Public selection for admission to the Two-Year Master’s Degree in

COGNITIVE SCIENCE – SCIENZE COGNITIVE (MCS)

Academic year 2020/2021

(English translation)

The only binding version is the Italian one.

Deadlines:

FIRST CALL: from 21st November 2019 to 20th February 2020, 12.00 (GMT+1): for all candidates (European and Non-European citizens).

Only in case of remaining places, it will be opened a SECOND CALL from 23rd March 2020 to 23rd June 2020, 12.00 (GMT+1) only for Italian citizens, European citizens and Non-European citizens permanent resident in Italy

Online application: http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/master
Art. 1 Public Selection

1. The Center for Mind/Brain Sciences (CIMeC) at 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, offered by Center for Mind/Brain Sciences (CIMeC), in Cognitive Science – Scienze Cognitive (MCS) for the academic year 2020/2021. Entry is restricted to 50 places; this figure includes 25 places reserved for non-EU citizens resident abroad. Should any places for Non-Eu candidates not be assigned, they will be available for European candidates and Non-European candidates permanently resident in Italy. Any places remaining after the first round of selection will be added to the second session.

2. The Master’s Degree is an interdisciplinary course and provides teaching in the fields of cognitive science.

3. The official language of the course is English.

Art. 2 Admission Requirements

1. Applications to the selection process are accepted from candidates who satisfy the following requirements:

i. a bachelor’s or higher degree awarded in Italy or other qualification recognised as equivalent awarded abroad; undergraduate candidates are also accepted providing that they will obtain their bachelor’s degree:
   - before 30 June 2020 for non-EU citizens resident abroad;
   - before 31 October 2020 for Italian citizens, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens permanently resident in Italy;

ii. good knowledge of the English language, at least B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, attested as follows:
   - including a certification of knowledge of the English language emitted by an assessment institution accepted at an international level, which must be submitted to the University of Trento:
     - by 30 June 2020 at the latest for Non-European students resident abroad
     - by 31 October 2020 at the latest for Italian citizens, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens permanently resident in Italy;
   - or including a Transcript of records attesting the completion of a university exam of English language knowledge at B2 level
   - or including a certification by the University that issues the bachelor’s or master’s degree has been entirely held in English;
   - or including a self-certification where is attested that the candidate speaks English as mother tongue;
   - or including a self-certification where is attested that the candidate is citizen of a Country where English is the official language.

iii. a personal background with suitable professional, vocational and academic experience appropriate to the interdisciplinary nature of the degree course according to the disciplines characterizing the cognitive sciences area: philosophical and linguistic; psychological; psychobiological and cognitive neuroscience; mathematics, computer science and engineering;
Art. 3 Application procedures and submission dates

1. Candidates seeking admission to the selection process must complete the online application form at [http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/master](http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/master) according to the following procedures and deadlines:

- **FIRST CALL:** from 21st November 2019 to 20th February 2020, 12.00 (GMT+1) for all candidates (EU citizens and non-EU citizens).

  **Only in case of remaining places after the first Call:**

- **SECOND CALL:** from 23rd March 2020 to 23rd June 2020, 12.00 (GMT + 1) only for Italian citizens, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens permanently resident in Italy.

2. Technical problems in filling out the online application must be immediately communicated by email to mcs@unitn.it. Applications submitted after the application deadline and/or in different ways will not be accepted.

3. Candidates must complete the online application correctly uploading the following documents:
   a. a copy of passport (only pages relating to personal information) or identity card;
   b. copy of bachelor's degree certificate or registration certificate attesting the expected graduation date¹;
   c. transcript including a list of all courses, exams and marks awarded (attach an official translation if this document is not in Italian or English). The transcript must include: the list of exams for the qualification to be awarded, the weighted average mark and the minimum to maximum range of marks;
   d. transcript of marks obtained in all exams taken during any post-graduate degree (Master’s) awared before the submission of this application showing the final mark, any weighting of exams and indicating the range of minimum to maximum marks possible;
   e. curriculum vitae in English following the ‘European’ model (see [http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/));
   f. proof of English language qualification;
   g. statement of purpose - brief personal statement in English in which the candidate supports her/his application (max. 4000 characters, spaces included).

   Besides, candidates can also upload information related to:
   h. The referee details in case of submission of the reference letter (see art. 3.4).

4. The reference letter, not mandatory, has to be preferably written by a university lecturer and must be sent by the referee to mcs@unitn.it by the given deadline for applications.;

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 (20 February 2020 for the first selection round, 23 June 2020 for the potential second selection round). 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 admission Committee is appointed by the Rector of the University of Trento, and is made up of three members chosen from among the teaching staff at the Center for Mind/Brain Sciences and ensures that

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¹ Italian students or students enrolled in an Italian University may submit a self-declaration according to DPR 445/2000.
the selection procedures are correctly observed. The Committee may choose to meet via video conference.

2. The admission Committee will evaluate whether candidates fulfil the entry requirements set out in the regulations governing the Master’s Degree course in Cognitive Science – Scienze Cognitive and listed in article 2 of this document.

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

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<th>Academic background and reference letter</th>
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<td>The following are given particular consideration: transcripts of records, any other curricular activities, publications, professional experiences, stage and voluntary work, knowledge of foreign languages, reference letter.</td>
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<th>Relevance of previous studies and experience to the course objectives</th>
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<td>The relevance of the candidate’s previous studies (Bachelor’s or Master’s) and extracurricular activities (work placements, summer schools, jobs, etc.) to the nature and objectives of the MISS course.</td>
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<td>The following are given particular consideration: clarity, strength of motivation, relevance to the course applied for, ability shown in English, originality.</td>
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| Application score | 0-100 |

Applicants might be invited to interview (in person or via Skype), only if the Selection Committee requires to collect further information on applicants’ academic skills and personal competencies.

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.

6. On completing the evaluation process, 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 and one for Italian, EU citizens and non-EU citizens permanent resident in Italy). These lists will be published at:

http://international.unitn.it/mcs/application-procedure.

**Art. 5 Admission and enrolment**

1. Suitable candidates who have passed the selection procedure will have to 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 mcs@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, the Committee reserves the right to invite other
suitable candidates from the ranked list to enroll on the first year of the Master’s degree course in Cognitive Science – Scienze Cognitive, up to the number of places available.

4. All non-EU citizens resident abroad who apply and pay the admission confirmation fee, must pre-enroll at the Italian diplomatic office in their own country, by the deadlines set by the regulations concerning admission of foreign students to university courses posted at: [http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/](http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/).

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/node/167](https://international.unitn.it/node/167).

5. The ranking list will be published on the website of the Master’s degree course in Cognitive Science – Scienze Cognitive (MCS) approximately by mid-March 2020. Information about how and when to enroll will be available on the website of the Master Course.

**Art. 6 Tuition fees non-EU citizens resident abroad**

1. The maximum tuition fees for non-EU citizens resident abroad (and not included in the categories listed in article 26 of Law no. 189/2002) is € 6,000 per academic year; further details are available at: [http://international.unitn.it/incoming/tuition-fees](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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<td>Exemption from paying tuition fees</td>
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<td>€ 4,500</td>
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3. Candidates with an application score between 90/100 and 100/100 will be exempted from paying tuition fees. Top-scored candidates will be entitled to receive a scholarship. The number of scholarships available for a.y. 2020/21 is 13 (thirteen): 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.

4. Should any scholarship become available, as a result of withdrawal by candidates, the scholarship will be assigned to the next eligible candidates from the ranking list.

**Art. 7 Tuition Fees for EU-citizens**

1. The information about tuition fees for Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens permanent resident in Italy is published at the following link: [http://infostudenti.unitn.it/en/tuition-fees](http://infostudenti.unitn.it/en/tuition-fees). The amount can be partially or totally reduced according to the economic situation of the student’s family (ISEE).
Art. 8 Transfer to UniTrento or study course change

1. A transfer application to the Master’s degree course in Cognitive Science – Scienze Cognitive (MCS) can be submitted only in case of positive evaluation by the selection committee. Students can be admitted at the II year only if there are places available and the student can be recognized 48 credits.

2. The Academic transfer credit pre-evaluation form (published at http://international.unitn.it/mcs/application-procedure) must be sent at mcs@unitn.it by May 15, 2020.

3. UniTrento will send you the evaluation results by June 22, 2020.

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 resident 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@pec.unitn.it; ateneo@unitn.it. The contact details of the data protection officer (DPO) are as follows: Fiorenzo Tomaselli, via Verdi n. 8, 38122 Trento, email: 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.