Public selection for admission to the Master’s Degree in
QUANTITATIVE AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

LM-8

Academic year 2021/22
(English translation)

The only binding version is the Italian one.

Deadlines:

a) From 18 December 2020 until 5 March 2021, 12.00 (UTC+1) for non-EU citizens living abroad

b) From 16 March 2021 until 28 June 2021, 12.00 (UTC+2) for Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens living in Italy

Online application: http://www5.unitn.it/Apply/en/Web/Home/master
Art. 1 Public Selection

1. The University of Trento announces a public selection based on qualifications and (if appropriate) interview, in order to select students for admission to the first year of the Master’s Degree Program in Quantitative and Computational Biology (LM-8) for the academic year 2021/2022. Entry is restricted to 45 places; this figure includes 4 places reserved for non-EU nationals living abroad. Any places remaining after the non-EU living abroad selection will be awarded to Italian, EU or non-EU living in Italy candidates.

2. The Master’s Degree is an interdisciplinary course and provides teaching in the fields of biotechnologies, computer science, mathematics and physics.

3. The official language of the course is English.

Art. 2 Admission Requirements

1. Applications are accepted to the selection process from:
   a) citizens of non-EU countries living abroad
   b) Italian citizens, citizens of the EU and non-EU citizens living in Italy
   who satisfy the following requirements:
   i. a bachelor’s or higher degree awarded in Italy in:
      * Biotechnologies (L2);
      * Information Engineering (L8)
      * Biology (L13)
      * Food and agroindustry (L26)
      * Chemistry (L27)
      * Pharmaceutical (L29)
      * Physics (L30)
      * Informatics (L31)
      * Mathematics (L35)
   ii. a bachelor’s or higher degree awarded abroad recognized as equivalent by the Selection Committee according to the regulations of the master programme;
   iii. good knowledge of the English language, at least B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages attested as follows:
      * English Language qualification awarded from an internationally-recognized entity¹:
      * or English Language qualification awarded from a certificatory entity or a university institute²;
      * or declaration emitted from the university where the Bachelor's or Master’s degree was achieved, proving the degree had been officially taught in English;

¹ See http://www.cla.unitn.it/en/780/certificates-do-you-have-a-certificate
² According to art. 46 e 47 of D.P.R. 445/2000, self-certification within the online application is required if the certificatory entity or the university assessing the candidate’s language level is a public Italian entity.
or declaring in the on-line application to be a citizen of an English-speaking country;

or declaring in the on-line application to have passed an English Language test, at least B2 level, during the Bachelor’s degree (said language test must be certified in the academic transcript – see art. 3 comma 4 point c).

iv. undergraduate candidates are also accepted providing that they will obtain their bachelor’s degree:

- before 30 June 2021 for non-EU citizens living abroad;
- before 31 October 2021 for Italian, EU-citizens or non-EU citizens living in Italy;

v. Italian citizens, EU citizens or non-EU citizens living in Italy candidates who, by the deadline of the application procedure, will not be able to prove their knowledge of the English Language by the deadline of the call, will have to definitively prove their possession of the language requisite by the matriculation date.

2. At the end of the admission and enrollment process Italian citizens, EU citizens or non-EU citizens living in Italy applicants, who did not graduate as foreseen by the given deadline, may be admitted in case of available positions.

Art. 3 Application procedures and submission dates

1. Candidates seeking admission to the selection process must complete the online application form at https://webapps.unitn.it/Apply/en/Web/Home/master, according to the following procedures.

2. Submission of applications is divided into two sessions, according to the following deadlines:

a. between 18 December 2020 and 5 March 2021 by 12.00 UTC+1 for non-EU citizens living abroad;

b. between 16 March 2021 and 28 June 2021 by 12.00 UTC +2 for Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens living in Italy;

3. Technical problems in filling out the online application must be immediately communicated by email to master-st@unitn.it. Applications submitted after the application deadline and/or in different ways than those expressed in comma 1 of the present article will not be accepted.

4. To complete the online application correctly, candidates must upload the following documents:

a. a copy of valid passport (only pages relating to personal information) or identity card (EU citizens only);

b. copy of bachelor’s degree certificate or enrolment certificate attesting the expected graduation date (attach an official translation if this document is not in Italian or English);

c. transcript including a list of all courses, exams and marks awarded. The transcript must include: the list of exams for the qualification to be awarded, marks obtained, the weighted

3 Candidates have to indicate the expected graduation date in the online application form.

4 Students enrolled in/graduated from an Italian University must submit a self-declaration according to art. 46 and 47 of DPR 445/2000.

5 According to art. 46 e 47 of D.P.R. 445/2000, self-certification within the online application is requested if the certificatory entity or the university awarding the degree is a public Italian entity. Candidates who obtained their degree or are still enrolled in the University of Trento are not required to attach the required certificate.
average mark and the minimum to maximum range of marks (attach an official translation if this document is not in Italian or English);

d. curriculum vitae in English following the ‘European’ model (see http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/);

e. English Language qualification, as per art. 2 comma 1 point iii.;

f. statement of purpose - brief personal statement in English in which the candidate describes her/his interests and expectations with regards to the Master’s programme learning objectives (max 500 words).

5. Candidates are required to pay an application fee of €15.00, using one of the methods requested during the online application process. within the given deadline for applications (5 March, 2021 for non-EU citizens living abroad, 28 June, 2021 for Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens living in Italy). Failing to pay the application fee within the given deadline will automatically lead to the exclusion of the applicant.

Art. 4 Selection and ranking

1. The admissions Committee is made up of at least three members chosen from among the teaching staff nominated via Rectoral Decree.

2. The admission Committee will evaluate whether the selection procedures have been correctly observed, and will subsequently evaluate if the admissible candidates fulfil the entry requirements set out in the regulations governing the Master’s Degree course in Quantitative and Computational Biology. The Committee may choose to meet via video conference.

3. The evaluation is carried out by allocating points (max. 100) in accordance with the following criteria:

   a. Coherence between the candidate’s previous studies and the objectives of the Master’s Degree in Quantitative and Computational Biology (max. 40 points);

   b. Curriculum studiorum (GPA, performance and results obtained in previous studies, post-graduate degrees if any, other courses; the personal skills and background of the candidate shall be verified in the interview if applicable) (max. 40 points);

   c. Statement of purpose (max. 15 points)

   d. Further language competences (max 5 points).

   In case the documents included in the online application do not allow the Committee to adequately evaluate the candidature, the candidate might be asked to participate in an interview (in person or via videoconference).

4. Candidates awarded a score of 50/100 or more will be considered suitable.

5. In the event that two or more candidates obtain the same score in the ranking list, preference will be given to the youngest. In case of same birth date, the candidate who scored a higher mark at letter 3 comma a will be ranked higher, and lastly, in case of tie, letter 3 comma d.

6. The admissions committee will place the candidates found suitable on two separate lists in order of classification for admission onto the Master’s course (one list for non-EU citizens resident abroad
Art. 5 Admission and enrolment

1. Suitable candidates who have passed the selection procedure will have pay an Enrollment confirmation fee of €100.00 (one hundred euro) within 7 days from the publication of the shortlist to confirm their acceptance of the place. This payment will not be reimbursed in any case.

2. Successful candidates who fail to complete the steps set out in the point above shall be considered as having renounced their place. Candidates who intend to renounce their place for whatever reason are required to notify the committee as soon as possible, by e-mail to master-st@unitn.it

3. Should any places become available, either as a result of failure to matriculate on the part of successful candidates or for any other reason, these will be awarded to the next suitable candidate in the ranking list.

4. All non-EU citizens living abroad who apply and pay the admission confirmation fee must pre-enroll at the Italian diplomatic office in their own country, before the dates set by regulations concerning admission of foreign students to university courses. Pre-enrolment is compulsory in order to obtain a visa. All candidates are advised to read the procedures that must be followed at: https://international.unitn.it/incoming/bachelors-masters-degrees-non-eu-outside-italy.

5. Information about how and when to enroll in the Master’s Degree in Quantitative and Computational Biology will be available on the website after publication of the ranking list. Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens living in Italy who have been admitted and possess all entry requirements must enroll within 30 September 2021. Candidates admitted who do not have all entry requirements by that date may enroll within 31 October 2021, provided they reach all entry requirements (unless any extensions are established by the University of Trento).

Art. 6 Tuition fees non-EU citizens living abroad

1. The maximum tuition fees for non-EU citizens resident abroad is € 10,000 per academic year; further details are available at: http://international.unitn.it/incoming/tuition-fees.

2. For first-year students, the amount of the tuition fees can be reduced on the basis of the application score as follows:

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3. Candidates with an application score between 90/100 and 100/100 will be exempted from paying tuition fees. Top scoring candidates might be entitled to receive a scholarship, provided their final

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6 Indicatively published in February at the following link http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri.
score is at least 70/100 Scholarships will be assigned when the short list will be published. Students beneficiaries of scholarship will have the right to the total exemption of tuition fees. The scholarship is intended as a partial contribution to mobility expenses and will be paid only after arrival in Italy.

Art. 7 Tuition Fees for Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens living in Italy

1. The amount of tuition fees for Italian, EU citizens and non EU-citizens living in Italy is published at the following link: http://infostudenti.unitn.it/en/tuition-fees. The amount can be partially or totally according to the economic situation of the student’s family (ISEE).

Art. 8 Admission to the second year

1. Italian, EU-citizens or non-EU citizens living in Italy who, after passing the present selection, are admitted to the first year, may request to be enrolled directly to the second year. They may do so provided they have already passed exams of the first year of the MSc in Quantitative and Computational Biology or equivalent courses taken in previous careers.

2. Candidates interested in applying for an academic transfer, whether it be from another course within the same University, from another Italian University, or admission to the second year by requesting recognition of activities carried out in a precedent career will have to fill out the form available at the link: https://infostudenti.unitn.it/en/academic-credits-transfer-evaluation-abbreviazione-di-carriera. The form must be submitted within May 12 2021, if candidates need to receive the evaluation result by the application deadline.

3. The outcome of the credit transfer/recognition evaluation will be notified within 7 days from the deadline for applications. Candidates who are eligible for admission to the second year must apply for admission to the Master Programme within the deadlines stated in art. 3 of the present call and pass the selection.

4. Admission to the second year is subject to the availability of vacant positions and the possession of the requisites stated in the guidelines for admission to the second year of the Master programme in Quantitative and Computational Biology which are available on the Master programme’s website.

Art. 9 Further Information

1. Information concerning ministerial pre-enrolment procedures and academic documentation required for non-EU citizens resident abroad is available at: https://international.unitn.it/node/167/

2. Information concerning the study documentation required for EU citizens with degrees awarded in EU countries other than Italy is available at: https://international.unitn.it/node/470

3. Information concerning ministerial pre-enrolment procedures and study documentation required for non-EU living in Italy are available at: https://international.unitn.it/node/171

4. Information about the cost of living in Trento is available at: https://international.unitn.it/node/49
Art. 10 Data Protection

1. Under article 13 of Regulation EU 2016/679, the “General Data Protection Regulation” (GDPR), the University of Trento shall process personal data exclusively to the extent that it is necessary in the performance of its institutional tasks within the present selection procedure (point (e), article 6(1) of the GDPR).

2. The data controller is the University of Trento, via Calepina 14, 38122 Trento, email: ateneo@unitn.it; pec: ateneo@pec.unitn.it. The contact details of the data protection officer (DPO) are as follows: rpd@unitn.it.

3. The processing of personal data shall be carried out manually and/or by automated means exclusively by staff of University, acting on instructions concerning purposes and arrangements of such processing. Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently, in a manner that is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed.

4. The personal data will not be transferred to non-EU countries.

5. The personal data are necessary to carry out the procedure. Failure to provide such data will result in disqualification from the procedure.

6. The personal data are stored for as long as they are necessary to carry out the procedure and to comply with all legal requirements.

7. The data subject shall exercise the rights referred to in article 15 et seq. of the GDPR and, in particular, the right of access to and rectification, erasure or completion of personal data, restriction of processing of personal data concerning the data subject or the right to object to processing. The data subject shall maintain the right to lodge a complaint with the Italian data protection authority by virtue of article 77 of the GDPR.