



UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21
BACHELOR
Audioprosthesis Techniques (Classe L/SNT3)
Enrolled since 2011/12 Academic Year

HEADING

Degree classification - Denomination and code:	L/SNT3 Health professions for technical assistance
Degree title:	Dottore
Length of course:	3 years
Total number of credits required to complete programme:	180
Years of course currently available:	1st , 2nd , 3rd
Access procedures:	Cap on student, student selection based on entrance test
Course code:	D77

PERSONS/ROLES

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Degree Course website

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

CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives

Those earning a degree in audio-prosthetic techniques, pursuant to European Union guidelines, must have:

- the scientific bases, and the theory and practice needed to understand biological and hereditary phenomena, the principal methods of function of the organs and related apparati, as well as an understanding of the psychological, social, and environmental aspects of the same;
- an understanding of the evolution of the profession, and the foundations of the audioprosthesis treatment process;
- an understanding of the foundations, trends, and characteristics of the theory and models of audioprosthesis theory and conceptual models;
- an understanding of the standards and regulations that govern the practice and responsibilities of an audioprosthesis technician;
- an understanding of the principles of bioethics, professional ethics, as well as legal and medical standards applicable to the profession;
- the ability to develop an integrated patient-centred approach, critically assessing the pathological auditory aspects in a clinical, patient-care, patient-education, social and ethical setting involved in the prevention, care, rehabilitation, surgical setting, and in recovering a higher degree of wellbeing;
- the expertise and professional standards that orient the diagnostic and rehabilitative process and thought and action with respect to patients and the community, applying these standards in practice at an accredited healthcare facility, clinic or hospital;
- a level of professional, decision-making, and operational autonomy thanks to a programme that takes a holistic approach to health problems, including an analysis of the patient's chemical-physical, biological and social environment;
- essential theoretical knowledge predicated on scientific foundations, with a view toward applying them in one's professional career;

- the capacity to find and critically assess data relating to patient needs for audio-prosthetic aids and the community, setting the objectives for the same;
- knowledge, ability, and experience needed to plan, manage, and assess the need for hearing aids in the patient;
- knowledge, ability, and experience needed to ensure the proper application of all prosthetic and diagnostic prescriptions and treatments;
- the ability to take part in identifying the health-related needs of the individual and the community;
- the ability to pursue one's own continuing professional education;
- the diligence to seek out continuing education, and the tools to do so;
- the ability to cooperate and work with a diverse set of healthcare professionals on team projects and decision-making;
- the ability to properly delegate to, and use the talents of, support staff, and to contribute to their training;
- teaching activities geared toward student clinical experience;
- gain an awareness of the ethics and history of medicine, with particular reference to deafness and audio-prosthetic aids;
- gain an appropriate and effective bedside manner with patients and family members;
- the educational training to assist with student education;
- gain the ability to work and interact proactively on an intra-professional team for the purpose of planning and sharing assessments and rehabilitation for patients with multiple handicaps.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The Audioprosthetic Technician is a healthcare worker who handles the supply, adjustment, and monitoring of prosthetic aids used to prevent or correct auditory deficits; they comply with physician prescriptions and provide professional services that imply their full responsibility, and thus professional autonomy.

The activities of the Audioprosthetic Technician are geared toward applying prosthetic supports by testing external auditory function, the construction and fitting of hearing aids and other acoustic support systems, and the administration of prosthesis-assessment tests.

This Technician works with other professionals in deafness prevention and rehabilitation by supplying prosthetic protections, and training patients to use them.

Graduates of the Audioprosthetic Techniques programme may work for laboratory facilities or clinics in the public or private sector, as authorised under applicable law, as either an employee or independent professional. A basic proficiency in the English language allowing them to work both in Italy, or in Europe (or beyond) is important.

Graduates of the Audioprosthetic Techniques programme can find employment in the field of hearing-impairment rehabilitation; thanks to their specific expertise, they can find employment in:

- _ Selecting, preparing, and monitoring of audiological prosthetic materials;
- _ Technical research and consultancy and quality control at entities and laboratories that make acoustic prosthetics;
- _ Specific technical services at centres and hospitals providing treatment for the hearing impaired;
- _ Collaborating with university medical, physics, or engineering programmes;
- _ Foreign and domestic manufacturing businesses and sales agencies operating in the field of audioprosthetics;
- _ Activities as an employee or independent contractor with any healthcare facility or clinic in the public or private sector.

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 30 different 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.

How to participate in Erasmus mobility programs

The students of the University of Milan can participate in mobility programmes, which last 3 to 12 months, through a public selection procedure.

Ad hoc commissions will evaluate:

- 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, 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/it/internazionale/studiare-allestero/partire-con-erasmus>.

For assistance, please contact:

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Desk opening hours: Monday to Friday 9 am - 12 noon

1st COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
1st year laboratory: instruments for environmental measurements	1	
1st year seminar: audiometrical diagnostic strategies	1	
Anatomy and histology	4	BIO/17, BIO/16
Apprenticeship (1st year)	22	MED/50
Audiology: techniques of audiological investigation	4	MED/32
Biology and genetics	6	MED/03, BIO/13, BIO/12
Computer Science Course	3	INF/01
English assessment B1 (2 ECTS)	2	
Physics and statistics	6	MED/01, ING-INF/07, FIS/07
Physiology, pathology and pathological anatomy	5	MED/04, BIO/09, MED/08
Psychology and sociology	5	MED/02, M-PSI/01, SPS/07
	Total compulsory credits	59
Activites chosen by the student		
2nd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
2nd year laboratory: earmold	1	
2nd year seminar: hearing aid instrumental diagnosis	1	
Applied technical and medical science I	5	MED/50
Apprenticeship (2nd year)	21	MED/50
Audiology and audiophonology	5	MED/31, L-LIN/01, MED/32
Medicine	7	MED/09, MED/32, MED/05
Physiopathology of the auditory and vestibular system	8	MED/39, MED/31, MED/32, MED/26, MED/36
Science of prevention and sanitary management	9	SECS-S/02, IUS/07, SECS-P/10, MED/43, MED/42, SPS/09
	Total compulsory credits	57
Activites chosen by the student		
3rd COURSE YEAR Core/compulsory courses/activities common		
Learning activity	Ects	Sector
3rd year laboratory: hearing aids materials and assembly	1	
3rd year seminar: marketing and sales	1	
Applied technical and medical science II	10	MED/50
Apprenticeship (3rd year)	32	MED/50
Hearing aid science and techniques	7	ING-INF/07, MED/32, ING-IND/22
	Total compulsory credits	51
Activites chosen by the student		
Final learning activities		
Final test	7	

