



Master in Public Policy and Innovative Governance

2025/26

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: 03/03 - 06/05/2025 (by noon local time)

Language exams (online): 17/03/2025 (registration: 03 - 09/03/2025) and 16 - 17 - 22 - 23/04/2025 (registration: 24/03 - 08/04/2025)

Publication of ranking lists: by 27/05/2025

Payment of the 1st instalment of the tuition fees: by 05/06/2025 (by noon local time)

Enrolment: from 11/07 - 14/10/2025 (by noon local time)

Late Application (only for EU citizens)

Application: 28/05 - 17/07/2025 (by noon local time)

Language exams (online): 23 - 27/06/2025 (registration: 28/05 - 15/06/2025)

Publication of ranking lists: by 06/08/2025

Payment of the 1st instalment of the tuition fees: by 19/08/2025 (by noon local time)

Enrolment: from publication of the ranking list until 14/10/2025 (by noon local time)

Additional Application Session (only for EU citizens)

The faculty can open additional application sessions for single study programmes in August and in September if there are available places. More information on additional sessions will be published in due course.

Preparatory courses and Freshers Days

Intensive language courses: 01 - 19/09/2025 (Monday to Friday, 6 h/day)

Preparatory courses (optional): 22/09 - 03/10/2025

Freshers Days: 29 - 30/09/2025

1st semester

Classes: 29/09 - 23/12/2025

Exams (extraordinary session): 11 - 23/12/2025

Holidays: 24/12/2025 - 06/01/2026

Classes: 07/01 - 24/01/2026

Exams: 26/01 - 21/02/2026

2nd semester

Classes: 02/03 - 02/04/2026

Holidays: 03 - 06/04/2026

Classes: 07/04 - 13/06/2026

Exams (extraordinary session): 14 - 23/05/2026

Exams: 15/06 - 11/07/2026

Autumn session

Exams: 24/08 - 26/09/2026

Available places

EU citizens and citizens given parity of treatment

Early Bird Application: 40

Late Application: 5

Non-EU citizens (living abroad)

Early Bird Application: 10

Entry requirements

In order to gain admission to this programme you need one of the following qualifications:

1.a university degree (*) in one of the following Italian degree classes or an equivalent qualification gained abroad:

- D. 270/04: Bachelor in the classes
 - L-14 Law Service Sciences
 - L-16 Administration and Organisation Sciences
 - L-18 Economics and Business Administration
 - L-20 Communication Sciences
 - L-33 Economics
 - L-36 Political Science and International Relations
 - L-37 Social Sciences for Cooperation, Development and Peace
 - L-40 Sociology
- D. 509/99: Bachelor in the classes
 - 02 Law Service Sciences
 - 14 Communication Sciences
 - 15 Political Science and International Relations
 - 17 Economics and Business Administration
 - 19 Administration sciences
 - 28 Economics
 - 31 Law Sciences
 - 35 Social Sciences for Cooperation, Development and Peace
 - 36 Sociology

- A final degree or university certificate from an Italian School of Law, Economics, Political Sciences or Sociology according to the regulation in force before M.D. 509/99.

(*) Italian citizens who have obtained their degree abroad must also have a secondary school leaving qualification.

or

2. a university degree in a different class to the ones listed above or an equivalent qualification gained abroad. **At least 6 credit points** must have been acquired in the law subject area and/or in the economic/entrepreneurial subject area.

Credit points from the following scientific-disciplinary areas are recognised:

Law

IUS/01 - Private Law
 IUS/02 - Comparative private law
 IUS/03 - Agricultural law
 IUS/04 - Commercial law
 IUS/05 - Economic law
 IUS/06 - Navigation law
 IUS/07 - Labour law
 IUS/08 - Constitutional law
 IUS/09 - Institutions of public law
 IUS/10 - Administrative law
 IUS/11 - Canonical and ecclesiastical law
 IUS/12 - Taxation law
 IUS/13 - International law
 IUS/14 - eu law
 IUS/15 - Civil procedural law
 IUS/16 - Criminal procedural law
 IUS/17 - Criminal law
 IUS/18 - Roman law and antique law
 IUS/19 - History of medieval and modern law
 IUS/20 - Philosophy of law
 IUS/21 - Comparative public law

Economics and Statistics

SECS-P/01 - Economics
 SECS-P/02 - Economic policy
 SECS-P/03 - Financial sciences
 SECS-P/04 - History of economic thought
 SECS-P/05 - Econometrics
 SECS-P/06 - Applied economy
 SECS-P/07 - Business administration
 SECS-P/08 - Economics and business management
 SECS-P/09 - Business finance
 SECS-P/10 - Business organisation
 SECS-P/11 - Economics of financial intermediaries
 SECS-P/12 - Economic history

SECS-P/13 - Merchandise sciences
SECS-S/01 - Statistics
SECS-S/02 - Statistics for experimental and technological research
SECS-S/03 - Economic statistics
SECS-S/04 - Demography
SECS-S/05 - Social statistics
SECS-S/06 - Mathematics for economics
ING-IND/35 - Economics managerial engineering

If you have not yet graduated at the time of application:

You can apply if you have acquired at least 140 credit points (ECTS). In this case you will be admitted conditionally, and you will 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 will be allowed to enrol by 12 December 2025.

To be admitted, you must 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-63/LM-63 and must differ for at least 2/3 of the course contents).

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

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). **Foreign qualifications:** If the main teaching language is not clearly stated on your high school diploma, please also upload a letter/document issued by your high school stating the medium of instruction.
2. **a bachelor or master degree** in Italian, German or English (recognised as C1). unbz graduates must upload the language certificates obtained and/or declare that they have passed language exams at the unbz Language Centre (B2, B2+ or C1) **Foreign qualifications:** If the teaching language is not clearly stated on your University degree, please also upload a letter/document issued by your University stating the medium of instruction during your studies.
3. **a recognised language certificate** (see the list of recognised certificates) 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 unbz 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.

Please note that you can only register for **C1 and B2 level exams** and only for one level per language (e.g. in the same exam session you can register for a C1 German and a B2 Italian exam, but not for a C1 and a B2 German exam).

For information on studying in three languages also visit the following page.

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 valid**. 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: € 50.

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 University portal. The application on University is mandatory, otherwise you will not be allowed to enrol. On University you can apply for one study programme only.

Admission procedure

The admission procedure is based on the following criteria:

1. Grade average (max. 70 points)

- If you have already graduated: Final grade, given in xx/30
- If you have not graduated yet: The grade average of the passed university exams given in xx/30

In case of a bachelor concluded with the highest grade and the mention "summa cum laude", 2 additional points will be awarded.

2. Further language proficiency

You will receive 10 points if you demonstrate a B2 level in the third language.

For details, please see the paragraph "Language requirements for admission".

3. Prior knowledge

You will receive an additional maximum of 20 points if you have completed or are in the process of completing one of the following degree classes, or if you have another equivalent recognised degree awarded abroad:

D.M. 270/04: Bachelor in the classes

- L-14 Law Service Sciences
- L-16 Administration and Organisation Sciences
- L-18 Economics and Business Administration
- L-33 Economics

D.M. 509/99: Bachelor in the classes

- n° 02 Law Service Sciences
- n° 17 Economics and Business Administration
- n° 19 Administration Sciences
- n° 28 Economics
- n° 31 Law Sciences

M.D. 270/04: Master in the classes

- LM-56 Economic Sciences
- LM-77 Economics and Business Sciences
- LMG/01 Law

M.D. 509/99: Master in the classes

- 64/S Economic Sciences
- 84/S Economics and Business Sciences
- 22/S Law

Or if you have obtained a degree or a university certificate according to the former study regulations (before M.D. 509/1999), considered equivalent to one of the classes listed above.

As an alternative, you will receive up to a maximum of 10 points if you have successfully attended one or more courses in disciplinary fields/scientific sectors coherent with the course offering of the subjects taught in this master programme (also at other universities). The 6 credit points required for admission to the master will not be considered.

In the event of equal scores, priority will be given to the applicant who has obtained the highest score for the first criterion. If scores are still equal, the younger applicant will have priority.

Courses included in the programme of the Master in Public Policy and Innovative Governance are not valid for the acquisition of the 6CPs required for admission.

Courses that have been taken into consideration in order to achieve the 6 CPs necessary to gain admission to the master programme cannot be recognised for a possible career abbreviation.

If you still need to graduate and/or certify the remaining exams you must sit, you are provisionally admitted in the ranking lists.

In the application portal, you shall upload:

1. Qualification:

- **if graduated in Italy:** diploma supplement or self-declaration (following the Italian D.P.R. no. 445/2000) of the degree awarded with the exams passed (if graduated) or with the exams passed (if not graduated yet);
- **if graduated abroad:** diploma supplement or final degree certificate with exams passed (if graduated) or transcript of records (if not graduated yet) in Italian, German or English.

The above must contain the following information: final grade, exams passed with grade and date of passing, credit points, scientific fields (the latter only for Italian titles).

For qualifications obtained abroad, also: scale of grades awarded by the university of provenance (with a minimum final grade to obtain the qualification and a maximum final grade achievable).

The Faculty reserves the right to request a description of the contents of the courses and/or teaching hours where necessary.

2. Excel file: If you have not graduated yet, you must confirm that you have acquired at least 140 credit points (ECTS) in your course of origin. Please use the excel file available in the application portal.

3. Optional language certificates (see point 2 - Further language knowledge).

Please note that mendacious declarations will be sanctioned by criminal law and will result in your automatic exclusion.

Ranking lists

The Admission Committee will only evaluate the documents uploaded in the portal by the application deadline. The ranking lists 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: Paying university fees does not confer student status, which is only obtained by enrolling. If you pay but do not enrol, you are not entitled to a refund, except for non-EU applicants living abroad who do not obtain the necessary documents for enrolment from the Italian authorities in their 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 12 December 2025.

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

3. If you have a foreign university degree, during enrolment you must upload:

- degree diploma of your Bachelor
- official translation of your degree into Italian (not necessary if the documents have been issued in German or English)
- Diploma supplement, where it must be indicated: that you have achieved at least 180 credit points (ECTS) and that the qualification gives access to a master programme

Depending on the foreign education system your degree belongs to, you must also upload:

a) EU countries, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein:

- Statement of **Correspondence** of your Bachelor degree, to be downloaded from the ARDI - Automatic Recognition Database – Italy

b) Non-EU countries that are signatories to the Lisbon Convention:

- Statement of **Correspondence** of your Bachelor degree, to be downloaded from the ARDI - Automatic Recognition Database – Italy
- Statement of **Verification** of your Bachelor degree, issued by the Italian Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (CIMEA)

c) Non-EU countries that are not signatories of the Lisbon Convention:

- Statement of **Comparability** of your Bachelor degree, to be downloaded from the ARDI - Automatic Recognition Database – Italy
- Statement of **Verification** of your Bachelor degree, issued by the Italian Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (CIMEA)

unibz performs the necessary checks on your foreign qualification and in case of doubt reserves the right to request additional documents.

Please note that if you do not possess a valid admission qualification, you can 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 University, 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 Office personally or via e-mail.

Tuition Fees

Fees amount to € 1200

- **1st instalment (€ 600):** includes the revenue stamp of € 16.
- **2nd instalment (€ 600):** must be paid by March of the following year

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 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.

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