CLASSICAL, MODERN, COMPARATIVE AND POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURES

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Duration
3 years

Academic year
2013/2014

Course start date
01/01/2014

Course held in
Italian, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese

Struttura Proponente
Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Partner Institutions
Lubiana - Dept. of English
Paris 1 Sorbonne - UFR 09- Histoire (Sottodipartimento : Institut d'histoire de la Révolution française)
Universitat de Barcelona - Facultad de Bellas Artes
Paris Ouest La Défense - Ecole Doctorale Etudes Romanes
Università di Coimbra - Centro de Estudos Sociais
Universidade Estadual de Campinas (UNICAMP) nello stato di São Paulo - DTL (Departamento de Teoria da Literatura)
Universidade de Sao Paolo - Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciencias Humanas
Università di Nottingham - School of Modern Languages and Cultures
Paris 10 CRILUS - Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires sur le monde Lusophone Ecole Doctorale Lettres, Langues, Spectacles

Curricula
- Comparative Literature and Literary Theory (to be held in Bologna)
- American and Postcolonial Literatures and Cultures (Anglophone and Francophone Literatures; North and South American Literatures in English, Spanish and Portuguese; African and Caribbean literatures in English, Spanish and Portuguese) (to be held in Bologna)
- Modern European Literatures (French, Spanish, Portuguese, English, Belgian literatures) (to be held in Bologna)
- Comparative Literature and Literary Criticism (to be held in L’Aquila)
- Classic and Medieval Literatures (to be held in L’Aquila)
- Euro-American Literatures (Italian, Spanish, German, English, Anglo-American literatures) (to be held in L’Aquila)

Requirements and admission procedures

Requirements
An Italian university degree (laurea specialistica/ magistrale - 3+2 years) or pre-reform degree (vocatio ordinamento - 4 years) or an equivalent degree obtained abroad. Also applicants whose degree will be awarded no later than December 31, 2013 can participate in the selection procedures.

Admission procedures
Written Examination of qualifications
Oral examination

Notes on admission
The written examination and the oral examination can be held only in presence of the applicant. No oral examination via Skype/webcam is allowed.

Mandatory documents to be enclosed with the online application (failure to comply with such requirements will result in the exclusion from the competition)

1. CV
2. copy of Bachelor’s and Master’s degree, list of exams taken with grades and final mark (in Italian or English)
3. only for those who do not hold a Master’s degree when submitting the application: copy of the exams taken with grades obtained abroad. Also applicants whose degree will be awarded no later than December 31, 2013 can participate in the selection procedures.

For documents listed at points 2. and 3., please note that:
- for degrees obtained in Italian Universities: upload a SIGNED self-declaration;
- for degrees obtained in non-EU Countries: upload the degree certificate issued by the relevant University;
- for degrees obtained in EU countries (except Italy): you can either upload a SIGNED self-declaration or the degree certificate issued by the relevant University, translated in Italian or English;
- all documents must contain the following information: personal data, name of the University, degree name, final score, transcript (see art. 2 of the call).

4. research project that the applicant would conduct during the PhD programme focusing on one of the PhD Programme’s curricula (max length: 3 pages, 10.000 characters, including spaces). Such a project will not necessarily be the subject of the successful applicant’s doctoral studies
5. abstract of the graduation thesis (max 3.000 characters); for graduands: abstract of the graduation thesis’ draft approved by the Supervisor

Other documents to be enclosed, if available
- Publications already published at the time of application (maximum 2; publications in progress will not be evaluated by the Admission Board)
- research project that the applicant would conduct during the PhD programme focusing on one of the PhD Programme’s curricula (max length: 3 pages, 10.000 characters, including spaces). Such a project will not necessarily be the subject of the successful applicant’s doctoral studies
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Assessment criteria

Total score: 100/100

1. Written examination
   - minimum score required for the admission to the evaluation of qualifications and research project and to the oral exam: 30
   - maximum score: 50
   The aim of written exam is to test the applicant’s basic and technical knowledge by conducting an exam that will assess:
   - deep knowledge of at least one of the research topics of the PhD Programme;
   - knowledge of the main methodologies in the field of literary and cultural studies.
   The results of written examination will be posted at the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures and will be published on the website [http://studenti.unibo.it](http://studenti.unibo.it) by 30/09/2013, accessible through username and password of the University of Bologna provided at first registration (by selecting: sintesi delle richieste in corso → vedi dettaglio → risultati prova).

2. Evaluation of qualifications
   - maximum score: 20
   The evaluation of qualifications and research project will be carried out only for those who have obtained the minimum score in the written exam.
   Score is assigned as follows:
   - Evaluation of the degree mark (for applicants who have a university degree at the time of submission of the application) or evaluation of the university exams taken with grades (for applicants who still not have a university degree at the time of submission of the application): max 7 points;
   - Graduation tesi (or draft of the graduation tesi approved by the Supervisor): max 5 points;
   - Publications: max 3 points;
   - Other qualifications: max 5 points.

3. Oral examination
   - maximum score: 30
   During the oral examination the applicant will be asked to introduce and discuss her/his research project, and to demonstrate her/his attitude to scientific research. S/he must show a general knowledge of her/his field of specialisation and an up-to-date knowledge of the related critical debate. For this reason, the applicant must indicate on her/his application the curriculum she/he wants to follow, taking into account the University where it is held (see above, “Curricula”). The University where winners who choose curricula 1 or 4 will carry on their activity will be decided by the PhD Board of Professors after the publication of the definitive rankings.
   Only those obtaining a total mark (written examination + evaluation of qualifications + oral examination) equal to or greater than 60/100 will be listed in the final ranking.
   The results of the evaluation of qualifications and of the oral examination will be posted by 03/10/2013 at the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures and will be published on the website [http://studenti.unibo.it](http://studenti.unibo.it), accessible through username and password of the University of Bologna provided at first registration (by selecting: sintesi delle richieste in corso → vedi dettaglio → risultati prova).
   Applicants will not be informed about the outcome of the selection procedures.
   The final ranking will be published on the website [http://studenti.unibo.it](http://studenti.unibo.it). Information regarding the publication of the final ranking will be available on [www.unibo.it/Dottorati/Bandi29](http://www.unibo.it/Dottorati/Bandi29).

Language requirements

During the oral examination, the knowledge of a foreign language, at the candidates’ choice, will be assessed. Both the written and the oral examination can be held in Italian or English.
For foreign applicants the knowledge of Italian is requested.

Positions and scholarships

Total number of positions: 9 of which:
- 3 positions with scholarship granted by University of Bologna (one scholarship is made available with funds partly provided by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures)
- 3 positions granted by University of Aquila
- 3 positions without scholarship
Extra-quota positions: 3

Half of the beneficiaries of the scholarships will carry out the activities related to the PhD Programme in Bologna; the other half will carry out the activities related to the PhD Programme in L’Aquila. The positions without scholarship will be assigned according to the applicants’ preferences.

Notice: the PhD Programme in Classical, Modern, Comparative and Postcolonial Literatures has been activated in partnership between the University of Bologna and the University of L’Aquila, according to D.M. n. 45/2013.