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Website
www.sssub.unibo.it

Duration
3 years

Academic year
2013/2014

Programme start date
01/01/2014

Programme held in
Italian, English, French

Main department
Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies

Associated Unibo Structure
Advanced School of Humanistic Studies (SSSUB)

Research topics
- Semiotic Theory
- Cultural Semiotics
- Textual Semiotics
- Visual Semiotics

Requirements and Admission procedures

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<td>An Italian university degree (laurea specialistica/magistrale - 3+2 years) or</td>
<td>Written Examination Evaluation of qualifications and research project Oral exam</td>
<td>For applicants residing abroad, the oral examination can be done remotely through</td>
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<td>pre-reform degree (vecchio ordinamento - 4 years) or an equivalent degree</td>
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<td>obtained abroad. Also applicants whose degree will be awarded no later than</td>
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<td>this case, at the time of application for admission, applicants should indicate the</td>
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<td>December 31, 2013 can participate to the selection procedures.</td>
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<td>choice of this mode for the oral examination and indicate a valid address/contact.</td>
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<td>The request must be authorized by the Admission Board upon verification of the</td>
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<td>conditions needed to ensure the proper conduct of the test (including check of the</td>
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<td>the-mail address <a href="mailto:annamaria.lorusso@unibo.it">annamaria.lorusso@unibo.it</a> and agree a timetable to carry out the</td>
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<td>oral examination, on days specified for the oral examination. The applicant must</td>
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<td>ensure his/her availability to the address indicated in the application beginning</td>
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<td>at the agreed hour and for the next 2 hours. In case the applicant is not found</td>
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<td>for 2 times by members of the Admission Board, he/she will be considered as</td>
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<td>definitely not registered to the oral examination.</td>
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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

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 research topics of the PhD Programme (maximum length: 20,000 characters; for details, see the website of the PhD Programme).
5. abstract of graduation thesis (maximum length: 5,000 characters); for graduands: abstract of the graduation thesis' draft approved by the Supervisor.
6. up to 2 reference letters (to be sent through the procedure available at this URL http://studenti.unibo.it)

Other documents to be enclosed, if available
- publications
- any other relevant document (scholarships, awards, attendance of courses and Master, participation to Erasmus or other exchange programs, etc.)

Agenda

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<td>Written examination</td>
<td>02/10/2013</td>
<td>Laboratorio Grande, Via Zamboni 36 - Bologna</td>
<td>3 p.m.</td>
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<td>Evaluation of qualifications and</td>
<td>04/11/2013</td>
<td>Applicant presence not requested</td>
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<td>Oral examination</td>
<td>11/11/2013</td>
<td>Scuola Superiore di Studi Umanistici (SSSUB) - Via Marsala 26 - Bologna</td>
<td>10 a.m.</td>
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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 examination: 30
- maximum score: 50
The aim of written examination is to test the applicant’s basic and technical knowledge by conducting a textual analysis or the study of a theoretical problem.

**2. Evaluation of qualifications and research project**
- 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 examination.
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 2 points
- Graduation thesis: max 5 points
- Research project: max 10 points
- Publications: max 3 points

**3. Oral examination**
- maximum score: 30
The oral examination will assess the applicant’s aptitude for scientific research, as well as her/his general knowledge about one of the following topics:
- General Semiotic Theory
- Cultural Semiotics
- Methodologies of Textual Analysis
- History of Semiotics

Only those obtaining a total mark (written examination + evaluation of qualifications and research project + oral examination) equal to or higher than 60/100 will be listed in the final ranking.

The results of the admission procedures will be posted on the bulletin board of the Department where the examination took place 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 prova2).
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 applicant’s knowledge of one of the following languages will be tested, depending on his/her choice: English or French.

The oral examination will be held either in English or Italian, depending on the applicant’s choice.

For foreign applicants the knowledge of Italian is mandatory.

### Positions and scholarships

**Total number of positions:** 6, of which:
- **3 positions with scholarship granted by University of Bologna** (one scholarship is made available with funds provided in part by the Advanced School of Humanistic Studies - SSSUB; another scholarship is made available with funds fully provided by the Advanced School of Humanistic Studies - SSSUB)
- **3 positions without scholarship**

**Extra-quota positions:** none