

SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO A STUDENT EXCHANGE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM IN COMUNICAZIONE E SOCIETA' (CES) MASTER DEGREE PROGRAM IN COMUNICAZIONE PUBBLICA E D'IMPRESA (COM)

The University of Milan invites applications for an academic study period at George Mason University (Faifax- VA, USA).

In the frame of an academic agreement involving students of the "Bachelor Degree program in Comunicazione e Società (CES)" and the "Master Degree program in Comunicazione Pubblica e d'Impresa (COM)", **2** students will be selected to spend a semester at the partner university (4 months, from January to May, 2020).

Study abroad provisions

The study period abroad will be recognized as part of the academic program.

The study plan to be carried out abroad will be agreed and formalized through a Learning Agreement signed between the academic coordinators of both Universities (Home and Host Institution) and the student, prior to departure.

Admission requirements

Students more than one year behind their study program (fuori corso) cannot apply; CES's students must be at least in their second year during academic year 2018-2019.

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying:

- applicants must be regular students of the Bachelor Degree Program in CES and the Master Degree Program in COM;
- applicants' weighted cumulative grade point average must be no less than 26/30;



- applicants must prove their English proficiency (TOEFL 80 for CES, 88 for COM) or IELTS (6.5).

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 <u>Servizio Linguistico dell'Ateneo di Milano - SLAM</u>, therefore accompanied by the certificate of level previously referred to.

If students do not have any valid language certification, they can prove their English language skills by submitting a certificate of level issued by SLAM: students can register to SLAM test here.

English language skills will at any rate be tested during the interview.

Mobility requirements

Only regular students registered in CES and COM during academic year 2019-2020 will be eligible to spend a study period at the George Mason University.

Students must keep being registered at the University of Milan all over their study period abroad.

Application procedure

Documents required for admission in the exchange program are the following:

- copy of the identity card or passport (pdf/jpeg);
- curriculum vitae (pdf/jpeg);
- screenshot of the UNIMIA page with the grades obtained in all the exams taken (pdf); students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must fill up the form <u>DICHIARAZIONE SOSTITUTIVA DI CERTIFICAZIONE DI ISCRIZIONE</u> <u>UNIVERSITA'- CONSEGUIMENTO TITOLO - ESAMI</u> (see Section "Modulistica



generale- Dichiarazioni sostitutive di certificazione") with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records;

- 4. statement of purpose in English (a letter explaining the personal motivations for the mobility- pdf);
- 5. draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad;
- 6. English proficiency certificate or SLAM certificate of level.

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the online platform <u>elixForms</u>.

Deadline: June 18th, 2019 at 2 pm (Italian local time).

Selection procedure

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Federico Boni and composed of Professors Luisa Leonini and Lorenzo Mosca.

After examining the applicants' dossiers, the committee will interview the candidates on **June 20**th **2019**, at **2.30 pm**, at Aula seminari of the Dept. of Scienze Sociali e Politiche.

Applicants unable to attend the interview due to circumstances beyond their control must forward any relevant supporting documentation by e-mail to the academic coordinator, Professor Federico Boni. The Committee may decide to interview these applicants via video-conference.

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 partial scores:

- 1. curriculum vitae (up to 20/100);
- 2. academic career and grades obtained (up to 20/100);



- 3. statement of purpose (up to 30/100)
- 4. study plan proposed (up to 10/100);
- 5. proficiency in English (up to 20/100).

Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 60/100 will qualify for the exchange program.

The final ranking will be published online on the University of Milan website <u>here</u>, by **June** 21st, 2019. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

Applicant in the first two positions of the ranking must formally accept to enter the program within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this link.

If the selected candidate's e-mail of acceptance is not received by the specified deadline, the same candidate lose her/his right to enter the program.

Ufficio Accordi e Progetti Internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host University for final approval.

Upon partner University's acceptance, Ufficio Accordi e Progetti Internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione will contact selected students for information on administrative issues.

Financial aspects

Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees, with the exception of the administrative fees of \$ 550.

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 medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.

The University of Milan will award a grant towards travel and living costs abroad. The university grant will be awarded according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreterie Studenti.

The awarding criteria will be as follows:

ISEE	Monthly allowance
less or equal to 13.000 euros	700 euros
from 13.000 to 21.000 euros	650 euros
from 21.000 to 26.000 euros	600 euros
from 26.000 to 30.000 euros	550 euros
from 30.000 to 50.000 euros and further	350 euros

The grant final amount will correspond to the study period actually spent abroad. In case of students not spending their period abroad entirely, the amount will be calculated by multiplying the number of days actually spent abroad by 1/30 monthly allowance.

Confidentiality

According to the Law, 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.
Federico Boni.

General information about the partner university is available on the <u>George Mason</u> <u>University's website</u>.

For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Progetti Internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione, <u>international.education@unimi.it</u>.

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