SELECTION CALL FOR STUDENT EXCHANGES IN ARGENTINA, CHINA, KOREA, USA

During the academic year 2024-2025

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

- Argentina: Universidad de Buenos Aires- UBA (Buenos Aires)
- China: East China University of Political Science and Law- ECUPL (Shanghai)*
- Korea: Ewha Womans University- EWHA (Seoul)*
- USA: Cornell University Law School (Ithaca, New York State)
- * N.B.: the agreement with this partner, currently expired, is expected to be renewed. Mobility will only be possible upon renewal.

Up to **9** students will be selected to spend a semester abroad: 4 or 5 months, based on the academic calendars of each partner university, approximately from August/September 2024 or from January 2025, as follows:

UBA: 2

ECUPL: 2

EWHA: 2

CORNELL: 3

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 that can be accessed, based on the requirements indicated on the web page of the universities.

Admission requirements

Applicants must be regularly enrolled at least in their third year of the Single Cycle Degree in Law for the current academic year.

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

- applicants weighted cumulative grade point average must be no less than 27/30;
- applicants must prove English or Spanish proficiency (level B2 or higher).

For Cornell University, applicants must prove English proficiency as follows: TOEFL (600 paper-based, 250 computer-based, 100 internet-based) or IELTS (at least 7.0). English language skills will at any rate be tested during the interview.

Mobility requirements

Selected students must be regularly enrolled in the above-mentioned study program for the a.y. 2024-2025.

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 can 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.

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the platform elixForms.



Required documents are the following:

- copy of a valid identity document, possibly a passport if already in the possession of the candidate (pdf);
- CV in European format (pdf);
- transcript of academic career, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page, pdf);
- statement of purpose in English (pdf);
- draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad (pdf); Cornell University requires 12-14 credits per semester;
- except for Cornell University (see the Admission requirements above), any certification
 attesting language skills (English or Spanish, according to the destination). The certification
 must be included among those recognized by the University (in this regard, please refer to the
 following link).

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

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 March, 18th, 2024 at 12 pm (Italian local time), under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Selection procedure

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, composed of:

Professors Antonia Baraggia; Luca Galli; Benedetta Cappiello; alternate member: Angelica Bonfanti. The committee will interview the applicants via videoconference on the platform Microsoft Teams, on March, 22nd, 2024, at 9 am.

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:

- curriculum vitae (up to 20/100);
- academic career (up to 25/100);
- statement of purpose (up to 15/100);
- study plan proposed (up to 5/100);
- proficiency in English or Spanish (up to 20/100);
- interview (up to 15/100).

Only for Cornell University, the partial scores will be the following:

- curriculum vitae (up to 25/100);
- academic career and grades obtained in the exams taken in the Single Cycle Degree in Law (up to 30/100);
- statement of purpose (up to 5/100);
- study plan proposed (up to 10/100);
- proficiency in English (up to 20/100) whether certified through TOEFL or IELTS;
- interview (up to 10/100)

Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 70/100 will qualify for the exchange program. For Cornell University, at least 75/100.



Selection results

The final ranking will be published online on the UNIMI website here, by March, 27th, 2024. 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.

The Office 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. 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.

For information purposes only, below are specified the awarding criteria.

ISEE (€)	Monthly allowance (€)		Travel allowance (€)	
	UBA, ECUPL, EWHA	CORNELL	UBA, ECUPL, EWHA	CORNELL
Less or equal to 13.000	600	700	1000	850
from 13.000 to 21.000	550	650		
from 21.000 to 26.000	500	600		
from 26.000 to 30.000	450	550		
from 30.000 to 50.000 and further	350	350		

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.

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 website</u> at: Home> University> Regulations> Privacy.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator: <u>Prof. Antonia Baraggia</u>.



For information on administrative issues related to the call and to all aspects relating to mobility, students are invited to contact the Office: international.education@unimi.it.

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