

University of Trento
**Department of Sociology
and Social Research**
English-taught Masters
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UNIVERSITY
OF TRENTO - Italy

Department of Sociology and Social Research



The Department of Sociology and Social Research

The Department of Sociology and Social Research develops the heritage of the faculty of Sociology established in 1962. We are proud to remember that it was the first - and for several years the only - faculty of Sociology in Italy and it contributed in an incomparable way to establish the professional figure of the sociologist in Italy. The Department of Sociology and Social Research aims at achieving scientific and educational objectives in a variety of subject areas. It has provided advanced training in the field since 1983 through the PhD course in Sociology and Social Research, and has been encouraging dialogue between sociology and other disciplines, as the structure itself of the Department underlines.

It is often ranked among the top departments of sociology in Italy; it takes part in several international research networks collaborating with prestigious universities, such as Oxford, Yale, Berkley.

The Department offers scientists in the field of sociology and social research the opportunity to meet, exchange opinions and discuss their empirical researches, sharing a common interest to blend empirical and theoretical-oriented research.

Along with sociologists, the Department welcomes scientists from other branches of social sciences and humanities, whose studies contribute to keep the eyes open on disciplines close to sociology.

Living in Trento

The city of Trento, the provincial capital of the Trentino region, is a prominent cultural centre, and has been for centuries - and still is - a bridge between the Mediterranean and the Germanic world. The city is committed to the development of a flourishing economic and business environment. It hosts conferences, meetings, exhibitions and launches every year successful events such as the *Festival dell'Economia* and the *Film Festival della Montagna*.

Trento and Rovereto are small and lively university towns where you can find different types of accommodation. *Opera Universitaria* is the provincial institution that manages student accommodation facilities.

There are University restaurants in Trento, Rovereto and Mesiano, open 7 days a week. You need a student's card to access the University canteens and restaurants.

To travel by bus in Trento or Rovereto you need a single bus ticket or a 1-month/1-year bus pass. Tickets are available at any news shop.

The amount of money you need to live in Trento is about € 600/700 € per month.

The University of Trento offers a wide range of services to all its students and visitors, for instance the University Library System and the Foreign Language Centre-CLA.

The University Library System consists of five libraries, coordinated by a central administrative unit. Access and borrowing are free and open to all the people who have a subscription to the CBT (Bibliographic Catalogue of the Province of Trento) borrowing service. Subscription is free and open to all.

The CLA organises language courses at different levels for a variety of languages. The courses are held by qualified, native-speaker teachers. Language courses take place at the Language Centre (CLA) and at the

different departments throughout the academic year. Some courses aim at developing general language skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening), while others are more specific.

The University of Trento also offers specific services for disabled people and a psychological consultancy service.

International students are supported in the necessary administrative procedures by dedicated staff who facilitates the integration of international students in the University and in town and encourages multi-cultural exchange between international and national students.

There are University initiatives and social and cultural events open to all international guests to help them settle down, both at University and in the local community, such as guided tours of Trento, bus tours in the surroundings, Italian conversation sessions, the Buddy system for newcomers, sport activities.





Master's course in Sociology and Social Research

The Master's course in Sociology and Social Research equips students with an in-depth mastery of statistical and qualitative techniques to analyze social phenomena. The methodology courses of the first year have a strong applied orientation, as they entail the active participation of students in laboratory activities and seminars (e.g. learning how to design a questionnaire, building a web-survey, learning how to use statistical softwares, carrying out in-depth interviews and focus groups).

The master has a strong international orientation. The courses are taught in English, students are funded to spend study periods abroad as we have several double/joint degree agreements with prestigious universities (e.g. Pompeu Fabra, Tilburg University, Graz, and Brno).

The first year is entirely devoted to methodology courses offered to all students that cover not only sociological methods, but also methods for historical and political research.

The second year covers two clusters of substantive courses in:

- **social inequalities** and social change in education, family dynamics, labour market participation and welfare support;
- **culture and communication**: analysis of cultural transformations in lifestyles and in several domains such as science and religion.

Each student is expected to choose one of these two clusters.

Moreover, in the second year students participate in a research internship in private or public research institutes, and draft their final dissertation. The choice of the cluster of courses, of the internship and of the topic of the dissertation shall be integrated in order to equip students with an in-depth knowledge of an area of substantive expertise for their future career development.

Programme overview

Main application deadline	Non-EU: January/February each Year EU: June each Year http://international.unitn.it/social-studies/apply-master-in-sociology-and-social-research
Extended application deadline	http://international.unitn.it/social-studies/apply-master-in-sociology-and-social-research
Intake	September each year
Duration	2 years full time
Minimum requirements	Bachelor's degree (or equivalent title) in Sociology or related areas
Selection criteria	academic performance, references, motivation letter

Career opportunities

This Master's course is a two-year programme that provides advanced training for positions as **social researcher in private research** institutes in the field of marketing and communication, customer satisfaction and opinion research, as well as in **public research institutions** (for instance, institutes and foundations involved in education research or in the analysis of labour market and welfare trends).

This Master's course also provides a strong background for students interested in doctoral studies in the field of sociology and social research.

The University of Trento offers many **international exchange opportunities** to students at all levels of studies (bachelor, master and doctorate). The University management is convinced that an experience in two different institutions can do a lot to improve the skills of students and to strengthen their curriculum for their occupational future at national, European and international level.

The students of the University can participate in the Double Degree call for selection that is published every year.

In general a **double degree programme** is an integrated study programme established by two or more universities. It allows students to attend a part of their university career at the University of Trento and another part at a partner university, thus achieving an Italian and a foreign qualification at the same time. The Master in Sociology and Social Research offers this programme jointly with the universities listed below:

- **University of Tilburg (the Netherlands)**
- **University of Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain)**
- **Technische Universität Dresden (Germany)**
- **Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Germany)**
- **Universität Bamberg (Germany)**

We also offer students the opportunity to participate in the integrated study program in **Cultural Sociology** established between UniTrento, the Masaryk University Brno, the University of Graz and the University of Zadar; these selected students will obtain their degree from all these Universities.



Admission requirements

The requirements for applying are the following:

- a. a bachelor's degree (at least three years of study) from an institution at university level
- b. an adequate final graduation mark:
 - for Italian candidates, it must be equal to 90 out of 110 points or superior;
 - for international students, it has to be equal to a GPA of 60 out of 100 points or above.
- c. at least 1/3 of the previous study programme (60/180 ECTS) must be relevant to at least two of following fields:
 - Sociology,
 - Economics and Statistics,
 - Law, Political science, Social policy
 - History, Anthropology, Psychology, Social Psychology and Pedagogy
 - certified knowledge of English language of at least B1 level of the European Common Framework of Reference, through pertinent internationally recognized language certificate, or a final diploma of a Bachelor's or Master's course entirely taught in English
- d. background studies in methodology and social research will be considered.

For candidates who don't meet the requirements mentioned in b) and c), the Evaluation Committee can take into consideration other academic and extra-academic activities and/or require further documents and/or organize a selection interview through conference call, in order to decide on their admission.

My experience as a student from the Netherlands participating in the double degree programme Sociology & Social research between Università degli Studi di Trento and Tilburg University was really interesting! In Trento I could improve my qualitative research skills, besides the quantitative research skills you learn in Tilburg. Besides, Trento focuses on education and labour market related topics, which added value to my study curriculum. The combination of the double degree offered by Università degli Studi di Trento and Tilburg University is really worth it, because you learn diverse skills, interesting courses are offered, and as an international student you get to know people from all over the world!

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