

PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 37TH CYCLE

PROGRAMME'S NAME	POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DURATION	4 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2021
LANGUAGE	English
MANDATORY STAY ABROAD	6 months
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CURRICULA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	
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	Non-state actors engaging in violent conflict and peacebuilding
6	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MUR under the "Departments of Excellence" initiative	Challenges to representative democracy; geo-political changes; social change
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Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 11/06/2021**
Oral examination	Date: starting from 28/06/2021 – 9 am CEST* Place: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 05/07/2021**

* 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 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

(only documents in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish shall be considered as valid and be assessed by the Admission Board)

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)
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Research proposal	Multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it must mention on the first page the Curriculum of the PhD Programme associated to the research proposal; - it must include: state of the art; project's description; expected results.
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 (3000 characters maximum, including spaces).
Reference Letter/s	No more than 2 reference letters signed by Italian and/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 for the scientific research. Letters shall be uploaded following the procedure on Studenti Online , detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2).
Publications	List of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals, volume chapters) and minor publications (conference papers, etc.)
Other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Language proficiency certificates - Periods of study abroad, outside the country of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes) - Other documents attesting the applicant's training and skills

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	5 points max
	Personal statement	6 points max
	Language proficiency certificates and periods of study abroad	5 points max
	Other documents attesting the applicant's training and skills	2 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and innovative nature of the proposal	20 points max
	Relevance to the PhD programme main research topics	10 points max

2. Oral examination

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

English 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”.

Final Ranking List and Enrollment

Considering the expressions of interest above for **topic-related positions**, the Admission Board shall express its view on the suitability of the interested applicants, taking into account their specific skills, experience and aptitude.

Topic-specific positions 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.

After the publication of the results of the oral examination, the **final ranking list** will be available on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme > “More information”, section “Notices” at the bottom of the page.

Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants shall **enroll** on [Studenti Online](#) by the deadline indicated on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme > “More information”.

If a successful applicant withdraws from a position, the following applicant in the ranking list, who is also eligible for the specific position, will be contacted. During the replacement procedure, the new terms of enrollment shall be communicated via e-mail to the chosen applicant.

Research Topics

Curriculum 1 - Political Science	Curriculum 2 - International Studies	Curriculum 3 - Sociology
<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 	<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 	<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