

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURE: Diversity and Inclusion

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Starting date of the PhD Programme	01/11/2020
Duration	3 calendar years
Language of the PhD Programme	Curriculum 1: Italian, French, English Curriculum 2: Italian, English and Spanish Curriculum 3: Italian and, at the applicant's choice, French, Japanese, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, German Curriculum 4: Italian and, at the applicant's choice, French, English, Russian, Spanish, German
Mandatory stay abroad	Yes Curriculum 1: 12 months during the three-year course Curricula 2, 3 and 4: 6 months during the three-year course
Curricula	Research topics
1. DESE – European Literatures	In accordance with the Dive-In Excellence project pursued by the Department, the curriculum develops literary research in a supranational dimension in order to train specialists fluent in at least 3 languages who can manage different research typologies, methodologies and cultural contexts in a strong international dimension thanks to agreements and conventions with foreign institutions. The theme for the 36th cycle of the PhD programme is <i>Diversity and Inclusion in Epic Narratives</i> .
2. EDGES - Women's and Gender Studies	In accordance with the Dive-In Excellence project pursued by the Department, the curriculum studies Literature as a place for the production, circulation and consolidation of the culture of gender equality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cultural studies, womens artistic production and the female literary criticism and gender. - The issue of equal opportunities in access to education and knowledge, to the labor market and in career paths. - Discrimination based on religious prejudice and gender, civil rights in synchronic and diachronic perspectives and in different geo-political contexts. - Conflict management and promotion of corporate wellness and diversity management. - Strategies and methodologies of gender and gender policies (gender mainstreaming).
3. World Literature and Postcolonial Studies	In accordance with the Dive-In Excellence project pursued by the Department, the curriculum World Literature will offer theoretical approaches as well as cross-disciplinary and methodological insights in the specific areas of Postcolonial Studies, transmedia studies, border studies, studies on the assets, analysis of New Forms of textuality which are increasingly widespread in contemporary society. Particular attention will be devoted to the functioning of the world publishing market, translation policies, Migratory Phenomena and, more generally, the loosening of that link between language, culture and territory on which for at least two centuries the study of national literatures and the literary field partition were based.
4. LINGMOD - Modern Languages Studies	This curriculum involves teaching and research on modern languages from the perspectives of pragmatics, communication, translation and translation theory, educational linguistics aiming to train specialists in at least two languages in different theories and methodologies. The first obligatory language must be chosen among the following: French, English, Spanish, Russian, German. For the second language, besides those already listed, candidates may choose among the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Finnish, Japanese, Dutch, Persian and Portuguese. In accordance with the Dive-In Excellence project pursued by the Department, the curriculum aims to provide a high level of scientific expertise, as needed to tackle linguistic and cultural diversity, as well as the major social challenges posed by multicultural and multilingual societies. The curriculum prioritizes the study of language and languages in context and in action, especially as concerns their relation with socio-cultural issues pertaining to inclusion in education and institutional communication. Scientific knowledge and methodological expertise are developed and enhanced through a variety of approaches, especially within the scope of the following disciplines: sociolinguistics, pragmatics, discourse analysis, conversation analysis, interactional linguistics, linguistic anthropology, applied linguistics, language acquisition, translation studies and digital humanities.

PhD positions and scholarships

Position n.	Financial support	Description	Curriculum
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	DESE
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	EDGES
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	World Literature
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget, with funds made available under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative	LINGMOD
5	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MIUR under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative	LINGMOD
6	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MIUR under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative	EDGES

Each position is reserved to one of the curricula of the PhD programme. Please note that for each Curriculum a specific sub-ranking list will be drawn up. Positions with a scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the Curriculum selected by applicants during the application stage and indicated on the cover page of the research project proposal.

In the event that the applicant has not indicated the Curriculum for which he/she is running, the Admission Board will assign him/her a Curriculum on the basis of the research project proposal submitted.

PhD positions and possible PhD replacement positions shall be awarded on the exclusive basis of the sub-ranking list relating to the Curriculum for which the applicants are applying.

Admission requirements

Please see art. 2 of the Call for applications

Mandatory documents to be attached to the application

Please see art. 3 of the Call for applications

Further qualifications that may be attached to the application, if in possession of the applicant (only qualifications attested by documents in Italian, English, French, German or Spanish shall be considered as valid and assessed by the Admission Board)

- At least one and no more than 2 reference letters signed by Italian or international academics or professionals in the research field, who do not form part of the Admission Board, attesting the suitability of the applicant and his/her interest for the scientific research.
Please note that the above letters cannot be uploaded by applicants. When filling the online application form on <http://studenti.unibo.it>, applicants will only be allowed to provide the email accounts of the requested academic/professional. The latter shall receive an email from the University of Bologna providing for the instructions for uploading. Only letters in pdf format submitted before the expiry date and time of the Call shall be accepted.
- Multi-annual research project, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements:
 - o It must indicate on the cover page the Curriculum of the PhD Programme covering the research project proposal and for which the applicant is applying (please note that in the absence this specific indication in the application form and/or in the research project proposal, the latter will not be evaluated);
 - o It cannot exceed 20.000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of project, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc - where present).

The research projects that successful applicants shall carry out during their doctoral career may possibly differ from the project proposed at the application stage. This shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board.
- Motivational letter. This must include the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme and those relevant experiences and research interests that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD Programme (3,000 characters maximum, including spaces).
- List of the publications (monographs, articles published on scientific journals, volume chapters).
- List of the minor publications (conference papers, etc.).
- List of the abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc.
- Professional Master courses completed in Italy (1st or 2nd level) relevant to the PhD Programme.
- Postgraduate vocational training programmes/specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme.
- Summary of the thesis defended within the framework of Specialization Schools. The summary cannot exceed 2,000 characters.
- Documentation attesting that the applicant has carried out teaching activity at university level.
- Research activity of any kind - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research projects.

- Work activity.
- Vocational internships
- Curricular and non-curricular training and guidance internships
- Document attesting knowledge of foreign languages
- Study periods completed by students outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes).
- Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc).

Admission exams (art. 4 of the call for applications)

Examination type	Schedule (please note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the exams schedule)	Examination results publication (please note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the publication of results)
Qualifications and research project evaluation <u>Referred to all the Curricula</u>	Non-presential.	The results of the qualifications and research project evaluation shall be available online starting from the 05/06/2020 at page http://studenti.unibo.it (please, select “summary of the requests in progress” - “see detail” and open the pdf file “risultati valutazione titoli e progetto”)
Oral examination <u>Referred to all the Curricula</u>	Date	15/06/2020 If the oral examination cannot be completed in one day due to the large number of applicants, the oral exam schedule shall be made available at the webpage http://studenti.unibo.it together with the results of the qualifications and research project evaluation
	Time	9:00 a.m. (local time)
	Applicants shall take the exam remotely. For further details please refer to the relevant provision laid down in art. 4 of the Call for applications.	

Evaluation criteria

Points will be allocated to applications out of a total of 100 on the basis of the following weighting:

1. Qualifications and research project

- Minimum for admission to the oral exam: 30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Only qualifications relating to the last 5 calendar years prior to the calendar year of publication of the Call for applications shall be taken into consideration, with the exception of the University Degree (Diploma di laurea). Please, note that qualifications must be consistent with the PhD Programme.

Points relating to qualifications shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Graduation final mark. Undergraduates shall be evaluated on the basis of the Weighted Average Mark (WAM): max 10 points
- Publications: max 5 points
- Motivation letter: max 5 points
- Reference letter: max 5 points
- Other qualifications: max 5 points

Points relating to the research project shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific value and ground-breaking value of the proposal: max 10 points;
- Description and structure of the proposal: max 5 points;
- Proposal feasibility: max 5 points

2. Oral examination

- Minimum for admission to the oral exam: 30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Oral examination is intended to assess the suitability of the applicant to pursue scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the Curricula of the PhD Programme. During the oral examination, knowledge of one of the following languages shall be assessed: English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Japanese (chosen by the candidate and according to the indications of the chosen Curriculum). The oral examination is carried out in Italian and in one of the languages, in accord with the indications of the chosen Curriculum.

Points relating to the oral examination shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Knowledge of foreign languages: max 10 points
- Research project presentation: max 10 points
- Scientific skills and knowledge, applicant's suitability to pursue scientific research, knowledge of theoretical and methodological issues connected to the PhD course: max 30 points.

Possible evaluation sub-criteria will be available on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → "PhD programme information" at the bottom of the page in the section "Notices".

Final ranking list and enrolment (arts.6 and 7 of the call for applications)

After the publication of the results of the oral exam, the final ranking list will be available on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → "PhD programme information" at the bottom of the page in the section "Notices".

Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants must enrol on <http://studenti.unibo.it> by the deadline indicated on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → "PhD programme information".