

#### SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAM LEADING TO THE AWARD OF A DOUBLE DEGREE

#### CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN SCIENZE COGNITIVE E PROCESSI DECISIONALI (TWO-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAM IN COGNITIVE SCIENCES AND DECISION MAKING) ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

University of Milan (UNIMI) and Maastricht University (MU) have jointly developed an integrated educational program at graduate level leading to a double degree in the field of Cognitive Sciences and Psychology, the Master of Science in Psychology for MU and the Corso di Laurea magistrale in Scienze cognitive e processi decisionali for UNIMI.

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

Like the "Corso di Laurea magistrale in Scienze cognitive e processi decisionali – SCO" at UNIMI, the "Master of Science in Psychology" at MU are second-level university programs, lasting two years (120 ECTS) and one year (60 ECTS), respectively.

The double-degree international program agreed upon by UNIMI and MU consists of two full academic years, each worth 60 ECTS credits. In each academic year similar courses are taught and similar learning activities are carried out at UNIMI and MU, respectively. All students registered in the program will spend their first year at their home University and their second year at the host University, where they will complete their studies and defend their master's dissertation.

At the end of the double-degree international program, registered students successfully completing their studies will obtain the degree of "Laurea magistrale in Scienze cognitive e processi decisionali" and the degree of "Master of Science in Psychology".

#### Admission criteria

In the academic year 2019-2020, UNIMI will select for participation in the double-degree international program up to **2** students registered as first-year students for the academic year 2018-2019 in the SCO program. Students more than one year behind their study program (fuori corso) can not apply.

SCO students selected for the double-degree international program will simultaneously be recognized as MU students registered in the "Master of Science in Psychology", according to the study plan they choose to follow during their second year at MU (see below, Annex 1).

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

- a. applicants must be regularly registered as first-year students in the SCO program for the academic year 2018/2019;
- b. applicants must have achieved 18 ECTS in methodology and statistics courses;



c. applicants must have passed either the IELTS English language proficiency test (at least 6.5) or TOEFL (at least 575 paper - based, 233 computer-based, or 90 internet –based).

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 -</u> <u>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 <u>here</u> (test are scheduled on these <u>dates</u>).

#### **Mobility requirements**

Only regular students enrolled in their second year of the SCO master's during academic year 2019/2020 will be enabled to take part in the international study program.

#### **Application procedure**

Documents required for admission in the exchange program between University of Milan and Maastricht University are the following:

- 1. curriculum vitae (pdf/jpeg);
- 2. letter of motivation (pdf);
- 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); SCO students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must fill up the form <u>DICHIARAZIONE SOSTITUTIVA DI</u> <u>CERTIFICAZIONE DI ISCRIZIONE 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. transcript of their graduate career in the SCO program, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken up until the date of the application submission (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page- pdf/jpeg): also self-certifications about mid-term exams, or not already registered exams, will be considered;
- 5. English proficiency certificate (IELTS or TOEFL) or SLAM certificate of level.

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



#### Deadline: July, 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2 pm (Italian local time).

#### **Selection procedures**

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Alessandra Gorini, and constituted by Prof. Chiara Guglielmetti and Dott.ssa Sandra Capozzi (secretary). After examining the applicants' dossiers, the committee will interview the candidates on **July**, **9**<sup>th</sup>, **2019** at **9** am Aula M 500, Via S.Sofia, 9/1 - 20122 Milano.

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 Alessandra Gorini. 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:

- previous academic career (bachelor career: grades and exams): up to 12,5/100
- grades obtained in the exams taken in the  $1^{st}$  year in SCO program: up to 37,5/100
- curriculum vitae and other qualifications: up to 5/100;
- motivations letter (with reference to the track chosen, see Annex): up to 15/100;
- proficiency in English: up to 10/100;
- interview: up to 20/100

Only candidates with an overall score of at least 80/100 will qualify for the international double degree program.

The final ranking will be published online on the University of Milan website <u>here</u> by **July**, **12**<sup>th</sup>, **2019**. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

Applicants 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 <u>link</u>.

If the selected candidate's acceptance is not received by the specified deadline, the same candidate loses 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 candidate 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 student for information on administrative issues.

#### Financial aspects and grants

Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees.



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	500 euros
from 13.000 to 21.000 euros	450 euros
from 21.000 to 26.000 euros	400 euros
from 26.000 to 30.000 euros and further	350 euros

#### 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, <u>Prof.</u> <u>Alessandra Gorini</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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#### Annex 1

#### Agreed curriculum for the <u>'Master's Program'</u>

#### A. STUDENTS OF UNIMI AS HOME UNIVERSITY

#### FIRST YEAR AT UNIMI

course name	ECTS
Basi anatomo-fisiologiche dei processi cognitivi	
- Modulo: Fisiologia (6 ECTS)	
- Modulo: Neurologia (6 ECTS)	12
Intelligenza artificiale e analisi dei dati	9
Logica e retorica	6
Metodologia della ricerca cognitiva	6
Psicologia cognitiva	9
Psicologia delle decisioni	9
An elective module	9
Total minimum of	60

#### SECOND YEAR AT MU

course name	ECTS	
General description (*for available tracks, see below)		
Compulsory modules of chosen Master track	20/30	
Co-supervised Master's Thesis Project		
The student will write his/her Master's Thesis in		
ENGLISH. The thesis will be co-supervised by MU and		
UNIMI. The thesis defense will take place at UNIMI.	40/30	
Total of	60	



#### Available Master tracks at MU:

Work and Organisational Psychology (WOP)

course name	ECTS
Work and Organisational Psychology	
Problem-Based Learning (training for Non-UM Students)	-
Work Psychology	5
Human Resources	5
Organisation and Cognition	5
Human Performance	5
Practical training: Job Analysis	-
Practical training: What is it like to be a Work and	
Organisational Psychologist?	-
Practical training: Conflict Management	-
Practical training: Data Analyses	-
Professional Skills and Activity Report	10
Research Methods for Work and Organisational	
Psychologists	0
Research Proposal	5
Research Internship	17
Master's Thesis	8
Total minimum of	60

Neuropsychology (NP)

course name	ECTS	
Neuropsychology		
Problem-Based Learning (training for Non-UM Students)	-	
Brain Damage	4	
Behavioural Disorders	4	
Arousal and Attention	4	
Ageing	4	
Practical Training: Neuropsychological Assessment	2	
Practical Training: Basic Cognitive Psychological Skill	2	
Academic Skills and Research Proposal	5	
The Research Internship	25	
Master's Thesis	10	
Total minimum of	60	



Health and Social Psychology (HSP)

course name	ECTS
Health and Social Psychology	
Problem-Based Learning (training for Non-UM Students)	-
Self-Regulation	5
Manipulation	5
Bad Habits	5
Planning Behaviour Change	5
Practical Training: Increasing Self-regulation through	
Practice	-
Practical Training: Manipulation Strategies	-
Practical Training: Make your own IAT!	-
Practical Training: Applying Theories	-
Academic Skills and Research Proposal	5
Research Internship	25
Master's Thesis	10
Total minimum of	60