

SELECTION CALL FOR STUDENT EXCHANGE IN CHINA, KOREA, MEXICO DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

The University of Milan – UNIMI, in the frame of bilateral Student Exchange Agreements, invites applications for academic study periods at the following Partner Universities:

- China:
 <u>Peking University Law School PKU</u> (Beijing);
 <u>Renmin University of China, School of International Studies SIS</u> (Beijing)
 <u>Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University XJTLU</u> (Suzhou);
- South Korea:
 <u>Hankuk University of Foreign Studies HUFS</u> (Seoul)
- Japan:
 <u>Keio University KU</u> (Tokyo)
- Brazil
 <u>Universidade Federal da Paraíba UFPB</u> (João Pessoa)
- Mexico:
 <u>Universidad de Guadalajara</u> UdG (Guadalajara)

Up to **20** students will be selected to spend an academic semester abroad (either the Summer/Fall semester 2025 or the Spring semester 2026) as follows:

- PKU: 2

- SIS: 4

- XJTLU: 4

- HUFS: 4



- KU: 2
- UdG: 2
- UFPB: 2

Information material on the Partner Universities is available on Unimibox at the following link: https://unimibox.unimi.it/index.php/s/cq5kCWyr8geTMxo .

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. A draft of Learning Agreement will be provided. In this regard, it is recommended to submit study plans for the courses / programs of the university that can be accessed, based on the requirements indicated on the web page of the university.

Admission requirements

As to apply, applicants must be regular students of the undergraduate programs in International Studies and European Institutions– SIE or International Politics, Law and Economics – IPLE or of the Master programs in International Relations – REL or Political Science and Government – GOV.

Applicants must be regularly enrolled in one of the above-mentioned study programs for the current academic year.

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying as well:

- first-year applicants must have earned at least half of the ECTS credits associated with the first term module of the curriculum in which they are registered; second-year applicants must have earned at least 54 ECTS;
- applicants weighted cumulative grade point average must be not less than 25/30;
- depending on the destination, applicants must prove
 - English proficiency (PKU, SIS, XJTLU, HUFS, KU): level B2 or higher, equivalent to a TOEFL score of 90 or an IELTS score of 6.5, or C1



- Spanish proficiency (UdG): level B2 or higher
- Portuguese proficiency (UFPB): level B1 or higher
- applicants wishing to take courses in Korean language at HUFS must have a Korean language proficiency: TOPIK test (level 3) or KLPT test (350 points); HUFS Center for Korean Language & Culture certificate (3rd level); at least 15 credits earned in Korean language, issued as a result of the students' participation in a language course (a transcript of records attesting the above-mentioned credits is required).

Mobility requirements

Selected students must be regularly enrolled in one of the above-mentioned study programs for the a.y. 2025-2026.

The status of student, guaranteed by the regular payment of UNIMI fees, must be maintained for the entire duration of the study period abroad.

Attention: should it not be allowed to reach the destination country, upon the consent of the Partner University, the exchange program will be held on a virtual basis.

Application procedure

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

Applicants have the opportunity to apply for no more than 2 universities from those listed in the call, indicating the order of preference and declaring to accept the possible assignment of other destinations.

Documents required are the following:

- 1. copy of a valid identity document, possibly a passport if already in the possession of the candidate (pdf);
- 2. CV in European format (pdf);
- 3. screenshot of the UNIMIA page showing matricola number, list of exams taken and average marks; graduate students must also submit the screenshot of the UNIMIA page showing their **previous career** and graduation grade; students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must also fill up the form <u>Dichiarazione sostitutiva di iscrizione, conseguimento</u> <u>titolo, esami (box 2)</u> or, if available, submit the certification issued by the University where they



graduated, with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records (pdf);

- 4. statement of purpose in English (pdf);
- 5. draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad in English (pdf);
- any certification attesting language skills (English, Spanish or Portuguese language, according to the destination chose pdf). The certification must be included among those recognized by the University (in this regard, please refer to the following <u>link</u>).

If students do not have any valid English or Spanish language certification, they can prove their skills in these two languages by submitting a certificate of level issued by Centro Linguistico dell'Ateneo di Milano – SLAM: information regarding language assessment tests and enrollment dates can be found <u>here</u>. Test sessions are limited, therefore it is recommended to sign up as soon as possible. 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.

Application deadline

All the documents required must be sent by **31 January 2025** at **12 pm** (Italian localtime), under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Selection procedure

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee composed by Professors Sabrina Lanni, Simone Dossi, Filippo Dornetti and Laura Di Ferrante (substitute member). The committee will interview the applicants on **6 February 2025** at **10 am** via videoconference on the platform Microsoft Teams on invitation by the Commission.

Participation in the interview is mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure.

After completing the interviews, the committee will rank the applicants according to their merit.



For each candidate the overall score will be obtained by summing up 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 15/100);
- 4. study plan proposed (up to 15/100);
- **5.** proficiency in English/Spanish (up to 15/100);
- **6.** interview (up to 15/100)

Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 70/100 will qualify for the exchange program.

Selection results

The final ranking will be published online on the UNIMI website <u>here</u>, by **12 February 2025.** No personal communication will be sent to the applicants.

The positions of winners of the ranking will be automatically confirmed as selected candidates. Any withdrawal must be sent within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this <u>link</u>.

Ufficio Mobilità internazionale e per la Promozione internazionale (The Office) will contact any eligible student who will replace the renouncer in the ranking and will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host Universities for final approval.

All the information necessary for this purpose will be communicated by e-mail. It will be the responsibility of the selected student to carefully check the e-mail address communicated at the time of application: it is recommended to use an address clearly showing name and surname.

Insurance coverage

Exchange students will be covered with UNIMI civil liability insurance and accident insurance exclusively during the performance of their study activities at the Host University. Accordingly, they will personally provide for a general civil liability and accident insurance as well as medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.



Mobility costs

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

Only XJTLU requires an expense to be incurred to cover library use deposit and textbooks (the amount is RMB 300,00 for 1 semester).

Travel and living costs (room and board, local transport, etc.), for the visa and health insurance will be borne by the student, except as indicated below.

Financial aspects

The University of Milan will award a grant according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreterie Studenti.

Students will also be given a travel grant based on the distance between the University and the destination country (a maximum amount per km).

ISEE (€)	Monthly allowance (€)		
	CHINA, KOREA, MEXICO	BRAZIL, JAPAN	Travel grant (€)
Less or equal to 13.000	600	700	
From 13.000 to 21.000	550	650	
From 21.000 to 26.000	500	600	1000
From 26.000 to 30.000 and further	450	550	
from 30.000 to 50.000 and further	350		

Here the awarding criteria:

The amount of the grant corresponds to the actual period of mobility spent abroad. Should it last shorter than that established by the call will result in a partial refund of the grant itself.



Important Notice for International Students

Please note that International students whose household resides and has their income abroad, are not required to submit their ISEE. Therefore, the monthly allowance is not calculated on their ISEE University value but on the predetermined income values linked to the group their country of origin has been assigned to, according to the <u>University's Regulation on Tuition and Fees</u>.

Confidentiality

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 GDPR and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 and ss.mm. ii, with regard to the protection of personal data, the Institution undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the Participant: all data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to participation in the Program. Information on the implementation of legislation on the processing of personal data is available on the <u>University</u> website at: Home> University>Regulations> Privacy.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by: <u>Prof. Simone Dossi</u> and <u>internationalaffairsoffice.dilhps@unimi.it</u>. For information on administrative issues related to the call and to all aspects relating to mobility, students are invited to consult our Guide to the Extra-European Mobility (available <u>here</u>). They may also get in touch with the Office at <u>international.education@unimi.it</u>.

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