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WHAT IS THE STUDY PROGRAMME REPORT?

What is the Study Programme Report?

The Study Programme Report provides updated information which is important for the purposes of Quality Assurance and is published annually by the University of Bologna.

The main aspects of the teaching programme are described in detail, with a view to assuring the principle of transparency and promoting self-assessment and continuous improvement processes.

The document provides a concrete overview of the features and results of the Study Programme for students, families, employers and so on.

For example, regarding the current issue of employment, it describes the learning outcomes and career opportunities; it also includes statistics on the percentage of employed graduates (D.4. Employment situation).

The document is organised into five sections and a glossary:

A. Presentation and prospects

Key information on the Study Programme, including the expected learning outcomes, career opportunities and further studies.

B. Teaching and Learning

The updated course structure diagram with the full titles and listings of the course units and the latest published lecture timetable.

C. Resources and services

The list of teaching staff and their relative curricula, the offices (secretariats), services (work placements) and infrastructures (libraries, laboratories) available to students.

D. The Study Programme in Figures

Key data shows how many students are enrolled, how many have been assigned additional learning requirements, how many drop out after the first year, how many graduate in line with the programme schedule, the opinions of attending and graduating students on the teaching programmes and information concerning graduate employment.

E. Find out more: the quality of your Study Programme

How the quality system applied to your Study Programme works. The quality system of your Study Programme is a set of processes and responsibilities adopted to guarantee the quality of all Study Programmes at the University of Bologna.

NOTES:

- Reports are available for all Study Programmes for which it is possible to enrol in the first year in academic year 2012/2013: the information and data provided is as updated as possible.
- Sections A, B and C provide data for the academic year 2012/2013.
- Section D presents data regarding the Study Programmes in the last three academic years.
- The information and data were taken from the University databases and the reports published by the [Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna](#) and [AlmaLaurea](#), and are updated to **15 June 2012**.

A. PRESENTATION AND PROSPECTS

This section presents the key information concerning the Study Programme, including the expected learning outcomes, career opportunities and further studies, updated to the academic year 2013/2014.

A.1. PRESENTATION

This paragraph provides information on the specific learning outcomes of the Study Programme and the curriculum.

2nd cycle degree programme in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy aims to provide students with a solid cultural and professional background to operate in highly qualified areas of the electronic engineering and telecommunications, with applications aiming at the efficient use of energy and environmental resources, including electronic energy generation systems and devices as well as telecommunications networks and sensors for environmental monitoring.

2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy have a strong cultural and professional background in functional, construction, management and economic fields:

- in the specific subjects of the class;
- in the innovative design of electronic devices and components;
- in telecommunications equipment, systems and networks;
- in telecommunications equipment, systems and networks;
- in ICT technologies for the generation and efficient use of energy;
- in ICT technologies for environmental monitoring and control.

2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy aims specifically to produce professional figures able to occupy positions of responsibility in design, management, coordination and development of industrial and/or research activities in public and private boards and companies, as well as the highly professional activities within the freelance field. Career opportunities are available in companies working specifically in the electronics and telecommunications fields, the application of ICT technologies to energy efficiency and the environment, as well as other industrial areas and companies delivering services with a high technology content.

The computing and electronic equipment available for use in the university laboratories, which is being further enhanced, allow for the study of fields of application. Work placements may also be carried out in collaboration with public and private bodies and companies operating in the territory.

The Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy degree programme aims specifically to produce professional graduates with a solid background and the flexibility deriving from the technical and scientific knowledge acquired during the programme, which can be successfully put to use in the world of work or can be further developed by continuing studies to 2nd cycle Master's Degree level or PhD programmes in Electronic Engineering and Telecommunications and, more generally, in Information Engineering.

Having passed the state examination, in compliance with the applicable regulations, graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy may exercise the private profession (feasibility studies, design, technical arbitration, technical expert for parties and on behalf of the courts, etc.), also dealing with complex issues which require great skill.

A.2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This paragraph provides information on the knowledge required for admission to the Study Programme.

This information is not available in English at this time.

A.3. LEARNING OUTCOMES

This paragraph provides information on the knowledge and skills students will have acquired by the end of the Programme.

Knowledge and understanding.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING FIELD

2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy:

- have in-depth knowledge of modelling, design, optimisation, control and analysis of electronic and micro-electronic technologies.
- have in-depth knowledge of modelling in electromagnetic propagation and the design of radio frequency circuits.
- have in-depth knowledge of the physical mechanisms and energy aspects of electronic devices for energy generation through photovoltaic systems, piezoelectric and electromagnetic energy harvesting.
- are familiar with the methods and tools for solving optimization problems and making important decisions for the design and management of energy production and distribution systems and networks.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING FIELD

2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy:

- have in-depth knowledge of the methodological and operational aspects of information theory, telecommunications networks and multimedia signal processing;
- have in-depth knowledge of the architectures and design methodologies of wireless systems, the Internet, Internet applications and services.
- have in-depth knowledge of the advanced aspects of the design of sensor networks for environmental monitoring and energy optimisation.

The above knowledge and understanding are achieved through learning activities organised in the course curricula within the disciplinary field of "Electronic Engineering".

The teaching methods include participation in lectures, exercises and seminars, guided self-study and autonomous study.

The described learning outcomes are assessed mainly through tests, written and oral exams for which a score is given, exams and laboratory tests for which a pass or fail score is given.

Applying knowledge and understanding: ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING FIELD

2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy:

- Are able to apply knowledge of basic energy production phenomena using electronic devices including semiconductor devices for photovoltaic conversion and extraction from electromagnetic radiation;
- Are able to design electronic devices, communication circuits and systems for energy and environmental efficiency using conventional and non-conventional computer simulation and analysis methods and measuring instruments;
- Can manage advanced ICT systems for energy efficiency and environmental monitoring, with particular reference to the electronic design of sensors;
- Are able to design integrated radio frequency and microwave circuits using conventional and non-conventional computer simulation and analysis methods and measuring instruments.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING FIELD

2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy:

- Are able to apply electronic technologies, devices and infrastructure for the acquisition, processing, transmission and use of signals in civil, industrial and information environments;
- Are able to apply knowledge of the basic phenomena of free and guided propagation of electromagnetic waves, radio signal emission and reception to the design of telecommunication systems;
- Are able to manage advanced wireless transmission systems with particular reference to the choice of transmission techniques, problems of spatial coverage, the coexistence of wireless systems and the use of the radio spectrum within international standards;
- Are able to design, size and manage architectures, protocols and apparatus in modern telecommunications networks, with specific reference to TCP/IP networks and the Internet;
- Are able to work operatively with the modern problems of service integration and management of network security

They will be able to create simulations in laboratory conditions or develop prototypes of ICT equipment and systems for sustainable development in particular for energy and the environment, assessing performance with appropriately designed experimental set-ups.

The achievement of the ability to apply the above knowledge and understanding will be accomplished through the critical study of texts proposed for self-study, stimulated by classroom activities, the research of case studies and applications presented by the professors, practical laboratory work, bibliographic research and field work, the execution of projects required as part of the course units in the core and supplementary subjects, as well as through the preparation of the final examination.

The tests, written and oral exams, reports, practical work and problem solving activities imply the execution of specific tasks which aim to demonstrate the student's command of tools, methods and critical autonomy.

Making judgements: 2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy:

- Can identify, formulate and solve problems linked to the design and production of company products, also where relative to innovative articles by company standards;
- Are able to follow even innovative and complex products throughout the production process, managing also functional and economic aspects;
- Monitor the reliability, compatibility and quality of production and processes, and at the same time, assures innovation and positioning in the most advanced product markets;
- Are able to analyse and manage complex manufacturing systems, competently selecting the devices and instruments, assessing costs and introducing appropriate innovation in processes, equipment and industrial production systems.

Judgement skills are developed in particular through guided practical exercises, supervised seminars and the preparation of papers as part of the activities assigned by the supervising professor in preparation of the final dissertation.

The acquisition of judgement skills is assessed through the evaluation of the maturity demonstrated by students during exams and during the activities assigned in preparation of the final examination.

Communication skills: 2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy:

- Are able to effectively communicate orally and in writing both in Italian and English;

- Are able to work and participate in working groups also acting as manager or coordinator; they will therefore be able to interact with subjects and professions other than their own;
- Are able to manage design groups, identifying the best solutions for product realisation;
- Can skilfully participate in customer negotiations, together with sales staff, suggesting improvements and adaptations, taking autonomous initiatives and competently interpreting the needs of the purchaser in order to transform them into appropriate design specifications.

Graduates will master the English language to level B2. Study may include both the acquisition of the four linguistic skills (reading, writing, listening and dialogue) and compulsory attendance of lessons, in line with the criteria specified by the study programme coherently with the instructions of the Academic Bodies.

These communication skills are also acquired through the preparation and presentation of the final examination.

Learning skills: 2nd cycle graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy:

- Are able to keep abreast of the developments in methods, techniques and instruments in the field of electronic engineering and telecommunications, autonomously researching or following training courses in order to acquire additional skills;
- Are able to continue studies to a high level of autonomy (e.g. 2nd level Professional Master's degree) and/or in the field of research or other academic activities.

These learning skills are achieved through learning activities in the subject areas laid down in the degree programme and in particular the activities carried out partly in an autonomous manner. The specific teaching methodologies used include tutorials.

Assessment of the achievement of the learning skills shall be through the various exams organised throughout the programme.

A.4. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This paragraph provides information on the occupational profile, functions and fields of employment available to graduates of this Programme.

Graduates may fill the following professional roles and relative functions in the listed fields of employment:

Electronics and Telecommunications Engineers

Career opportunities:

- electronic systems and equipment production industries;
- telecommunications networks, systems and equipment production industries;
- public and private telecommunications service managers;
- energy production, conversion and management bodies and companies;
- sensor production and environmental monitoring industries;
- systems production and installation industries;
- automation and robotics industries;
- packaging industries;
- certification bodies;
- industries for the design and development of products with a high technological content;
- multi-purpose authorities for energy management and the supply of primary services to private subjects and large businesses;
- food and pharmaceutical packaging and preservation industries;
- industries for the development of auxiliary software for electric and heliocentric design for reverse engineering and virtual simulation generally;
- industries producing test machinery and measuring instruments for research and mass production;
- machine tool production industries.

Functions:

The specific engineering and technical background offers graduates in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering for Energy access to a wide range of occupations, in both industrial production and personal and business services:

- Highly qualified Expert and/or Manager of the innovative design, modelling and advanced simulation of electronic devices, equipment and systems;
- Highly qualified Expert and/or Manager of the design, planning and management of modern ICT technologies for energy efficiency and the environment
- Highly qualified Expert and/or Manager of design, planning and management of modern communication systems;
- Highly qualified Expert and/or Manager of design, planning, administration and management of network infrastructures and telecommunications services;
- Highly qualified Expert and/or Manager of product engineering processes;
- Highly qualified Expert and/or Manager of innovative technological processes and production systems.

Main competences:

- Ability to work in research, design and development environments, tackling the new frontiers of technology, not only using advanced components and methodologies but developing new ones for innovative applications or to improve cost effectiveness
- Ability to combine knowledge from different engineering fields: computing, electronics and telecommunications
- Ability to manage complex projects pushing performance to the limits of technological feasibility, developing new components and subsystems and using innovative methods and procedures.

A.5. OPINION OF SOCIAL PARTNERS AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

This paragraph describes the outcome of the consultation with the representative employment and trade organisations.

On 25/09/2012, a meeting was held at the CRC Foundation of the representatives of the Cassa di Risparmio Foundation, delegates from the Municipality of Cesena and the University of Bologna, to discuss the new name of the programme, the career opportunities, learning needs and outcomes described in a preliminary draft. The coordinator presented the general framework of learning activities in all subject areas and particularly the core areas of the programme, as well as the features of the final examination leading to graduation. The Participants agreed with the Degree Programme Coordinator on the general structure and new name of the programme, recognising its ability to meet the skills needs expressed by local businesses and the national and international job market in the green economy and environmental monitoring sector.

A.6. FURTHER STUDIES

It gives access to third cycle studies (Dottorato di ricerca/Scuole di specializzazione) and master universitario di secondo livello.

B. TEACHING AND LEARNING

This section describes the updated course structure diagram (for academic year 2013/2014), with the full titles and listings of the course units and the latest published lecture timetable.

B.1. COURSE STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

The link takes you to the Study Programme course structure diagrams. You can also access to each course unit content.

- [Study plan: all course units in the programme](#)

B.2. CALENDAR AND LECTURE TIMETABLE

The links take you to the teaching calendar (exam session and final examination session) and the lecture timetable (in Italian).

- [Lecture timetable](#)
- [Exam sessions](#)
- [Final examination sessions](#)

C. RESOURCES AND SERVICES

This section provides a list of teaching staff and their relative curricula and and description of the services available to students for the academic year 2013/2014.

C.1. TEACHERS

The paragraph lists the lecturers who teach in the Study Programme: from here you can access the personal web pages of each one (in Italian). Information updated to 28 May 2013 (in Italian).

Permanent teaching staff:

Baldacci, Roberto	Dardari, Davide	Masotti, Diego	Romani, Aldo
Callegari, Sergio	Degli Esposti, Vittorio	Mastri, Franco	Sangiorgi, Enrico
Callegati, Franco	Falciasacca, Gabriele	Morigi, Serena	Speciale, Nicolò Attilio
Cerroni, Walter	Fiegna, Claudio	Munari, Andrea	Tartagni, Marco
Chiani, Marco	Giorgetti, Andrea	Naldi, Roberto	Vanelli Coralli, Alessandro
Cicognani, Massimo	Grandi, Gabriele	Paolini, Enrico	Vigo, Daniele

C.2. STUDENT SERVICES: OFFICES

C.2.1. FUTURE STUDENTS

The link take you to the webpage which provides specific information about the offices and the services for the future students (in italian).

- [Future students](#)

C.2.2. ENROLLED STUDENTS

The link take you to the webpage which provides specific information about the offices and the services for the enrolled students (in italian).

- [Enrolled students](#)

C.2.3. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The links take you to the reference Work Placement and International Relations office for the Study Programme, where available.

- [International students](#)

C.2.4. GRADUATES

- [Graduates](#)

D. THE STUDY PROGRAMME IN FIGURES

Information on students' starting their university careers, how many students are in line with the regular programme, opinions of students and graduates on the teaching programmes and information concerning graduate employment.

This section provides the data of the last academic years for the Study Programme (SP) and a comparison with similar Study Programmes. The University of Bologna has divided its Study Programmes into four groups:

- **BIOMEDICAL** group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Pharmacy, Biotechnology and Sport Science; Medicine; Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine
- **SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL** group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Engineering and Architecture; Sciences
- **SOCIAL SCIENCES** group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Economics, Management, and Statistics; Law, Political Sciences
- **HUMANITIES** group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Heritage; Foreign Languages and Literatures, Interpreting and Translation; Psychology and Education

The section presents the results of the Study Programme for the last three academic years.

Main data shows how many students enrolled, the number of students assigned OEA, how many drop out after the first year, how many graduate in line with the programme schedule, the opinions of attending and graduating students on the teaching programmes and information concerning graduate employment.

The information and data presented in this section, updated to 28 May 2013, were taken from University databases and [AlmaLaurea](#).

Study Programmes may be subject to degree programme system modifications from one academic year to the next, and the data provided in this section may refer to a programme with a slightly different system to the one currently running (such as programme title, course structure diagram and list of lecturers). However, indicatively the data presents the general trend of the Study Programme over the past three years.

Most of the Study Programmes running at the University of Bologna have been reformed in compliance with DM 270/04, most of them from the academic year 2008/2009. For this reason for the previous academic years for some information, as opinion of the graduates and employment situation, are provided in the reports of those Programmes, on the paragraph D.5. refers to the Study Programmes as they were presented prior to the reform.

D.1. STUDENTS STARTING THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS

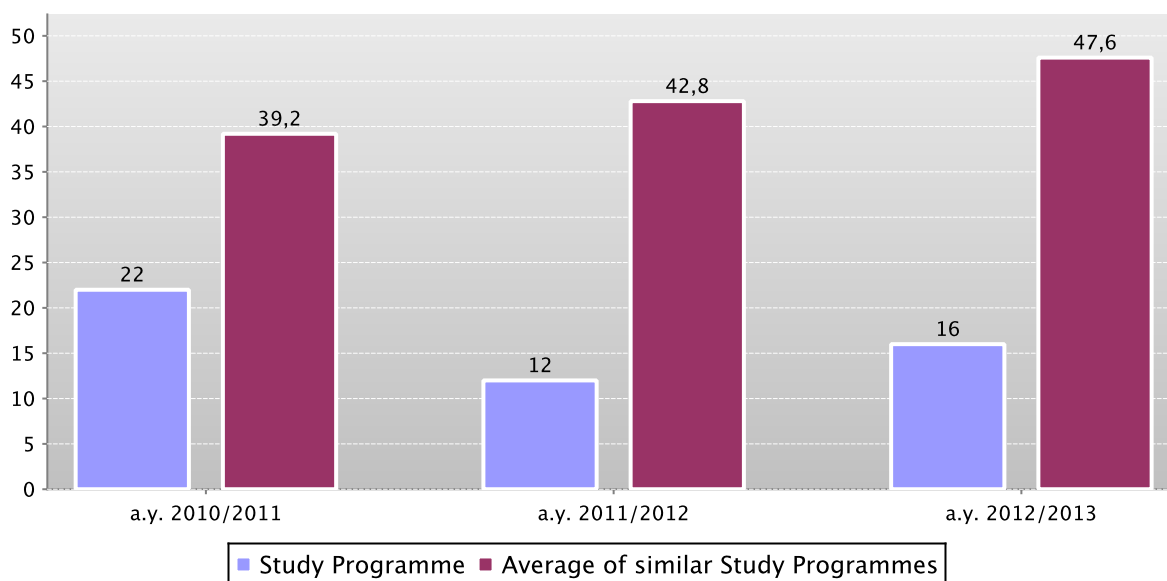
Characteristics of incoming students at the beginning of their study. Tables and graphs provide information on number of enrolled students (*new careers*), focusing on the characteristics of students and results of any entrance tests.

D.1.1. ENROLMENTS

The **graph** and the **table** show the number of **new careers** of the Study Programme compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes** (which belong to the same group), for the indicated academic years.

New careers

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering for Sustainable Development (code 8199)



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	a.y. 2010/2011		a.y. 2011/2012		a.y. 2012/2013	
	New careers	Total N. enrolled students	New careers	Total N. enrolled students	New careers	Total N. enrolled students
Study Programme	22	42	12	43	16	39
Average of similar Study Programmes	39,2	60,4	42,8	62,9	47,6	62,6

D.1.2. ADDITIONAL DATA ON STUDENTS' STARTING THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS

D.1.2.1. CANDIDATES REGISTERED FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM

In academic year 2012/2013 access to this Study Programme was not restricted.

D.1.2.2. INCOMING STUDENTS

Geographic origin, type of 1st cycle degree, age and gender of students.

The data shows a homogeneous group of students (**cohort**) which started together their academic career.

Students which have **passed** to an other Study Programme, **transferred** from an other university, or registered to a 2nd degree are not included.

The **tables** show the number, geographic origin, gender, age, type and grade of 1st cycle degree of students enrolling in the degree programme.

The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group), for the indicated academic years.

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering for Sustainable Development (code 8199)

		New careers	Geographic origin					Gender		Average age of new career students		
			Students coming from the province of the Study Programme site	Students coming from other provinces where Unibo has a site	Students coming from other provinces of Emilia Romagna region	Students coming from other Italian regions	Students coming from abroad	M	F	22 or less	23 - 24	25 or more
Students 2010/2011	Study Programme	22	63,6%	31,8%		4,5%		95,5%	4,5%	40,9%	54,5%	4,5%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	39,2	26,0%	19,0%	8,2%	42,6%	4,3%	70,2%	29,8%	36,7%	42,3%	21,0%
Students 2011/2012	Study Programme	12	58,3%	8,3%		25,0%	8,3%	66,7%	33,3%	25,0%	50,0%	25,0%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	42,8	25,6%	18,3%	8,1%	44,8%	3,2%	66,3%	33,7%	31,2%	46,7%	22,2%
Students 2012/2013	Study Programme	16	43,8%	31,3%		18,8%	6,3%	93,8%	6,3%	31,3%	43,8%	25,0%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	47,6	27,9%	18,2%	6,2%	43,2%	4,6%	68,2%	31,8%	32,0%	44,7%	23,3%

		First Cycle Degree: University of previous studies				First Cycle Degree: more frequent class		First Cycle Degree: grade					
		University of Bologna	Other Italian Universities	Foreign University	Other not defined	Class code and name	% of students	First Cycle Degree grade between 66 and 90	First Cycle Degree grade between 91 and 100	First Cycle Degree grade between 101 and 105	First Cycle Degree grade between 106 and 110	First Cycle Degree grade 110 and honors	First Cycle Degree grade not available
Students 2010/2011	Study Programme	100,0%				9 INGEGNERIA DELL'INFORMAZION	100,0%	13,6%	50,0%	4,5%	22,7%	9,1%	
	Average of similar Study Programmes	75,1%	17,9%	0,6%	6,4%	10 INGEGNERIA INDUSTRIALE	25,3%	16,3%	31,8%	16,8%	14,2%	14,5%	6,4%
Students 2011/2012	Study Programme	75,0%	8,3%		16,7%	9 INGEGNERIA DELL'INFORMAZION	50,0%	25,0%	33,3%	8,3%	8,3%	8,3%	16,7%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	71,3%	21,4%	0,4%	6,9%	10 INGEGNERIA INDUSTRIALE	15,9%	15,3%	34,0%	17,7%	13,6%	12,5%	6,8%
Students 2012/2013	Study Programme	93,8%	6,3%			L-8 INGEGNERIA DELL'INFORMAZION	56,3%	31,3%	12,5%	12,5%	31,3%	12,5%	
	Average of similar Study Programmes	67,6%	15,8%	0,4%	16,3%	L-9 INGEGNERIA INDUSTRIALE	21,0%	16,4%	33,9%	12,8%	11,1%	9,5%	16,3%

D.2. REGULARITY OF STUDIES

Insight into the regularity with which the students pass their exams. The graphs and the tables provide information on the number of students who leave the programme between the first and second year and the number of regular graduates, focusing on the number of credits obtained at the end of the first year, on the exams passed and average grade achieved for each course unit.

D.2.1. STUDENTS LEAVING THE PROGRAMME BETWEEN YEARS 1 AND 2

Here the number of students leaving the Study Programme is shown.

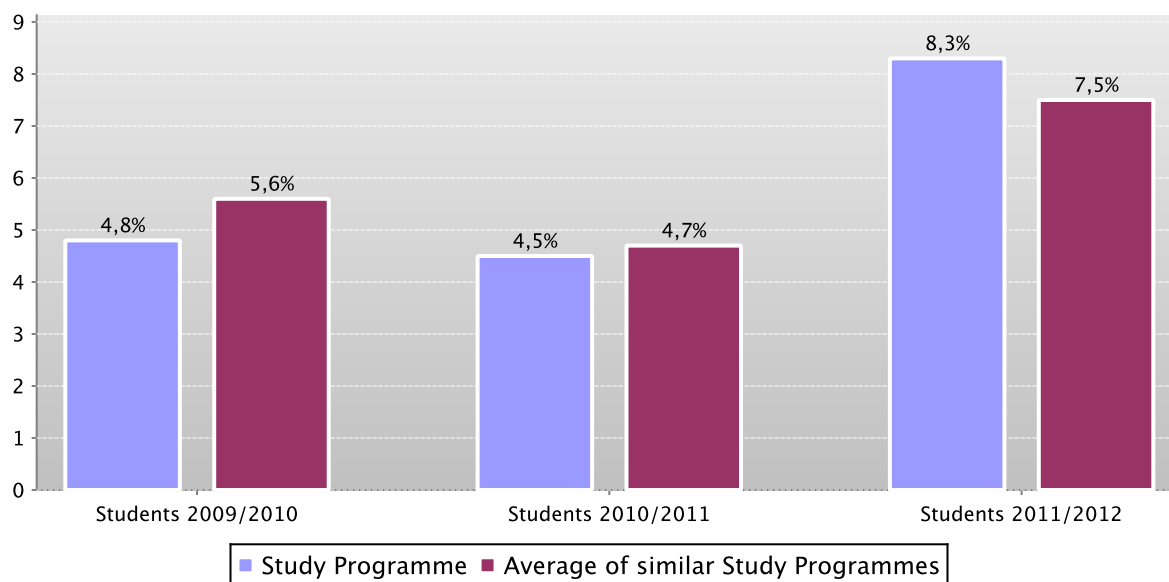
The **graph** shows the percentage of students who leave the programme after the first year compared to the average of similar Study Programmes (belonging to the same group).

The **table** shows the registered students (**new careers**), the percentage of students leaving the programme who **pass** to a different Study Programme in the same university, **transfer** to another university or **withdraw** from studies as well as the enrolled **repeating** students and those enrolled in the second year.

The Study Programme data is compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes** (which belong to the same group), for students registered (**new careers**) in the indicated academic years.

Percentage of withdrawals between years 1 and 2

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		New careers	% withdrawals	% passages and transfers	% repeating students	Students enrolled in the second year
Students 2009/2010	Study Programme	21	4,8%	0,0%	0,0%	20
	Average of similar Study Programmes	40,5	5,6%	0,8%	0,1%	37,9
Students 2010/2011	Study Programme	22	4,5%	0,0%	0,0%	21
	Average of similar Study Programmes	39,2	4,7%	0,7%	0,0%	37,1
Students 2011/2012	Study Programme	12	8,3%	0,0%	0,0%	11
	Average of similar Study Programmes	42,8	7,5%	1,3%	0,1%	39

D.2.2. REGULAR GRADUATES

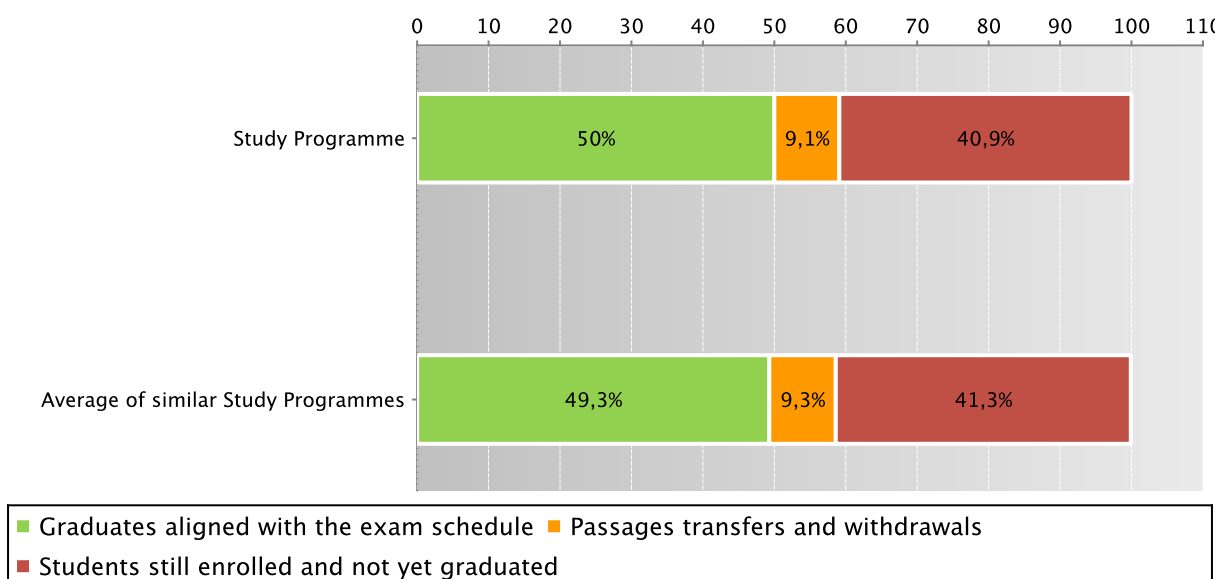
Here you will find information on regular graduates, on how many students, at the end of the regular programme duration, left the programme and how many are still enrolled but **not aligned to the exam schedule**.

The **graph** and the **table** show the situation concerning the **registered students (new careers)** for the indicated academic year, at the end of the regular duration of the Study Programme, highlighting the percentage of regular graduates, the number of students still enrolled (**not aligned to the exam schedule** and **repeating students**), students who have left the programme (including **passages, transfers** and **withdrawals**).

The Study Programme data is compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group)**, for students enrolled in the indicated academic year.

Situation of students 2010/2011 at the end of regular duration of the study programme

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering for Sustainable Development (code 8199)



		New careers		Regular graduates		Passages transfers and withdrawals		Students still enrolled and not yet graduated	
		N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
Students 2009/2010	Study Programme	21	9	42,9%	2	9,5%	10	47,6%	
	Average of similar Study Programmes	40,5	17	42,0%	4,3	10,7%	19,1	47,2%	
Students 2010/2011	Study Programme	22	11	50,0%	2	9,1%	9	40,9%	
	Average of similar Study Programmes	39,2	19,3	49,3%	3,7	9,3%	16,2	41,3%	

See data of previous academic years – Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Telecommunications and Electronic Engineering (code 0651) paragraph D.5.2.2.

D.2.3. ADDITIONAL DATA ON REGULARITY OF STUDIES

D.2.3.1. CREDITS OBTAINED BY STUDENTS IN THE 1ST YEAR

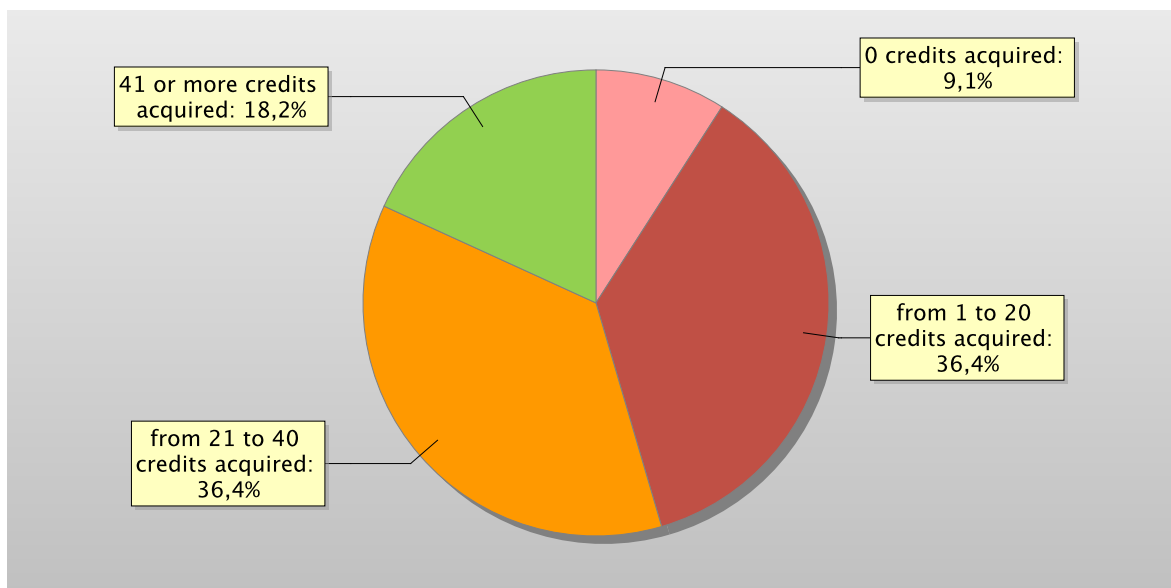
This offers an insight into how regularly students pass their exams.

The **graph** shows the distribution of the students according to the number of **credits** obtained at the end of the first year.

In addition, the **table** shows the number of students registered at the second year and average **credits** obtained during the first year.

The Study Programme data is compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes** (wich belong to the same group), for students registered in the indicated academic years.

Distribution of the students in 2011/2012 according to the number of credits obtained at the end of the first year*



Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering for Sustainable Development (code 8199)

		Students enrolled in the 2nd year	% students with *				Average credits per student
			0 credits acquired	from 1 to 20 credits acquired	from 21 to 40 credits acquired	41 or more credits acquired	
Students 2009/2010	Study Programme	20	5,0%	30,0%	45,0%	20,0%	27,6
	Average of similar Study Programmes	37,9	8,1%	22,8%	42,5%	26,7%	29
Students 2010/2011	Study Programme	21		28,6%	33,3%	38,1%	33,7
	Average of similar Study Programmes	37,1	6,8%	17,0%	45,8%	30,4%	31,2
Students 2011/2012	Study Programme	11	9,1%	36,4%	36,4%	18,2%	24,5
	Average of similar Study Programmes	39	3,1%	16,3%	45,0%	35,6%	33,9

*Note: by convention, credits are considered to be obtained by students by 31st October of the year following the year of enrolment.

D.2.3.2. EXAMS PASSED AND AVERAGE GRADE

The **table** shows number of exams passed and average grade achieved for each course unit in the calendar year 2011. Marks for the exams passed are expressed out of thirty.

The data refers to the course unit code and therefore includes the various branches of the programme divided into channels or sub-groups, divided by letter.

It considers all subjects for which a grade is assigned, and therefore excludes all those to which a pass/fail score is allocated.

The data concerning previous programmes is given in a separate section.

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Ingegneria elettronica e telecomunicazioni per lo sviluppo sostenibile (code 8199)

	N. of exams passed	Average grade *
34777 SISTEMI DI ELABORAZIONE DELL'INFORMAZIONE LM	10	25,5
34790 SISTEMI E TECNOLOGIE PER L'AUTOMAZIONE LM	6	27,7
34794 ANALISI NUMERICA LM	1	
34914 LABORATORIO DI RETI DI TELECOMUNICAZIONI LM	3	
34975 MATEMATICA LM (C.I.)	3	
34980 TELECOMUNICAZIONI LM (C.I.)	11	25,3
34981 FISICA LM	9	27,7
34985 SISTEMI ELETTRONICI E SENSORI LM (C.I.)	8	26,9
34988 TECNOLOGIE ELETTRONICHE PER L'INFORMAZIONE E L'ENERGIA LM (C.I.)	16	26,2

	N. of exams passed	Average grade *
35111 RETI DI SENSORI WIRELESS PER MONITORAGGIO AMBIENTALE LM	23	28,2
35112 SISTEMI A RF ENERGETICAMENTE AUTONOMI LM	10	28,1
35113 NANOELETTRONICA LM	11	29,6
35114 SISTEMI DI TELECOMUNICAZIONI LM	4	
35116 PROGETTO DI RETI DI TELECOMUNICAZIONI LM	3	
35117 TECNICHE ELETTROMAGNETICHE PER LA LOCALIZZAZIONE E IL CONTROLLO AMBIENTALE LM	13	29,5
35148 ELETTRONICA PER L'ELABORAZIONE ANALOGICA DEL SEGNALE LM	4	
35156 CHIMICA LM	11	30
35340 ELABORAZIONE NUMERICA DEI SEGNALI MULTIMEDIALI LM	15	27,3
35341 PROPAGAZIONE E PIANIFICAZIONE NEI SISTEMI D'AREA LM	9	26
35518 RETI WIRELESS LM (C.I.)	1	
37523 SISTEMI DI CONVERSIONE DELL'ENERGIA ELETTRICA LM	12	28,9
65769 MATEMATICA E FISICA LM (C.I.)	6	25,3

* Note: no average grade is given if the number of exams passed is less than or equal to 5.

D.3. OPINIONS OF GRADUATES AND ATTENDING STUDENTS

Opinions of graduates on the Study Programme.

Tables and graphs provide information on the number of graduates who expressed positive opinions on the Study Programme, focusing on opinions expressed by attending students on course units.

D.3.1. OPINION OF GRADUATES

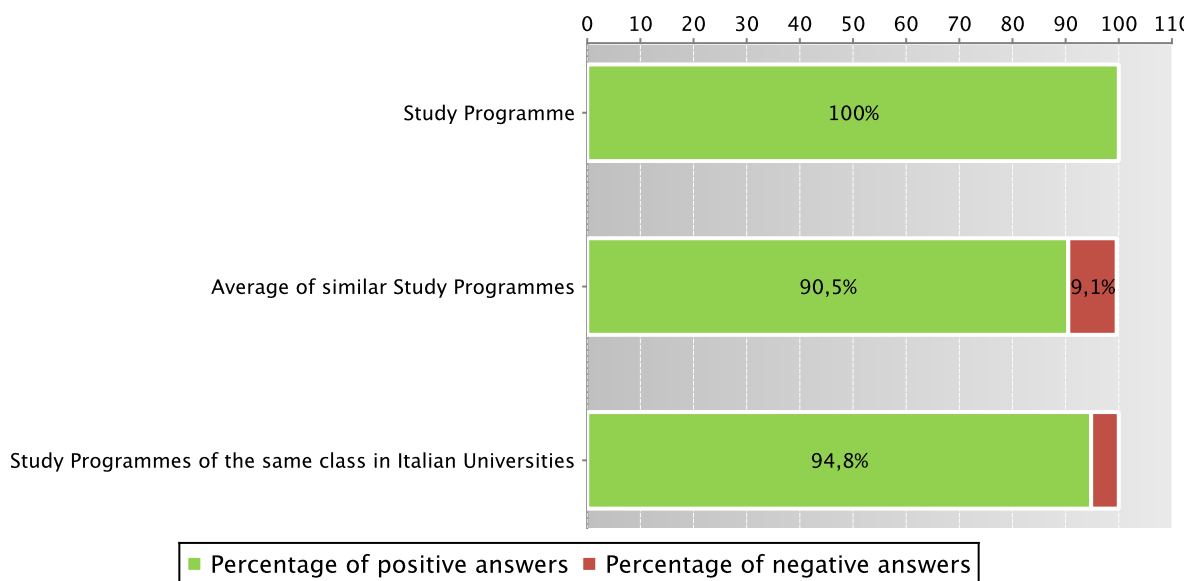
The **graph** shows the percentage of graduates (AlmaLaurea survey) who responded positively to the question: “**Are you generally satisfied with the Study Programme**”.

In addition, the **table** shows the percentage of students who answered “Yes, to the same programme at the university” to the question “Would you register again to the university?”.

The Study Programme data is compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group)**, and the average of Study Programmes of the same **class** of other Italian universities for the graduates of the indicated years.

Graduates in 2012 who responded positively to the question: “Are you generally satisfied with this Study Programme?”

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Ingegneria elettronica e telecomunicazioni per lo sviluppo sostenibile (code 8199)



		N. graduates	Completed Questionnaires	% of positive answers to the question: "Are you generally satisfied with this Study Programme?"	% of answers "yes to the same Programme in the same University" to the question "Would you register again to the University"
2011	Study Programme	4	3		
	Average of similar Study Programmes	20	19,4	90,0%	78,4%
	Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities	85	83	92,8%	79,5%
2012	Study Programme	11	11	100,0%	100,0%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	22	21,5	90,5%	78,6%
	Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities	399	363	94,8%	77,7%

Symbols:

(*) The opinions of the Study Programmes with less than 5 graduates are not shown.

Further information on [Graduates' Profile Report](#).

See data of previous academic years – Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Telecommunications and Electronic Engineering (code 0651) paragraph D.5.3.1.

D.3.2 ADDITIONAL DATA ON OPINIONS OF STUDENTS

D.3.2.1. OPINION OF ATTENDING STUDENTS

The **graph** shows the percentage of attending students who responded positively to the question in the questionnaire: “Are you generally satisfied with this course unit?” in academic year 2011/2012.

The **table** also shows the number of completed questionnaires.

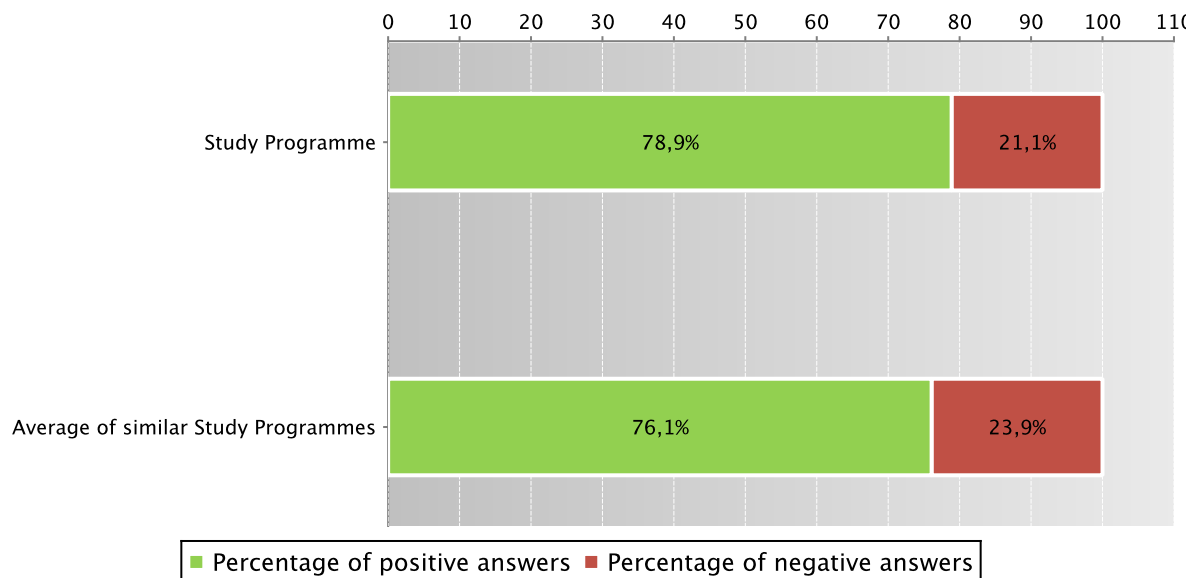
The Study Programme data is compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes** (which belong to the same group), for the indicated academic years.

The data concerning the students' opinion refers to the opinions of those attending lessons, whether they are enrolled in the current programme or a Study Programme running under pre-reform regulations (under D.M. 509).

For the University of Bologna the survey and subsequently analysis of the opinions of students attending the course is cared by *Aform* - Quality Assurance Department and *Arug* - Support Planning and Evaluation Department. The overall results and the methods of collection and analysis are described in the document published online on the [Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna](#) (see the note in the glossary).

Students who responded positively to the question: “Are you generally satisfied with this course unit?” in academic year 2011/2012

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 *Ingegneria elettronica e telecomunicazioni per lo sviluppo sostenibile* (code 8199) and of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 *Ingegneria elettronica e delle telecomunicazioni* (code 0651)



Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Ingegneria elettronica e telecomunicazioni per lo sviluppo sostenibile (code 8199) and of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Ingegneria elettronica e delle telecomunicazioni (code 0651)

		Number of completed questionnaires	% of positive answers concerning the general satisfaction with the course unit – Question 19
a.y. 2009/2010	Study Programme	368	70,6%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	386,1	77,1%
a.y. 2010/2011	Study Programme	362	74,0%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	372,6	77,9%
a.y. 2011/2012	Study Programme	313	78,9%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	422,1	76,1%

Symbols:

(*) When there is a small number of questionnaires, the percentage of positive opinions on overall satisfaction is not presented. Further information on [Rapporto Opinione degli studenti frequentanti sulle attività didattiche](#) (the content is in Italian).

D.4. ENTRY INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

Employment situation of graduates of the Study Programme.

Tables and graphs provide information on the employment situation of graduates one year after graduating.

D.4.1. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

The paragraph shows the employment situation of graduates one year after graduating.

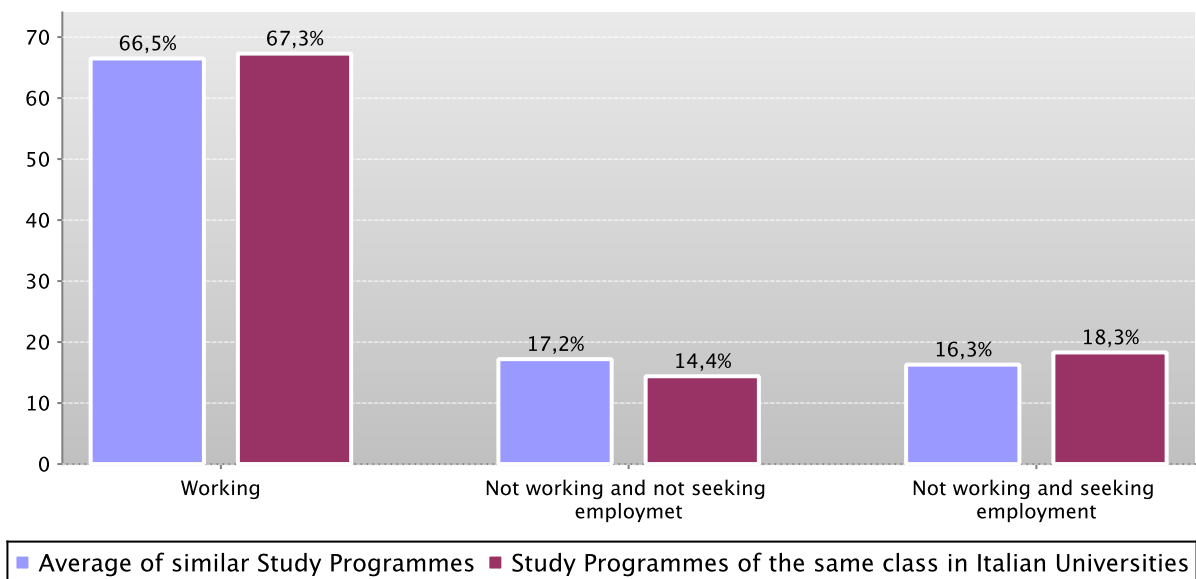
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The **graph** shows who is working, who is not working and is not seeking employment, who is not working but is seeking employment. In addition, the **table** shows the number of graduates interviewed, the number involved in internships and traineeships and the appropriateness of their degree to the job.

The Study Programme data is compared with the [average of similar Study Programmes \(which belong to the same group\)](#) and the average of Study Programmes of the same [class](#) of other Italian universities for the graduates of the indicated years.

Employment situation of graduates in 2011 one year after graduating

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering for Sustainable Development (code 8199)



	N. graduates interviewed	Employment situation (1)			Not working, not seeking employment, but following a university programme/traineeship (2)	Degree's appropriateness for the job (referred to the graduates who just work) (3)	
		Working	Not working and not seeking employment	Not working and seeking employment		Effective / very effective	Quite effective
Study Programme	3						
Average of similar Study Programmes	17,8	66,5%	17,2%	16,3%	12,3%	58,1%	30,8%
Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities	104	67,3%	14,4%	18,3%	10,6%	52,9%	44,3%

Symbols:

(*) The opinions of the Study Programmes with less than 5 graduates are not shown.

Notes on the AlmaLaurea report on the employment situation of graduates

- (1) "Employment situation": the definition includes the number of employed graduates who declaring to carry out a paid work activity, provided that is not training activity (internship, traineeship, PhD degrees, specialization schools).
- (2) "Number of those who do not work, who are not seeking employment but who are following a university programme/traineeship": the definition includes those who are enrolled in traineeships, PhD degrees, specialisation schools, Italian "master universitari" (first and second level). The presentation of this data complies with article 2 of D.M. 544 of 31st October 2007, as later provided for in Management Decree no. 61 of 10th June 2008 (transparency requirements).
- (3) The evaluation of the appropriateness of the degree is obtained by a combination of the requirement of the relative qualification for the job held and the level of usage of the skills learned at university.

Further information on [Graduates' Employment report](#).

See data of previous academic years – Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Telecommunications and Electronic Engineering (code 0651) [paragraph D.5.4.1](#).

D.5. INFORMATION ON PRE-REFORM PROGRAMMES (DM 509/99)

D.5.1. STUDENTS STARTING THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS

Characteristics of incoming students at the beginning of their study. Tables and graphs provide information on number of enrolled students (new careers), focusing on the characteristics of students.

D.5.1.1. ENROLMENTS

Data of enrolments of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph [D.1.1](#).

D.5.1.2. ADDITIONAL DATA ON STUDENTS' STARTING THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS

D.5.1.2.1. CANDIDATES REGISTERED FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM

Data of candidates registered for the entrance exam are shown in paragraph [D.1.2.1](#).

D.5.1.2.2. INCOMING STUDENTS

Data of incoming students of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph [D.1.2.2](#).

D.5.2. REGULARITY OF STUDIES

Insight into the regularity with which the students pass their exams.

Graphs and tables provide information on the number of students who leave the programme after the first year and the number of regular graduates, focusing on the number of credits obtained at the end of the first year, number of exams passed and the average grade achieved for each course unit.

D.5.2.1. STUDENTS LEAVING THE PROGRAMME BETWEEN YEARS 1 AND 2

Data of students leaving the Study Programme of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.2.1.

D.5.2.2. REGULAR GRADUATES

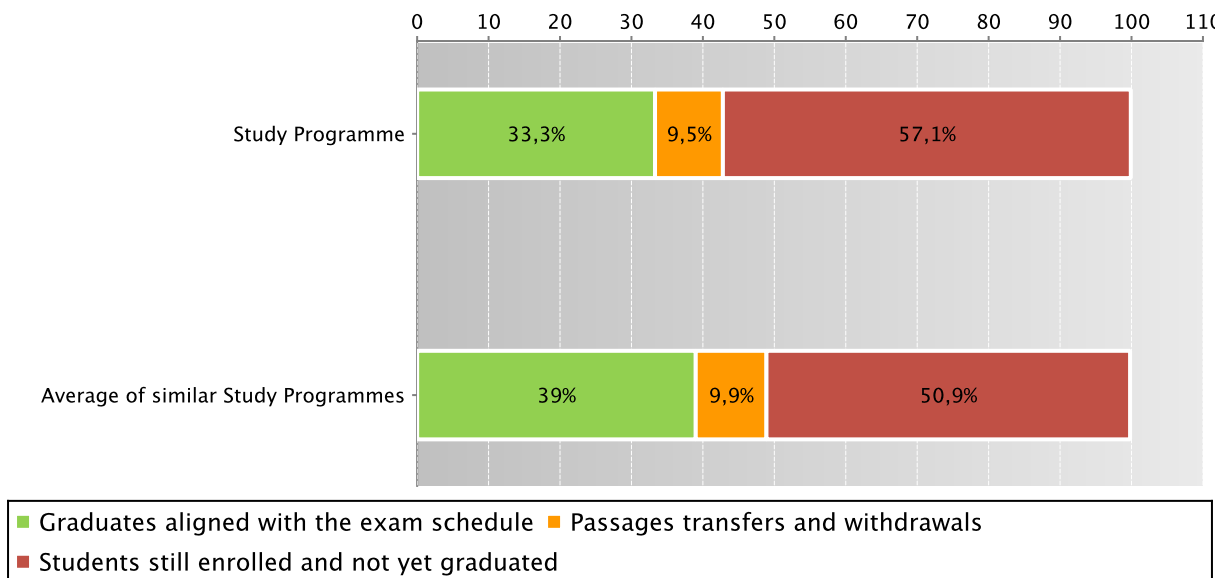
Here you will find information on regular graduates, on how many students, at the end of the regular programme duration, left the programme and how many are still enrolled but not aligned to the exam schedule.

The **graph** and the **table** show the situation concerning the students enrolled at the first year (**new careers**) for the indicated academic year, at the end of the regular duration of the Study Programme, highlighting the percentage of regular graduates, the number of students still enrolled (**not aligned to the exam schedule** and **repeating** students), students who have left the programme (including **passages, transfers and withdrawals**).

The Study Programme data is compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes** (which belong to the same group), for students registered in the indicated academic years.

Situation of students 2008/2009 at the end of regular duration of the study programme

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Telecommunications and Electronic Engineering (code 0651)



Data of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Telecommunications and Electronic Engineering (code 0651)

		New careers	Regular graduates		Passages transfers and withdrawals		Students still enrolled and not yet graduated	
			N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
Students 2008/2009	Study Programme	21	7	33,3%	2	9,5%	12	57,1%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	42,6	16,6	39,0%	4,2	9,9%	21,7	50,9%

Go back to [D.2.2. Regular graduates](#)

D.5.2.3. ADDITIONAL DATA ON REGULARITY OF STUDIES

D.5.2.3.1. CREDITS OBTAINED BY STUDENTS IN THE 1ST YEAR

Data of credits obtained by students in the 1st year of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.2.3.1.

D.5.2.3.2. EXAMS PASSED AND AVERAGE GRADE

Data of exams passed and average grade are shown in paragraph D.2.3.2.

D.5.3. OPINIONS OF ATTENDING STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

Opinions of graduates on the Study Programme.

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D.5.3.1. OPINION OF GRADUATES

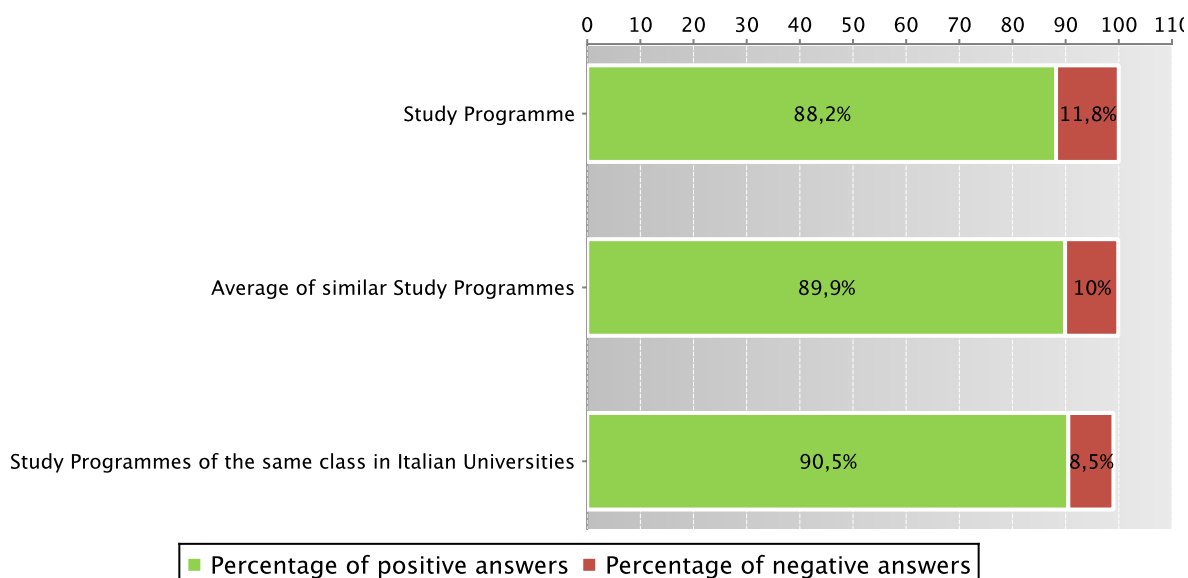
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The Study Programme data is compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group)**, for the indicated years.

Graduates in 2010 who responded positively to the question: “Are you generally satisfied with this Study Programme?”

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Ingegneria elettronica e delle telecomunicazioni (code 0651)



Data of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Ingegneria elettronica e delle telecomunicazioni (code 0651)

		N. graduates	Completed Questionnaires	% of positive answers to the question: “Are you generally satisfied with this Study Programme?”	% of answers “yes to the same Programme in the same University” to the question “Would you register again to the University?”
2010	Study Programme	17	17	88,2%	76,5%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	25,5	24,8	89,9%	78,6%
	Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities	739	687	90,5%	75,1%

Symbols:

(*) The opinions of the Study Programmes with less than 5 graduates are not shown.

Further information on [Graduates’ Profile Report](#).

Go back to [D.3.1. Opinion of graduates](#)

D.5.3.2 ADDITIONAL DATA ON OPINIONS OF STUDENTS

D.5.3.2.1. OPINION OF ATTENDING STUDENTS

Data of opinion of attending students of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.3.2.1.

D.5.4. ENTRY INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

Employment situation of graduates of the Study Programme.

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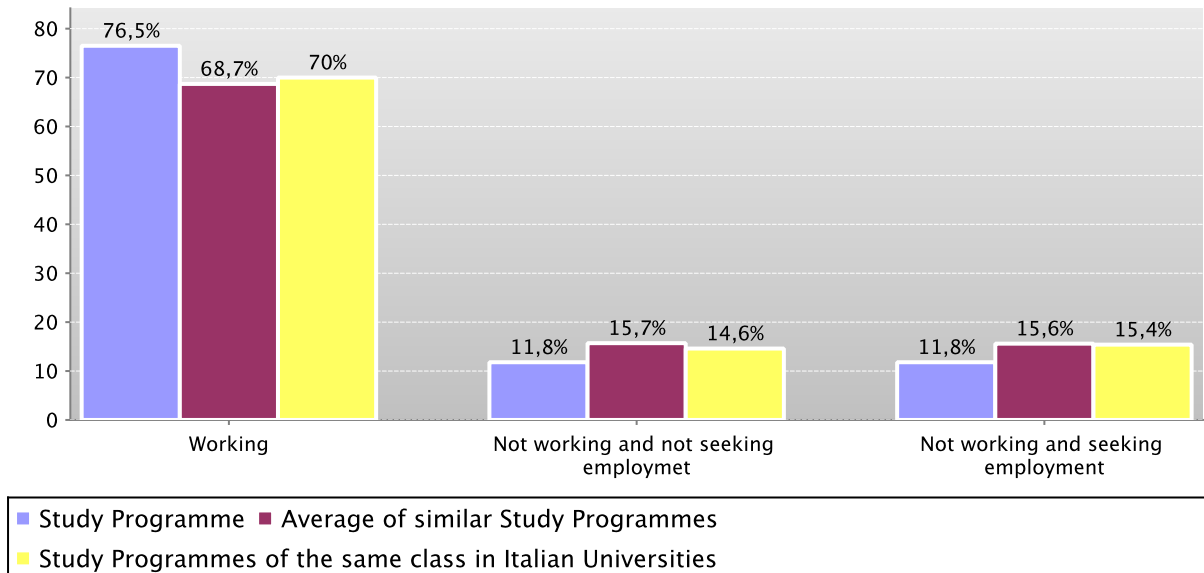
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The Study Programme data is compared with the **average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group)** and the average of Study Programmes of the same **class** of other Italian universities for the graduates of the indicated years.

Employment situation of graduates in 2010 one year after graduating

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Telecommunications and Electronic Engineering (code 0651)



		N. graduates interviewed	Employment situation (1)			Not working, not seeking employment, but following a university programme/traineeship (2)	Degree's appropriateness for the job (referred to the graduates who just work) (3)	
			Working	Not working and not seeking employment	Not working and seeking employment		Effective / very effective	Quite effective
Graduation Year 2009	Study Programme	19	68,4%	21,1%	10,5%	5,3%	53,8%	38,5%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	32,1	63,8%	18,3%	17,9%	11,8%	55,3%	34,7%
	Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities	676	60,9%	18,6%	20,4%	13,5%	44,1%	43,6%
Graduation Year 2010	Study Programme	17	76,5%	11,8%	11,8%	5,9%	30,8%	53,8%
	Average of similar Study Programmes	23,5	68,7%	15,7%	15,6%	9,9%	57,4%	32,5%
	Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities	637	70,0%	14,6%	15,4%	9,4%	46,4%	41,8%

Symbols:

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Further information on [Graduates' Employment report](#).

Go back to [D.4.1. Employment situation](#)

E. FIND OUT MORE: THE QUALITY OF YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

The University of Bologna has identified its objectives as the *personal, cultural and professional growth of students and the improvement of the quality of learning, also in relation to the needs of society* (Strategic Plan 2010-2013).

Students, employers and society as a whole, have the right to effective learning for individual and intellectual growth, to develop critical sense and to prepare for the world of work.

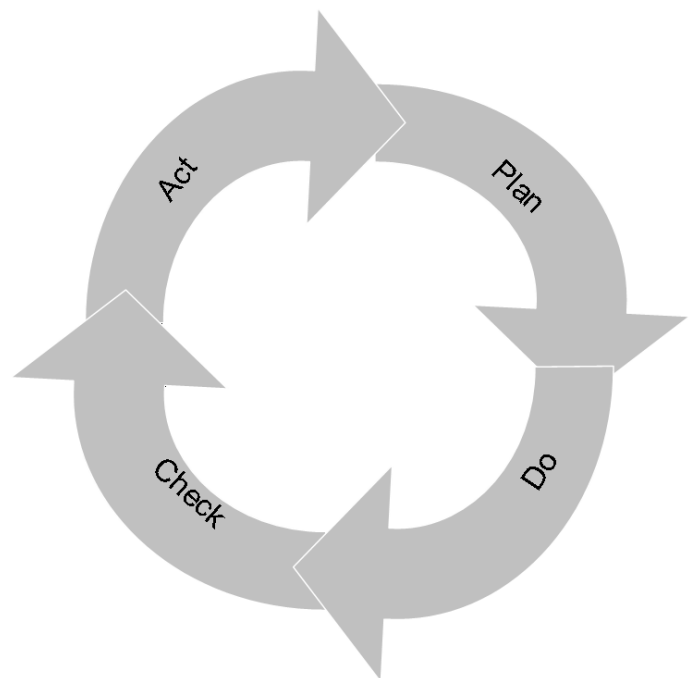
In the Statute and the Strategic Plan 2010-2013 the University of Bologna acknowledges its responsibility in guaranteeing the quality of its study programmes, and for this purpose adopts an "internal quality assurance system".

The Internal Quality Assurance system

The internal quality assurance system is a set of processes and responsibilities adopted to guarantee the quality of Study Programmes at the University of Bologna.

The guarantee of the quality of a Study Programme is the correspondence of the results achieved with the set objectives, in the following phases:

- Plan: defining the objectives
- Do: implementing the planned actions
- Check: checking that the objectives have been achieved
- Act: planning improvement action



This path responds to the expectations of students, guides teaching behaviour and provides indicators for the assessment of results. Self-assessment is based on the analysis of significant data (for example, the number of students graduating in line with the exam schedule, students' opinions and the employment rates of graduates) and highlights strengths and weaknesses in order to reflect on the achieved results, critically consider one's own working methods and take steps for the continual improvement of the Programme. This path involves all educational stakeholders, including students, in order to make use of the contributions of everyone with first-hand knowledge of the Study Programme. Improvement is therefore a day to day development, concerning all aspects of teaching: from the lesson timetable to the publication of on-line programmes, from classroom management to exam methods, and the actual design of the Programme.

This is what happens in each phase:

- **Planning:** the Study Programme is the result of a proposal from the teaching structures and approved by the Academic Bodies.
- **Management:** Schools, Departments and Study Programmes manage the activities required to ensure teaching. The activities are organised as follows:

What we do	Who does what				
	Professors	Study Programme	Schools	Departments	General Administration
Teaching calendar, lessons programme and exam schedules			x		
Management of financial resources			x	x	
Classroom teaching	x				
Management of classrooms and laboratories			x	x	
Libraries and study rooms			x	x	
Approval of individual study plans		x			
Communication and information		x	x		Academic Affairs Division
Guidance service		x	x		Academic Affairs Division
Internships		x	x		Academic Affairs Division
Administrative services: Student Administration Office					Academic Affairs Division
Administration services: Degree programme office			x		Academic Affairs Division
Study grants and loans ad honorem					Academic Affairs Division
Student mobility: university subsidies and programmes					International Relations Division
Mobility: study grants for dissertations abroad			x		
Mobility: authorisations and recognitions		x			
Other students support services		x	x		x

- **Internal assessment:** every Study Programme periodically assesses its own results, evaluating, for example, the number of enrolled students, the number of withdrawing students, student opinions etc.; in this way, the strengths and weaknesses, as well as any implemented improvement actions, are highlighted. This phase is organised as follows:

What we do	Who does what
<p>Definition, gathering and publication of evaluation data According to the general guidelines of the University and national and international standards, are defined the tools through which should be evaluated the results (indicators). The survey data to be evaluate are published every year on the Report of the Study Program.</p>	Academic Bodies
<p>Self-Assessment The Schools and Study Programmes assess the effectiveness of the previously adopted solutions, analyse the progress of their learning activities and draw up proposals for improvement.</p>	Schools and Study Programmes
<p>Internal audit</p> <p>The results of the self-assessment process are reviewed in the following phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis: the University Quality Manager analyses the review documents, considering the ability to identify problems, propose solutions and the overall development of the internal quality assurance system. • Review: The observations on the results obtained and the good practices adopted are examined together with the persons in charge of the Schools and Study Programmes in meetings organised by scientific-disciplinary field. The persons in charge receive the observations and inputs on the areas for development and the actions to be adopted in future to improve results. • Sharing: the conclusions of the review activities are submitted to the Academic Bodies and the University Evaluation Board. 	<p>Quality Manager</p> <p>Vice Rector for Teaching and Education</p> <p>Academic Bodies</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement: on the basis of the results of the internal audit, the Schools and Study Programmes plan improvement activities, to ensure that the Study Programmes increasingly respond to the needs of society. The cycle then starts over again, with the definition of actions to be implemented, the results of which are in turn verified, in a continuous path that guarantees the quality of education. 	

F. GLOSSARY TERMS

Additional Learning Requirements

Students enrolling in the first year of a first cycle or single cycle degree and who, following the results of the entrance exams established for each study programme, do not possess the knowledge required for access to the programme, are assigned additional learning requirements (OFA).

The OFA are fulfilled by passing an assessment test defined by the programme.

The non-fulfilment of the requirements by the date set by the Academic Bodies and published on the University Portal will lead to the re-enrolment in the first year of the programme.

AlmaLaurea

AlmaLaurea is an innovative in-line database service of graduates' curriculum vitae (1,620,000 CVs, from 53 Italian universities as of 05/07/2012), which offers a link between graduates, universities and businesses.

Created in 1994 on the initiative of the Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna, managed by a consortium of Italian universities with the support of the Ministry of Education, University and Research, the purpose AlmaLaurea is to act as a point of contact between businesses and graduates, a reference within universities for anyone (students, businesses, etc...) working in the field of university studies, employment and the condition of young people at different levels.

Average of similar study programmes (belonging to the same group)

Average of the Study Programmes (which belong to the subject group)

Calculated average which refers to all study programmes of the same cycle which belong to the subject group.

There are four groups, composed as follows:

- **BIOMEDICAL** group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Pharmacy, Biotechnology and Sport Science; Medicine; Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine
- **SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL** group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Engineering and Architecture; Sciences
- **SOCIAL SCIENCES** group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Economics, Management, and Statistics; Law, Political Sciences
- **HUMANITIES** group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Heritage; Foreign Languages and Literatures, Interpreting and Translation; Psychology and Education

CFU University Learning Credits

University Learning Credits (CFU) were introduced under Italian Ministerial Decree no. 509/99 to comply with European legislation, and are a measurement of the volume of learning, including individual study, required of students; generally 1 CFU corresponds to 25 hours of a student's "overall learning effort".

Class

Degree classes group together study programmes of the same level and with the same key learning outcomes and available learning activities for a given number of credits and in sectors which are identified as indispensable. The features of the classes are set nationally, by Ministerial Decree, and are therefore common to all universities.

Cohort

Cohort refers to a group of students enrolled in the same academic year.

Enrolment status

In terms of enrolment, students may be:

- **Regularly enrolled:** students enrolled for as many or fewer years than the legal duration of the study programme, who do not fall into any of the following categories;
- **Not aligned with the exam schedule:** students who, without having graduated, have enrolled in all the years of the study programme and which, for programmes with compulsory attendance, have obtained all attendance certificates;
- **Repeating:** students re-enrolling in the same year of a programme again. Starting from academic year 2009-2010, students who have not fulfilled the assigned additional learning requirements within the deadline have to enrol in the 1st year as repeating students.

Entrance exam

Enrolment in a study programme may be free access or restricted access.

For all programmes with restricted access, candidates are required to sit an entrance exam and there are a limited number of places available. The entrance exam is a test which is used to draw up a graded list of candidates; students may enrol in the programme according to their place in the list. The methods of managing the call for applications and the list of candidates, including the methods for filling any unclaimed places, may vary from year to year. The test may be specific to a Degree Programme or may be part of a single exam covering several programmes from the same university or from other universities (during the registration the students should indicate their first choice).

The following definitions apply:

Available places = the number of places laid down in the call for applications to the Study Programme, or determined by subsequent legal provisions; these exclude any additional places reserved according to special provisions of the programme (e.g. for international study programmes, they do not include places for foreign students selected from other universities; for all programmes with restricted access regulated nationally, these do not include the places reserved for transferring students).

Number of candidates for the exam = number of students registered for the exam indicating the study programme as their first choice;

Number of participants in the exam = number of students participating in the exam indicating the study programme as their first choice;

Number of participants in the exam for every available place = number of students participating in the exam who indicated the study programme as their first choice as a ratio of the number of places available on the programme.

First year enrolments

This includes all students enrolled in the first year, including those joining the study programme in its first year through transferrals, as well as those enrolled in the first year but not for the first time (e.g. repeating students).

New Careers

Students who start a new university career (excluding transfers) from year one in a second cycle programme.

Passages and transfers

Passage: when a student applies to move to a different study programme from the one enrolled in the previous year, within the same university.

Transfer: when a student transfers from a study programme in one university to any programme in another university.

Registered students

Students who begin a career in the Italian University System for the first time and who enrol in the first year (i.e. for whom no previous university careers are recorded) of a First Cycle (L509, L) or Single Cycle programme (LSCU, LMCU)

Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna

The Statistical Observatory was founded in 1997 in order to “provide the university governing bodies with a reliable and timely documentary and monitoring database aiming to promote decision-making processes and planning, particularly of learning activities and other services targeting the student population” (art.1 of the Founding and Operational Regulation). Following the disabling of the Statistical Observatory, as resolved by the Board of Governors on 14 December 2010, from the second semester of academic year 2010-11 the survey and subsequently analysis of the attending students opinion is cared for the University of Bologna by Academic Affairs Division - Quality Assurance Department and Control and Finance Division - Support Planning and Evaluation Department. The overall results and the methods of collection and analysis are described in the document published online on the [Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna](#).

University DataWarehouse

In information service for the managers of the University of Bologna organisational departments which gathers, integrates and reorganises data from various sources and makes it available for analysis and evaluation for the purposes of planning and decision-making.

Withdrawal

Suspension of studies by students who do not register in the next academic year, or who drop out from the degree programme.