



UNIVERSITÀ
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Call for Admission

Master Course
in

**Communication of Science and Innovation
(SCICOMM)**

IV Edition

Academic year 2021/2022

English translation

Disclaimer

The English version is a support for foreign candidates.

The only legally binding version of the call is the Italian one.



Art. 1 – Call for admission

1. The Department of Sociology and Social Research at the University of Trento announces a Call for admission, based on qualifications, in order to select students for admission to the **Master in “Communication of Science and Innovation” (SCICOMM)** for the academic year 2021/2022, IV Edition.
2. Attendance is reserved to **15 positions** (the Master will actually start with a minimum of 10 candidates). In case the candidates eligible will be less than 10, the Master will not take place.
3. The Master intends to offer professional skills in the communication of research and innovation and to train key figures for the development of communication, dialogue and public engagement strategies in research organizations, in oriented production contexts innovation, in the scientific culture sector (science centers, science festivals), in the administration sectors that deal with research and innovation.

Art. 2 - Training objectives and organization

1. The Master in SCICOMM is open to graduated students in possession of a three-year or master's degree (or equivalent qualifications). Given the interdisciplinary nature of the topic and the way it is addressed, the Master is potentially aimed at graduates from all disciplines: scientific, technical, humanities, social sciences. The Master is also aimed at those who already work in the field of research communication and innovation, and intend to deepen and update their training.
2. The Master educational objects are:
 - Develop skills to play a key role in communication and public engagement strategies in research organizations, in innovation-oriented work environments, in the area of science, culture and research policy.
 - Be at the forefront of the newest trends and approaches in the communication of science and innovation.
 - Understand key models and concepts in the field of science communication.
 - Develop a critical understanding of the potential and limits of contemporary media in shaping public discourse about science.
 - Develop skills to critically evaluate the quality of communication strategies, both in relation to organizational aims and audiences' expectations.
 - Be able to connect the everyday practice of science and innovation communication with state of the art research about science and technology in society.
4. The Master has a duration of 9 months, from September 2021 to June 2022. The medium of instruction is English Language.
5. The attendance to the lessons of the Master is compulsory for all the subjects for a minimum of 70% of the front or remote teaching.

6. The Master study plan provides 60 university credits, as following:

Activities	Hours	Credits
Frontal or remote teaching	156	38
Personal homework and study	794	
Laboratories	175	7
Working experience	250	10
Final project	125	5
TOTAL	1500	60

7. The lessons will be taken at the Department of Sociology and Social Research at the University of Trento. Due to the Covid 19 emergency, the lessons may be also totally or partially available online.

Art. 3 - Requirements and application

- Those in possession of one of the following qualifications can apply for participation at the Master in SCICOMM:
 - three-year degree;
 - master's or single-cycle master's degree;
 - old system degree
 - foreign qualification, recognized as suitable according to current legislation.
- Undergraduates who intend to achieve the qualification referred to in paragraph 1 above **by 23 September 2021** may also submit an application to participate in the Master. In case of successful completion of the selection, the undergraduates who confirm their enrollment will be admitted to participate in the Master "with reserve" until they obtain the title. Once they have obtained the qualification they must promptly notify by writing an email to masters@unitn.it for definitive registration and payment of the required fee.
- Enrollment in the Master is incompatible with simultaneous enrollment in any other university degree program.
- Applications for the Master must be submitted exclusively online **starting from 19 February 2021 to 12.00 pm of 27 April 2021** by accessing the address <https://www.unitn.it/ateneo/79100/communication-of-science-and-innovation-scicomm>



5. The online application must be attached in pdf format:
 - a) *curriculum vitae et studiorum*
 - b) motivational letter consisting of a short paper in English (max one folder) with which the choice made is discussed
 - c) declaration of level of knowledge of the English language
 - d) self-certification of the degree qualification with exams completed (with date and grade)
 - e) copy of a valid identity document

Art. 4 - Commission, selection and ranking

1. The Admissions Committee, which will make the selection, will be appointed by Rector's Decree on the recommendation of the Master's Board of Directors.
2. The ranking will be defined on the basis of the following criteria
 - ***Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum*: max 80/100**
 - **Statement of Purpose: max 20/100**
3. The Admissions Commission might decide to contact the candidates for an interview in order to deepen what is stated in the motivational letter.
4. In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the youngest candidate. The list of candidates who, having obtained the minimum score of 50/100, will be eligible in the merit ranking will be published at <https://www.unitn.it/ateneo/79100/communication-of-science-and-innovation-scicomm> on **27th May 2021**.
5. For candidates who have not yet obtained the qualification, the provisions of Article 3, paragraph 2 of this announcement apply.

Art. 5 - Enrolment and scholarship

1. In order to confirm their position, the admitted candidates must take enrollment at the Master by **18th June 2021** and pay the first enrollment tuition fee of € 1.375,00 (one thousand three hundred seventy-five euro) following the instructions that will be sent by e-mail.
2. The second fee of € 1.375,00 (one thousand three hundred seventy-five euro) will be due **by 21th February 2022**.
3. The Master will offer one scholarship equivalent to the amount of the second fee (€ 1.375,00 second fee) on the basis of merit (first classified candidate).
4. Every fifteen candidates the Master will offer one scholarship equivalent to the amount of the second fee (€ 1.375,00 second fee) on the basis of merit.
5. Enrolment demands, submitted not in accordance with previous par. 1, will not be taken into consideration.

6. The tuition fees will not be reimbursed in case of withdraw of the candidate.

Art. 6 - Exams and final project work

1. The assessment will be carried out by written or oral exam and with an evaluation expressed in "approved" or "not approved".
2. The project work (final exam) consists in the drafting of a project developed under the supervision of a professor/expert, discussed in front of a special commission, composed of at least 3 professors, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Master.
3. Students who have regularly participated in the activities of the Master (minimum 70% of the hours of frontal or remote teaching) and who have successfully passed the assessment tests of teaching and the final exam, will be released, in the specific session for conferring the title in June 2022, a 1st level University Master's Degree in "Communication of Science and Innovation".
4. Students who have not reached the minimum attendance required (70% of the hours of frontal or remote teaching) and / or who have not passed the verification tests required for the acquisition of the number of credits necessary for the attainment of the degree may issued only a certificate showing the attendance actually acquired, the list of didactic activities in which the student may have participated and the results of any tests passed.

Art. 7 - Data Protection

Personal data will be processed according to the GDPR (UE 2016/679).

Art. 8 - Further Information

Further information about master course is available at the following link

<https://www.unitn.it/ateneo/79100/communication-of-science-and-innovation-scicomm>

Deadlines	
Submission of application	between 19th February 2021 and 27th April 2021
Publication of a list in order of classification	By 27th May 2021
Enrollment	By 18th June 2021
Begin of lessons	23th September 2021
Delivery of the project work	By 28th May 2022
End of Master	15th June 2022