



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26
MASTER DEGREE
Philology, Literature and History of Antiquity (Classe LM-15)
Enrolled from a.y. 2023/24 until a.y. 2024/25

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	LM-15 Ancient philology, literature and history
Degree title:	Dottore Magistrale
Length of course:	2 years
Credits required for admission:	180
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	120
Years of course currently available:	2nd
Access procedures:	Open, subject to entry requirements
Course code:	C81

PERSONS/ROLES

Head of Study Programme

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Le commissioni sono indicate sul sito del corso di laurea:

<https://flsa.cdl.unimi.it/it/il-corso/referenti-e-contatti>

Tutors - Students

Le informazioni sul servizio di tutoraggio gestito dagli studenti sono pubblicate sul sito del corso di laurea:

<https://flsa.cdl.unimi.it/it/il-corso/referenti-e-contatti>

Degree Course website

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

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Link to degree course regulations

<https://flsa.cdl.unimi.it/it/il-corso/manifesto-e-altri-documenti>

CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The aim of the master programme in Philology, Literature and History of Antiquity is to provide students with in-depth training in the field of study traditionally defined as “Altertumswissenschaft”. It is therefore meant to provide: secure knowledge of classical languages and literature, underpinned by a sound command of historical and theoretical linguistics as well as of philological tools; full mastering of methods and techniques for a critical approach to ancient sources (literary, linguistic, documentary, epigraphical, numismatic, archaeological, papyrological, etc.); clear awareness of the impact of ancient civilisation and classical heritage on the development of modern culture.

Expected learning outcomes

The expected learning outcomes are the following:

- in-depth and critical knowledge of ancient literature, underpinned by a secure command of classical languages and of the tools and methods of philological analysis;
- in-depth knowledge of ancient history, with reference to its political, institutional, economic and social aspects and to the cultural and artistic expressions;
- clear awareness of the impact of ancient civilisation and classical heritage on the development of modern culture;
- sound command of the methods for the use of sources in scholarly investigation, as applied to the different fields of study;
- understanding and knowledge of the structure of texts, with an ability to encode and decode them in their communication strategies;
- ability to place texts, events and cultural objects within their appropriate historical and geographical context;
- ability to interpret texts and documents of any genre and typology, in particular those pertaining to the disciplines selected by each student for more in-depth study;
- ability to select and create connections between diverse sources through a critical comparative and cross-disciplinary approach.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The master programme in Classics provides broad-spectrum professional skills to be used for career opportunities requiring advanced knowledge in the area of Humanities, the ability to produce and interpret texts as well as the ability to critically manage information. The employment opportunities open to graduates possessing a Masters degree in Philology, Literature and History of the Antiquity include work in areas such as those of publishing, editing, communication, public relations, information management, management of the cultural heritage, management of research centres in the field of the Humanities (libraries, archives, museums, boards for the management of cultural heritage, etc.), text production and human resources. The programme is also aimed at offering students the possibility to obtain credits (ECTS) in the appropriate disciplines necessary to qualify for training as a secondary-school teacher. Graduates with a Master's degree in Classics also qualify for access to PhD and second level Master's programmes within their area of specialization.

Initial knowledge required

Applicants to the degree programme must meet the following requirements:

- Bachelor's graduates in Cultural Heritage (L-1), Humanities (L-10), History (L-42), must have earned the following credits (CFU):

9 CFU in the L-FIL-LET 10 academic field (Italian literature)
12 CFU in the L-FIL-LET/02 academic field (Greek language and literature)
12 CFU in the L-FIL-LET/04 academic field (Latin language and literature)
6 CFU in the L-ANT/02 academic field (Greek history)
6 CFU in the L-ANT/03 academic field (Roman history)
9 CFU in at least one of the following academic fields:
- L-ANT/07 (Classical archeology)
- M-STO/01 (Medieval history)
- M-STO/02 (Modern history)
- M-STO/06)History of religions)
- L-FIL-LET/08 (Medieval and humanistic Latin literature)
- L-FIL-LET/12 (Italian linguistics)

- Bachelor's graduates from all other degree classes must have earned the following credits (CFU):

9 CFU in the L-FIL-LET 10 academic field (Italian literature)
12 CFU in the L-FIL-LET/02 academic field (Greek language and literature)
12 CFU in the L-FIL-LET/04 academic field (Latin language and literature)
9 CFU in the L-LIN/01 academic field (Glottology and linguistics)
9 CFU in the L-FIL-LET/05 academic field (Classical philology)
6 CFU in the L-ANT/02 academic field (Greek history)
6 CFU in the L-ANT/03 academic field (Roman history)
6 CFU in the M-FIL/07 academic field (History of ancient philosophy)
6 CFU in at least one of the following academic fields:
- L-LIN/03 (French literature)
- L-LIN/05 (Spanish literature)
- L-LIN/10 (English literature)
- L-LIN/13 (German literature)
9 CFU in at least one of the following academic fields:
- L-ANT/07 (Classical archaeology)
- M-STO/01 (Medieval history)
- M-STO/02 (Modern history)
- M-STO/06 (History of religions)

- L-FIL-LET/08 (Medieval and humanistic Latin literature)
- L-FIL-LET/12 (Italian linguistics)

Proficiency in English at a B1 level or higher under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is required for admission.

The B1-level requirement will be ascertained by the University Language Centre (SLAM) upon admission as follows:

- Language certificate at or above B1, obtained no more than three years earlier. For the list of language certificates recognized by the University please review: (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267>). The certificate must be uploaded when submitting the online application;
- English level achieved during a University of Milan degree programme and certified by the University Language Centre (SLAM) no more than four years before the date of admission application, including levels based on language certificates submitted by the applicants during their Bachelor's degree at the University of Milan. In this case the process is automatic, the applicant does not have to attach any certificates to the application;
- Placement test administrated by the University Language Centre (SLAM) according to the calendar published on the website: (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267>)

All those who fail to submit a valid certificate or do not meet the required proficiency level will be instructed during the admission procedure to take the placement test.

Applicants who do not take or pass the placement test will be required to obtain a language proficiency certificate recognized by the University (see: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39322>) and deliver it to the SLAM via the InformaStudenti service by the deadline fixed for the master's programme (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/>).

Applicants who do not meet the requirement by said deadline will not be admitted to the master's degree programme and may not sit any further tests.

In order to be admitted to academic year 2024-2025, candidates must meet all admission requirements (degree, any single exams, English language proficiency) by December 31, 2024.

The application for admission to the Master's degree programme must be submitted no later than August 25, 2024.

Admitted students and those who graduate by December 31, 2024 must enrol by January 15, 2025.

At the time of submitting the application for admission, students who have not yet graduated and intend to enrol on this programme must have earned at least 130 credits in their Bachelor's degree programme.

Admission assessment

Candidates must meet curricular requirements and have achieved a degree mark higher than 95, as well as holding the above-mentioned English language certificate. Candidates with a degree mark lower than 96 will go through an orientation interview with an admission board. In any case, the board may require the candidate to sit for an interview at its discretion.

Compulsory attendance

Attending courses is strongly recommended. However, each course offers an ad-hoc syllabus for non-attending students. Workshop attendance is mandatory.

Degree programme final exams

The final exam, which corresponds to 27 ECTS, entails the writing of a master dissertation, approximately 120/150 pages long. Such dissertation is prepared under the supervision of an academic tutor ("relatore di tesi") and, as a rule, deals, in an accurate and in-depth manner, with a topic coherent with the learning path (and vocation) of the candidate and with the objectives of the master programme. With their dissertation and final defense candidates are expected to prove attainment of the necessary knowledge in the specific areas of the master programme, display command of the critical and methodological tools and demonstrate adequate argumentation and expression skills.

Notes

B2 graduation level

In order to obtain their degree, students must be proficient in English at a B2 level, certified as follows:

- By submitting a B2 or higher language certificate issued no more than three years prior to the date of application. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39322>). If not submitted during the application process, the certificate must be uploaded when enrolling, or subsequently at: <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>;
- B2 or higher level achieved earlier and validated during the application process;
- B2 or higher level achieved during the admission test;
- By taking a Placement test administrated by the University Language Centre (SLAM) between October and January of year 1.

All those who do not achieve B2 or higher level will be required to attend a B2-level English course administrated by the University Language Centre (SLAM) during the second semester of year 1.

Those who do not attend the course or do not pass the end-of-course test after six attempts must obtain the necessary certification privately before graduating.

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 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.

Study and internships abroad

The Department supports students' international mobility, through:

- Erasmus+ 'call for study': thanks to agreements signed by the Department with some UE Universities (Croatia, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Poland, Czech republic, Spain, Hungary, to which Swiss confederation and United Kingdom must be added), students can apply for about 40 fellowships. Funding allows students for study-abroad experiences (courses and exams) that will be recognized by Unimi, if they comply with the 'learning agreement' that must be signed before departure and approved by the Department's Erasmus committee.

- Erasmus+ 'Traineeship': funding allows students to do traineeships based at UE academic or research institutions (Swiss confederation included). Applicants to the Summer call should identify a host institution autonomously, whereas the Fall call offers traineeships based on the agreements signed by Unimi, among which some are offered by the Department.

- 'Thesis abroad' programme: funding allows students of Master degree to can carry out their thesis work at academic and research institutions abroad, with no geographical restriction.

How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs

The public selection for Erasmus+ mobility for study generally begins around February each year with the publication of a call for applications specifying destinations and requirements. Regarding the Erasmus+ Mobility for Traineeship, the University of Milan usually publishes two calls a year enabling students to choose a destination defined by an inter-institutional agreement or to find a traineeship position on their own.

The University organizes informative meetings to illustrate mobility opportunities and rules for participation.

Erasmus+ scholarship

The European Union grants the winners of the Erasmus+ programme selection a scholarship to contribute to their mobility costs, which may be 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 Language Centre (SLAM).

<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/8/>

Learn more at <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/274/>

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

Student Desk booking through InformaStudenti

1st COURSE YEAR (disactivated from academic year 2025/26) Core/compulsory courses/activities common		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
English proficiency B2 (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Total compulsory credits	3	
COURSE YEAR UNDEFINED Core/compulsory courses/activities common		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Greek History MA	6	L-ANT/02
Greek Literature MA	9	L-FIL-LET/02
Latin Literature MA	9	L-FIL-LET/04
Roman History MA	3	L-ANT/03
Total compulsory credits	27	
Further elective courses		
12 ECTS (6 + 6 ECTS) IN TWO OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS		

Ancient Numismatics MA	6	L-ANT/04
Greek and Latin philology	9	L-FIL-LET/05
Historical linguistics	6	L-LIN/01
History of classical tradition	6	L-FIL-LET/05
Papyrology MA	9	L-ANT/05
Moreover, the student must earn 6 ECTS (3 + 3 ECTS) in other training activities, which are assessed with a pass or fail score. These credits can be earned through: - the workshops proposed or approved by the degree programme - internships - further language assessment (level B2) in addition to English Language (https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/competenzelinguistiche/altre-lingue-test-e-corsi/studi-umanistici-accertamento-della-conoscenza-di-lingua-francese-spagnola-e-tedesca3-cfu) - soft skills courses (https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/following-your-programme-study/soft-skills)		
The student also has 12 ECTS available for electives. These credits can be allocated to in-depth study of subjects already included in the study plan, within the maximum number of credits awarded by these courses, or they can be allocated to a course other than those included in the study plan.		
6 ECTS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS		
Ancient Greek Language MA	6	L-FIL-LET/02
Latin Language MA	9	L-FIL-LET/04
24 ECTS IN THREE OR FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS OTHERS THAN THOSE ALREADY CHOSEN FROM A PREVIOUS GROUP		
19th and 20th century Italian literature	9	L-FIL-LET/11
Ancient Greek Language MA	6	L-FIL-LET/02
Ancient Numismatics MA	6	L-ANT/04
Archaeology and History of the Ancient Western Asia	6	L-OR/05
Archaeology in Pre-Roman Italy	6	L-ANT/06
Archaeology of Magna Grecia	6	L-ANT/07
Comparative romance languages and literatures	6	L-FIL-LET/09
Contemporary History	6	M-STO/04
Cultural anthropology	6	M-DEA/01
Data and Natural Language Technologies	6	INF/01
Early Christianity	6	M-STO/07
Economic and Social History of Classical Antiquity	6	L-ANT/03
Egyptian Archaeology	6	L-OR/02
Etruscology	6	L-ANT/06
Germanic philology	6	L-FIL-LET/15
Greek and Latin philology	9	L-FIL-LET/05
Greek Art and Archaeology	9	L-ANT/07
Greek epigraphy	6	L-ANT/02
Hebrew language and literature	6	L-OR/08
Historical geography of the ancient world	9	L-ANT/02
Historical linguistics	6	L-LIN/01
History of ancient philosophy (MA)	9	M-FIL/07
History of classical tradition	6	L-FIL-LET/05
History of Italian Language MA	9	L-FIL-LET/12
History of medieval philosophy	6	M-FIL/08
Indology MA	9	L-OR/18
Latin epigraphy	6	L-ANT/03
Latin Language MA	9	L-FIL-LET/04
Medieval History	6	M-STO/01
Medieval Latin Language and Literature	9	L-FIL-LET/08
Medieval latin philology	6	L-FIL-LET/08
Medieval, humanistic and renaissance Italian literature	6	L-FIL-LET/10
Modern History	6	M-STO/02
Modern italian literature	9	L-FIL-LET/10
New Testament	9	L-FIL-LET/06
Papyrology MA	9	L-ANT/05
Population Geography	6	M-GGR/01
Provençal Literature	6	L-FIL-LET/09
Romance Linguistics	9	L-FIL-LET/09
Sanskrit language and literature	9	L-OR/18
Social and Environmental Psychology	6	M-PSI/05
Social anthropology	6	M-DEA/01
Teaching Italian Literature	6	L-FIL-LET/10
Teaching Latin Language and Literature	6	L-FIL-LET/04
Textual transmission of Greek literature	6	L-FIL-LET/02
Theoretical linguistics MA	6	L-LIN/01
Urban geography	6	M-GGR/01
<i>End of course requirements</i>		
Final exam	27	NN
Total compulsory credits		27