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**Public selection for admission to the Two-Year Master's Degree in
International Security Studies – Studi sulla Sicurezza Internazionale (MISS)**

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(English translation)

The only binding version is the Italian one.

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Art. 1 Public Selection

1. The School of International Studies at the University of Trento announces a public selection based on qualifications and (if appropriate) interview, in order to select students for admission to the first year of the Master's Degree Programme in International Security Studies, offered jointly by the School of International Studies and the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento, Pisa, in International Security Studies- Studi sulla Sicurezza Internazionale (MISS) for the academic year 2023/2024. Entry is restricted to **27 places**; this figure includes **5 places¹** reserved for non-EU nationals living abroad. Any places remaining after the first round of selection will be added to the second session.
2. The Master's Degree is an interdisciplinary course and provides teaching in the fields of law, political science, philosophy, economics, sociology and history.
3. The official language of the course is English.

Art. 2 Admission Requirements

1. Applications are accepted to the selection process from:
 - a) citizens of non-EU countries permanent resident abroad
 - b) Italian citizens, citizens of the EU and non-EU citizens resident in Italywho satisfy the following requirements:
 - i. a bachelor's or higher degree awarded in Italy or other qualification recognised as equivalent awarded abroad. The university course must include the equivalent of at least 60 credits from at least two of the following disciplinary areas: History and Philosophy, Economics, Law, Political Science, Sociology or Foreign Languages. Undergraduate candidates are also accepted providing that they will obtain their bachelor's degree:
 - **before 30 June 2022** for non-EU citizens permanent resident abroad (first call);
 - **before 31 October 2022** for Italian, EU-citizens or non-EU citizens resident in Italy (second call);
 - ii. good knowledge of the English language, at least B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages attested as follows: English Language qualification – awarded no earlier than March 2021 – from among the following²:
 - IELTS no skill lower than 5.5,

¹ In case of dual citizenship, the European citizenship prevails on the non-European one

² IELTS indicator and TOEFL home edition will be accepted



- TOEFL internet-based test (or equivalent TOEFL paper-based or computer-based tests) no skill lower than 21.
- Cambridge B2 first: no skill lower than 165.

Candidates who have gained their degree (Bachelor's or Master's) from a university where tuition is entirely in English in an EU country or in Australia, Canada, Japan, Norway, New Zealand, Russia, the USA, South Africa or Switzerland, are not required to submit an English Language certificate;

- iii. basic knowledge (A2 level) of a second foreign language, other than Italian, from among the following: Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, German;
- iv. a personal background with suitable professional vocational and academic experience appropriate to the interdisciplinary nature of the degree course.

Art. 3 Application procedures and submission dates

1. Candidates seeking admission to the selection process must complete the online application form at [Application](#) according to the following procedures.
2. Submission of applications is divided into two sessions, according to the following deadlines:
 - a. **between 15 December 2022 and 10 March 2023** for non-EU citizens permanently residing abroad;
 - b. **between 10 March 2023 and 30 June 2023** for Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens permanently residing in Italy;
3. Technical problems in filling out the online application must be immediately communicated by email to miss.sis@unitn.it. Applications submitted after the application deadline and/or in different ways will not be accepted
4. To complete the online application correctly, candidates must upload the following documents:
 - a. a copy of passport (only pages relating to personal information) or identity card (Italian citizens are not required to upload it);
 - b. copy of bachelor's degree certificate or registration certificate attesting the expected graduation date³;
 - c. transcript including a list of all courses, exams and marks awarded (attach an official translation if this document is not in Italian or English). The transcript must include: the list of exams for the

³ Italian students or students enrolled in an Italian University may submit a self-declaration according to DPR 445/2000. Not mandatory for UniTrento students.



- qualification to be awarded, the weighted average mark and the minimum to maximum range of marks⁴;
- d. transcript of marks obtained in all exams taken during any post-graduate degree (Master's) awarded before the submission of this application showing the final mark, any weighting of exams and indicating the range of minimum to maximum marks possible;
 - e. letter of reference (preferably written by a university lecturer) which can either be uploaded to the online application or sent by the referee to miss.sis@unitn.it⁵;
 - f. curriculum vitae in English following the '[European](#)' model;
 - g. English Language qualification;
 - h. Certificate or declaration by the candidate attesting to at least a basic knowledge (A2 level) of a second foreign language from among the following: Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, German;
 - i. statement of purpose - brief personal statement in English in which the candidate supports her/his application (max. 4000 characters, spaces incl.).

Candidates are required to pay an application fee of €15.00, using one of the methods requested during the online application process within the given deadline for applications (**10 March 2023** for non-EU citizens permanently residing abroad, **30 June 2023** for Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens permanently residing in Italy). Failing to pay the application fee within the given deadline will automatically lead to the exclusion of the applicant.

Art. 4 Selection and ranking

1. The admissions Committee is made up of three members chosen from among the teaching staff at the School of International Studies (UniTrento) and of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento (Pisa) and ensures that the selection procedures are correctly observed. The Committee may choose to meet via video conference.
2. The admission Committee will evaluate whether candidates fulfill the entry requirements set out in the regulations governing the Master's Degree course in International Security Studies and listed in article 2 of this document.
3. The evaluation is carried out by allocating points in accordance with the following criteria:

| Criteria | Score |
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⁴ UniTrento can request a statement of verification and/or a statement of comparability whether a verification of the authenticity of the international qualification is needed (procedure available at the page [diploma verification](#))

⁵ You can upload maximum 2 reference letters. Uploaded documents must be in pdf format.



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| Academic background and reference letter | Tot. max 45 |
| Bachelor's final mark, weighted average mark, any other curricular activities, publications, professional experiences, stage and voluntary work, knowledge of foreign languages, reference letters | 0-45 |
| Relevance of previous studies and experience to the course objectives | Tot. max 35 |
| The relevance of the candidate's previous studies (Bachelor's or Master's) and extracurricular activities (work placements, summer schools, jobs, etc.) to the nature and objectives of the MISS course. | 0-35 |
| Statement of purpose | Tot. max 20 |
| The following are given particular consideration: clarity, strength of motivation, relevance to the course applied for, ability shown in English, originality. | 0-20 |
| Application score | 0-100 |

Applicants might be invited to interview (in person or conference call), only if the Selection Committee requires to collect further information on applicants' academic skills and personal competencies

- Candidates awarded a score of **50/100 or more** will be considered suitable.
- In the event that two or more candidates obtain the same score in the ranking list, preference will be given to the youngest.
- On completing the evaluation process, the admissions committee will place the candidates found suitable on two separate lists in order of classification for admission onto the Master's course (one list for non-EU citizens resident abroad and one for Italian, EU citizens and non-EU citizens resident in Italy). These lists will be published at [Applying for MISS](#). The list for non-EU citizens resident abroad will be published by 30 April 2023, the list for Italian, EU citizens and non-EU citizens living in Italy by 31 July 2023.

Art. 5 Admission and enrolment

- Suitable candidates who have passed the selection procedure will have pay an Enrollment confirmation fee of €100.00 (one hundred euro) within the date published in the shortlist to confirm their acceptance of the place. This payment will not be reimbursed in any case.

2. Successful candidates who fail to complete the steps set out in the point above shall be considered as having renounced their place. Candidates who intend to renounce their place for whatever reason are required to notify the committee as soon as possible, by e-mail to miss.sis@unitn.it.
3. Should any places become available, either as a result of failure to matriculate on the part of successful candidates or for any other reason, the Committee reserves the right to invite other suitable candidates from the ranked list to enroll on the first year of the Master's degree course in International Security Studies, up to the number of places available.
4. Non-EU citizens living abroad who apply and pay the Enrollment confirmation fee must pre-enroll at the Italian diplomatic representative in their own country. The pre-enrolment must be submitted by the deadline indicated in the "Italian Government regulations for the enrollment of Visa requesting students" document⁶. Pre-enrolment is compulsory in order to obtain the Visa. All candidates are advised to read the procedures that must be followed at the webpage [Non-Eu citizens living outside Italy](#).
5. Information about how and when to enroll will be available will be communicated after the publication of the short lists. Students having already obtained their bachelor's degree will have to enroll by 30 September 2023. The others will have to enroll within one week from the graduation and anyway by 3 November 2023.

For non-EU citizens living abroad the deadline for the arrival and the enrollment at the University of Trento is 30 September 2023. Candidates who fail to arrive within this date will be excluded from admission to the programme. No extension can be granted for any reason whatsoever, even if the cause of non-arrival is independent of the candidate.

Art. 6 Tuition fees and scholarships for non-EU citizens living abroad

1. The maximum tuition fees for non-EU citizens living abroad is € 6.000 per academic year. Further details are available at the webpage [Tuition fees](#).
2. The amount of tuition fees for admitted students can be reduced on the basis of the application score as follows:

| Tuition Fees Amount | Application score |
|---------------------|---|
| Tuition waiver | Application score between 90/100 and 100/100 |
| € 1.000 | Application score between 70/100 and 89,9/100 |

⁶ The information will be published at the following webpage [Studiare in Italia](#).



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| € 2.000 | Application score between 60/100 and 69,9/100 |
| € 4.500 | Application score between 50/100 and 59,9/100 |

3. **The top scored NON-EU candidate living abroad** will be entitled to receive a scholarship from the University of Trento provided that he/she gets a score of at least 70/100. Students who benefit from the scholarship are waived from tuition fees.

Students who turn out to be in the "fee waiver" bracket are not necessarily entitled to receive a scholarship from the University of Trento. The scholarship is intended as a partial contribution to mobility expenses and will be paid only after arrival in Italy. The scholarship may be awarded for the following academic year on the basis of available resources and if the student meets the merit requirements established annually by the University.

Art. 7 Tuition fees and scholarships for Italian, EU-citizens and non-EU citizens resident in Italy

1. The amount of tuition fees for admitted students is available at the webpage [Tuition fees](#). The amount can be partially or totally reduced according to the economic situation of the student's family (ISEE).
2. Information on scholarships, accommodation and tuition fee waiver for EU citizens and non-EU citizens living in Italy are published on the page [Scholarships](#).

Art. 8 Admission to the second year

1. A transfer application to the Master's degree course in International Security Studies can be submitted only in case of positive evaluation by the selection Committee. Students can be admitted at the II year only if the result of the credit transfer pre-evaluation is of at least 54 credits.
2. The "Academic transfer credit pre-evaluation" form (published at [Applying for MISS](#)) must be sent at miss.sis@unitn.it by May 15, 2023.
3. UniTrento will send you the evaluation results by June 15, 2023.

Art. 9 Further Information

1. Information concerning the pre-enrolment procedures and academic documentation required for non-EU citizens resident abroad is available at the webpage [Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English - Non-EU citizens living outside Italy](#)



2. Information concerning the study documentation required for EU citizens with degrees awarded in EU countries other than Italy is available at the webpage [Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English - EU citizens](#)
3. Information concerning ministerial pre-enrolment procedures and study documentation required for non-EU citizens living in Italy are available at the following webpage [Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English - Non-EU citizens living in Italy](#)
4. Information about the cost of living in Trento is available at the following webpage [Cost of living.](#)



Note 1 – Information on the processing of personal data

Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the “General Data Protection Regulation” (hereinafter “GDPR”), provides that everyone has the right to the protection of personal data concerning him or her.

In compliance with Article 13 of the EU Regulation 2016/679, the University of Trento provides the present notice to persons who want to participate in this selection procedure (hereinafter “data subjects”).

1. Joint Data Controllers

The Joint Data Controllers are:

- **the University of Trento**, via Calepina n. 14, 38122 Trento (TN); email: ateneo@unitn.it;
ateneo@pec.unitn.it;

- **School of Advanced Studies - Pisa**, Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33, Pisa (PI); email: protocollo@sssup.legalmail.pa.it

The Joint Data Controllers signed the arrangement as per art. 26 GDPR.

2. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO)

The DPO can be contacted to request information on personal data at the following email address:

For the University of Trento: dpo@unitn.it.

For the School of Advanced Studies - Pisa: dpo@santannapisa.it

3. Purpose of the processing and legal basis

The Joint Data Controllers shall process personal and particular data exclusively for the management of this selection procedure, as part of the performance of its public interest tasks as well as for the fulfilment of legal obligations (article 6(1), points e) and c), article 9(2), point. g) of the GDPR and article. 2 (1) sexies, points. aa) and bb) D.lgs. 196/2003 and following amendments).

4. Acquisition of data

The provision of personal data for the purposes indicated above is mandatory to participate in the selection procedure; failure to provide it will make it impossible to participate. The provision of particular data is optional and failure to provide it will make it impossible for the University to guarantee the use of the facilities requested.

5. Data processing methods

The processing of personal data shall be carried out manually and by automated means by authorised staff, according to their tasks. Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently, confidentially, in a manner that is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed (GDPR, article 5(1)).

No profiling is carried out, and decision are not taken by automated means.

6. Recipients of personal data

Personal data will be disclosed to the Joint Data Controllers personnel acting for the above-mentioned purposes. In any case, personal data must be disclosed in compliance with legal obligation and/or a provision of the judicial Authorities.

7. Data retention period

Personal data will be stored as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which they were collected, and in any case as long as it is necessary by law. In any case, the data will be stored as long as necessary by the regulations in force and/or by University regulations on the storage of administrative documents relevant to the performance of its services.

8. Rights of the data subjects

At any time the data subject can exercise the rights referred to in article 15 et seq. of the GDPR towards the Data Controller, at the contact details indicated above, and in particular: the access to his/her own personal data and to other information as mentioned in art. 15 of GDPR; the request of rectification of his/her own personal data when inaccurate and/or their integration when incomplete; the erasure of his/her own personal data, except when the University is obliged to data storage to comply with article 17 (3) of the GDPR; the restriction of processing as per article 18 of the GDPR; the object to processing of personal data concerning him or her when allowed as per art.21 GDPR.

This is without prejudice to the right to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority pursuant to Art. 77 of the GDPR and/or to take the appropriate judicial offices.