

Aims

This MA program aims **to provide the linguistic and cultural skills required to succeed in various professional domains**, such as teaching and the organization and promotion of cultural events.

It allows students to enhance their **competence in two foreign languages and literatures**, and to acquire in-depth knowledge of issues and topics in the fields of **historical, philological, and translation studies**.

In addition, students can expand their competence in relation to **teaching methodologies** and/or in **literary criticism and comparative literature**.

Professional prospects

Students who obtain this MA degree have a wide range of possibilities as far as employment is concerned, and they may obtain jobs both in Italy and abroad. For instance, they can become

- **Teachers**, after completing any further training required by the Ministry of Education;
- **Translators** of literary texts, essays, reviews, and even multimedia sources;
- **Consultants** in the field of cultural activities organized by public and private institutions on a national and an international level: e.g. these may concern heritage sites and trails, show business, environment preservation, multimedia communication, international cooperation, etc.

Furthermore, this MA program grants access to selections for **doctoral and other postgraduate study programs both in Italy and abroad**; finally, other MA and post-MA degrees may be obtained in a shorter time thanks to the credits already acquired here.

Employability

The 2015 Almalaurea report indicates that **71%** of the students who obtain an MA degree in **European and Pan-American Languages and Literatures** have a paid job within a year after graduation; this percentage rises to **86%** within three years after graduation – note that in the same year the national average was 54% and 74%, respectively.

In order to enhance our graduates' employability, the program regularly organizes a **workshop in literary translation**, which students can attend in their first and/or second year. In addition, we offer a range of **internships both in Italy and abroad**. The translation workshop comprises both plenary lectures held by specialists in the field and **language-specific seminars for five languages** (English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish). These seminars typically concern the literary production of modern and contemporary authors and essayists, and the most interesting translations are submitted for publication.

Focus on teaching quality

Over the years our **students and graduates**, the **institutions** where internships have been on offer, and our graduates' **employers** have always expressed **great appreciation for our teaching quality**. Indeed, **this MA program has been the first to devise an innovative way to favor interaction between students and lecturers**: since 2015 there has been a **Delegate for Student-Staff Dialogue** – i.e., a professor whose function is to follow more closely the students' needs and requirements and to present them to the MA program council, to which – unfortunately – student representatives cannot be elected on the basis of current legislation.

International outlook

This MA program values multi-lingualism: as a result, most courses are taught in foreign languages. **English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Anglo-American and Hispanic-American languages and literatures are always taught in their respective languages**, while **other courses are in Italian or in English**. Students admitted to attend their second year in **Bochum** (Germany) also obtain an **MA degree in Comparative Literary Studies**. In addition, we encourage students to participate in international exchanges, thanks to the numerous links already established with prestigious institutions all over the world.

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Admission

Applicants must have a BA degree in (or after) **which they acquired at least 18 credits in each of two different languages and literatures**. After pre-enrollment, all candidates are interviewed (in person or via Skype), except for students who are transferring from other MA programs of the same class and students who obtained their BA degree in the previous five years with a minimum mark of 100/110, as their admission is automatic.



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