

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MSc course Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences (LM-51 Psychology)

Academic Year 2026-2027

This document is an unofficial translation of the most relevant portions of the official call for admission. In the event of any discrepancies, the Italian version shall prevail.

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Recap of the most important deadlines (Italian time)

Applicants with a foreign degree: registration on apply.unimib.it	From February 18, 2026 until March 31, 2026, 11:59 PM (Italian time)
Applicants with an Italian degree: registration on SegreteriaOnline	From February 18, 2026 until March 31, 2026, 11:59 PM (Italian time)
Publication of rankings and list of excluded Applicants on the study Program page	By May 18, 2026
Submission of transfer requests to the second year (for students from Italian universities)	From February 18, 2026 until March 31, 2026, 11:59 PM (Italian time)

1. Selection Procedure

For the academic year 2026/27, a selection process is established for admission to the Master's degree Program in Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences (qualifying Master's Degree to practice psychology). Application submission and adherence to the defined procedures and deadlines in this call are mandatory.

2. Available Places

For the academic year 2026/27, a total of **65 places** are available, as follows:

45 places	reserved for Italian, European, and non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy (Art. 26 of Law 189/2002).
20 places	reserved for non-EU citizens requiring a visa

Any unfilled spots from the non-EU visa Applicant quota will be reassigned to Italian, European, or non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy.

3. Admission Qualifications

Applicants must hold one of the following qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree (BSc), Specialist Degree/Master's Degree (MSc), or a degree awarded under the system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99, or a three-year university diploma;
- An academic qualification obtained abroad, recognized as suitable.

The following Applicants are eligible to apply:

- Graduates holding the required qualification;
- Graduating students who are Italian citizens, EU citizen, or equivalent-to-EU citizens¹ enrolled in a degree Program at the University of Milano-Bicocca or another university who will graduate by **October 31, 2026** (conditional admission);
- Graduating non-EU visa Applicants who will obtain their degree by **October 31, 2026**, to give them enough time to comply with the formalities required for their admission process.

¹ The following are considered equivalent-to-EU citizens: citizens of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Swiss Confederation, the Republic of San Marino, and the Holy See; non-EU citizens as per Legislative Decree no. 286/98, Article 39, paragraph 5, and subsequent amendments and additions. Non-EU Applicants residing in Italy will be admitted conditionally, pending verification of their residence permit.

4. Requirements

4.1 Curricular Requirements

Applicants must have earned **88 CFU/ECTS credits**, appropriately distributed among the Psychology Scientific Disciplinary Sectors (see Annex 1): M-PSI/01, M-PSI/02, M-PSI/03, M-PSI/04, M-PSI/05, M-PSI/06, M-PSI/07, M-PSI/08 (or the new equivalent sectors, conforming to the D. M. n. 639 del 02-05-2024: PSIC-01 A, B, and C, PSIC-02A, PSIC-03 A and B, PSIC-04 A and B).

The 88 CFU/ECTS credits must:

- Be obtained by the application deadline (March 31, 2026, 11:59 PM - Italian time);
- Correspond to graded university coursework (not pass/fail assessments).

For Applicants with a foreign degree, the Selection Committee will assess the corresponding hours of activities based on transcripts or detailed course syllabi provided by the Applicant.

Important: CFU/ECTS obtained from [single courses](#) that do not correspond to compulsory activities in the Master's Program can be considered to meet entry requirements. However, such courses will not be recognized for career shortening after enrollment (see also Art. 5.2). Single courses that correspond to mandatory activities in Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences won't be considered for the 88 CFU/ECTS threshold, but may be acknowledged to shorten the students' career in Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences.

4.2 English Language Proficiency Requirement

Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency at the B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Applicants with an Italian degree fulfill this requirement if they meet at least one of the following conditions:

- Passed one or more university English language exams totaling at least 5 ECTS at level B2;
- Hold an English language certification at B2 level or higher, among those [recognized by the University](#), obtained no more than five years before the application;
- Hold the Open Badge Between Languages - English B2 or higher (for University of Milano-Bicocca students);
- Hold a Bachelor's degree taught entirely in English;
- Hold a passport from one of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad e Tobago, United Kingdom, USA.

The requirement must be fulfilled before the application deadline, March 31 at 23.59 - Italian time.

Applicants with an Italian degree who do not meet this requirement may take an in-person English language proficiency test at the University of Milano-Bicocca on **March 25, 2025**. To do so, they must send a registration request by March 22, 2025, to the email address sagr.studenti.psicologia@unimib.it, with the subject line "English test for application Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences," specifying their SegreteriaOnline username. The test result will be communicated at the end of the exam. Only after taking the test Applicants can fill their application on [SegreteriaOnline](#) by declaring the requirement, ensuring compliance with the final deadline of March 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM (Italian time).

Applicants with a foreign degree must fulfill at least one of the following conditions:

- Hold an English language certification at B2 level or higher, among those [recognized by the University](#), obtained no more than three years before the application;
- Hold a Bachelor's degree taught entirely in English (with certification from the issuing university);
- Hold a passport from one of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Irlanda, Jamaica, Malta, New Zeland, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent e Grenadine, Trinidad e Tobago, United Kingdom, USA.

The requirement must be fulfilled before the application deadline, March 7th at 23.59 - Italian time.

Applicants who do not meet these conditions may be admitted with the requirement to obtain certification by **July 31, 2026**.

Note: Applicants with an English proficiency level higher than B2, according to a certification [recognized by the University](#), will receive 1 additional point during the qualification assessment.

4.3 Additional Qualifications

The following documents will be considered during the ranking process (see Art. 8):

- Curriculum Vitae;
- Motivation letter in English (max 1500 characters).

5. Application Procedure for Applicants with an Italian Degree

5.1 Application Submission

Applicants must submit their application online via the [Segreteria OnLine](#) portal from February 18, 2026 until March 31, 2026, 11:59 PM (Italian time), enrolling to the call “Pre-enrolment application Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences.”

A fee of 30 euros is required to be paid by March 31, 2026, 11:59 PM (Italian time) (see Art. 5.3).

5.2 Declaration of Qualifications and Requirements

5.2.A. Applicants from the University of Milan-Bicocca

For these Applicants, all graded academic activities completed by the application deadline and belonging to the PSIC/M-PSI Scientific Disciplinary Sectors will be automatically retrieved (even if completed in different academic careers or as [single courses](#) related to non-mandatory activities of the Master's Degree Program).

However, Applicants must ensure that all academic activities have been recorded in their academic transcript by the application deadline; otherwise, they should report any issues to segr.studenti.psicologia@unimib.it.

Applicants must also:

- complete the "Declaration of Titles and Requirements" for:
 - o declare the level of English language proficiency (B2 or higher) as specified in Art. 4.2 of this call.
 - o declare additional activities in the PSIC/M-PSI sectors (e.g., undertaken during other careers, or single courses) that they have not requested recognition for at this University, including all necessary information to allow for their evaluation.
 - o request the exclusion from the evaluation of single courses taken at this University related to non-mandatory activities in the master's degree Program, to obtain recognition in case of enrollment.
 - o upload the motivational letter in English (max 1500 characters).
 - o upload the information related to their Curriculum Vitae.
- check the data entered in the Declaration;
- confirm the Declaration;
- pay the admission fee.

In case the Declaration is modified after the payment, make sure to confirm it again.

5.2.B Candidates with an Italian degree not obtained at the University of Milano-Bicocca

Candidates must:

- Fill in the “Declaration of Titles and Requirements”, in order to:
 - o declare the level of English language proficiency (B2 or higher) as specified in Art. 4.2 of this call;
 - o Declare ALL academic activities belonging to the Scientific-Disciplinary Sectors PSIC/M-PSI completed in university courses by the application deadline, with grades expressed in marks (not pass/fail assessments);
 - o request the exclusion from the evaluation of single courses taken at this University related to non-mandatory activities in the master's degree Program, to obtain recognition in case of enrollment;
 - o upload the motivational letter in English (max 1500 characters);

- o upload the information related to their Curriculum Vitae;
- check the data entered in the Declaration;
- confirm the Declaration;
- pay the admission fee.

5.3. Payment of the admission fee

- Pay the admission fee of 30 euros by March 31, 2026, 11:59 PM (Italian time) via the "Payments" button on the "Summary Enrollment Page."
- Failure to pay or payment made after the deadline will result in exclusion from the evaluation; under no circumstances is a refund of the admission fee provided.
- After payment registration it is possible to print the enrollment receipt. Submission of the receipt is not required.

It is recommended to check that the Declaration has been confirmed before proceeding with the payment.

6. Application Procedure for Applicants with a Foreign Degree

Applicants can apply via the www.apply.unimib.it platform, from February 18, 2026 until March 31, 2026. They need to select the MSc course "Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences."

- Register and/or access the portal (Sign In/Register) and complete the application, making sure to fill in all fields and upload all required documents;
- Pay the pre-enrollment fee. The fee is non-refundable;
- Submit the application by clicking the "Submit" button by March 31, 2026 (12:00 PM - Italian time).

Payment of the pre-enrollment fee and/or completion of the application does not entitle the applicant to be considered for selection if the application has not been confirmed and submitted through the apply.unimib.it platform by the deadline.

The following documents are required:

- Degree certificate (for those who already have a degree) or proof of enrollment (for those who still need to graduate);
- Updated Transcript of Records/of Grades;
- Detailed course syllabi for each exam, together with a translation into Italian or English (this translation does not need to be an official one);
- Motivation letter in English (max 1500 characters);
- English language proficiency documentation (see Art 4.2);
- Passport or ID document.

7. Selection committee

The Competition Committee is appointed by the Teaching Coordination Council of Psychology. The Committee is responsible for defining the criteria for evaluating the curricular requirements and qualifications, verifying the possession of the minimum curricular requirements, evaluating the access qualifications, and preparing the ranking list.

8. Criteria for the Ranking Lists

Applicants are admitted to the Master's Degree Program in Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences based on two separate ranking lists: one for Applicants who are Italian citizens, EU citizens, or non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy, and another for non-EU Applicants requiring a visa.

The committee first verifies the possession of the required qualifications for access and the requirements outlined in Articles 3 and 4.

The ranking lists are prepared according to the following criteria:

- **Study Curriculum (up to 60 points):** The committee evaluates the previous academic path (e.g., graduation grade; evaluation of 88 CFUs in the M-PSI/PSIC sectors; evaluation of equivalent qualifications for Applicants from abroad).

- **Curriculum Vitae and other evaluable qualifications (up to 39 points).**
- Applicants with documented proficiency in the English language above the B2 level (as specified in Art. 4.2 of this announcement) will be awarded **1 point**.

In the case of a tie, the younger Applicant is ranked higher (Art. 2, paragraph 9 of Law No. 191/1998).

9. Publication of the Ranking Lists

The ranking lists will be published by May 18, 2026, on the [Program's webpage](#) and on the [Official Bulletin of the University of Milano-Bicocca](#).

The publication is the only official means of announcing the results of the competition. No written or phone notifications will be given.

10. Enrollment

10.1. Applicants with an Italian degree

Admitted Applicants must enroll through the [Segreteria OnLine](#) platform and pay the first installment of the university tuition fees, following the procedures and deadlines indicated in the notice published alongside the ranking list. Enrollment alone, without payment of the first installment or with payment made after the specified deadlines, will be considered as a tacit resignation. Under no circumstances will the first installment of the university fees be refunded.

Payment of the first installment made in ways other than those specified and without prior enrollment via [Segreteria OnLine platform](#) will not be considered valid.

During the enrollment, applicants holding a Bachelor's degree in class L-24 may self-certify professional training credits obtained during the Bachelor's programme, which will be recognised as Practical Evaluation Internship (Tirocinio Pratico Valutativo), up to a maximum of 8 CFU, as specified in the Programme Regulations. For applicants with Bachelor's degrees in other classes, 8 CFU of Practical Evaluation Internship are required in addition to the 120 CFU of the Master's degree (Interministerial Decree No. 654 of 5 July 2022), as specified in the Programme Regulations..

10.2. Applicants with Foreign Degree²

The ranking list will be published in accordance with the methods and deadlines outlined in Article 9. Eligible Applicants must follow the instructions and deadlines indicated in the notice published alongside the ranking list, accept the admission offer on the www.apply.unimib.it portal, and pay the first installment of the university tuition fees. Enrollment alone, without payment of the first installment or with payment made after the prescribed deadlines, will be considered a tacit resignation. Under no circumstances will the first installment of the university fees be refunded.

Non-EU citizens requiring a visa must register on the [UNIVERSITALY](#) portal under "International Students" to request an entry visa (Type D - study) as soon as possible, and no later than **July 31, 2026**.

Enrollment will be considered complete once the student has submitted the following documentation through the www.apply.unimib.it platform:

- Original degree certificate with legalization, if not previously submitted
- Translation of the degree certificate, if not already available in one of the following languages: Italian, English, French, Spanish, or German
- Italian tax code (codice fiscale)
- Entry visa and receipt of the residence permit application
- Any additional documentation requested by the University's credential evaluators via the apply.unimib.it platform

The final deadline for submitting the documentation is **October 31, 2026**, unless there are valid reasons for delay, appropriately communicated by the Applicant.

² Degrees awarded by ecclesiastical higher education institutions based in Italy and approved by the Holy See are considered foreign qualifications. For further details, please visit: <https://www.unimib.it/studiare/bicocca-international/informazioni-studenti-titolo-estero>.

Once all documentation is submitted and confirmation is received from the relevant offices, students must [schedule an appointment](#) with the International Admission and Credential Evaluation desk to present the original documents for verification no later than February 28, 2027. Enrollment will be considered provisional until all required verification procedures are completed. Failure to submit documentation, submission of qualifications not suitable for the chosen course level, and/or submission of fraudulent documentation will result in the case being referred to the Responsible Officer for disciplinary actions.

After completing the enrollment procedure, Applicants with a foreign degree that the evaluation committee deems compatible in content with an Italian degree in “Psychological Sciences and Techniques” may request the recognition of any educational activities completed and certified during their foreign degree as professional training activities (Practical Evaluation Internship), for a maximum of 8 CFUs/ECTS, as specified in the Program Regulations.

For graduates from other fields, the completion of 8 CFUs/ECTS in Practical Evaluation Internship is required in addition to the 120 CFUs required for the master's degree (D.I. No. 654 of July 5, 2022), as specified in the Program Regulations.

11. Movement of the Ranking List

The positions that become available due to withdrawal or failure to enroll by the eligible Applicants within the prescribed deadlines will be assigned according to the progressive order of the ranking list. The procedures for the movement of the ranking list will be communicated along with the publication of the ranking list (as outlined in Article 9). In the event that places remain available following the ranking list progression, applications will reopen from July 7 to September 7, 2026, with details to be published on the degree programme's webpage.

12. Transfers

12.1 Transfers to the 1st year of the Program

Students currently enrolled in other LM-51 Master's Degree Programs (D.M. 270/04) may apply for a transfer to the 1st year of the Master's Degree in Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences only if they meet the access requirements and are admitted according to the ranking list. They must therefore enroll and, if admitted, matriculate in the master's degree Program and submit a transfer application to their previous university.

12.2 Transfers to the 2nd year of the Program

Students enrolled in other Master's Degree Programs belonging to Class LM-51 (D.M. 270/04) can transfer to the 2nd year of the Master's Degree in Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences with exemption from enrollment, only if at least 60 CFUs can be recognized according to the [Program Regulations for the academic year 2025/26](#).

Interested students must send an email to segr.studenti.psicologia@unimib.it, with the subject line “**Transfer Application to the 2nd year AEPS**” from February 18 to February 23, 2026 attaching the following documents:

1. A self-certification of the degree obtained, including all exams, grades, scientific disciplinary sectors, and CFUs; it is recommended to use the form [Autocertificazione iscrizione, conseguimento titolo, esami](#).
2. A copy of the English language certification of at least B2 level that meets the requirements specified in Art. 4.2 of this call.
3. A self-certification of the current Master's Degree Program, including all exams, grades, scientific disciplinary sectors, and CFUs/ECTS (see Attachment 1). Also in this case, it is recommended to use the form [Autocertificazione iscrizione, conseguimento titolo, esami](#).

The outcome will be communicated by email before March 31, 2026, so that applicants who are not admitted may apply for admission to the 1st year

13. Disclaimers

The application for enrollment is to be considered as a self-certification in accordance with Article 46 of the D.P.R. 445/2000. Applicants are solely responsible for accurately entering the required data by the

admission and enrollment procedures. The University of Milano-Bicocca conducts appropriate checks, including random samples, on the declarations made.

If, after verification, it is found that the declarations are untrue, the enrollment will be automatically canceled (Article 21-nonies of Law 241/90), without prejudice to the penalties set by the criminal code and relevant laws (Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000).

Applicants who:

- Fail to pay the admission fee by by March 31, 2026, or pay after this date (cf. Articles 5.3 and 6);
- For Applicants with an Italian qualification, fail to complete the Declaration (Article 5.2);
- For Applicants with a foreign qualification, fail to attach the required documentation, attach partial documentation, or submit incomplete documentation (Article 15 of Law 183/2011);

will be excluded from the evaluation.

Documents submitted in ways other than those specified in the Call for Applications will not be considered.

The list of Applicants excluded from the selection will be published on the [University's website](#), on the Program's page, by May 18, 2026. This list is the only official means of communication for exclusions. Against this decision, an extraordinary appeal to the President of the Republic may be filed within 120 days for legal defects, or a jurisdictional appeal to the Regional Administrative Court (T.A.R.) may be made within 60 days, from the date of publication on the University's online bulletin board.

14. Publicity

This Call for Applications is published on the University's online bulletin board and on the website of the University of Milano-Bicocca (www.unimib.it). This publication serves as an official notification to the concerned parties for all legal purposes and consequences.

15. Information on the Processing of Personal Data

The data will be processed in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 196 of 2003 (Personal Data Protection Code) and its subsequent amendments and integrations, as well as EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR). You can view the privacy notice on the University's website at the following page: <https://www.unimib.it/privacy>

16. Person responsible for the Procedure

The responsible person for the procedure is Dr. Simona Visconti Education and Student Affairs Division (Article 5 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, and subsequent amendments and integrations). For matters not covered by the Call for Applications, the provisions of public competitions apply.

Applicants have the right to access the documents of the procedure, following the methods described in the specific [Regulation](#).

17. Contact Information

Study course's webpage: <https://www.unimib.it/graduate/applied-experimental-psychological-sciences>

Applicants with an Italian degree - Segreteria OnLine:

Psychology Students' secretariat (Building U17 - Piazzetta Difesa delle donne, 20126 Milano):
segr.studenti.psicologia@unimib.it

For reception hours, see: <https://www.unimib.it/servizi/studenti-e-laureati/segreteria>

Applicants with foreign degree - apply.unimib.it:

For information about the course: Psychology Teaching Services Office
psicologia.didattica@unimib.it

For reception hours, see: <https://www.unimib.it/servizi/studenti-e-laureati/segreteria>

For students with disabilities and specific learning disorders

email: info.binclusion@unimib.it

Student's orientation services

email: orientamento@unimib.it

For reception hours, see:

<https://www.unimib.it/servizi/studenti-e-laureati/bicocca-orienta/servizi-orientamento/servizio-orientamento-studenti-sos>

ANNEX 1: Psychology Scientific Disciplinary Sectors

In Italy, psychological courses are classified into Scientific-Disciplinary Groups (GSD), each with a code that distinguishes its scientific and educational contents. These groups are further subdivided into Scientific-Disciplinary Sectors (SSD), forming a total of eight SSDs. This classification has recently replaced the old M-PSI sectors, although there is a direct correspondence between the two, as illustrated in the table below.

Courses taken in Italy are already linked to the SSDs, while courses completed abroad are matched to the SSDs by a commission, applying a similarity criterion. The eight SSDs in Italy are as follows:

SSD	Old name	Description
PSIC-01A	M-PSI/01	General Psychology: Focuses on basic mental processes such as perception, attention, memory, language, thinking, and emotion. Explores how these functions influence behavior and interact with the environment. Includes cognitive theory and models.
PSIC-01B	M-PSI/02	Psychobiology / Neuroscience: Studies the biological and neurological mechanisms underlying behavior and mental processes. Includes research on brain function, nervous systems, and the influence of genetic and hormonal factors on behavior and emotions.
PSIC-01C	M-PSI/03	Psychometrics / Quantitative Methods: Focuses on the statistical and methodological skills used in research and psychological applications. Includes mathematical and statistical methods applied to the development of psychological tests and questionnaires to assess intelligence, personality, and other psychological constructs. Includes also research design and data-analysis in psychology.
PSIC-02A	M-PSI/04	Developmental and Educational Psychology: Studies human development from birth to old age, focusing on childhood and adolescence. Includes topics like cognitive, emotional, social, and language development, as well as the role of education and learning in personality and skill evolution, as well as school psychology.
PSIC-03A	M-PSI/05	Social Psychology: Examines how people interact and influence each other in social contexts. Studies social cognition, attitudes, prejudices, group dynamics, communication, social influence, and how the social environment affects individual behavior and emotions.
PSIC-03B	M-PSI/06	Work and Organizational Psychology: Focuses on human behavior in the workplace and organizational contexts. Includes topics like work motivation, leadership, human

		resource management, organizational well-being, work-related stress, and group dynamics in work environments.
PSIC-04A	M-PSI/07	Psychodynamic Psychology and Psychopathology: Combines the study of psychoanalytic and psychodynamic theories with the analysis of mental disorders and psychodiagnosis techniques. Focuses on unconscious dynamics influencing behavior and psychodynamic intervention models, both in individuals and groups, on clinical interview, and on psychodynamic diagnostic tools.
PSIC-04B	M-PSI/08	Clinical and Health Psychology: Focuses on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental disorders and psychological distress. Includes sexology, psychotherapy techniques for individuals, couples, families, and groups, and health psychology.

For example:

- A **Perception Psychology** course in Italy would be mapped to **PSIC-01A** (General Psychology).
- A **Neuropsychology** course would be mapped to **PSIC-01B** (Psychobiology / Neuroscience).
- A **School Psychology** course would be mapped to **PSIC-02A** (Developmental and Educational Psychology).

Some courses may overlap multiple sectors or may not fit clearly into one sector. In these cases, the Selection Committee evaluates the course content to determine the most appropriate and consistent SSD. In cases where a course does not sufficiently align with the typical content of the PSIC sectors, it may not be recognized as part of these SSDs (e.g., Precalculus is closer to SSDs in Math rather than to PSIC-01C). In other cases, a course may not fit the existing Italian classification, In this case, the Selection Committee determines how to consider the course, relying on the syllabi if available.

In Italy, **CFU** (University Credits) are equivalent to "ECTS Credits" in other systems. One academic year corresponds to 60 CFU, so a **Bachelor's degree (BSc)** requires 180 CFU, and a **Master's degree (MSc)** requires 120 CFU. For exams taken abroad, the conversion to Italian CFUs is based on the credit structure of the originating university (according to the Declaration of Value and the Diploma Supplement). A typical **6 CFU** course in Italy corresponds to approximately 42 hours of lectures, while an **8 CFU** course corresponds to 56 hours of lectures.