Digital librarianship	6	M-STO/08
Economic and social history of the early modern age	6	SECS-P/12
History of Colonialism and Decolonisation	6	M-STO/04
History of Contemporary Political Thought	6	SPS/02
History of contemporary world	6	M-STO/04
History of medieval and modern coins	6	L-ANT/04
History of medieval church and heretical movement	9	M-STO/07
History of political parties and political communication	6	M-STO/04
History of printing and publishing systems	6	M-STO/08
History of science and technology	6	M-STO/05
History of Scientific Thought	6	M-STO/05
History of the Age of Reformation and Counter-Reformation	6	M-STO/02
History of the church and heretical movment	9	M-STO/07
History of the Early modern Italian States	9	M-STO/02
Library and Archival History	6	M-STO/08
<b>ECONOMIC HISTORY</b>		
<b>39 CFU (a total of three 9-CFU exams and two 6-CFU exams, of which at least 18 in the following subjects: SECS-P/12)</b>		
Archival records management	6	M-STO/08
Business History and Archives	6	SECS-P/12
Constitutional history	6	SPS/03
Cultural history of modern age	6	M-STO/02
Digital librarianship	6	M-STO/08
Economic and social history of the early modern age	6	SECS-P/12
History of Contemporary Political Thought	6	SPS/02
History of contemporary world	6	M-STO/04
History of Historiography in the Modern Period	6	M-STO/02
History of political parties and political communication	6	M-STO/04

History of science and technology	6	M-STO/05
History of Scientific Thought	6	M-STO/05
Library and Archival History	6	M-STO/08

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES COMMON TO ALL TRACKS**

**12 CFU AT THE STUDENT'S CHOICE**

**3 CFU for METHODOLOGY AND RESEARCH WORKSHOP, WHICH IS PREPARATORY FOR THE DISSERTATION WORK, or INTERNSHIP, or ASSESSMENT OF BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS IF NOT TAKEN DURING THE THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME**

#### **CURRICULUM: [C75-B] ARCHIVAL, BIBLIOGRAPHIC AND DOCUMENTARY CURRICULUM**

<b>Further elective courses Curriculum-specific features ARCHIVAL, BIBLIOGRAPHIC AND DOCUMENTARY CURRICULUM</b>		
<b>39 CFU (a total of three 9-CFU exams and two 6-CFU exams, of which at least 18 in the following subjects: M-STO/08 and M-STO/09)</b>		
Archival records management	6	M-STO/08
Business History and Archives	6	SECS-P/12
Civilization and culture in the Middle Ages	6	M-STO/01
Constitutional history	6	SPS/03
Digital Humanities	6	M-STO/08
Digital librarianship	6	M-STO/08
Diplomatics	6	M-STO/09
Historical methodology: interpreting medieval sources	6	M-STO/01
History of Historiography in the Modern Period	6	M-STO/02
History of medieval and modern coins	6	L-ANT/04
History of political parties and political communication	6	M-STO/04
History of printing and publishing systems	6	M-STO/08
History of science and technology	6	M-STO/05
History of Scientific Thought	6	M-STO/05
History of the Early modern Italian States	6	M-STO/02
Library and Archival History	6	M-STO/08
Social history of the spectacle	6	M-STO/04
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES COMMON TO ALL TRACKS</b>		
<b>12 CFU AT THE STUDENT'S CHOICE</b>		
<b>3 CFU for METHODOLOGY AND RESEARCH WORKSHOP, WHICH IS PREPARATORY FOR THE DISSERTATION WORK, or INTERNSHIP, or ASSESSMENT OF BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS IF NOT TAKEN DURING THE THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME</b>		