

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Starting date of the PhD Programme		01/11/2020	
Duration		4 calendar years	
Language of the PhD Programme		English	
Mandatory stay abroad		Yes (6 months minimum)	
Research topics			
Curricula		Research topics	
1. Political Science		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political Theory - Authoritarian Regimes - Democratic Regimes - Democratic Transitions - Electoral Politics - Parties and Party Systems - Political Participation - Political Culture - Comparative Political Institutions - EU Institutions and Policies - Public Policy. 	
2. International Studies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Political Economy - International Security - Strategic Studies - War and Politics - Cooperation and Conflict in the International Arena - International Organizations - Technological Innovation and International Relations - Theories of International Relations - Africa - Americas - Asia - Eastern Europe - Balkans. 	
3. Sociology		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sociology - Sociology of Culture; - Communication - Trust and Social Capital - Social Media - Digital Society - Immigration - Crime - Religion and Society - Sociology of Labour. 	
PhD positions and scholarships			
Position n.	Financial support	Description	Positions linked to research subjects
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	

5	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Emotions and politics: research activity in collaboration with the University of Nijmegen
6	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MIUR under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative	One of the following research topics: Geopolitical changes; Challenges to Representative Democracy; Social Change
7	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MIUR under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative	One of the following research topics: Geopolitical changes; Challenges to Representative Democracy; Social Change
8	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the Department of Political and social sciences with funds made available by the project ERC Advanced Grant PREDICT (Prof.ssa Elena Esposito)	Personalized Insurance: How do algorithmic prediction and the availability of individual risk information affect the business model and the social role of insurance?"

Positions linked to specific research subjects: during the oral examination, applicants may express to the Admission board their interest in one or more position linked to specific research subjects. Considering the expressions of interest above, the Admission Board shall express its view on the suitability of the interested applicants, taking into account their specific skills, experience and aptitude.

The positions with scholarship linked to specific research subjects will be awarded on the basis of the eligibility stated by the Admission Board. Should one or more of the abovementioned positions remain vacant, eligible applicants from the general ranking list may be contacted.

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 drawn up in Italian, English, French, German and 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 and international academics and professionals in the research field, which 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 be only 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 in the cover page the Curriculum of the PhD Programme for which the applicant is applying, covering the research project proposal.
 - o It must include:
 - the state of the art;
 - description of the project;
 - expected results.
- 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 (3000 characters maximum, including spaces).
- List of the publications (monographs, articles published on scientific journals, volume chapters).
- List of the minor publications (conference papers, etc.).
- Documents attesting the knowledge of foreign languages
- Study periods completed by students outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes).

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	Non-presential.	The results of the qualifications and research project evaluation shall be available online starting from the 10/06/2020 at the 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	Date	22/06/2020 In case that 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	The results of the oral examination shall be available on the webpage http://studenti.unibo.it starting from 30/06/2020 (please, select “summary of the requests in progress” - “see detail” and open the pdf file “risultati prova orale”)
	Time	9:00am (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:

- Publications: max 2 points
- Reference letters: max 5 points
- Cover letter: max 6 points
- Foreign languages and/or study periods completed by students outside their countries of origin: max 5 points
- Other qualifications: max 2 points
- Research project: max 30 points (max 20 points for the scientific value and the ground-breaking nature of the proposal and max 10 points for the relevance to the PhD programme main research topics)

2. Oral examination

- Minimum for inclusion in the final ranking list :30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Oral examination includes the presentation of the research project and is intended to assess the suitability of the applicant to pursue scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme. The oral examination is carried out in English.

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

- knowledge of the foreign language: max 10 points
- research project presentation: max 30 points
- general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme: max 10 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”.