Study Plan Filing Guide
Fall 2026 version
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Marine Sciences

The study plan is the set of educational activities that a student has to select, in accordance with the rules set by the Teaching Regulations of the chosen Master's or Bachelor's degree programme, that are going to constitute their education plan.
These activities include:

- Compulsory courses and activities: These are courses and activities (e.g., traineeship, further linguistic knowledge) that all students must complete.

- Compulsory multiple-choice courses (Electives within Groups): Students are required to select one or two courses from pre-established lists, as specified in the Teaching Regulation

- **Activities "To be chosen by the Student" (Free Electives)**: You are allocated 12 Italian University Credits (CFU; 1 CFU = 1 ECTS) to be spent on activities of your own choosing.
This latter category includes:
> Courses from the pre-established lists that were not selected as “Compulsory Multiple-Choice Courses”
>Courses offered by other Master's degree programmes within the University (other than Medicine)
>Practical training activities valued at either 6 or 12 CFU
>Learning activities (6 or 12 CFU) taken during Eramus mobility

These rules are clearly detailed within the Programme Regulation relative to the year when you first enrolled.
All the documents related to your years can be found at this link:
https://elearning.unimib.it/course/section.php?id=77723

In particular, you can find the regulation for the Year 2026/2027 here:
https://elearning.unimib.it/pluginfile.php/2132830/mod_label/intro/F7502Q-26-LM-MS_REGOLAMENTO%20DIDATTICO%20_ENG_con%20tabella.pdf

What you to focus on is Art. 6 “ART.6 Structure of the Programme” where all the information you might need are provided, including the rules you should follow for filing your study plan.

Within the Fall window (from November the 9th to November the 20th) for filing study plans, two main options are provided to first-year students:
"**da approvare**" (**to be approved**) and "**pre-approvato**" (**pre-approved**) plans.

The **pre-approved** plan allows you to include activities among those recommended by your Master's Degree Programme as free-choice exams. The plan is therefore automatically approved, without any intervention of the study plan commission. This does not imply that you are unable to make a choice. You can indeed choose which activities you want to follow among the Compulsory Multiple-Choice activities and the Free Elective activities, but when it comes to the latter, you can only include those (and the list of possibilities is quite long) provided by the master program itself.

The **to be approved** plan allows you to choose also classes from other courses of the University as free-choice exams in addition to those from your Course. This type of plan, which is "proposed" after confirmation, must be approved by the Teaching Coordination Council of your Course after the submission deadline. Your career plan will only include these activities once it receives approval.

You also have to rely on the **to be approved** option if you wish to include extra courses.

If you wish to choose, among the Free Elective activities, classes from the institution you attend during your Erasmus, and those classes have no equivalent in Bicocca, you can include these activities using the **to-be-approved** option.

A final option is represented by the individual plan (see page 7 for the rules), which can allow further customization, but this customization needs to be fully justify and then approved by a dedicated committee.
All the relative information can be retrieved at the following link:
https://www.unimib.it/studiare/servizi-studenti-e-laureati/segreterie/piani-degli-studi/area-scienze

1° YEAR (60 CFU): 9 exams
COMPULSORY COURSES:
- Chemistry of marine environment, CHIM/12 - 6 CFU –1 exam
- Fundamentals of marine biology, BIO/05 - 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Marine Geomorphology, GEO/04 - 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Biogeosciences and Global Changes, GEO/01 - 6 CFU - 1 exam
- Biodiversity and marine ecology, BIO/07 – 12 CFU 1 exam (module Biodiversity - 6 CFU + module Marine ecology - 6 CFU)
- Physical Oceanography, FIS/06 - 6 CFU – 1 exam
- International law of the sea, IUS/13 - 6 CFU – 1 exam

COMPULSORY MULTIPLE-CHOICE COURSES (Electives within Groups)
The Student has to choose 1 course (6 CFU) among the following:
- Coastal and marine hazard and resilience, M-GGR/02 - 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Environmental justice and geopolitics of the sea, M-GGR/02 – 6 CFU – 1 exam

The Student has to chose a course (6 CFU) among the following:
- Marine invertebrate zoology, BIO/05 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Marine vertebrate zoology, BIO/05 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Applied micropaleontology and biomonitoring, GEO/01 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Applied geomorphology and habitat, GEO/04 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Marine bioprospecting, BIO/11 - 6 CFU - 1 exam
- Human geography of small island systems, M-GGR/01 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Ocean affairs law and policy, IUS/13 – 6 CFU – 1 exam

2° YEAR (60 CFU): 3 exams
OTHER COMPULSORY ACTIVITIES:
- To be chosen by the Student (Free Electives) – 12 CFU
- Traineeship - 4 CFU
- Further linguistic knowledge – 4 CFU
- Final examination – 28 CFU

COMPULSORY MULTIPLE-CHOICE COURSES (Electives within Groups) :
The Student has to choose 2 courses (6 CFU) among the following:
- Coastal and marine botany, BIO/01 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Management of aquatic resources: fisheries, BIO/07 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Marine molecular biology, BIO/11 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Marine environmental microbiology, BIO/19 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Applied marine geology, GEO/04 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Conservation paleobiology, GEO/01 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Ocean monitoring and data analysis, GEO/12 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Coastal risks and dynamics, GEO/04 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Coastal and maritime tourism, M-GGR/02– 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Climate change impacts on marine ecology, BIO/07 - 6 CFU - 1 exam
- Multidisciplinary Marine Lab – 6 CFU – 1 exam 6 CFU (module Bio-Ecology Lab, BIO/07 – 3 CFU
+ module Environmental Lab, GEO/01 – 3 CFU)
- Underwater Scientific Methodologies for Ecological Studies and Monitoring, BIO/07 – 6 CFU – 1 exam
- Communication skills and interpersonal relation management, M-PSI/08 – 6 CFU – 1 exam

How Does it Work?

When enrolling, you are automatically assigned a study plan called the statutory plan, which includes all compulsory educational activities. Subsequently, during the opening windows established by the University, November and March, you are required to submit a study plan indicating your Compulsory Multiple-Choice Courses and Free Elective activities, in line with the constraints set out by the Teaching Regulations of the Master Degree.

The plan must be submitted electronically through the online system at:

https://s3w.si.unimib.it/Home.do

After submission, you must confirm the plan by clicking on the **CONFERMA** button. Plans left in draft form (bozza) are not reviewed. You may complete it online as long as you are currently enrolled.

Can I change my chosen plan?

You may change the plan, but only during the opening periods, usually in November and March. Until the new study plan is implemented, you are obliged to follow the previous plan. You can only take exam assessments for an educational activity if it is in your most recent approved study plan. Exams taken cannot be removed from the plan.

During the March opening window (15/03/2027 - 26/03/2027), you will be able to revise your plan in the same way that you filed it the first time (e.g., change from a Multiple Compulsory Activity to another, or from a To-be-chosen by the Student/Free Elective Activity to another).

As you will already have a study plan and you will have become more accustomed with the Master Degree structure, you may also request custom modifications to your study, plan outside of the standard rules. You can request this customisation through a Google Form where you will indicate replacement of courses from your initial November approved plan with activities that fall outside the standard Teaching Regulation.
The proposed activities must still adhere to two main criteria:

a) they must be consistent with the Academic Disciplines (SSD) set out in one's own "Teaching System" (Ordinamento Didattico).

b) they must align with the Specific Learning Objectives of the MSc Degree Programme (see Article 2 of the Teaching Regulation).

How do I fill it out?

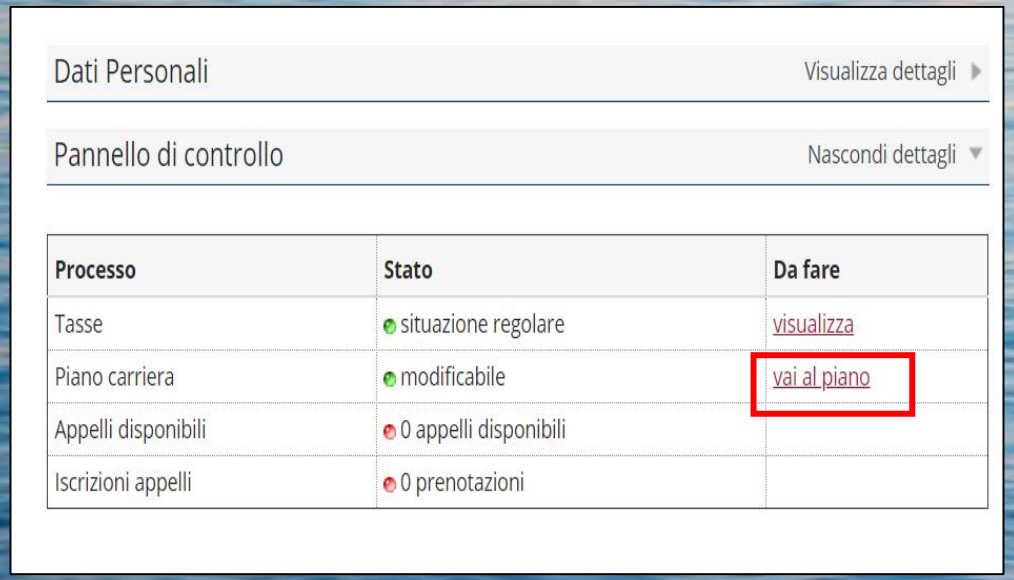
1) To access the study plans, log in at https://s3w.si.unimib.it/Home.do
This page shows the career(s) associated with your name. Select the active one to start. While the plans are open, the study plan can be modified: click on "vai al piano", (go to plan).

2) The screen will shows you the so-called statutory study plan which includes activities and classes compulsory under the Teaching Regulations of the Course. First-year activities are marked Attended as the plan is already associated with your career plan. Click on "Modifica piano" (Edit Plan) to continue.

3) You will be asked to choose between two types of framework, as previously described: TO BE APPROVE – PRE-APPROVED.

4) In both cases you will be asked to click on Continue with Career Plan to proceed.

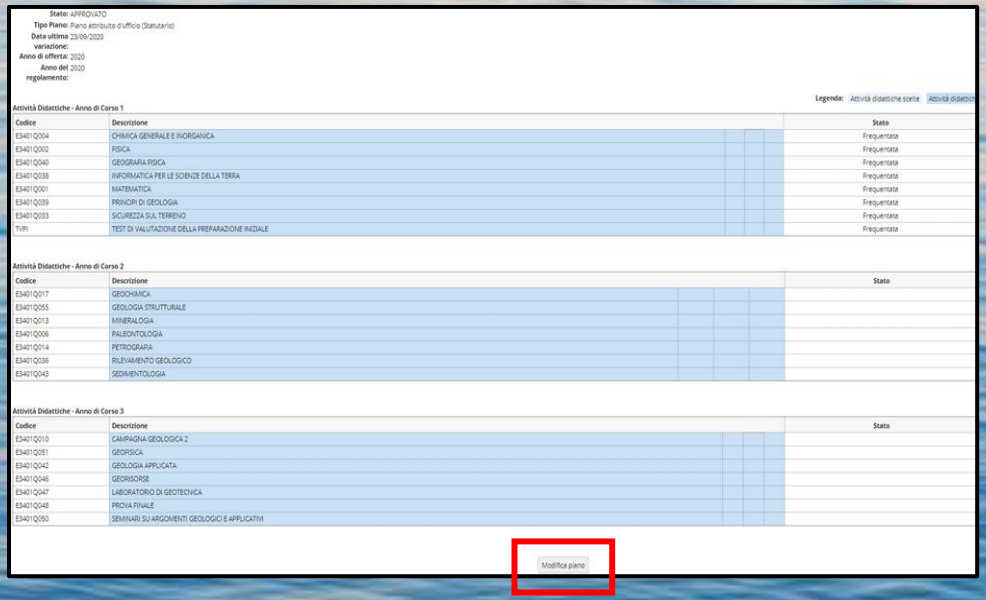
Screenshots from the opening page of the system



Dati Personali — Visualizza dettagli

Pannello di controllo — Nascondi dettagli

Processo	Stato	Da fare
Tasse	situazione regolare	visualizza
Piano carriera	modificabile	vai al piano
Appelli disponibili	0 appelli disponibili	
Iscrizioni appelli	0 prenotazioni	



Stato: APPROVATO
Tipo Piano: Piano attribuito d'ufficio (Statutario)
Data ultima variazione: 29/09/2020
Anno di offerta: 2020
Anno del regolamento: 2020

Legenda: Attività didattiche scelte — Attività didattiche

Attività Didattiche - Anno di Corso 1

Codice	Descrizione	Stato
E3401Q004	CHIMICA GENERALE E INORGANICA	Frequentata
E3401Q002	FISICA	Frequentata
E3401Q040	GEOGRAFIA FISICA	Frequentata
E3401Q038	INFORMATICA PER LE SCIENZE DELLA TERRA	Frequentata
E3401Q001	MATEMATICA	Frequentata
E3401Q039	PRINCIPI DI GEOLOGIA	Frequentata
E3401Q033	SICUREZZA SUL TERRENO	Frequentata
TVPI	TEST DI VALUTAZIONE DELLA PREPARAZIONE INIZIALE	Frequentata

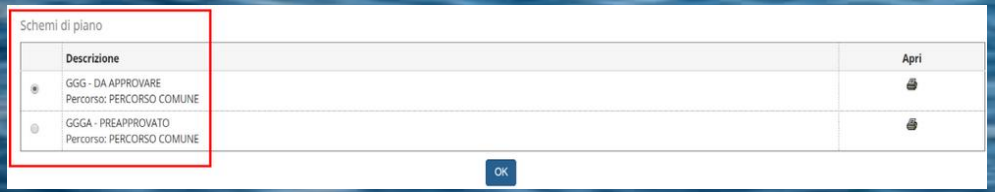
Attività Didattiche - Anno di Corso 2

Codice	Descrizione	Stato
E3401Q017	GEOCHIMICA	
E3401Q055	GEOLOGIA STRUTTURALE	
E3401Q013	MINERALOGIA	
E3401Q006	PALEONTOLOGIA	
E3401Q014	PETROGRAFIA	
E3401Q036	RILEVAMENTO GEOLOGICO	
E3401Q043	SEDIMENTOLOGIA	

Attività Didattiche - Anno di Corso 3

Codice	Descrizione	Stato
E3401Q010	CAMPAGNA GEOLOGICA 2	
E3401Q051	GEOFISICA	
E3401Q042	GEOLOGIA APPLICATA	
E3401Q046	GEORISORSE	
E3401Q047	LABORATORIO DI GEOTECNICA	
E3401Q048	PROVA FINALE	
E3401Q050	SEMINARI SU ARGOMENTI GEOLOGICI E APPLICATIVI	

Modifica piano



Schemi di piano

	Descrizione	Apri
◉	GGG - DA APPROVARE Percorso: PERCORSO COMUNE	
○	GGGA - PREAPPROVATO Percorso: PERCORSO COMUNE	

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Disclaimer: these windows are just generic examples and some can be different and varies among the years, we trust your ability to be able to not get lost in the electronic maze of the online system even with the limitation of this guide

How do I fill it out?

5) The following section will list all compulsory first-year activities and their credits. You will then have to Click on "Next Rule" to continue filling in the plan.

6) In the next section you will be asked to choose among the Compulsory multiple-choice activities (Electives within Groups) of the first year. After you choose you will have to click on "Next Rule" to continue.
All of your selected and compulsory activities can be seen at the bottom of each page while you are filling in the plan.

7) The next section will list all compulsory activities of the second year, including the Final Assessment and the 4-credit traineeship. You will then have to click on "Next Rule" to continue filling in the plan.

8) In the following section you will have to choose among the Compulsory multiple-choice activities (Electives within Groups) of the second year. After you choose you will have to click on "Next Rule" to continue.

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9) In the next step you will be asked about the 4 "additional language skills" credits (CFU).
They are acquired according to the procedures set out below:

Italian Students:
- passing a B2 level University foreign language assessment, in either FRENCH, SPANISH or GERMAN, or
- passing a C1 level University language assessment in ENGLISH.

In both cases, students who already hold certificates issued by Bodies accredited by the University that attest to language skills at a level equal to or higher than B2 for French, Spanish or German, or equal to or higher than C1 for English, will be exempt from the assessment and awarded the required credits.

Foreign Students:
- passing a B1 level University language assessment in ITALIAN.

Students who already hold a certificate issued by a Body accredited by the University attesting to their language skills, with a level equal to or higher than B1, will be exempt from the test and awarded the required credits.
Information on how to take these tests is set by the University and available on the University's website at: https://www.unimib.it/didattica/lingue-unimib.
After that click on "Next Rule" to continue filling in the plan.

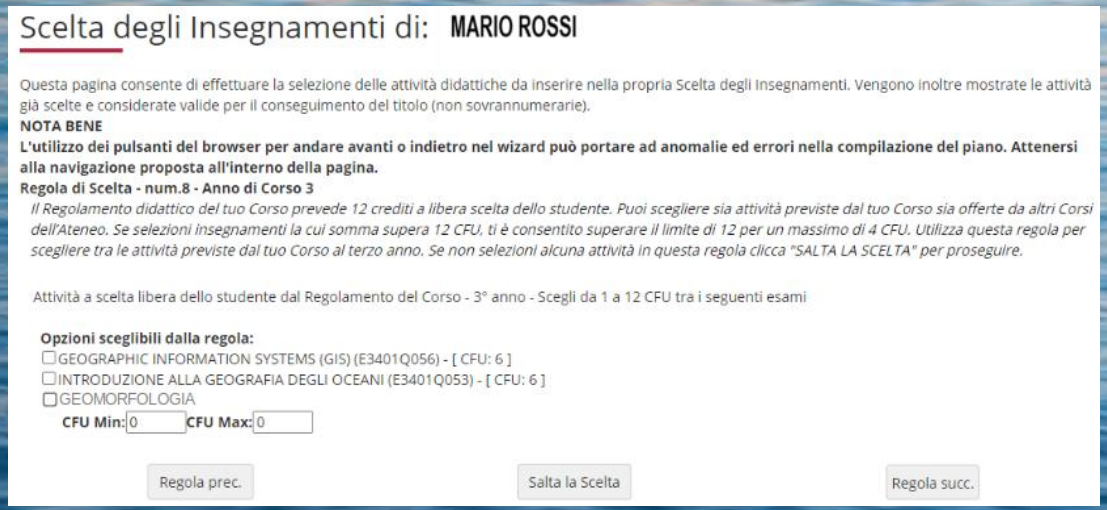
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10) The following section regards the "To be chosen by the Student" (Free Electives) activities.
This is where the pre-approved and the to-be-approved options diverge.
In the case of the former (pre-approved) you will be able to choose among the full list of multiple-choice courses (Electives within Groups) activities of our Programme that have not been previously selected.

With the to-be-approved option you will be able to choose also from other courses of Milano-Bicocca University, and of foreign universities in the case you want to choose, as free elective activites, a course from your Erasmus institution that was not covered by the learning agreement.
Furthermore, if you wish to include extra-courses (up to 16 supernumerary CFU), you also have to use the to-be-approved option.

Due to your many possibility, this section branches into multiples sections in order for you too chose among the many available options. Remember to always read the explanatory note in each section that will guide you in the procedure.

Screenshots from the online system



Scelta degli Insegnamenti di: **MARIO ROSSI**

Questa pagina consente di effettuare la selezione delle attività didattiche da inserire nella propria Scelta degli Insegnamenti. Vengono inoltre mostrate le attività già scelte e considerate valide per il conseguimento del titolo (non sovrannumerarie).

NOTA BENE

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Regola di Scelta - num.8 - Anno di Corso 3

Il Regolamento didattico del tuo Corso prevede 12 crediti a libera scelta dello studente. Puoi scegliere sia attività previste dal tuo Corso sia offerte da altri Corsi dell'Ateneo. Se selezioni insegnamenti la cui somma supera 12 CFU, ti è consentito superare il limite di 12 per un massimo di 4 CFU. Utilizza questa regola per scegliere tra le attività previste dal tuo Corso al terzo anno. Se non selezioni alcuna attività in questa regola clicca "SALTA LA SCELTA" per proseguire.

Attività a scelta libera dello studente dal Regolamento del Corso - 3° anno - Scegli da 1 a 12 CFU tra i seguenti esami

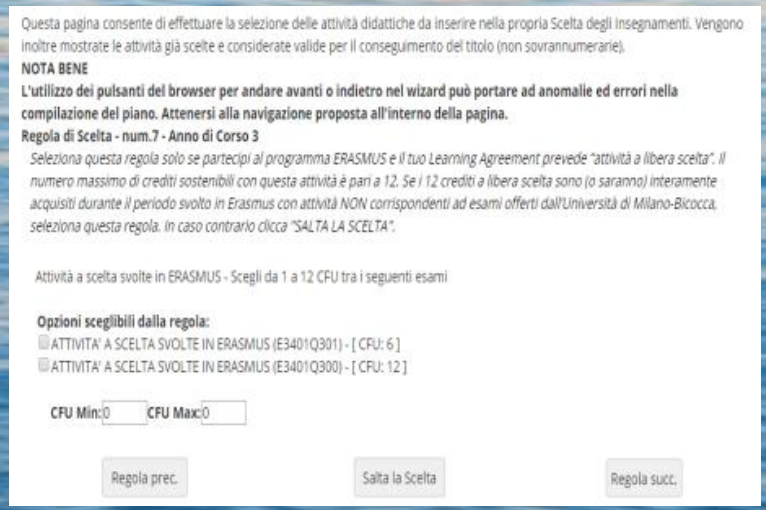
Opzioni sceglibili dalla regola:

- ☐ GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) (E3401Q056) - [CFU: 6]
- ☐ INTRODUZIONE ALLA GEOGRAFIA DEGLI OCEANI (E3401Q053) - [CFU: 6]
- ☐ GEOMORFOLOGIA

CFU Min: 0 **CFU Max:** 0

Regola prec. | Salta la Scelta | Regola succ.

Activities not attended and not chosen before



Questa pagina consente di effettuare la selezione delle attività didattiche da inserire nella propria Scelta degli Insegnamenti. Vengono inoltre mostrate le attività già scelte e considerate valide per il conseguimento del titolo (non sovrannumerarie).

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Regola di Scelta - num.7 - Anno di Corso 3

Seleziona questa regola solo se partecipi al programma ERASMUS e il tuo Learning Agreement prevede "attività a libera scelta". Il numero massimo di crediti sostenibili con questa attività è pari a 12. Se i 12 crediti a libera scelta sono (o saranno) interamente acquisiti durante il periodo svolto in Erasmus con attività NON corrispondenti ad esami offerti dall'Università di Milano-Bicocca, seleziona questa regola. In caso contrario clicca "SALTA LA SCELTA".

Attività a scelta svolte in ERASMUS - Scegli da 1 a 12 CFU tra i seguenti esami

Opzioni sceglibili dalla regola:

- ☐ ATTIVITA' A SCELTA SVOLTE IN ERASMUS (E3401Q301) - [CFU: 6]
- ☐ ATTIVITA' A SCELTA SVOLTE IN ERASMUS (E3401Q300) - [CFU: 12]

CFU Min: 0 **CFU Max:** 0

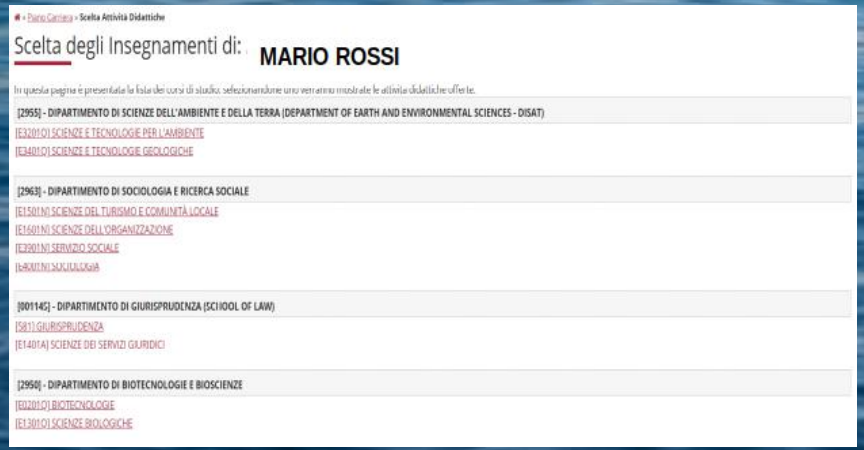
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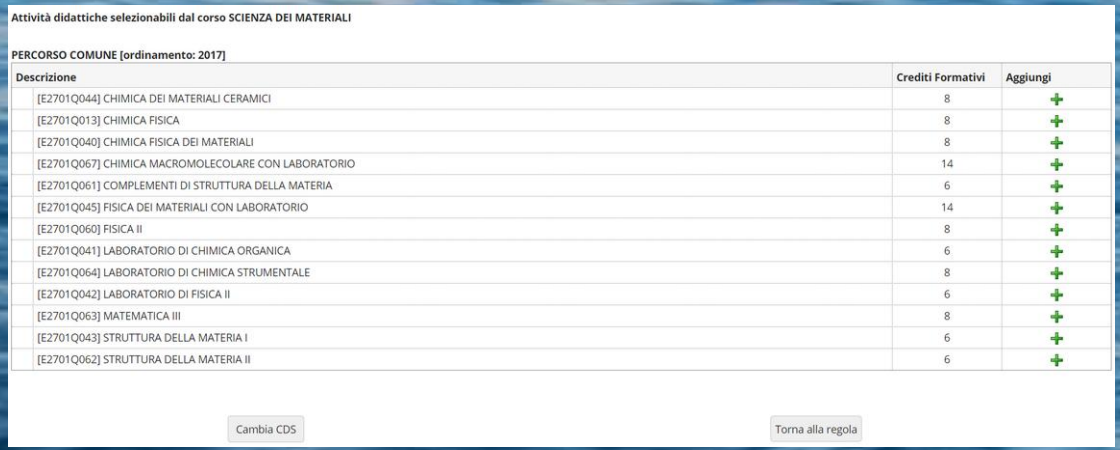
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Activities from other degrees of Milano-Bicocca University





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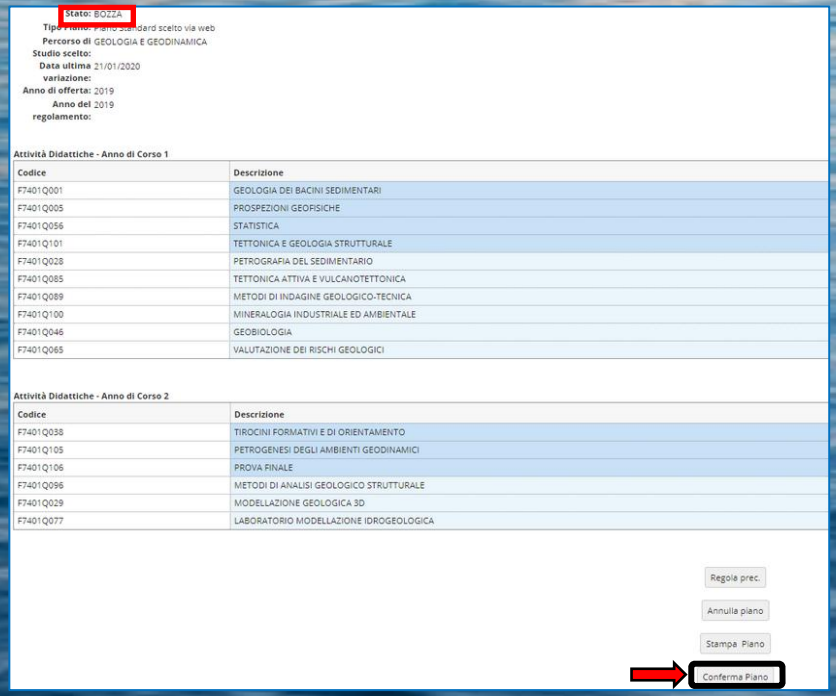




Supernumerary credits / Extra courses

How do I fill it out?

11) Once you have finished making your choices, click Conferma Piano/Approve Plan to confirm and register your plan. The classes you have selected will appear on your transcript once they have been reviewed by your course's Study Plan Commission.
PLEASE NOTE: you have to click on CONFERMA PIANO, plans left in draft form (bozza) can't be approved.





12) After this your plan will be registered in the system and will appear as PROPOSTO (proposed). You may still modify your study plan throughout the entire opening period.