



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27
MASTER DEGREE
HISTORY AND CRITICISM OF ART (Classe LM-89 R)
Enrolled in a. y. 2026/2027

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code: LM-89 R

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: 1st

Access procedures: Open, subject to entry requirements

Course code: CBA

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

Initial knowledge required

Entry requirements:

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;
- Entry 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 Entry test.

Applicants who do not take or pass the Entry 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.

ITALIAN proficiency at a B1 level or higher per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is a requisite for admission.

This level is assessed by the University Language Centre (SLAM) during the admissions process in any of the following ways:

- An Italian language certificate attesting to a B1 level or higher issued no more than three years before the date of submission. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/349>. The certificate must be uploaded during the application process;
- Italian 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. In this case the process is automatic, the applicant does not have to attach any certificates to the application;
- Entry test administrated by the University Language Centre (SLAM) according to the calendar published on the website: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/349>. 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 entry test.

If the applicant does not take or does not pass the entry test, he or she must obtain, by private means, Italian language certification recognized by the University (list of recognized certifications at: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/349> and submit it to the SLAM via the InformaStudenti service no later than the deadline set by the degree course (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/46371>). If the Italian language requisite has not been satisfied by said deadline, the applicant will not be admitted to the Master's programme and will not be able to sit for any further tests.

Notes

English language test

In order to obtain their degree, students must be proficient in English at a B2 level under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This proficiency level may be certified as follows:

- By submitting a language certificate attesting B2, or higher level in English and issued no more than three years before the date of submission. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39322>). The certificate must be uploaded during the enrolment procedure, or subsequently to the portal <http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue>;
- By taking a placement test offered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) between October and January of the first year (December for Bachelor's degree programmes). Students who fail the test will be required to take a SLAM course. The placement test is mandatory for all those who do not hold a valid certificate attesting to B2 or higher level.

Those who have not taken the placement test by the end of January (end of December for Bachelor's degree programmes) or fail the end-of-course exam six times must obtain the necessary certification privately before graduating.

MANDATORY Italian credit assessment (among the activities of choice) for students with a foreign qualification:

To obtain the degree, those who do not hold an Italian high school diploma or degree must demonstrate proficiency in Italian at the B2 or higher level per the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This level must be demonstrated prior to completing the course programme in one of the following ways:

- by submitting a certificate of B2 or higher level issued no more than three years prior to the date of submission. You will find the list of language certificates recognized by the University at: <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/349/>). The language certificate must be uploaded through the dedicated platform;
- previously achieved B2 or higher level validated during the admissions process;

- B2 or higher level achieved on the entry test;

- via an entry-level test administered by SLAM that can be taken only once and is compulsory for all students who have not achieved the required level in any of the ways listed above. Those who fail to reach B2 level will have to attend a 60-hour Italian course. Those who do not take the entry-level test or fail to pass the end-of-course test after six attempts will have to obtain language certification privately in order to earn the 3 credits of Additional language skills: Italian.

Candidates of Italian nationality who have obtained their Bachelor's degree abroad, as well as candidates of foreign nationality who have obtained a secondary school diploma in Italy, or in Italian schools abroad, are exempt from the Italian language test.

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 degree programme provides its students with specific Erasmus+ opportunities at European universities in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, plus a university in the Czech Republic where courses are taught in English. Available locations: Université de Paris Sorbonne - Paris IV - UFR Histoire de l'Art; Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen - Kunsthistorisches Institut; Johann Wolfgang - Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main; Philipps-Universität Marburg; Technische Universität Dresden; Universität Karlsruhe; Univerzita Palackeho v Olomouci; Universidad de Santiago de Compostela. For each location, Erasmus outgoing students have options ranging from 3 to 10 months, during which they can follow courses and take exams that will be recognized as an integral part of the degree programme. They can also combine this activity with research for the preparation of their Master's thesis, which will count towards the number of credits covered by the Erasmus scholarship. Every year, all teaching activities included in the programme are presented to interested students by the Erasmus manager in a specific informative meeting. The data and educational information required for submitting the Learning Agreement are also collected in special information sheets posted to the Erasmus page of the Faculty of Humanities <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/12884/>

If you are an incoming Erasmus student, you can attend all classes in Italian. If you wish, you can agree with individual instructors on a programme partly or entirely in English. Moreover, teaching staff exchange agreements are in place with many partner universities, including visiting professor programmes for our faculty members abroad and for foreign colleagues at our institution, within the programmes of the Department of Cultural and Environmental Heritage.

How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs

How to participate in Erasmus+ mobility programmes

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 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 Core/compulsory courses/activities common		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
English proficiency B2 (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Total compulsory credits	3	
Further elective courses		
9 CFU in one of the following subjects		
History of Byzantine Art	9	ARTE-01/A
History of medieval art MA	9	ARTE-01/A
9 CFU in one of the following subjects		
History of modern art MA	9	ARTE-01/B
Iconology and Iconography	9	ARTE-01/B
9 CFU in one of the following subjects		
Artistic production and industrial society	9	ARTE-01/C
Sources, models and languages of contemporary art	9	ARTE-01/C
9 CFU in one of the following subjects (other than those already chosen from one of the previous groups)		
Artistic production and industrial society	9	ARTE-01/C
History and Criticism of Verbo-Visual Art	9	ARTE-01/C
History of artistic literature MA	9	ARTE-01/D
History of Byzantine Art	9	ARTE-01/A
History of medieval art MA	9	ARTE-01/A
History of modern art MA	9	ARTE-01/B
Iconology and Iconography	9	ARTE-01/B
Museology and History of Collecting	9	ARTE-01/D
Sources, models and languages of contemporary art	9	ARTE-01/C
6 CFU in one of the following subjects		
Archaeology of the Roman Provinces	6	ARCH-01/D
Greek Archaeology MA	6	ARCH-01/D
History of architecture	9	CEAR-11/A
Late Antique Archaeology	6	ARCH-01/E
9 CFU in one of the following subjects (other than those already chosen from one of the previous groups)		
History of artistic literature MA	9	ARTE-01/D
Museology and History of Collecting	9	ARTE-01/D
6 CFU in one of the following subjects		
Contemporary History	9	HIST-03/A
Greek Literature	9	HELL-01/B
Historical Methodology: Interpreting Medieval Sources	6	HIST-01/A
History of Contemporary Culture	6	HIST-03/A
Humanistic Philology	9	FLMR-01/A
Italian Contemporary Literature	9	LICO-01/A
Italian Medieval History	6	HIST-01/A
Italian Philology MA	9	LIFI-01/B
Latin Language MA	6	LATI-01/A
Latin Literature MA	9	LATI-01/A
Literary Communication in Twentieth-Century Italy	6	LICO-01/A
Medieval History	6	HIST-01/A
Medieval Latin Literature	9	FLMR-01/A
Medieval Latin Philology	6	FLMR-01/A
Medieval, Humanistic and Renaissance Italian Literature	6	ITAL-01/A
Modern History	9	HIST-02/A
Modern Italian Literature	6	ITAL-01/A
Romance Philology	9	FLMR-01/B
18 CFU (9+9) in one of the following subjects (other than those already chosen a from a previous group)		
History and Criticism of Verbo-Visual Art	9	ARTE-01/C
History of architecture	9	CEAR-11/A
Museology and History of Collecting	9	ARTE-01/D
Photography and New Media in Contemporary Art	9	ARTE-01/C
Social History of Art	9	ARTE-01/D
Additional Language Skills: Italian (3 ECTS)	3	NN

End of course requirements

Final Exam		30	NN
	Total compulsory credits	30	