

ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN MARINE SCIENCES - SCIENZE MARINE - F7504Q A.Y. 2026-2027

1. Introduction

Degree programme language: English

Access: Open access with entry requirements examination

PLEASE NOTE:

Applicants with a foreign academic qualification must apply exclusively via [Dream Apply](#).

Students wishing to enrol in the master's degree programme **by transfer from another master's degree programme at this University or transfer from another University** must still apply for career evaluation and may only enrol if admitted.

2. Entry requirements and assessment of background knowledge

Admission to the master's degree programme in Marine Sciences - Scienze Marine (LM-75) is subject to the possession of specific curricular requirements and to the adequacy of personal preparation verified by an Evaluation Committee in accordance with the procedures defined in the degree programme's Didactic Regulation (A.Y. 2026/2027).

To be admitted to the Master's degree programme it is necessary to hold a Bachelor's degree (or three-year university diploma) in one of the following degree classes (ex DM 270/04 or ex DM 509/99):

- L-32 Environmental Sciences (or Class 27);
- L-34 Geological Sciences (or Class 16);
- L-13 Biology (or Class 12).

Alternatively, students from other degree classes are required to possess at least 24 CFUs in total, in the following scientific-disciplinary fields (i.e. Settori Scientifico Disciplinari or SSD):

- CHIM/01 to CHIM/12 (Chemical disciplines); (CHEM-*)
- BIO/01 to BIO/19 (Biological disciplines); (BIOS-*)
- GEO/01 to GEO/12 (Earth Sciences disciplines). (GEOS-*)

An English language **level of B2** or higher is also required for admission to enable understanding and participation in the training activities (see paragraph 2.1.2).

2.1 Admission interview

Once the curricular requirements have been verified, admission to the course is conditional on an assessment of background knowledge.

The assessment of the adequacy of personal preparation will be carried out through an interview conducted in English, aimed at ascertaining knowledge in the fields of chemistry, biology, ecology, geology and geography.

Following the interview, the Evaluation Commission may offer recommendations to consolidate the candidate's prior knowledge, thereby facilitating academic progression within the programme

The syllabus and recommended texts for preparation are published on the e-learning [page](#) of the Master's degree Course.

Candidates in possession of the curricular requirements and a degree in one of the following degree classes (ex DM 270/04 or ex DM 509/99) awarded with a mark of 99/110 or higher are exempt from the interview:

- **L-32 Environmental Sciences (or Class 27);**
- **L-34 Geological Sciences (or Class 16);**
- **L-13 Biology (or Class 12).**

Candidates who met the curricular requirements and hold a degree obtained abroad with a GPA of at least 3.7 are also exempt from the interview.

Students living more than 100 km from our University, or those having documented study, work or health reasons may request to take the interview remotely (via videoconference) to didattica.ms@unimib.it.

PLEASE NOTE: CFUs (i.e. ETCS) gained with single course exams not corresponding to compulsory teaching activities in the Master's Degree Programme in Marine Sciences can also be counted to reach the required CFUs for admission. However, these exams cannot be applied for the purpose of shortening the Master's Degree Programme. Single course CFUs that constitute compulsory activities in Marine Sciences are not counted for the achievement of CFUs required for admission, and may be recognised after enrolment.

2.1.2 B2 level English language certification (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - CEFR)

English language proficiency is considered acquired for candidates with an Italian qualification if they meet at least one of the following requirements:

- They have passed, within their university career, one or more English language exams for a total of at least **5 CFU at B2 level**;
- They hold an **English Language Certification** of at least B2 level recognized by the University ([Certificazioni INGLESE nov2025 UNIMIB.pdf](#)) and obtained no more than 5 years ago;
- They hold the **Between Languages Open Badge** – English at B2 level or higher (only for candidates from the University of Milano-Bicocca);
- They have obtained a **First-level Degree (Bachelor's)** delivered entirely in English;
- They 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 and Tobago, United Kingdom, USA.

The requirement must be met by the application deadline. Candidates with an Italian qualification who do not possess this requirement may take an **in-person English language proficiency test** at the University of Milano-Bicocca.

To do so, they must send a registration request for the English test to the Admission office, indicating "**English test for MARINE SCIENCES - SCIENZE MARINE**" in the subject line and specifying the username provided for access to SegreteriaOnline.

Depending on the registration session, the candidate will be summoned during one of the following time windows:

- **1st session:** March 23 to March 30, 2026 (request sent by March 17)
- **2nd session:** June 22 to July 3, 2026 (request sent by June 16)

- **3rd session:** September 2 to September 7, 2026 (request sent by August 26)

The automatically assigned date cannot be changed.

The test result is communicated at the end of the exam. After the test, the candidate must complete the enrollment application on SegreterieOnline, declaring the requirement, still within the deadline.

Please note that the dates listed above are reserved for students coming from other universities. Graduating students of the **University of Milano-Bicocca** can obtain the B2 level of English proficiency by registering for the monthly language proficiency dates scheduled for their specific degree course.

3. First application period for candidates holding an Italian academic qualification

Candidates who will achieve their Italian academic title by 31 December 2026 may apply for a career evaluation on the dates indicated below:

Application deadlines	Remote interview dates
From 2 March to 12 June 2026	24-25-26 June 2026
From 30 June to 7 September 2026	16-17-18 September 2026

A fee of €30 must be paid via [Segreterie Online](#) no later than the deadlines for submitting the career assessment application (see Article 4.4).

4. How to apply

The application for a career evaluation must be completed online via [Segreterie Online](#), as indicated below.

4.1 Registration on Segreterie Online (first access only)

If the candidate is accessing the system for the first time, he/she must register his/her personal data by selecting “Registration” in the Reserved Area and following the indicated procedure. The data required for registration are tax code, personal details, address of residence and domicile, telephone number and e-mail address (which the University requires to send any communications to the candidate). Registration may only be carried out once. Foreign candidates without a tax code may also register, they must select: “Foreign student without tax code”. At the end of registration, the username assigned by the system and the personal password chosen will allow the login for candidates’ application to the master’s degree programme (to retrieve your password please consult the Password Management page).

4.2 Application

After logging in, click “Evaluation Test” in the registered area, then proceed by selecting: “MARINE SCIENCES-SCIENZE MARINE - Domanda di valutazione riservata ai candidati con titolo accademico italiano”.

To complete the application, candidates are required to upload:

- 1) Valid ID document (identity card or passport).
- 2) Digital ID photo in bitmap or jpeg format with a resolution of at least 300x400 pixels, only the candidate’s face on a light background must be visible. It will be printed on the university badge in the case of enrolment.
- 3) The requested academic documentation, following the instructions below.

Candidates should prepare their documentation in advance, once the application procedure has been completed, it will no longer be possible to add or replace attachments.

007854 After uploading the required documents, **only candidates who have not yet graduated by the application date will be asked to fill an "Admission Questionnaire"**. Once the questionnaire is filled in, it must be confirmed, otherwise the information entered will not be acquired. Once the procedure has been completed, click EXIT to continue and conclude the admission procedure.

4.3 Uploading academic titles

Candidates must upload the following mandatory documentation on the “*Management of qualifications and documents for evaluation*” page (*Please note that "MIN 0" means that it is not compulsory to upload the document, "MIN 1" that it is compulsory to upload the document otherwise it is not possible to continue the application, "MAX" indicates the maximum number of documents that can be uploaded*):

- **Graduates/graduands from this university**

- ✓ Proof of knowledge of the English language (see paragraph 2.1.2)
- ✓ Other titles and/or statements of relevant activities (not mandatory)

Students from this university are not required to upload any self-certification of their academic qualification.

- **Graduates from other universities**

- ✓ **Mandatory** self-certification (i.e. Dichiarazione Sostitutiva di Certificazione) attesting the academic qualification, the graduation mark, passed exams, obtained CFUs and scientific areas (i.e. Settori Scientifico-Disciplinari or SSD). Please use the following form [“Autocertificazione titoli e/o esami”](#). If the form is not sufficient to list all the exams taken, a second copy may be filled out. The candidate will have to merge both copies into a single pdf file. **The self-certification must be signed by the candidate.**
- ✓ Proof of knowledge of the English language (see paragraph 2.1.2)
- ✓ Other titles and/or statements of relevant activities (not mandatory)

- **Graduands from other universities**

- ✓ **Mandatory** self-certification (i.e. Dichiarazione Sostitutiva di Certificazione) of enrolment in a bachelor’s degree programme, passed exams, obtained CFUs and scientific areas (i.e. Settori Scientifico-Disciplinari or SSD). Please use the following form [“Autocertificazione titoli e/o esami”](#). If the form is not sufficient to list all the exams taken, a second copy may be filled out. The candidate will have to merge both copies into a single pdf file. **The self-certification must be signed by the candidate.**
- ✓ Proof of knowledge of the English language (see paragraph 2.1.2)
- ✓ Other titles and/or statements of relevant activities (not mandatory).

4.4 Payment of the €30 fee for career assessment on Segreteria OnLine

Candidates must pay the €30 fee using the “Pagamenti” button on the “Riepilogo iscrizione al concorso” page of Segreteria Online.

Please check that you have confirmed your application before paying the fee.

If the “Pagamenti” button is not available, your application has not been confirmed yet.

Graduates/undergraduates at the University of Milan-Bicocca must pay the fee by accessing only the “Riepilogo iscrizione al concorso” page and not the “Tasse” section of the “Segreteria” menu.

Payment must be made no later than the deadline indicated on the payment slip.

Failure to pay or late payment will result in exclusion from the assessment procedures.

Under no circumstances will the payment be refunded.

5. Publication of the admitted candidates list and enrolment deadline

In the days following the interviews, the list of all candidates admitted to the Master's degree programme will be published [here](#).

Admitted candidates will be able to enrol via [Segreteria OnLine](#) and pay the first down instalment of University fees from the day after the publication of the admitted candidates list and **by 21 October 2026**.

The enrolment of graduating students will take place under the condition that they obtain their Bachelor's degree by December 31, 2026.

Their academic careers will only be fully activated after graduation according to the following procedures:

- Graduating students coming from another university must self-certify the achievement of their degree by sending to the Admission office the self-certification of degree achievement, using the "[Autocertificazione titoli e/o esami](#)" form (filling out only the part relating to the data of the degree achievement), and a scan of an ID document by **15 January 2027**
- graduating students at the Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca must in any case enrol by **21 October 2026**, their master's degree career will be automatically activated upon graduation;

6. Students of this or another university who will obtain an academic degree between 1 and 31 March 2027

These students will not be admitted to the master's degree programme for the 2026/2027 academic year, they may enrol in single courses in the second semester of the 2026/2027 academic year up to a maximum of 24 CFU, paying 30 euros per CFU, as determined by the Board of Directors.

In the case of enrolment in the Master's degree programme for the 2027/2028 academic year, these students will only be able to apply for recognition of examinations passed as single courses if they have not been assessed for admission purposes (See paragraph 2.1).

The application must be submitted by 26 February 2027.

The deadline for passing the single course examinations is 30 September 2027.

7. Information on the processing of personal data

The data will be processed pursuant to Legislative Decree No 196 of 2003 (Personal Data Protection Code) and its subsequent amendments and additions, as well as EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation or GDPR). You can view the information notice at the following link: [Informativa per studenti e utenti formazione e servizi - REV7 18-03-21.docx](#).

8. Contacts

For information about the application procedure:

<https://www.unimib.it/servizi/studenti-e-laureati/segreterie>

For information on the master's degree programme:

didattica.ms@unimib.it

Support for students with disabilities and DSA:

info.binclusion@unimib.it

Student Orientation Service:

orientamento@unimib.it

The University will be closed on August 10-14, 2026.