Call for applications to the Summer School in Agroecology for land regeneration a.y. 2022-2023

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- Having regard to Presidential Decree no.162 dated 10 March 1982, and in particular article 1, paragraph 2, point (c), and articles 16 and 17, pertaining to advanced courses;
- Having regard to art. 6 of Law no. 341 dated 19 November 1990;
- Having regard to Ministerial Decree no. 270 dated 22 October 2004, containing new rules governing the educational autonomy of Universities and replacing Ministerial Decree no. 509 dated 3 November 1999;
- Having regard to the Statute of the University of Milan, issued by Rector's Decree on 15 March 2012, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Having regard to the Academic Regulations of the University of Milan, issued by Rector's Decree no. 1208 dated 4 March 2020;
- Having regard to the Regulations for Master Programmes, Advanced Courses and Lifelong Learning, issued by Rector's Decree no. 1737 dated 23 April 2020;
- Having regard to the resolutions passed by the Academic Senate, at its meeting of 14 March 2023, and by the Board of Directors, at its meeting of 28 March 2023, with which these academic bodies authorised the implementation of the Summer School in Agroecology for land regeneration for the a. y. 2022/2023

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

The Summer School in Agroecology for land regeneration will run for the 2022/2023 academic year starting in June. The coordinators are Prof. Stefano Bocchi, full professor in the scientific-disciplinary sector AGR/02 - Agronomy and field crops, and Prof. Alice Giulia Dal Borgo, associate professor in the scientific-disciplinary sector M-GGR/01 - Geography.
Objectives

The Summer School aims to train future professionals able to identify the most promising and effective agroecological practices to start and implement land, environmental and socio-cultural regeneration processes in the urban and suburban context, with a particular attention to the impact of such processes on local communities in terms of shared values, cohesion, access to and protection of places. Thanks to its theoretical and conceptual framework, and to the integration of different types of knowledge and scientific disciplines, agroecology can promote inclusive and engaging practices and methods in decision-making, research and training at different territorial levels. Agroecology adopts a systemic, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approach, analyses how agroecosystems work, experiments practices for sustainable agriculture and explores the connection between food, culture and territory. For all these reasons, agroecology truly represents a movement for the regeneration of environments and communities. The Summer School in Agroecology for land regeneration offers frontal classes, activities on the field and subject-specific insights, to provide participants with solid knowledge and skills on the main agroecological and cultural theories, methods and practices for land and environmental regeneration and reactivation in urban and suburban areas.

Course organisation

The course will take place from 19 June 2023 to 24 June 2023 at the University of Milan and Parco Agricolo Sud Milano. It includes 40 hours of lessons and exercises, divided as follows:

- Principles and practices of agroecology;
- Current characteristics (structure, functions, trends) and impacts of the agri-food sector;
- National and international policies;
- Ecosystem services;
- Business and landscape indicators;
- Methodologies and practices for cultural regeneration and reactivation of areas and communities;
- Use of software for the integrated analysis of agri-food systems;
- Use of analysis tools based on complex indicators;
- Development of acquired knowledge through on the field training in green systems (farms, urban gardens, agroforestry systems, ecological infrastructures);
- Reading, interpreting and developing projects for agroecological regeneration and land regeneration;
- Analysis of complex documents (EU and national policies) and identification of potential applications;
- Design of projects for more sustainable agri-food systems;
- Design of intersectoral and interdisciplinary projects for land regeneration.

Upon completion of the programme, students will be awarded 4 university credits (CFU).

Attendance at the various activities of the Summer School is mandatory.

**Admission requirements**

The programme is designed for students and graduates in one of the following degree classes pursuant to Ministerial Decree 270/2004: L-1 Cultural heritage; L-2 Biotechnologies; L-6 Geography; L-7 Civil and environmental engineering; L-15 Tourism; L-17 Architecture; L-21 Town, regional and environmental planning; L-23 Building sciences; L-25 Agriculture and forestry; L-26 Food sciences; L-32 environmental sciences; L-33 Economics; L-37 Peace studies; L-38 Zoology; LM-3 Landscape architecture; LM-4 Architecture and architectural engineering; LM-6 Biology; LM-7 Agrarian biotechnologies; LM-10 Conservation of architectural and environmental heritage; LM-23 Civil engineering; LM-35 Environmental engineering; LM-48 Regional, urban and environmental planning; LM-49 Tourism development and management; LM-56 Economics; LM-60 Natural sciences; LM-69 Agriculture; LM-70 Food science; LM-73 Environmental and forestry sciences; LM-75 Environmental and land sciences; LM-76 Environmental and cultural economics; LM-80 Geography; LM-81 Development cooperation; LM-86 livestock management.

Students enrolled in other Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes may also be admitted, subject to an assessment by the competent bodies of the Summer School.

Applications by candidates who studied abroad will be assessed by the admission board, in compliance with the regulations in force in Italy and in the country where candidates pursued their studies.
Selection process

A maximum of 25 students can enrol in the Summer School. The course will not run if the number of enrolled students is less than 15. Participants will be selected based on an assessment of their CV. Selection will be carried out on 25 May 2023.

Enrolment fee

Candidates admitted to the Summer School are required to pay an enrolment fee of €366.00 (including the insurance premium and a €16.00 stamp duty), by the enrolment date.

Scholarships

The Summer School offers 15 scholarships of €120.00 each, which will be deducted from the enrolment fee. Scholarships will be assigned to the first fifteen candidates admitted to the Summer School, according to their position in the ranking list.

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Administrative enquiries

For information on enrolment please contact the Student Office for PhD, Vocational Masters, State Exams and Post-Graduate Programmes via the InformaStudenti online platform, selecting the category POSTGRADUATE>Advanced programmes.

Application for admission

Applications for admissions must be submitted by 11.59 pm on 22 May 2023, as follows:

1. Register on the University portal at https://registrazione.unimi.it/. Candidates already registered on the portal or in possession of University login credentials, such as students or graduates of the University of Milan, can skip this step;
2. Log in with your credentials and submit an application for admission to the Summer School using the online procedure available at https://studente.unimi.it/ammissioni/a/summerWinterSchool/checkLogin.asp.

3. Upload the following documents in .pdf, .jpg or .rtf format:

   All candidates:
   - CV

   Candidates enrolled at a foreign University or holding a foreign qualification:
   - University statement of enrolment or degree certificate.

Candidates who provide false data or fail to meet the requirements will not be allowed to enrol in the programme.

List of admitted candidates

The list of admitted candidates will be published online on 30 May 2023 at http://studente.unimi.it/graduatorie/summerWinterSchool/.

Such publication serves as official notice. Therefore, no personal communication will be sent out to candidates.

Enrolment

Admitted candidates are required to enrol from 30 May 2023 to 6 June 2023 using the online procedure available at https://studente.unimi.it/immatricolazioni/summerWinterSchool/checkLogin.asp.

Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the Summer School. Moreover, they must pay the above-mentioned enrolment fee by credit card or using the payment notice issued by the online system, by the due date stated on the notice itself.

Candidates who are exempt from paying the enrolment fee must nonetheless pay the stamp duty.

As the Summer School is part of the University's institutional activities, no VAT is applied to the enrolment fee, and no invoice will be issued.

Late payment will be subject to a penalty fee of € 30.00 (Regulations on Tuition and Fees, Waivers and Scholarships).
Candidates are advised to keep the payment receipt issued by the system, as it is valid for tax purposes.

Foreign candidates are required to provide a copy of their tax ID (codice fiscale) via the online enrolment procedure.

Withdrawal

Enrolled students who intend to withdraw from the programme must fill the corresponding form available on the website and send it to the Student Office for PhD, Vocational Masters, State Exams and Post-Graduate Programmes via the InformaStudenti online platform, choosing the category Postgraduate>Advanced programmes.

If withdrawal occurs prior to the actual start of the Summer School, any fees paid will be reimbursed, minus an amount equal to 10% of the enrolment fee and in any case not lower than € 100.00, which will be withheld to cover general and administrative costs. Studies cannot be interrupted for any reason whatsoever.

Certificate of attendance

At the end of the Summer School, a certificate of attendance will be issued to all students who fulfilled their obligations.

Further information and data protection

Pursuant to Legislative decree no. 196 of 2003 (Italian Personal Data Protection Act), as subsequently amended and supplemented, and to Regulation (EU) 679/2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR), the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by candidates. All data will be processed solely for purposes related and instrumental to the Summer School, and to manage the candidates’ relationship with the University, in compliance with current laws and regulations. The personal data protection policy is available at https://www.unimi.it/en/university/legislation/privacy.

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(Prof. Elio Franzini)
Signed Elio Franzini