

PHD PROGRAMME TABLE
Announcements of competition for admission to PhD Courses
41st cycle, Academic Year 2025/2026

PhD Course: HUMAN SCIENCES: STUDIES ON LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY, COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Available positions: 9

Evaluation Methods: Selection 1: based on academic and research records and interview; Selection 2: based on academic and research records

The Course provides for two selective procedures depending on the type of positions available. Candidates interested in more than one selection procedure must submit an application and pay the relevant fee of € 25.00 for each procedure in which they wish to participate.

The selection is intended to verify the candidate's preparation and aptitude for conducting research activities related to the topics of the PhD Course.

Available positions:

Selection	Place n.	Description	Financial support	Specific research topic
Selection 1	1	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
Selection 1	2	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
Selection 1	3	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
Selection 1	4	Scholarship	University scholarship – Funded by Fondazione di Modena	-
Selection 1	5	Scholarship	Scholarship funded by Emilia Romagna Region in implementation of the program “High-Level Skills to Address the Challenges of the Technological, Cultural, Economic, and Social Transition Towards Sustainability”- PR ESF+ 2021/2027 CUP E83C25002380002	Promoting Inclusive Slow Tourism: Cultural Heritage Exploration through Digital Media and AI
Selection 1	6	Reserved position*	Three-year high apprenticeship contract funded by TICE Cooperativa Sociale	Clinical developmental psychology
Selection 1	7	Position without scholarship	-	-
Selection 1	8	Position without scholarship	-	-
Selection 2	9	Fellows from Foreign Countries	Scholarship funded by Foreign Countries	-

*: Reserved position funded by **TICE Cooperativa Sociale** for a three-year High Apprenticeship Contract aimed to carry out work, training, and research activities on the topic

of clinical developmental psychology. The project intends to explore the use of artificial intelligence-based tools to support the autonomy, organization and emotional regulation of neurodivergent students - in particular with attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADHD), specific learning disorders (SLD) and autism spectrum disorders (ASD) - while performing school tasks in structured but not directly guided contexts, such as homework carried out at TICE centers.

The apprentice will be hired at the Company's premises located in Piacenza, via De Meis 25, with a functional qualification equal to D3, on a 25-hour part-time basis and with the application of the regulatory and economic treatment provided for by the current Italian National Contract (CCNL) for the social cooperatives sector, the Company is part of.

Research areas of the PhD Programme: The research areas of the PhD programme are: (a) Linguistic-literary studies (English, French, German, Italian and Spanish studies): discourse analysis and specialised discourse, corpus linguistics, text analysis; analysis of verbal interaction; translation and mediation studies; (b) Historical-philosophical studies history of modern and contemporary philosophy, political philosophy, moral philosophy and history of ideas (with regard to the relationship between philosophy, culture and science); modern and contemporary history; sovereignty and nationalisms; church and modernity; (c) Theories and methods of education: Sociology of communication, studies of educational processes and practices, issues of interculturality and inclusion (including analysis and intervention on identity and gender relations); (d) Digital Humanities and digital communication: enhancement of cultural heritage, construction of digital databases, problems of digital communication, issues related to digital cultural enterprises and creative cultural enterprises.

Official languages of the programme: English and Italian. All international PhD students are encouraged to learn Italian during the course and to write their thesis in English or Italian or the language they deem most relevant to their specific interest (e.g., French for French studies, English for Anglo-American studies, Italian for Italian studies, Spanish for Hispano-American studies, German for German studies).

For further information, see the course website: <http://www.dottoratoscienzeumane.unimore.it/site/en/home.html>.

Admission requirements (for all selections): Italian second cycle master's degree ("Laurea Magistrale", under D.M. 270/04 or "Laurea Specialistica", under D.M. 509/99) or Italian degree obtained prior to D.M. 509/99 (the previous Italian regulations) or Second cycle non-Italian Master's degree, equivalent to the Italian degrees mentioned above, in accordance with Article 2 of this Call.

Documents to be attached to the application (for all selections):

- 1) In order to express interest in also competing for the scholarship linked to a specific research topic, candidates must complete and attach the file "[Declaration of priority interest to compete for scholarships linked to a specific research topic](#)";
- 2) degree certificate (or self-certification for Italian degrees) and Transcript of Records including the full list of examinations with corresponding marks. Applicants with a non-Italian degree must attach their certificate (including the

full list of examinations with corresponding marks) and a legalized translation or Diploma Supplement and, if available, the Declaration of Value ("Dichiarazione di Valore in loco") issued by the competent Italian diplomatic-consular Representation, or the certificates issued by the CIMEA - ENIC-NARIC centre. If the degree certificate is not yet available or if the degree has not yet been obtained, the candidate must attach a description of the degree with a list of the examinations taken using [Annex A](#);

- 3) a curriculum vitae including their scientific and teaching activities in Italian or English using the form in [Annex B](#); the CV must include the university-level qualifications held;
- 4) a digital copy of the thesis for degrees obtained before D.M. 509/99 or for specialist or master degrees or equivalent degrees in the case the degree was not obtained in Italy. Alternatively to their full thesis, candidates can attach an abstract;
- 5) a short text in English (Statement of Research Interest) using the form in [Annex C](#), in which the candidate illustrates her/his motivation for attending the Course and the description of her/his specific research interests;
- 6) possible certificates of English competence (TOEFL, CAE/Proficiency or others) or of competence in other foreign languages (including the level of competence);
- 7) a research project, written in Italian or English, relating to one of the topics of the Doctoral Programme. The project must be between 4 and 10 pages long and will be divided into: Research objectives, brief review of relevant literature, materials and methods of investigation, expected results, essential bibliographical references. For open-topic grants, the project will not be considered binding by the Board of Lecturers when choosing the thesis' title;
- 8) any letters of introduction/recommendation/reference (maximum three); in the online application, applicants must enter all the personal details of the professor/researcher/expert who will be sending the letter of recommendation. Once the application has been submitted, the computer system will send an automatic e-mail to the contact person requesting the letter of recommendation. The deadline for uploading letters is June 30th 2025, 11.59 pm (CET); applicants can check on the application summary page whether the contact person has sent the cover letter/recommendation. Within the aforementioned deadline, applicants may send a reminder to the contact person who has not yet done so by selecting the 'reminder' item from the application summary page;
- 9) any other document considered useful for the candidate's assessment and/or scientific publications; candidates must provide a full list of all the documents and publications attached;
- 10) a copy of a valid identity document.

Candidates who intend to apply primarily for the position reserved for the three-year higher education apprenticeship contract must express their interest by compiling and attaching [Annex E](#) of this call to their online application.

For selection procedure n. 2 below, before completing the online application, candidates must upload the documentation proving possession of the scholarship or proving that they have started the application procedure to obtain the scholarship.

The Selection Committee will examine the above documents for those who have expressed their interest in competing primarily for the reserved positions in selection 2.

Evaluation Criteria:

Selection 1: based on academic and research records and an interview

In the evaluation of candidates' qualifications, the Selection Committee assigns scores up to a total of 60 points, as follows:

- Curriculum: from 0 to 10 points,
- Master thesis/abstract and other qualifications: from 0 to 10 points,
- Publications: from 0 to 10 points,
- Research project: from 0 to 30 points.

Candidates will be admitted to the interview if the evaluation of their presented qualifications has reached a score of at least 40 points out of the 60 available. The list of the candidates admitted to the interview, and any variation in the selection procedure, will be published by July 15th, 2025 at the following University website address: <https://www.unimore.it/en/bando-phd-41>.

For the interview, the Examiners may award a score of up to 60 points. Candidates may opt to have their interview in English. The interview will focus on the scientific methodologies used for the research projects proposed by the candidates and on the objectives the projects aim to achieve, as well as on the candidates' research experience and professional profile. The interview will also assess the candidates' knowledge of the English language and of other languages the candidates may have indicated in their application. A pass is achieved where candidates are awarded a minimum score of 40/60.

Assessment of candidates' suitability for the position covered with a three-year high apprenticeship contract will not affect the marks awarded to the candidates, but is necessary to attribute the contract to suitable candidates. The contractual position will be allocated, to the candidate with the highest score in the ranking list among those who have expressed priority interest for the contract and have been deemed suitable for the position.

Selection 2: Selection procedure for a position reserved to candidates with a scholarship obtained in a foreign Country – based on academic and research records

In the evaluation of candidates' qualifications, the Selection Committee assigns scores up to a total of 60 points, according to the following criteria:

- Curriculum: from 0 to 10 points,
- Master thesis/abstract and other qualifications: from 0 to 10 points,
- Publications: from 0 to 10 points,
- Research project: from 0 to 30 points.

The Selection committee will verify the presentation of the documentation proving either the possession of the scholarship or that the candidate has started the application procedure to obtain it.

Candidates will be accepted for admission if the evaluation of qualifications presented has reached a score of at least 40 points out of the 60 available.

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Interviews via Microsoft Teams or Google Meet (for all candidates, regardless of residence): July 22nd, 2025, 3:00 pm. Interviews may continue on July 24th, 2025, 9:00 a.m., should there be a high number of candidates.

Instructions on how to conduct the interview via Microsoft Teams or Google Meet will be communicated with the list of candidates admitted to the interview.

In-person interviews (only in cases where documented evidence of the inability to take the interview online is provided): July 24th, 2025, 2:30 pm. Interviews may continue on July 25th, 2025 9.00 am., should there be a high number of candidates. In-person interviews will take place in Room B.1.3 at the Department of Studies on Language and Culture, Largo Sant'Eufemia, 19, Modena.