SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO AN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019
CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN RELAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI
(TWO-YEAR MASTER’S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

Since the academic year 2017-2018, the University of Milan (UNIMI) and the School of Business of Renmin University of China (RBS) have agreed on a student exchange programme.

Structure of the exchange programme
Students enrolled in the two-year Master’s Programme in International Relations (REL) can apply to spend a semester (6 months) at the host University during their second programme year.

Admission criteria
UNIMI will select up to 3 students for participation in the exchange programme among applicants that have enrolled for the REL Master’s Programme in academic year 2017-2018. REL students selected for the exchange programme will spend one academic semester at RBS during the academic year 2018-2019 (September-December 2018).

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying:
- applicants must be regular students of the REL programme;
- first-year applicants must have earned at least half of the ECTS credits associated with the first and second term modules of the REL curriculum in which they are registered; second-year applicants must have earned at least 54 ECTS;
- the applicants’ weighted cumulative grade point average must be no less than 25/30;
- applicants must prove English proficiency (level B2 or higher), either through external certification or during the interview with the selection committee.

If students do not have any valid language certification, they can prove their English language skills by submitting, when already obtained, a certificate of level issued by Servizio Linguistico dell’Ateneo di Milano - SLAM.

In the absence of any language certification or SLAM certificate of level, students can self-certify their English language proficiency, by filling up and submitting the form here attached (Annex I). In this case, English language skills will be tested during the interview.

Proficiency statements made by a language teacher whatsoever will not qualify. Likewise, credits earned in “Accertamento delle conoscenze linguistiche” during the students’ academic studies will
not qualify, unless they have been issued as a result of the students’ participation in a language course organized by SLAM, therefore accompanied by the certificate of level previously referred to.

Applications

Applicants must fill and sign the Application form (attached below) for admission in the exchange programme between UNIMI and RBS.

The following documents must be enclosed along with the application form:

1. curriculum vitae;
2. statement of purpose;
3. transcript of the undergraduate career, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken and the final grade (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page); REL students 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 REL programme, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken up until the application date (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page).

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents to the following e-mail addresses: unimi@postecert.it with a copy sent to relint@unimi.it.

Deadline: April 11th, 2018 at 12.00 am (Italian local time).

Selection procedures

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by the director of the REL programme, Prof. Francesca C. Villata, and constituted by Prof. Piero Graglia and Dr. Simone Dossi, with Dr. Andrea Carati as substitute member. After examining the applicants’ dossiers, the committee will interview the candidates on April 13th, 2018 at 9.30 am, DILHPS Seminar Room, Via Conservatorio 7, 20122 Milano, 1st floor.

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

1. previous academic career and grades obtained in the exams taken in the REL programme (up to 50/100);
2. curriculum vitae (up to 20/100);
3. motivations (up to 15/100);
4. proficiency in English (up to 15/100).

Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 75/100 will qualify for the exchange programme. The final ranking will be published online on the UNIMI website here, on April 13th, 2018. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

Applicants in the first three positions of the ranking and qualifying for the exchange programme must formally accept to enter the programme by April 17th, 2018 at 12.00 am (Italian local time), by sending an e-mail of acceptance to unimi@postecert.it and relint@unimi.it. If the selected candidate’s e-mail of acceptance is not received by the specified deadline, the same candidate loses her/his right to enter the programme.

Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host University for final approval.

Following the approval by the Host University, the selected students will be contacted by Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali (bandi.extraeu@unimi.it) to carry out the procedures to register in the partner University.

Financial aspects and grants
Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. They Host University will waive tuition and fees. 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 listed below. For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali – Sezione Accordi, e-mail: bandi.extraeu@unimi.it or REL Tutors, relint@unimi.it

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Application form

The undersigned, registered in the academic year 2017/2018 in the Master’s Programme in International Relations (REL), wishes to be admitted to the exchange programme between Università degli Studi di Milano (UNIMI) and School of Business of Renmin University of China (RBS).

Personal data

SURNAME _______________________________________

FIRST NAME _______________________________________

UNIMI MATRICULATION N° __________________________

BIRTH DATE (dd/mm/yy) _____________________________

BIRTH PLACE
City _____________________________
State/Country _____________________________

RESIDENCE
City _____________________________
State/Country _____________________________
Street _____________________________ No. ______ ZIP code _____
Phone _____________________________
Email _____________________________
Documents enclosed

1. curriculum vitae;
2. statement of purpose;
3. transcript of undergraduate career, with the grades obtained in all the exams as well as the final grade;
4. transcript of graduate career in the REL Programme, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken until the date of the selection call;
5. any other document or qualification deemed relevant to the competition (e.g. language certifications).

The documents mentioned at points 1. and 2. must be written in English.

Application form and attachments have to be submitted by email to the following addresses:
unimi@postecert.it with a copy sent to relint@unimi.it.

Deadline: April 11th, 2018 at 12.00 am (Italian local time).

Date (dd/mm/yy)                  SIGNATURE

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