**What is the School of Innovation?**

The School of Innovation is a multidisciplinary extracurricular programme focused on innovation and entrepreneurship. It offers both up-to-date knowledge on innovation in different domains and skills necessary for the creation of innovative solutions. The School of Innovation offers a possibility of creation of personalised learning paths by combining a wide range of courses focusing on innovation and entrepreneurship from different scientific perspectives. Participants get both wide interdisciplinary technical knowledge and a set of highly-appreciated soft skills such as communication, leadership, team work, and problem solving.

**Eligibility and the programme**

The School of Innovation brings together talented students from all UniTrento departments as well as exchange students. The programme is open to Master students, PhD students, and to a limited number of Bachelor students.

Participants are able to choose among over 30 courses, which are taught by university professors as well as external lecturers selected among successful entrepreneurs, managers, and consultants. In order to complete the programme and get the Innovation Certificate, participants need to collect at least 12 ECTS choosing from three categories of courses:

**Essentials**

These courses provide basic knowledge and skills for becoming an innovator such as how to generate an innovative idea, how to be a better speaker or how to go out from one’s comfort zone by performing at the theatre stage.

**Domain courses**

These courses are divided into four domains (ICT, ING, BIO and SOC) that correspond to four scientific areas: computer science, industrial engineering, biotech and sociology. They provide cutting-edge innovation trends in different technical areas and enable students to get insights in domains that differ from their own backgrounds, boosting multidisciplinarity of their profiles.

**Innovation and entrepreneurship tools**

These courses provide knowledge and skills in specific areas of innovation and entrepreneurship such as: business models, marketing, business strategy, brand development, multicultural negotiation, international alliances, or intellectual property rights.

Upon completion of the programme, the chances of SOI alumni to be hired by start-ups, SMEs or large companies grow exponentially, due to their acquired knowledge on how to come up with a novel idea, protect their patents, develop a sustainable action plan and find ways of financing it.
Application procedure for exchange students

Exchange students can either choose single course(s) from the SOI didactic offer and include them in their Learning Agreement, or they can choose a set of courses that weigh 12 ECTS and get also the “Innovation Certificate”. However, in order to attend SOI courses all students need to pass through a selection process that will be launched mid-July and will be closed at the end of September. The International Mobility Office timely informs exchange students about the publication of the call. In the meantime, exchange students can include SOI course(s) in their Learning Agreements “with reserve” and wait for the final confirmation at the beginning of October, when the results of the selection process are published.

For more information about the School of Innovation, please visit the [website](#).