

FAQ

frequently asked questions

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TO ENROLL

What English certification is accepted for enrollment in the master's program?

A B2 level knowledge of the English language is required for admission, all candidates must upload one of the following alternatives:

a) A certificate, recognized by our university and issued by an accredited body, corresponding to level B2 or higher. Please note: certificates must NOT have been obtained more than three years before the date of application. See the list of accepted certificates here:

https://www.unimib.it/sites/default/files/2023-11/Certificazioni_INGLESE_ott2023_UNIMIB_def.pdf

b) The Bbetween English B2 Open Badge from the Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca (for those who have been students of this university) **or the completion during previous university studies of an English language exam at a B2 level or higher following the instructions that will be provided in the admission call (for graduates coming from another university);**

c) A declaration of the University of origin attesting that the attended degree program was entirely or almost entirely offered in English.

d) Pass the English test organized by the University of Milano-Bicocca. Following the instructions that will be provided in the call of application, it will be possible to download the form to request the University of Milano-Bicocca to undergo the English test.

Where can you register to take the Milano-Bicocca language test?

Following the instructions that will be provided in the call of application, it will be possible to download the form to request the University of Milano-Bicocca to undergo the English test.

The call for application is not open yet. **It is expected to be opened by the end of June 2024.** To have an idea, although it's the procedure for another degree program, it is possible to read the call for application of other master's degree courses in English. For example, you can consult the page for the "Materials Science and Nanotechnology" course (<https://www.unimib.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/corsi-laurea-iscrizioni/area-scientifica-laurea-magistrale>). It is advisable to wait, however, for the opening of the call for Optometry and Vision Science.

I obtained the B2 English certification at another university; is it valid?

Contrary to what was said during the open day and what was initially written in this document, the completion of an English exam at level B2 or higher during the previous university career of graduates from another university will be considered valid, provided that the instructions in the call for applications will be followed.

I am a foreigner. Is it enough to have an English language certification, or do I need to have an Italian language certification as well?

To enroll in the degree course, an English language certification is sufficient.

What questions will be asked during the admission interview?

Some examples of questions for each of the seven thematic areas **have been** published on the e-learning page of the master's program

(<https://elearning.unimib.it/course/view.php?id=53817&lang=en>). The seven thematic areas are already listed on the same page.

Is it possible to conduct the interview remotely?

Contrary to what was said during the open day and what was initially written in this document, the admission interviews are expected to be conducted only remotely instead of in person. The university is finalizing the last details before publishing the call of application, in which this and other information will be confirmed. **The date of the interviews (conducted remotely) will be indicated in the admission call. It is here anticipated to be September 17, 2024 (potentially also September 18, depending on the number of candidates).**

DURING THE MASTER'S DEGREE

What is the reason for offering a master's degree in English?

Offering a master's degree in English serves several purposes, particularly in a globalized education environment.

English is widely regarded as the lingua franca of global business, science, and academia. Teaching in English can help standardize the curriculum with international benchmarks and best practices. This is particularly important in fields where new technologies, techniques, and theories are predominantly published and discussed in English. International conferences are typically in English. The job market increasingly demands communication skills in English. For this reason, graduates from an English-taught program are often seen as more competitive. It prepares them for careers both in the home countries and internationally. In addition, a lot of educational resources, including textbooks, research articles, and reference materials are primarily available in English. Teaching the course in English gives students direct access to these resources without the barrier of language.

Finally, offering a program in English could attract students and lecturers from diverse backgrounds and nationalities.

Who will be the lecturers for the master's program? Will there be foreign lecturers?

Teaching in the master's courses will be conducted by different lecturers depending on the type of course and lecture. The frontal lectures in blended learning will be conducted by professors from the University of Milano-Bicocca from various departments and by internationally renowned foreign professors from optometry departments of other universities. The practical lessons will be taught by lecturers of the University of Milano-Bicocca and professionals from the field. Additionally, for various courses, a tutor will be involved who will coordinate with the main lecturers in delivering specific blended activities and will provide general support to students for the e-learning environment.

Can students who already hold a master's degree or who have partially completed master's level academic studies request recognition of educational activities carried out in their previous academic careers?

Students who already hold a master's degree or who have partially completed master's level academic studies can request recognition of educational activities carried out in their previous academic careers. The competent university bodies will review the prior academic record and decide on the recognition of the credits earned. The candidates must, however, have undergone the admission interview and must have been admitted to the master's course in Optometry and Vision Science.

What are the mandatory activities to be carried out in person at the University of Milano-Bicocca?

The only activities that must be carried out in person at the University of Milano-Bicocca are the laboratory activities (for which the attendance is mandatory).

What does part-time enrollment involve?

The degree program provides for part-time enrollment. Switching from part-time to full-time enrollment or vice versa is allowed only once during the academic career. Students who choose part-time enrollment are eligible for a 50% reduction in the universal university fee.

AFTER GRADUATION

Does this master's course offer the possibility to enroll in PhDs and second-level master's programs?

Upon completion of the studies, a Master's Degree in Optometry and Vision Science is awarded. This degree allows access to second-level Master's programs and PhDs offered at the University of Milano-Bicocca or other universities according to the procedures established in their respective regulations.