



PROFESSIONAL MASTER PROGRAMME SHEET - 2026-2027 A.Y.

Title	COMPARATIVE LEGAL TRADITIONS AND THE RULE OF LAW
Code	6357
Level	II
Director	Caterina Drigo
Registration fee for selection and enrolment fee	Registration fee for selection: € 60.00 non-refundable contribution for administrative services (Article 1 of the call for applications). Enrolment fee: Total contribution in figures: 3.400,00€ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Euro 1800 to be paid by 17.12.2026• Euro 1600 to be paid by 31/03/2027
Subject area	Social, economic, legal
Professional master programme description: objectives/targets	<p>Pursuant to Decree no. 270 of 22 October 2004 of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research, for the academic year 2026-2027, Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna, with Bologna as the administrative seat, will run a II level professional master programme in “Comparative legal traditions and the rule of law”.</p> <p>The professional master programme is activated at the proposal of the Department of Legal Studies.</p> <p>The professional master programme aims to: The master's programme aims to train professionals who are experts in the various existing legal traditions (ranging from the Western context to the Islamic, African, Asian and Latin American contexts) and in how the concept of the rule of law can be applied in different ways in relation to these traditions, with effects in various areas of law, primarily, but not exclusively, in the protection of human rights.</p> <p>The aim of the master's programme is, therefore, to enrich the cultural and technical heritage of the various categories of participants covered in the different fields of knowledge studied, implementing sensitivity and knowledge of legal, historical and philosophical profiles and philosophical aspects of the systemic experiences considered, in order to generate a critical perspective for the renewal of conceptual and doctrinal frameworks, norms and practices, with a view to strengthening mechanisms of inclusion in order to enhance differences that are useful for understanding and managing conflicts.</p> <p>The analysis conducted will be both theoretical and practical (case-based) in order to explore the differences between the various legal traditions as well as the parallels and asymmetries existing between the various experiences</p>



	considered, from a dynamic, interdisciplinary and supranational integration perspective.
Titles required for admission	Master's degrees in Law, Legal Sciences or equivalents; Master's degrees in International Relations or equivalents; Master's degrees in Political Science, or Political Studies or equivalents; Master's degrees in Development cooperation; Master's degrees in Public administration sciences or equivalents; Master's degrees in Philosophy or Philosophical sciences; Master's degrees in History; Master's degrees in Sociology or Social research or equivalent; Master's degrees in Public, business and communication sciences or equivalent; Master's degrees in Communication theories or equivalent; Master's degrees in Social work and social policy or equivalent; Master's degrees in European Studies or equivalent.
Additional compulsory requirements	Candidates should have at least a B2 level of English in order to understand the lessons. In order to demonstrate their language skills, candidates may attach language certificates, provide evidence of previous studies in English or self-certify their level of knowledge.
Course structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Roman legal tradition. Roman foundations of European law</i> - Subject group: GIUR-15/A- ECTS credits: 4 • <i>The common law legal tradition</i> - Subject group: GIUR-16/A- ECTS credits: 4 • <i>The Western legal tradition</i> - Subject group: GIUR-05/A- ECTS credits: 4 • <i>European common constitutional traditions</i> - Subject group: GIUR-10/A- ECTS credits: 2 • <i>Comparative constitutionalism</i> - Subject group: GIUR-11/B- ECTS credits: 2 • <i>Rule of Law, état de droit, Rechtsstaat, Stato di diritto, nomos and ius: diachronic perspective</i> - Subject group: GIUR-05/A- ECTS credits: 4 • <i>Rule of Law: foundations and applications</i> - Subject group: GIUR-17/A- ECTS credits: 2 • <i>Islamic legal traditions</i> - Subject group: GIUR-11/B- ECTS credits: 2 • <i>Chinese law</i> - Subject group: GIUR-11/A - ECTS credits: 2 • <i>Latin-American legal tradition</i> - Subject group: GIUR-05/A- ECTS credits: 3 • <i>African legal traditions</i> - Subject group: GIUR-16/A- ECTS credits 2 • <i>Religiously based legal traditions</i> - Subject group: GIUR-07/A- ECTS credits: 2 • <i>Socialist legal tradition</i> - Subject group: GIUR-05/A- ECTS credits:2 • <i>Comparative constitutional geopolitics</i> - Subject group: GIUR-11/B- ECTS credits: 2 • <i>AI, rule of law and Democracy</i> - Subject group: GIUR-06/A GIUR-10/A - ECTS credits: 3 • <i>Globalization, legal traditions and human rights</i> - Subject group: GSPS-03/A- ECTS credits: 3



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Administrative office	Bologna
Place of teaching	Bologna
Language	English
Duration	Annual
ECTS credits	60
Compulsory attendance	70
Teaching delivery methods	Blended (both in person and remote) For further information please contact: master.ctrl@unibo.it
Available places	Minimum number 12 - maximum number 50
Application deadline (to register for selection)	18.11.2026
Selection method	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Selection based on educational, academic, professional experiences (CV) qualifications- The maximum score that can be awarded is 100 points. The minimum qualifying score is 60 points.- The Evaluation Committee is appointed by the Master's Scientific Committee and its decision is final.- The Director of the Master's programme is responsible for the selection process.- Candidates who, in relation to the number of places available, are ranked in the top 50 places in the ranking list drawn up on the basis of the overall score obtained are admitted to the Master's programme.- In the event of a tied score at the end of the evaluation of qualifications, the younger candidate will be given priority.
Date of ranking list publication and opening of enrolments	3.12.2026 The rankings can be consulted on Studenti Online by entering your username and password
Enrolment period	From 3.12.2026 to 17.12.2026 (23.59)
Alumni Association members	There are 2 reserved places, even in addition to the maximum number. For details on how to apply, please refer to the single call for applications, art. 9
Auditors	NO
Implementing procedures:	Project work: 375 Hours and 15 ECTS credits



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• project work• Final examination	<p>Students may, at their discretion, undertake either a project or an internship, and may suggest national or international companies or institutions with which to sign an internship agreement</p> <p>Final examination: Presentation of a final dissertation on the project work and 2 ECTS credits.</p> <p>For information, please contact the professional master programme Administration Office (master.ctrl@unibo.it).</p>
Start of lessons and information on the calendar of learning activities	27.01.2027, expected commitment 4/5 days per week for some months as per the timetable, which will be published before classes begin.
More information
For administrative information	Contact the Ufficio Master at master@unibo.it Virtual help desk Mondays and Fridays from 9.00 am. to 11.30 am
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