

## PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 38TH CYCLE

Section “Available Positions and Scholarships” and “Admission Exams” integrated on 16/05/2022

Section “Admission Exams” modified on 18/05/2022

PROGRAMME’S NAME	GLOBAL HISTORIES, CULTURES, AND POLITICS
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2022 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
MANDATORY STAY ABROAD	6 months
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CURRICULA	N/A
RESEARCH TOPICS	<a href="#">Detailed list at the bottom of the present document</a>
PHD POSITIONS	5
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

### Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description
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

### Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
<b>Qualifications and research proposal evaluation</b>	Applicants’ participation is not required	Available from <b>15/06/2022**</b>
<b>Oral examination</b>	<b>Date:</b> starting from <b>23/06/2022 – 10.00 a.m. CEST*</b> <b>Place:</b> Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from <b>30/06/2022**</b>

\* 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.

\*\* 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	
<b>Identity document</b>	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)

<b>Curriculum Vitae</b>	No specific CV format is required
<b>Degrees</b>	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)
<b>Research proposal</b>	Multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the <b>activities to be completed during the first-year course</b> . The proposal must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>it cannot exceed 20,000 characters</b>, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of proposal, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables, etc. - if present);</li> <li>- <b>it must include</b>: the state of the art; description of the proposal; expected results; articulation of the proposal and implementation times; references.</li> </ul>
<b>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</b>	
<b>Thesis abstract</b>	Abstract of the <b>second cycle degree thesis</b> . Graduands applicants may submit the draft of the thesis. Abstracts cannot exceed 5,000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of the thesis, the outline, references, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc.
<b>Reference letter/s</b>	<b>No more than 1 reference letter</b> 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)
<b>Personal Statement</b>	The statement shall include the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme and <b>those relevant experiences and research interests</b> , that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD Programme (3000 characters maximum, including spaces).
<b>Publications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full text publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) – <b>max n. 3</b></li> <li>- Full text minor publications (conference papers, etc.) – <b>max n. 2</b></li> </ul>
<b>Other documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Documents attesting the applicant's foreign languages proficiency</li> <li>- Periods of study abroad, completed by applicants outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes)</li> <li>- Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc.)</li> </ul>

## 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

<b>Qualifications evaluation</b>	Second cycle (Master's) degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	3 points max
	Publications and other evaluable documents	2 points max
<b>Research proposal evaluation</b>	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	25 points max
	Structure of the proposal	5 points max
	Proposal feasibility	5 points max
	Consistency with the PhD programme main topics	10 points max

### 2. Oral examination

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

English language proficiency	5 points max
Research proposal presentation	30 points max
General knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme	15 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).

**During the oral examination, the applicant's English language proficiency shall be assessed.**

The oral examination is carried out in Italian or 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

The PhD programme is characterized by a global and interdisciplinary approach to the analysis of historical and social processes. The “global” is not merely understood as a wider geographical scale, but rather as an epistemic device leading the study of the present and the past. “Globalization” is therefore not taken as something given but as a set of processes, whose variable combination is necessarily the effect of the action of specific political, social, and economic forces that attract investigation through the interaction of multiple disciplinary approaches.

Historiography, touching upon topics transversal to different ages such as political, economic, social, and religious history, history of ideas, institutions, settlements, gender history, meets area and oriental studies to grasp the polycentric of global spaces traversed by transnational flows of people, ideas, and commodities. Intellectual and conceptual history, pursued in a non-Eurocentric perspective and attentive to theoretical traditions that have remained marginal in political, social, and cultural studies, allows an analysis of the prospects and limits of Western grand narratives. Anthropology, through a peculiar ethnographic sensitivity, demonstrates how phenomena with a global scope inscribe onto the concreteness of social actors’ experience. Political philosophy, understood as critical theory and entering constant dialogues with such approaches as cultural, postcolonial, and gender studies, provides the conceptual and analytical framework that is needed for the production of a global political theory. Geography provides the language and the methods that allow grasping and representing the multiple spatial and territorial frame within which the investigated processes develop – with a specific focus on “trans-scalarity”.