Master in Musicology
2023/24

At a glance

Degree class: LM-45
ECTS credits: 120
Duration of the course: 2 years
Courses will be taught in: Italian, German and English [trilingual]
Places available: 30 EU + 3 non-EU
Campus: Brixen-Bressanone and Trento
Tuition fees: ca. €1350 per year
Course description
This Master, the only one in Italy with a multilingual approach, trains you to become a specialist in the field of musical heritage and its cultural dissemination.

This inter-university MA, offered by the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano and the University of Trento, allows you to specialize in two distinct fields:

- **Music Philology**,  
- **Communicating Music (Musikvermittlung)**.

The lecturers come from three different cultural and linguistic areas and will guide you along your academic path, introducing you to the world of education, research and transmission of knowledge in the field of music.

Course structure
You will attend the first year of study, common to both curricula and mainly in English, at the Faculty of Education in Brixen-Bressanone. The main subjects are: musical education, music making and music learning, ethnomusicology, paleography and musical philology and cultural anthropology.

The second year, you will have to decide whether to continue in Brixen-Bressanone, with a curriculum in **Communicating Music (Musikvermittlung)** that focuses on subjects such as history of theatre and performing arts, exegesis of musical sources or pedagogy, or in Trento, with a curriculum in **Philology of Music**, focused on disciplines such as modern and contemporary composition stylistics, musical dramaturgy, history and criticism of art or codicology. A wide choice of optional courses will allow you to steer the path towards your interests.
Study Plan - Master in Musicology

1st Year
12 CP  Perspectives on music making and learning
6 CP   Ethnomusicology
6 CP   Music Paleography and Philology
6 CP   Cultural Anthropology
6 CP   German Literature
12 CP  Optional courses
12 CP  Internship

2nd Year - Curriculum in Methodology of Music Education and Musical Communication
(Brixen – Bressanone)
6 CP   Theoretical and methodological basics of communicating music (Musikvermittlung)
6 CP   Forms and techniques of communicating music (Musikvermittlung): thematic insights
6 CP   History of theatre and musical dramaturgy
6 CP   Planning and evaluation of learning pathways
6 CP   Study of musical sources
6 CP   Aesthetic Education
3+3 CP  Scientific language skills
18 CP  Final exam

2nd Year - Curriculum in Philology and Analysis of Music (Trento-Trient)
6 CP   Music Philology
6 CP   Stylistics of the modern and contemporary music
6 CP   Musical Dramaturgy
6 CP   History of art criticism
6 CP   Codicology
6 CP   Archival studies I or Paleography II
3+3 CP  Scientific language skills
18 CP  Final exam

A regular presence is desired in each case and is recommended for all courses, because the content of the lectures can often be reversed only with considerable effort with individual studies.

Students are required to gain at least 12 ECTS credit points each for lectures in German and Italian.
**Exchange programmes and internships**

Currently we offer exchange programmes with partner universities all over the world and have an extensive network of internship cooperations in Italy and abroad (e.g. Orchestra Filarmonica di Bologna, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Bolzano International Piano Competition Busoni).

**Career opportunities**

Graduates can work as experts in the field of music education and its cultural dissemination (for example in concert institutions and in teaching), or in archives and music libraries and in specialized publishing. You might also decide to continue your studies by undertaking a PhD.
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Application and Admission
You can find all you need to know in order to apply and gain admission to this study programme by browsing through the information below.

Deadlines and important dates

Early Bird Application
Application: 01/03 - 27/04/2023 (by noon local time)
Language exams: 17/03/2023 and 13 - 14 and 17 - 18 - 19/04/2023
Admission exam: 1coming soon
Admission procedure and publication of ranking lists: by 16/05/2023
Payment of the 1st instalment of the tuition fees: by 25/05/2023 (by noon local time)
Enrolment: 12/07 - 13/10/2023 (by noon local time)

Late Application
Application: 17/05 - 23/08/2023 (by noon local time)
Language exams: 26/06 - 01/07/2023 and 24/07/2023
Admission exam: coming soon
Admission procedure and publication of ranking lists: by 06/09/2023
Payment of the 1st instalment of the tuition fees: by 15/09/2023 (by noon local time)
Enrolment: 06/09 - 13/10/2023 (by noon local time)

Preparatory courses and Freshers Days
Intensive language courses: 04 - 22/09/2023 (Monday to Friday, 6 h/day)
Freshers Days: 03/10/2023

1st semester
Classes: 02/10 - 23/12/2023
Holidays: 24/12/2023 - 07/01/2024
Classes: 08/01 - 27/01/2024
Exams: 29/01 - 24/02/2024

2nd semester
Classes: 04/03 - 28/03/2024
Holidays: 29/03 - 01/04/2024
Classes: 02/04 - 15/06/2024
Exams: 17/06 - 13/07/2024

Autumn session
Exams: 26/08 - 28/09/2024

Available places
EU citizens and citizens given parity of treatment
Early Bird Application: 25
Late Application: 5

Non-EU citizens (living abroad)
Early Bird Application: 3

The programme will only be offered if a minimum of 7 newly enrolled students is reached.

Entry requirements
To gain admission to this programme you need one of the following qualifications:

- a bachelor or master’s degree independent from the degree classes (ex D.M. 270/04, ex D.M. 509/99, ex D.M. 508/99) or a degree according to the former legislation or an equivalent qualification as well as 18 credit points in the subject areas L-ART/07 and L-ART/08. Students who do not have the 18 ECTS credits required for admission can acquire them free of charge at the University of Trento by taking single subject courses. If you are interested, please contact Marco Uvietta (marco.uvietta@unitn.it).
- a first-level degree of the Conservatory (DL 25.9.2002 n. 212 art. 6 comma 3) or according to the former legislation if you possess a secondary school qualification or other qualification achieved abroad that is recognized as being adequate;
- an equivalent qualification gained abroad.

The credit points listed above must have been acquired before the interview.

If you have not yet graduated at the time of application: you can apply, but you will be admitted conditionally and you need to submit your diploma by the enrolment deadline.

If you graduate after the enrolment deadline: you cannot enrol and you will lose your place, which will be offered to the subsequent applicant in the ranking list. In this case you should not pay the tuition fees to secure your admission. You will be able to submit a late enrolment request and, only if there still are available places, you can enrol by 16 December 2022.

To be admitted you must also:

- possess basic skills in computer science
- fulfil the language requirements indicated in the section “Language requirements”.

According to national regulations, simultaneous enrolment in a maximum of 2 programmes is possible (however, the two programmes must not belong to the same class, e.g., LM-45/LM-45).
Language requirements

The official teaching languages are German, Italian and English. Therefore, the following language requirements apply, otherwise you will be excluded from the admission procedure:

Entry level (to gain admission)
1st language: C1
2nd language: B2
3rd language: no level required

From the 2nd semester of the first year
3rd language: a B1 level in the third language is the minimum requirement for taking curricular examinations in that specific language.

Exit level (to graduate)
1st language: C1
2nd language: C1
3rd language: B1

The levels of the Common European Framework of Reference apply.

Your first language is the language in which you have the highest level of proficiency (C1). Your third language is instead the language in which you are weaker (or in which you are an absolute beginner).

You can demonstrate your language proficiency in the application portal (in the section “upload language certificates” and/or “enrol for language exams”) after you have created an application in the section “create/manage applications”. The certification is mandatory for the first and second language, for the third language it is recommended (from B1 onwards).

- In case your final certificate has been awarded by an Italian public institution, you need to submit a self-declaration.
- In case your final certificate has been awarded by a foreign public institution, you need to upload diploma scanned copy of the original.

You can demonstrate language proficiency through:

1. the main teaching language in your final high school year if German, Italian or English (recognised as C1) (Ladin upper secondary schools: recognised as B2 in German and Italian).
2. a bachelor or master degree in Italian, German or English (recognised as C1). unibz graduates must upload the language certificates obtained and/or declare that they have passed language exams at the unibz Language Centre (B2, B2+ or C1)
3. a recognised language certificate (see the list of recognised certificates: https://www.unibz.it/en/services/language-centre/study-in-three-languages/) If you cannot upload the certificates, you can send them by e-mail as PDF files or deliver them in person to the Language Centre by the application deadline (see “Deadlines” section).
4. language exams organised by the unibz Language Centre. You can register for these exams online through the application portal (in the section “enrol for language exams”) after you have filled out your application in the section “create/manage applications”. The registration periods are indicated in the “Deadlines” section. If you start your application outside a language exams registration period, you must return to the portal during one of
the periods indicated above in order to register for an exam.

Information regarding the structure of the language proficiency exams, their duration, their administration, and typical processing time for the publication of the results can be found on the following webpage: https://www.unibz.it/en/services/language-centre/language-exams/.

Secondary schools in a foreign country/Bi- or multilingual schools

If the foreign language proficiency levels (for German, Italian, or English) are explicitly indicated on the diploma of graduation according to the Common European Framework of Reference (i.e., B1, B2 or C1), and if all four language abilities (reading, listening, speaking, writing) have been assessed, then the indicated levels will be accepted as a proof of proficiency for the second and/or third language.

Please upload your school-leaving certificate to the application portal in the section “upload language certificates” under the respective language. The Language Centre will decide on its recognition.

Third language/Intensive language courses in September

If you have already acquired a language certificate in the third teaching language, please upload it to the portal. If you are not able to certify your language competence in the third language and you are admitted to unibz, you will have to take a placement test. You will receive further information about the test by e-mail. Based on the result of the placement test, you will be assigned to a certain learning path so that you will be able to reach level B1 as soon as possible.

If you are an absolute beginner in the third language, or if you have a level below B1, you may attend a three-week intensive language course during the pre-semester session in September in order to start the learning path.

The dates of the extensive courses are indicated in the “Deadlines” section. Beginner courses (A1) will be offered exclusively during the pre-semester intensive course session in September will no longer be offered during the academic year. Therefore, absolute beginners should start their learning path for the third language by attending the intensive courses in September.

There will be extensive courses (4 hours per week) during the semesters and intensive courses (8 hours per week) during the time between semesters.

The language courses offered by the Language Centre are free of charge and aim to help the students reach the level B1 in the third language after the first study year.

Online application

Your application must be submitted online through the Application Portal. The deadlines are indicated in the “Deadlines” section.

- You need to create an account and upload a valid ID card or passport (front/back). Please note: if your document is invalid, incomplete or unreadable, you will be excluded from the admission procedure;
- Fill in the online form and upload the attachments listed under “Admission procedure”;
- If you gained your qualification abroad, you must also upload the diploma of your
qualification: if you are not yet in possession of the diploma, you’ll need to upload it upon enrolment;

- Complete and submit the online application by the deadline. Once the application has been sent, it cannot be modified. Filled-in forms which have not been sent correctly will not be taken into consideration.

Please note: Mendacious declarations will be criminally prosecuted and will result in the automatic exclusion from the ranking list.

EU-Citizens and equivalent
You might apply for more than one study programme. If you are excluded in the first session, you might apply again in the second one.

Considered as equivalent are:

1. Citizens from Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, San Marino and the Vatican City State;
2. Non-EU citizens with a valid permit to stay in Italy (see article 39, paragraph 5 of decree no. 286 of 25.07.1998: "permesso di soggiorno" [residence permit] for work, family reasons, political or humanitarian asylum, religious reasons). In this case, you apply directly to the University as described above and must submit a copy of your valid permit to stay. A permit to stay for study reasons or a visa for tourism is not. If the permit has expired, you must attach a renewal request. Please note that if you do not upload the permit in the application portal, you will be automatically considered a non-EU citizen living abroad and therefore subject to the admission procedure through the Italian authorities in your country of origin.

Non-EU-Citizens (living outside of Italy)
Only one application period is offered. After the deadline it is not possible to apply anymore. Application fee: € 30.

Once the ranking list has been published, if you have gained admission, secure it by paying the first instalment and then start your visa application on the Universitaly portal. The application on Universitaly is mandatory, otherwise you will not be allowed to enrol. On Universitaly you can apply for one study programme only.

Admission procedure
The admission procedure is based on the following criteria:

1. admission interview [max. 80 points in total]
   The interview in Brixen-Bressanone aims to explore your motivation and skills, especially in music (see Section “Deadlines”).
   Location and time will be published on the website www.unibz.it. You can choose whether to conduct the admission interview in German, Italian or English. In justified exceptional cases, the interview can be organised via video conference. In that case, you must provide at least by the application deadline a written and reasoned request to the Faculty Secretariat;
2. work experience gained working in musical and musicological fields [max. 20 points];
In the event of equal scores, the younger applicant will have priority.

**Ranking lists**
The Admission Committee will only evaluate the documents uploaded in the portal by the application deadline. The ranking lists with the admitted students will be published here and are only valid for the respective academic year.

**Secure your admission and enrolment**
If you have been admitted to more than one study programme, you can secure your admission for a maximum of 2 programmes by paying the designated rate twice. By confirming your place, you renounce admission to the other programmes.

1. **Choose the study programme and pay the fees (to secure your admission) in the application portal.**
   
The deadlines are indicated in the “Deadlines” section.
   
If you do not meet this deadline, you will automatically be excluded and the next applicant in the ranking list will be admitted.

   For EU citizens and citizens given parity of treatment only: any remaining places of the early bird application, will be offered in the late application.

   **Please note** that you do not gain full student status by only paying the tuition fees. This status will only be acquired upon enrolment. If you have secured your admission, there will be no refund of the tuition fees unless you do not pass your secondary school final exam or, in the event of non-EU applicants living abroad, you do not receive the documents necessary for enrolment from the Italian authorities in your country.

2. **Enrol online in the application portal.**
   
The deadlines are indicated in the “Deadlines” section.
   
Enrolment is recommended as early as possible, so you have the possibility to upload incomplete documents before the deadline.

If you do not meet the enrolment deadline, you will be excluded and the next applicant in the ranking list will be admitted.

**Admission with reservation:**
If you do not have the required academic qualification, you will be given a conditional offer for a study place and you must submit your qualification upon enrolment. If you achieve your qualification after the enrolment deadline, you cannot enrol, and you will lose your place which will be offered to the subsequent applicant in the ranking list. **Advice:** If you achieve your qualification after the enrolment deadline, you should not pay the tuition fees to confirm the study place. You will be able to submit a late enrolment request and, only if there are study places still available, you can enrol by 15 December 2023.

If you have gained your qualification abroad, you must certify that at the universities in the country where you gained your qualification, you can access to a study programme similar to that chosen at unibz. Therefore you must upload (if not uploaded upon application):
• diploma of your qualification
• official translation of your diploma into Italian (translation is not necessary if it has been issued in German or English)

and one of the following:

• the Diploma supplement, where it must be indicated: that you have achieved at least 180 credit points (ECTS) and that the study title gives access to a Master course. In case of doubt, unibz reserves the right to request the Statement of comparability
• Statement of comparability of your qualification, issued by the Italian Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (CIMEA), in the case the Diploma supplement is missing

Please note that if you do not possess a valid admission qualification, you could be excluded with Rector’s decree even after enrolment.

If you are a non-EU citizen living abroad:

If you are eligible for admission (check the ranking lists) and have also applied on Universitaly, the Italian Authorities in your own country will issue you the entry visa for studies/university.

This will allow you to arrive in Italy to enrol for the study programme that you have applied for, after passing the admission procedure.

According to Italian law, within 8 working days of your arrival in Italy, you must have applied for the residence permit: as soon as you arrive, get in touch with the Advisory Service and you will be given the necessary information for starting the procedure.

Once you will obtain your residence permit (permesso di soggiorno), you have to hand it in at the Student Secretariat personally or via e-mail.

Students intending to transfer from another Italian University to unibz must submit to the Student Secretariat - at the beginning of the academic year - a copy of the transfer application presented at the university of provenance.

Tuition fees

Fees amount to € 1351.50

• 1st instalment (€ 751.50)*: includes the provincial tax for the right to study of € 151.50 and a revenue stamp of € 16.
• 2nd instalment (€ 600): must be paid by 31 March 2023.

Delayed payment of the second instalment will result in a fine being levied. If you have not paid the tuition fees, you will be unable to take exams and will not be able to transfer to other universities or other study programmes.

If you drop out of a programme, interrupt your studies or are excluded from studies, you are not entitled to reimbursement of the fees.

Exemption from the tuition fees (and the provincial tax) is granted to:

• Students with a disability recognized under article 3, paragraph 1, of Law No 104/1992, or
with a disability up to or exceeding 66%: the disability certificate, issued by the health authorities, must be handed in at the beginning of the academic year.
- Foreign students who have been granted a scholarship from the Italian government.

Students who benefit from a scholarship granted by the Autonomous Province of Bozen-Bolzano are entitled to receive a refund of the tuition fees.

Recognition of credit points from previous studies
Credit points from previous university studies can only be recognised after enrolment if the exams taken at the university of provenance are equivalent in content to those offered at unibz. You can fill out the application after enrolment at your Faculty Secretariat.

The Faculty organises appointments for the preliminary evaluation (Italian and German) of previous university careers.

The Advisory Service provides support regarding your choice of study. In many cases a simple call or a short request is enough to get the relevant information (Tel. +39 0471 012100).
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Tuesdays: 10:00-12:00
Thursdays: 14:00-16:00

Alternatively, you may call us throughout the week or book an online appointment

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