

Department of Sociology and Social Research

International programmes

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The Department of Sociology and Social Research

The Department of Sociology and Social Research develops the heritage of the faculty of Sociology established in 1962. We are proud to remember that it was the first - and for several years the only - faculty of Sociology in Italy and it contributed in an incomparable way to establish the professional figure of the sociologist in Italy. The Department of Sociology and Social Research aims at achieving scientific and educational objectives in a variety of subject areas. It has provided advanced training in the field since 1983 through the PhD course in Sociology and Social Research, and has been encouraging dialogue between sociology and other disciplines, as the structure itself of the Department underlines.

According to the 2016 report of ANVUR (the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes), the University of Trento ranks first among Italian State universities for political and social sciences disciplines. The Department is part of several international research networks collaborating with prestigious universities, such as Oxford, Yale, Berkeley.

The Department offers scientists in the field of sociology and social research the opportunity to meet, exchange opinions and discuss their empirical researches, sharing a common interest to blend empirical and theoretical-oriented research.

Along with sociologists, the Department welcomes scientists from other branches of social sciences and humanities, whose studies contribute to keep the eyes open on disciplines close to sociology.

Living in Trento

Trento (117.000 inhabitants, 190 meters altitude) is set at the intersection of important routes leading to Garda Lake, the Dolomites (UNESCO world heritage), Venice, Verona, Bolzano and Innsbruck.

With its unique geographical position Trento represents on the one hand a crossroads between the Mediterranean and northern Europe cultures, on the other hand a natural production and technology platform for international business and an ideal trading hub between southern and continental Europe.

With a safe urban environment offering many cultural activities, set in an attractive natural landscape, with good employment opportunities, an excellent education system and an efficient health service, Trento is one of the top Italian cities to live in.

The cultural and social life is enriched by numerous conferences, meetings, exhibitions, international festivals (Mountain Filmfestival, Festival of Economics), traditional festivals (Feste Vigiliane), several theatre and musical events both in the city centre, and in the beautiful surroundings (e.g. Sounds of the Dolomites).

The University of Trento is constantly working to develop its international dimension, establishing and strengthening networks and partnerships that guarantee the opportunity of cooperation with regard to education, research and relations with industry.

International students coming to the University of Trento are supported in all the necessary administrative steps related to their arrival and stay in Trento, such as: pre-arrival information, support in VISA and stay permit application, Italian tax code, health insurance, bank account, local transports, information on accommodation and scholarship opportunities, enrolment procedures, socio-cultural events.

Sports activities and facilities as well as special discounts to access gyms, sports centres, swimming pools and ski slopes are available for students who join the University Sports Network (UniSport).





Master in Sociology and Social Research

The Master in Sociology and Social Research equips students with an in-depth mastery of statistical and qualitative techniques to analyze social phenomena. The methodology courses of the first year have a strong applied orientation, as they entail the active participation of students in laboratory activities and seminars (e.g. learning how to design a questionnaire, building a web-survey, learning how to use statistical softwares, carrying out in-depth interviews and focus groups).

The master has a strong international orientation. The courses are taught in English, students are funded to spend study periods abroad as we have several double/joint degree agreements with prestigious universities (e.g. Pompeu Fabra, Tilburg University, Graz, and Brno).

The first year is entirely devoted to methodology courses offered to all students that cover not only sociological methods, but also methods for historical and political research.

The second year covers two clusters of substantive courses in:

- **social inequalities** and social change in education, family dynamics, labour market participation and welfare support;
- **culture and communication**: analysis of cultural transformations in lifestyles and in several domains such as science and religion.

Each student is expected to choose one of these two clusters.

Moreover, in the second year students participate in a research internship in private or public research institutes, and draft their final dissertation. The choice of the cluster of courses, of the internship and of the topic of the dissertation shall be integrated in order to equip students with an in-depth knowledge of an area of substantive expertise for their future career development.

Programme overview

Main application deadline	Non-EU citizens living abroad: January/February each year EU and non-EU citizens living in Italy: June/July each year
Intake	September each year
Duration	2 years full time
Minimum requirements	Bachelor's degree (or equivalent title) in Sociology or related areas
Selection criteria	academic performance, references, motivation letter
Special opportunities	Double Degree with: Katholische Universität Eichstaett – Ingolstadt, Universität Bamberg (Germany), Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona (Spain), University of Tilburg (Netherlands). Cultural Sociology degree with Karls-Franzens-Universität Graz (Austria), Masaryk University (Czech Republic), University of Zadar (Croatia)
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Career opportunities

This Master is a two-year programme that provides advanced training for positions as **social researcher in private research** institutes in the field of marketing and communication, customer satisfaction and opinion research, as well as in **public research institutions** (for instance, institutes and foundations involved in education research or in the analysis of labour market and welfare trends).

This Master also provides a strong background for students interested in doctoral studies in the field of sociology and social research.



Admission requirements

The requirements for applying are the following:

- a. a bachelor's degree (at least three years of study) from an institution at university level
- b. an adequate final graduation mark:
 - for Italian candidates, it must be equal to 90 out of 110 points or superior;
 - for international students, it has to be equal to a GPA of 60 out of 100 points or above.
- c. at least 1/3 of the previous study programme (60/180 ECTS) must be relevant to at least two of following fields:
 - Sociology,
 - Economics and Statistics,
 - Law, Political science, Social policy
 - History, Anthropology, Psychology, Social Psychology and Pedagogy
 - certified knowledge of English language of at least B1 level of the European Common Framework of Reference, through pertinent internationally recognized language certificate, or a final diploma of a Bachelor's or Master's course entirely taught in English
- d. background studies in methodology and social research will be considered.

For candidates who don't meet the requirements mentioned in b) and c), the Evaluation Committee can take into consideration other academic and extra-academic activities and/or require further documents and/or organize a selection interview through conference call, in order to decide on their admission.

My experience as a student from the Netherlands participating in the double degree programme Sociology & Social research between Università degli Studi di Trento and Tilburg University was really interesting! In Trento I could improve my qualitative research skills, besides the quantitative research skills you learn in Tilburg. Besides, Trento focuses on education and labour market related topics, which added value to my study curriculum. The combination of the double degree offered by Università degli Studi di Trento and Tilburg University is really worth it, because you learn diverse skills, interesting courses are offered, and as an international student you get to know people from all over the world!

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