HEADING
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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: G57

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CHARACTERISTICS OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

General and specific learning objectives
The Master’s Degree Course in Agro-environmental Sciences aims at forming graduates with a wide cultural and scientific background in the fields of biology, chemistry, engineering, and economy. Specific objective of the Master’s Degree Course is to form a graduate endowed with the scientific and technical tools useful to operate in the field of planning and management of the rural and forest environment and landscape, able to match economic efficiency with the protection and enhancement of natural resources. The graduate in Agro-environmental Sciences will have a valuable scientific and operational preparation in the disciplines that concern the protection of natural resources and the technological and economic features of rural and forest territories; he/she will also possess the cultural tools for a systemic analysis of the environment in all its biotic and abiotic components and of their interactions. The curriculum foresees a tight integration among the different teachings in order to facilitate the development of a clear multidisciplinary vision of the problems, and the use of diversified teaching methodologies and materials. These comprehend, in addition to frontal lessons and use of the most up-to-date textbooks for the different disciplines, study of scientific papers and participation to practical laboratory exercises and in-field activities, with use of state-of-the-art tools for data collection, analysis and elaboration. The verification of learning outcomes takes place, in addition to the usual oral and written tests, by discussing project works, individually or collectively elaborated in groups of few students, with the aim of efficiently verifying the expected learning outcomes and the achievement of critical capacity.

Expected learning outcomes
The Graduate in Agro-environmental Sciences will acquire scientific and operational skills in the disciplines inherent to the preservation of natural resources and to the technological and economical aspects typical of the rural territory. He/she will also possess the cultural tools to conduct a systemic environmental analysis considering biotic and abiotic components as well as their interactions. Such professional will therefore be able to: examine and solve, by the use of advanced computational tools to represent and analyze environmental and territorial data as well as of mathematical models, problems concerning the planning and the management of natural resources; plan and coordinate actions to preserve and valorize rural environments and territories; conduct activities of basic and applied research and of promotion and development of scientific and technological innovation aimed at planning, preserving and valorizing the natural resources and at promoting the sustainable development of the rural areas; evaluate the rural and forest resources and the environmental impact of agricultural activities through the elaboration of models exploiting also conceptual and methodological tools of economics, law and environmental planning; use the modern technologies for the study and monitoring of environment and land; conduct complex and interdisciplinary coordination and guidance activities referable to one or more of the following sectors: sustainable planning and management, eco-certification and preservation of rural and forest resources; design and manage soil protection and forest engineering works; design and manage urban and peri-urban green areas; design and manage works aimed at the amelioration, reconstitution and ecological restoration of degraded environments; develop projects for the management of protected areas and ecological territorial planning; operate in the different fields with great autonomy, carrying out coordination functions and assuming managerial responsibilities.

Professional profile and employment opportunities

The professional profile of the Graduate in Agro-environmental Sciences merges deep knowledge of chemistry, biology and physiology with that of agro-technologies and agricultural economy and engineering, so characterizing a professional able to respond to the requirement of highly-qualified professional from Administrations and Public Bodies as well as to those of enterprises and professional services. Graduates will meet career opportunities in the territorial and environmental fields, with particular regard to the planning and sustainable management of rural and forest environments and areas, environmental protection, analysis and monitoring of agro-environmental systems, planning and implementation of interventions aimed at defending and preserving soils and water resources for the restoration and conservation of the biotic and abiotic components of eco-systems, and in the different fields of agricultural engineering. In particular, thanks to the acquired skills, Graduates will find career opportunities in:
• national and regional services for the protection and development of the environment and territory (Government technical services, national and regional environmental agencies, basin authorities, regional, provincial and municipal technical services and departments, reclamation and irrigation consortia, mountain communities, consortia of mountain catchment areas);
• laboratories, professional offices, and service companies active in the fields of both environmental and territorial planning and management and environmental monitoring and recovery;
• companies operating in the field of waste management and disposal and of environmental remediation;
• companies operating in the field of construction and maintenance of green areas and of intervention for the protection soil and water resources;
• environment and territory branches of large companies;
• freelance activities in the agricultural, agroforestry, and environmental fields.

Initial knowledge required

Admission requirements

Graduates of class L-25 (Agricultural sciences and technologies) or of the pre-existing class 20 (Agricultural, agri-food and forestry sciences and technologies) meeting curricular requirements will have access to the Master's degree programme in Agro-environmental sciences. Candidates must have earned at least 30 credits in the following academic fields:
BIO/01 - General botany
BIO/02 - Systematic botany
BIO/03 - Environmental and applied botany
BIO/04 - Plant physiology
BIO/05 - Zoology
BIO/13 - Applied biology
CHIM/03 - General and inorganic chemistry
CHIM/06 - Organic chemistry
FIS/01 to FIS/07
MAT/01 to MAT/09
INF/01 - Computer science
ING-INF/05 - Data processing systems
SECS-S/01 - Statistics

Those who have a degree from an Italian university, as well as those who have another qualification obtained abroad and recognized as suitable, may also access the programme. Curricular requirements include solid foundations in mathematics, physics, botany, organic and inorganic chemistry, biochemistry and ecology, and at least 60 credits in the agricultural, biological, chemical, geological fields.

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 3 years prior to submission (for the list of language certificates recognized by the University please refer to the website: https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-and-english-courses/english-entry-tests). The certificate must be uploaded when submitting the online application;
- English level achieved during a Bachelor’s degree programme through SLAM courses and tests. The test must have been passed within the last four years. Our offices will perform an internal check, without the applicant having to attach any statements;
- Placement test, delivered by SLAM.

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 placement test will have until 31 December to obtain and submit a recognized certificate to SLAM.

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

**Admission assessment**

During application assessment, an admission board will evaluate the curricular requirements of the candidates and, if necessary, may ask for further documents.

The board may also highlight any shortcomings to be filled before the admission interview. The interviews will take place via videoconference. Connection details will be notified to the candidates within one week of the interview date.

**THE PROGRAMME WILL BE GRADUALLY TERMINATED STARTING FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23**

**Compulsory attendance**

Course attendance is strongly recommended.

**Degree programme final exams**

Upcoming graduates must pass a final exam by presenting and defending a paper written by the student under the guidance of a supervisor. The latter may appoint another faculty member or an external expert as co-supervisor. The Master’s degree thesis is an essay in Italian or English, structured as a scientific publication.

The final exam awards 27 credits (CFU). Upcoming graduates must comply with the following:
- pass all exams for core and supplementary courses, and earn 12 CFU for electives;
- prove English proficiency at or above B2 level, under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

**Notes**

In order to obtain their degree, students must be proficient in English at a B2 level. This proficiency level may be certified as follows:
- Through a language certificate, earned within three years prior to the date of submission, at a B2 level or higher. For the list of language certificates recognised by the University, please review: https://www.unimi.it/en/node/297). The certificate must be uploaded during the enrolment procedure, or subsequently to the portal http://studente.unimi.it/uploadCertificazioniLingue;
- Through a Placement Test, which is delivered by the University Language Centre (SLAM) during year I only, from October to January. Students who fail the test will be required to take a SLAM course.

The Placement Test is mandatory for all students who do not hold a valid certificate.

Those who do not sit the Placement Test by January, or who fail to pass the end-of-course test within six attempts, must obtain a paid certificate by graduation.

**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 Course of study in Agro-Environmental Sciences gives many opportunities for stages abroad mainly through the Erasmus+ programme. About 30 foreign Universities of the EU are involved in this students exchange. The areas of study which can be followed by the students abroad are almost all those included in this course of study. In general, students who make a stage abroad attend local courses or participate in research for the preparation of their thesis. The examination scores and the related UFC obtained in the partner universities are almost entirely acknowledged by our university for the curriculum studies. Other possibilities exist in terms of cultural exchange with non EU universities (in China, Japan, Latin
American) not involved in the Erasmus programme. More information at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-
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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 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/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

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