

**PHD PROGRAMME TABLE**  
**Announcements of competition for admission to PhD Courses**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> cycle, Academic Year 2026/2027**

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

**Available positions: 6**

**Evaluation Methods: academic and research records and interview**

**Available positions:**

Place n.	Description	Financial support	Specific research topic
1	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
2	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
3	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
4	Scholarship	University scholarship – Funded by Fondazione di Modena	-
5	Reserved position*	Three-year higher education apprenticeship contract funded by TICE Cooperativa Sociale	Implementation of the CANS/TCOM model in psycho-educational services for neurodivergent children and adolescents
6	Position without scholarship	-	-

\*: Reserved position funded by **TICE Cooperativa Sociale** for a three-year Higher education Apprenticeship Contract aimed to carry out training, and research activities on the topic “Implementation of the CANS/TCOM model in psycho-educational services for neurodivergent children and adolescents” with the following requirements: the trainee PhD student will be involved in psycho-educational activities aimed at neurodivergent children and adolescents within the services provided by TICE Cooperativa Sociale.

The apprentice will be hired at the Company's premises located in Correggio, via Ronchi San Prospero, with a functional qualification equal to D2, 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 include: (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:** 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:**

- 1) 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](#);
- 2) a Curriculum Vitae (CV) 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;
- 3) 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;
- 4) a short text in English (Statement of Research Interest) using the form in [Annex C](#), in which candidates illustrate their motivation for attending the Course and the description of their specific research interests;
- 5) possible certificates of English competence (TOEFL, CAE/Proficiency or others) or of competence in other foreign languages (including the level of competence);
- 6) 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;
- 7) 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2026, 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;

- 8) 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;
- 9) 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.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

For the evaluation of qualifications, the Selection Committee has at its disposal a score up to a maximum of 60 points, divided 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 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 before July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the following University website address: <https://www.unimore.it/en/bando-phd-42>.

For the interview, the Selection Committee has at its disposal a score up to a maximum of 40 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.

For the position covered with a three-year higher education apprenticeship contract, the interview will also focus on previous work experience with neurodivergent children and cognitive-behavioural methodologies, in order to ensure familiarity with the organisational model, internal procedures, teamwork and the evidence-based approach. Basic knowledge of the CANS/TCOM model will also be assessed; this will be explored in greater depth during the PhD programme and used as a framework for the design, monitoring and evaluation of psycho-educational interventions.

A pass is achieved where candidates are awarded a minimum score of 26/40.

Assessment of candidates' suitability for the position covered with a three-year higher education 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.

## **INTERVIEW SCHEDULE**

**Interviews via Microsoft Teams or Google Meet (for all candidates, regardless of residence):** July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:00 am. Interviews may continue on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 3:00 pm, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 3:00 pm. Interviews may continue on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 3.00 pm., should there be a high number of candidates. In-person interviews will take place in Room B.0.1 at the Department of Studies on Language and Culture, Largo Sant'Eufemia, 19, Modena.