PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 38TH CYCLE

Sections "Available Positions and Scholarships" and "Admission Exams" integrated on 13/05/2022

PROGRAMME'S NAME	POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DURATION	4 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2022 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	English
MANDATORY STAY ABROAD	6 months
COORDINATOR	Prof. Daniela Giannetti (daniela.giannetti@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	1. Political Science 2. International Studies 3. Sociology
RESEARCH TOPICS	Detailed list at the bottom of the present document
PhD POSITIONS	7
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Positions linked to research topics
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Investigating discourses in sustainability transformations with mixed methods, using content analysis and case studies
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
3	PhD Scholarship	Co-funded by MUR under the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative and by the University of Bologna general budget	Challenges to representative democracy; geo-political changes; social change
4	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MUR under the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	Challenges to representative democracy; geo-political changes; social change
5	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	~~Challenges to representative democracy; geo-political changes; social change~~
6	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
7	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	

Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from **27/06/2022****
Oral examination	**Date**: starting from **04/07/2022 – 9.00 a.m. CEST*** **Place**: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from **11/07/2022****

* In case that the oral examination cannot be completed in one day due to the large number of applicants, the oral examination detailed schedule shall be made available on the webpage Studenti Online together with the results of the qualifications and research proposal evaluation. **During the oral examination, applicants may express their interest in one or more positions linked to specific research topics.**

** The **results of the admission exams** will be available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) (select "summary of the requests in progress" > "see detail" and open the .pdf file at the bottom of the page). **No personal written communication will be sent to applicants concerning the examinations results**.

Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

All the documents listed below **shall be drawn up in English or in Italian**. In case of documents originally issued in any other language (e.g. identity document, qualifications), an official English translation is required.

Only qualifications obtained **during the last 5 calendar years** shall be taken into consideration, except for the University Degree. The Admission Board will assess the relevance of the supporting documents to the PhD Programme.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
Identity document	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)
Curriculum Vitae	No specific CV format is required
Degrees	Documents attesting the awarding of the first and second cycle degrees, the exams taken and the marks obtained (see Art. 3 of the Call for Applications)
Research proposal	The multi-annual research proposal (max 3000 words, not including the references) must meet the following requirements: - it must **mention on the cover page the Curriculum** the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about; - **it must include**: the state of the art; research question; methodology; expected results; - it must include the **Abstract of the second cycle degree thesis (max 1000 words).** Graduands applicants may submit the draft of the thesis.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Reference letter/s	**No more than 2 reference letters** signed by Italian or 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 in the scientific research. Letters shall be uploaded following the procedure detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2)
Personal Statement	The statement shall 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
Publications	Lists of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals), minor publications (conference papers, etc.), abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc.
Other documents	- Documents attesting the applicant's foreign languages proficiency - Periods of study abroad, completed by applicants outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes)

Evaluation criteria*

Scores will be expressed in points out of 100, as follows.

1. **Qualifications and research proposal evaluation**

Minimum score for admission to the oral examination: 30 points, Maximum score: 50 points

Qualifications evaluation	Publications	2 points max
	Reference letter/s	4 points max
	Personal statement	8 points max
	Other evaluable documents	4 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal, consistency with the applicant's previous research experiences (thesis abstract)	20 points max
	Consistency with the PhD programme's main topics	10 points max

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2. Oral examination

Minimum score for eligibility: 30 points, Maximum score 50 points

English language proficiency	10 points max
Research proposal presentation	30 points max
General knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme	10 points max

Oral examination aims to assess the suitability of the applicant for scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme (see the list of research topics at the bottom of the present document). **The oral examination is carried out in English**.

* Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the University website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information", at the bottom of the page in the section "Notices".

Research Topics

Curriculum 1: Political Science
- 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

Curriculum 2: International Studies
- 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

Curriculum 3: Sociology
- Sociology
- Sociology of Culture
- Communication
- Trust and Social Capital
- Social Media
- Digital Society
- Immigration
- Crime
- Religion and Society
- Sociology of Labour

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