CALL FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO AN INTERNATIONAL MASTER’S PROGRAM LEADING TO THE AWARD OF A DOUBLE DEGREE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (TWO-YEAR MASTER’S PROGRAM IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT)

The University of Milan (UNIMI) and Queen Mary University London (QMUL) have agreed on a double-degree program involving the “Corso di laurea magistrale in Sustainable Development” at UNIMI and three master’s programs at QMUL, namely, the “LLM in International Economic Law”, the “LLM in Environmental Law” and the “LLM in Energy and Natural Resources Law.

Structure of the international program leading to the award of the double degree

The “Corso di laurea magistrale in Sustainable Development” at UNIMI is a second-level university program lasting two years for a total of 120 ECTS credits.

The “LLM in International Economic Law”, the “LLM in Environmental Law” and the “LLM in Energy and Natural Resources Law” at QMUL are second-level university programs, each of which lasts one year and is worth 180 QMUL credits (corresponding to 90 ECTS credits).

The double-degree international program agreed upon by UNIMI and QMUL consists of two full academic years, one in Milan worth 60 ECTS credits, the other in London worth 180 QMUL credits. In each academic year complementary courses and similar learning activities are taught and carried out at each of the two Universities. UNIMI students registered in the program will spend their first year at the home University and their second year at QMUL, where they will complete their studies and defend their master’s dissertation. QMUL students will register in UNIMI after the end of their QMUL master’s program.

At the end of the double-degree international program, registered students successfully completing their studies will obtain the degree of “Laurea magistrale in Sustainable Development” and the degree of “LLM in International Economic Law” or the “LLM in Environmental Law” or the “LLM in Energy and Natural Resources Law.

Admission criteria

1. UNIMI will select for participation in the double-degree international program up to 2 students registered as first-year students in the academic year 2017-2018 in the Sustainable Development program.

2. UNIMI students selected for the double-degree international program will enrol at QMUL in one of the three LLMs after paying the standard tuition fees (a 10% partner student discount is available).

3. The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied at the moment of the application:

   a. applicants must be regular students registered as first-year students in the Sustainable Development program for the academic year 2017/2018;
b. applicants must meet the following English language requirements:

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<th>Direct Entry (no pre-sessional)</th>
<th>IELTS 7.0 (Writing 7.0; Reading 5.5; Listening 5.5; Speaking 5.5) or TOEFL 100 (Writing 27-28; Reading 8-12; Speaking 16-17)</th>
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<td>5 week pre-sessional English required</td>
<td>IELTS 6.5 (Writing 6.5; Reading 5.5; Listening 5.5; Speaking 5.5) or TOEFL 79-93 (Writing 24-26; Reading 8-12; Speaking 16-17)</td>
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<td>9 week pre-sessional English required</td>
<td>IELTS 6.5 (Writing 6.0; Reading 5.5; Listening 5.5; Speaking 5.5) or TOEFL 79-93 (Writing 21-23; Reading 8-12; Speaking 16-17)</td>
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c. applicants must have earned at least half of the ECTS credits associated with the first term courses and the other compulsory learning activities of the Sustainable Development program;

d. the applicants’ weighted cumulative grade point average for courses and other learning activities as in point c. above, must be no less than 25/30.

**Mobility requirements**

Only regular students registered in their second year of the Sustainable Development master’s during academic year 2018/2019 will be eligible to take part in the international study program.

A selected candidate will be allowed to spend her/his second year at the host University only if, she/he has earned a minimum of 60 ECTs credits assigned to courses and other compulsory learning activities of the first-year Sustainable Development program.

**Applications**

Applicants must fill in and sign the application form for admission to the international double degree program between UNIMI and QMUL (Annex 1 below).

The following documents must be annexed to the application form:

1. curriculum vitae;
2. letter of motivation;
3. transcript of the undergraduate career containing the grades earned in all the exams and the final grade. Applicants that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must fill up the form **Dichiarazione sostitutiva di certificazione di iscrizione Universita’– Conseguimento Titolo - Esami** (see Section “Modulistica generale- Dichiarazioni sostitutive di certificazione”) with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records.
4. transcript of the graduate career in the Sustainable Development program, containing the grades earned in all the exams undertaken until the date of the application’s submission (also self-certifications about mid-term exams or exams not yet registered will be considered);
5. IELTS certificate or TOEFL certificates. Minimum grade point accepted: IELTS 6.5 or other tests’ grade points corresponding to IELTS’s;
6. any other document or qualification deemed relevant to the selection.

Applicants must submit the application form and the enclosed documents to the following email address: unimi@postecert.it. Candidates must write the following sentence in the email’s “Oggetto”: “Call for Selection Queen Mary University London AY 2018-2019”.

**Deadline: May 18th 2018 – 2:00 pm (Italian local time).**

**Selection procedures**

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Nerina Boschiero and composed by Prof. Angelica Bonfanti and Luigi Crema. After examining the applicants’ dossiers, the committee will interview the candidates. The interview will take place in Department of Public Law, at Prof. Boschiero’s room, Via Festa del Perdono 7, 20122 Milano, on **May 22, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

Candidates unable to attend the interview due to circumstances beyond their control must submit any relevant documentation proving said circumstances. The Committee may decide to interview such candidates via videoconference.

After completing the interviews, the committee will rank the candidates according to their respective merit. For each candidate the overall score will be obtained by summing up the following four partial scores:

1. curriculum vitae (up to 20/100);
2. motivations to enrol (up to 15/100);
3. academic career and grades obtained in the exams taken in the Sustainable Development program (up to 50/100);
4. proficiency in English according to IELTS or TOEFL certificates (up to 15/100).

Only candidates with an overall score of at least 75/100 will qualify for the international double degree program.

Selection results will be published on the **UNIMI website** by May, 25th 2018.

Applicants in the first two positions of the ranking and qualifying for the international double degree program must formally accept to enter the program within five days from the online publication of the ranking, by sending an e-mail message of acceptance to unimi@postecert.it whose “Oggetto” must be “Queen Mary DD acceptance”.

If selected candidates do not confirm their acceptance within the deadline above, they will lose their right to enter the program and will be replaced by the candidate immediately following in the ranking, provided that the same qualifies for the international double degree program.

Following the publication of the selection results, selected students must enter the program by:

1) filling up a Learning Agreement with which they agree to achieve the program established for the double degree, in order to be entitled to receive the double degree award.
2) registering in QMUL as “partner-student”.
Financial aspects
Double-degree international program students must have paid tuition fees to UNIMI in academic year 2017-2018. They will be waived all academic fees for academic year 2018-2019 except for regional taxes and administrative tuition fees. When enrolling at QMUL in academic year 2018-2019 they will pay standard QMUL tuition fees. They are eligible for the QMUL 10% partner-student discount. The 10% discount cannot be combined with any other QMUL scholarships or discounts.

During mobility at QMUL the University of Milan may provide each student with a monthly allowance to partly support living costs (e.g. accommodation, books, supplies, meals, health insurance, visa) in the host country and a lump sum to cover international travel costs, according to criteria and procedures that will be established in due time. Exchange students will be covered with civil liability insurance and accident insurance provided by the University of Milan during the performance of their study activities at the Host University. Exchange students will personally provide for civil liability insurance and accident insurance covering activities not related to their studies at the Host University.

Confidentiality
According to D.Lgs. n. 196/2003 the University shall fully respect the confidential nature of any information furnished by the candidates: said information will only be processed for the purposes of the selection call, the formalization of any relation between the University and the candidates and the management of the relation thereof.

Contacts
Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator, Prof. Nerina Boschiero. For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali – Sezione Accordi, e-mail: bandi.extraeu@unimi.it.

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