



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27
MASTER DEGREE
PHILOLOGY, LITERATURE AND HISTORY OF ANTIQUITY (Classe
LM-15)
Enrolled 2026/2027

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:	1st
Access procedures:	Open, subject to entry requirements
Course code:	CBG

PERSONS/ROLES

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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

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<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

Admission to the Master's degree in Philology, Literature and History of Antiquity is open to graduates who have obtained a minimum number of credits (ETCS) in specific academic fields, as follows:

At least 54 total ETCS in: L-ANT; L-ART; L-FIL-LET; M-FIL; M-STO; L-LIN/01; L-LIN/02; M-GGR/01

Including at least 24 ETCS as follows:

6 ETCS in L-FIL-LET/02 (Greek Language and Literature)

6 ETCS in L-FIL-LET/04 Latin Language and Literature)

6 ETCS in L-FIL-LET/02 (Greek Language and Literature) and/or L-FIL-LET/04 (Latin Language and Literature)

6 ETCS in L-ANT/02 (Greek History) and/or L-ANT/03 (Roman History)

Proficiency in English at level B1 or higher according 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:

- Valid language certificate at B1 level or higher, issued no more than three years before the application date. The list of language certificates recognized by the University is available at <https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39322>. 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 application date, including levels based on language certificates submitted by the applicant during their Bachelor's degree at the University of Milan. Verification will be carried out automatically, no documents need to be uploaded.
- Entry test administered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) according to the calendar published on the website: (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/>)

Applicants 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 submit it to SLAM via the InformaStudenti service by the deadline set by the master's degree programme (<https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/>).

Applicants who fail to 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 2026-2027, candidates must meet all admission requirements (degree, any single exams, English language proficiency) by December 31, 2026.

The application for admission to the Master's degree programme must be submitted no later than October 30, 2026.

Admitted students and those who graduate by December 31, 2025 must enrol by January 15, 2027.

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

Upon acquiring the necessary 93 credits in accordance with the regulatory norms, students are admitted to take the final exam for the degree, which involves the acquisition of 27 credits.

The final exam consists of the composition of a written thesis, prepared by the candidate under the guidance of a supervising professor and discussed before a co-advisor and an examination committee. The master's thesis typically addresses, in a thorough and original manner, a scientific research topic consistent with the candidate's educational path and the objectives of the study program. Through the thesis and the subsequent discussion, the candidate must demonstrate having achieved the necessary disciplinary knowledge in the specific fields of the study program, mastery of critical and methodological tools, and adequate argumentative and expressive skills.

Notes

B2 graduation level

In order to obtain their degree, students are required to have a B2 level of English proficiency, certified as follows:

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

Students who do not meet the B2 requirement will be required to attend a B2-level English course offered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) during the second semester of the first year.

Those who do not attend the course or fail the end-of-course test after six attempts must obtain a language certificate 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 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 course 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 Course'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 course.
- 'Thesis abroad' programme: funding allows students of Master degree to carry out their thesis work at academic and research institutions abroad, with no geographical restriction.

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 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

<i>1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common</i>		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
English proficiency B2 (3 ECTS)	3	NN
Total compulsory credits	3	
<i>COURSE YEAR UNDEFINED Core/compulsory courses/activities common</i>		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
Greek History MA	6	STAN-01/A
Greek Literature MA	9	HELL-01/B
Latin Literature MA	9	LATI-01/A
Roman History MA	6	STAN-01/B
Total compulsory credits	30	
<i>Further elective courses</i>		
6 ECTS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS		
Ancient Greek Language MA	6	HELL-01/B
Latin Language MA	6	LATI-01/A
12 ECTS (6 + 6) IN TWO OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS		
Ancient Numismatics MA	6	ARCH-01/B
Greek and Latin Philology	6	FICP-01/A
Historical Linguistics	6	GLOT-01/A
History of Classical Tradition	6	FICP-01/A
Papyrology MA	6	FICP-01/C
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	6	LICO-01/A
Ancient Greek Language MA	6	HELL-01/B
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
Classical Mythology	6	HIST-04/A
Comparative Romance Languages and Literatures	6	FLMR-01/B
Data Natural Language and Technologies	6	INFO-01/A

Didactic methodologies and technologies	6	PAED-02/A
Egyptian Archaeology	6	STAA-01/B
Egyptian Language	6	STAA-01/B
Environmental Anthropology	6	SDEA-01/A
Etruscology	6	ARCH-01/C
Geography of languages and literatures	6	GEOG-01/A
German Philology	6	GERM-01/A
Greek and Latin Philology	6	FICP-01/A
Greek Archaeology MA	6	ARCH-01/D
Greek Institutions and Epigraphy	6	STAN-01/A
Hebrew Language and Literature	6	STAA-01/H
Historical Linguistics	6	GLOT-01/A
History of Classical Tradition	6	FICP-01/A
History of Contemporary World	6	HIST-03/A
History of Early Modern Europe	6	HIST-02/A
History of Italian Language MA	6	LIFI-01/A
History of medieval art MA	6	ARTE-01/A
Indian Religions and Civilization	6	ASIA-01/C
Latin Language MA	6	LATI-01/A
Medieval History MA	6	HIST-01/A
Medieval Latin Literature MA	6	FLMR-01/A
Medieval Latin Philology	6	FLMR-01/A
Medieval philosophy	6	PHIL-05/C
Medieval, Humanistic and Renaissance Italian Literature	6	ITAL-01/A
Modern Italian Literature	6	ITAL-01/A
New Testament	6	FICP-01/B
Papyrology MA	6	FICP-01/C
Phoenician and Punic Archaeology	6	STAA-01/F
Provençal Literature	6	FLMR-01/B
Roman Archaeology MA	6	ARCH-01/D
Roman Institutions and Epigraphy	6	STAN-01/B
Romance Linguistics	6	FLMR-01/B
Social and Environmental Psychology	6	PSIC-03/A
Social anthropology	6	SDEA-01/A
Teaching Italian Literature	6	ITAL-01/A
Teaching Latin Language and Literature	6	LATI-01/A
Textual transmission of Greek Literature	6	HELL-01/B
Theatrical Literature of ancient Greek	6	HELL-01/B
Theoretical Linguistics MA	6	GLOT-01/A
Theory of Literature	6	COMP-01/A
Topics and problems in Ancient philosophy	6	PHIL-05/B

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 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.

End of course requirements

Final exam	27	NN
Total compulsory credits	27	