



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27
MASTER DEGREE
ARCHAEOLOGY (Classe LM-2 R)
Enrolled in a.y. 2026/27

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	LM-2 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:	CBF

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Degree Course website

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

The Master's degree programme in Archaeology aims to provide a solid base of knowledge in the field of the archaeology of the European continent and of the countries bordering the Mediterranean, as well as the skills required for working in the field of cultural heritage protection and enhancement and for participating in archaeological digs. It is an open-admission programme for students holding the required educational background, i.e. a Bachelor's degree in

Archaeology. Curricular requirements will be assessed through an admission interview, with a view to ascertaining that the candidate has earned all the credits required for admission to the Master's degree programme in Archaeology. The core courses of the programme include the main archaeological disciplines (European prehistory and protohistory, etruscology, archaeology of pre-Roman Italy, Greek archaeology, Roman archaeology, archaeology of Magna Graecia, archaeology of the Roman provinces, etc.), a course of Greek or Latin literature, a course of ancient history or Egyptology or literature and two courses of anthropology or analytical methods for cultural heritage studies. Training activities are organized on a six-monthly basis and include a workshop in an archaeological excavation site or in the classroom in technical-archaeological disciplines (archaeological design, surveying tools, cataloguing of artifacts). A key part of training is research work with a view to writing the degree thesis.

Expected learning outcomes

Graduates from this programme have a sound historical-artistic and archaeological knowledge in the main research fields of archaeological disciplines relating to the Mediterranean and European world; they are familiar with research methodologies used in archaeological excavation, surveying and mapping techniques, chrono-typological classification of the different classes of artifacts, and the analysis of literary sources; they also understand the principles of protection, conservation and enhancement of archaeological heritage. Lastly, graduates from the Master's degree programme in Archaeology must be fluent in English, both written and oral, including with regard to academic terminology.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The programme provides indispensable cognitive tools, both in terms of historical-archaeological knowledge and of technical and methodological skills, for the purposes of lifelong learning and furthering studies and research independently (postgraduate school of archaeology or PhD). The Master's degree in Archaeology is a key requirement to become a tier-II archaeologist pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 244 of 20 May 2019, which regulates access to cultural heritage professions.

Graduates must be able to operate both on an excavation site (digging, data processing, phasing, reconstruction of the history of the investigated area) and in archaeological heritage research, protection and enhancement institutions, with mostly operational roles.

Initial knowledge required

The Master's degree programme in Archaeology is open to the following categories of applicants:

1.

Applicants holding a Bachelor's degree in Cultural Heritage (L-1) or Humanities (L-10) earned from the University of Milan or another University, provided that they have earned at least 60 university credits (CFU/ECTS) in the scientific-disciplinary sectors (SSDs) listed below:

L-ANT/01 (Prehistory and early history); L-ANT/02 (Greek history); L-ANT/03 (Roman history); L-ANT/04 (Numismatics); L-ANT/05 (Papyrology); L-ANT/06 (Etruscology and Italic antiquities); L-ANT/07 (Classical archaeology); L-ANT/08 (Christian and medieval archaeology); L-ANT/09 (Ancient topography); L-ANT/10 (Methods of archaeological research); L-FIL-LET/01 (Aegean civilisations); L-FIL-LET/02 (Greek language and literature); L-FIL-LET/04 (Latin language and literature); L-FIL-LET/07 (Byzantine civilisation); L-OR/01 (History of ancient Near East); L-OR/02 (Egyptology and Coptic civilisation); L-OR/03 (Assyriology); L-OR/04 (Anatolian studies); L-OR/05 (Ancient Near East archaeology and art history); L-OR/06 (Phoenician and Punic archaeology); M-DEA/01 (Demology, ethnology and anthropology).

Applicants holding a Bachelor's degree in another degree class, provided that they have earned at least 90 university credits (CFU/ECTS) in the scientific-disciplinary sectors (SSDs) listed below:

- at least 45 CFU/ECTS in the following SSDs (history and archaeology): L-ANT/01 (Prehistory and early history); L-ANT/02 (Greek history); L-ANT/03 (Roman history); L-ANT/04 (Numismatics); L-ANT/05 (Papyrology); L-ANT/06 (Etruscology and Italic antiquities); L-ANT/07 (Classical archaeology); L-ANT/08 (Christian and medieval archaeology); L-ANT/09 (Ancient topography); L-ANT/10 (Methods of archaeological research); L-FIL-LET/01 (Aegean civilisations); L-OR/02 (Egyptology and Coptic civilisation);

- up to 45 CFU/ECTS in the following SSDs (philology and literature): L-FIL-LET/02 (Greek language and literature); L-FIL-LET/04 (Latin language and literature); L-FIL-LET/07 (Byzantine civilisation); L-FIL-LET/10 (Italian literature); L-ART/01 (History of medieval art); L-OR/01 (History of ancient Near East); L-OR/03 (Assyriology); L-OR/04 (Anatolian studies); L-OR/05 (Ancient Near East archaeology and art history); L-OR/06 (Phoenician and Punic archaeology); M-DEA/01 (Demology, ethnology and anthropology); M-STO/01 (Medieval history); M-STO/06 (History of religions); M-GGR/01 (Geography).

Admission may also be granted to applicants holding a foreign degree, but only if the foreign degree programme gave them a solid grounding in archaeology. Additionally, they are required to be proficient in English at level B1 or higher of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), and to have adequate mastery of the Italian language. Applicants holding a foreign degree will have to comply with the application procedures established for international students. These procedures and the corresponding deadlines are made available each year on the University website (www.unimi.it), as soon as the application window for international students opens.

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.

Applicants who meet the requirements specified in point 1 will be automatically admitted to the programme, provided that their Bachelor's degree mark is equal to or higher than 96/110. Applicants falling into this category will receive confirmation of their admission via the online admission service. Applicants who meet the requirements under point 1 but earned their Bachelor's degree with a final mark lower than 96/110 will have to sit an interview via Microsoft Teams (see notice on the website <https://archeologia.cdl.unimi.it/it>), on one of the following dates: Friday, 14 June 2024 (9 am); Friday, 20 September 2024 (9 am); Friday, 22 November 2024 (9 am); Friday, 10 January 2025 (9 am). Applicants are free to choose their preferred date from the available options. Any communication in this regard will be sent to each applicant via email.

Applicants who meet the requirements specified in point 2 will have to go through a guidance interview via Microsoft Teams (see notice on the website <https://archeologia.cdl.unimi.it/it>), on one of the following dates: Friday, 16 May 2025 (9 am); Monday, 15 September 2025 (9 am); Friday, 21 November 2025 (9 am); Friday, 9 January 2025 (9 am). Applicants are free to choose their preferred date from the available options. Please note that the guidance interview is not an entrance examination. Any communication in this regard will be sent to each applicant via email.

Admission into academic year 2025-26 is conditional upon meeting all admission requirements (Bachelor's degree, additional single courses, English proficiency) by 31 December 2025. Applicants who, during the first interview, are found to be lacking the initial knowledge required, will be instructed to take single courses to fill their knowledge gaps and meet the admission requirements. In this case, applicants must pass the final exam of such single courses by 31 December 2025, before the final admission interview.

Notes

Proficiency in English at a B1 level or higher, under to 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:

- By a language certification at or above B1, obtained no more than 3 years earlier. For the list of language certifications recognized by the University please review: <https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/competenze-linguistiche/placement-test-e-corsi-di-inglese/test-di-ingresso-di-inglese>). The certification must be uploaded when submitting the online application;
- By the English level achieved during a Bachelor's degree programme through SLAM courses and tests. The certificates must be less than four years old, and will be assessed administratively, without the applicant having to attach any certificates;
- By the entrance test, which will be delivered by the SLAM at [https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/competenze-linguistiche/placement-test-e-corsi-di-inglese/test-di-ingres so-di-inglese](https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/competenze-linguistiche/placement-test-e-corsi-di-inglese/test-di-ingres-so-di-inglese)

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

Candidates who do not sit or pass the entrance test will have until 31 December 2021 to obtain and submit one of the recognized certifications to the SLAM.

Students who do not meet the requirement by 31 December will not be admitted to the Master's degree programme and cannot sit further tests.

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 organisations.

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

The University of Milan is a member of the 4EU+ European University Alliance that brings together eight public multidisciplinary universities: University of Milan, Charles University of Prague, Heidelberg University, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University, Sorbonne University of Paris, University of Copenhagen, University of Geneva, and University of Warsaw. The 4EU+ Alliance offers integrated educational pathways and programmes to promote the international mobility of students (physical, blended and virtual).

Study and internships abroad

The degree programme offers its students Erasmus+ opportunities at the Université de Rennes II - Haute Bretagne and the Freie Universität in Berlin. 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 organises 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;

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			
6 CFU in one of the following subjects			
Greek Literature MA		12	HELL-01/B
Latin literature MA		6	LATI-01/A
6 CFU in one of the following subjects			
Egyptian Archaeology		6	STAA-01/B
Greek History MA		9	STAN-01/A
Greek Institutions and Epigraphy		9	STAN-01/A
Roman History MA		9	STAN-01/B
Roman Institutions and Epigraphy		9	STAN-01/B
39 credits in five of the following subjects (of which three 9-CFU and two 6-CFU exams)			
Archaeology in Pre-Roman Italy		6	ARCH-01/C
Archaeology of Magna Grecia		6	ARCH-01/D
Archaeology of the Roman Provinces		6	ARCH-01/D
Celtic Archaeology		6	ARCH-01/A
Classical Ceramography, Production and Iconography		6	ARCH-01/D
Etruscology		6	ARCH-01/C
Greek Archaeology MA		6	ARCH-01/D
Late Antique Archaeology		6	ARCH-01/E
Methodology of Archaeological and Archeometric Research		6	ARCH-01/G
Prehistoric Ecology		6	ARCH-01/A
Urban planning and Archaeology		6	ARCH-01/F
6 CFU in one of the following subjects			
Analytical methods for the study cultural goods		6	PHYS-06/A
Anthropology		6	BIOS-03/B
Geomaterials and Geoarchaeology		6	GEOS-01/D
12 CFU (9+9) in two of the following subjects (other than those already chosen a from a previous group)			
Ancient Numismatics MA		6	ARCH-01/B
Archaeology and History of the Ancient Western Asia		6	STAA-01/E
Archaeology in Pre-Roman Italy		6	ARCH-01/C
Archaeology of Magna Grecia		6	ARCH-01/D
Archaeology of the Roman Provinces		6	ARCH-01/D
Celtic Archaeology		6	ARCH-01/A
Classical Ceramography, Production and Iconography		6	ARCH-01/D
Classical Mythology		6	HIST-04/A
Etruscology		6	ARCH-01/C
Greek Archaeology MA		6	ARCH-01/D
Greek Literature MA		12	HELL-01/B
Late Antique Archaeology		6	ARCH-01/E
Latin literature MA		6	LATI-01/A
Methodology of Archaeological and Archeometric Research		6	ARCH-01/G
Phoenician and Punic Archaeology		6	STAA-01/F
Prehistoric Ecology		6	ARCH-01/A
Urban planning and Archaeology		6	ARCH-01/F
<p>We recommend students follow the courses of archaeological subjects and take the related exams starting from the first year. It is also advisable to choose the additional exams and their sequence in relation to the topic of the degree thesis, to be agreed with the supervisor within the first year of the programme.</p> <p>After earning the required 90 credits, in compliance with these rules, the student may sit the final exam and obtain their degree.</p>			
End of course requirements			
Final exam		30	NN
Total compulsory credits		30	