

Call for Admission

Master Course in “Communication of Science and Innovation (SCICOMM)”

VIII Edition

Academic year 2025/2026

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 2025/2026, VIII 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 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.
- 3. The Master has a duration of 9 months, from September 2025 to June 2026. The medium of instruction is English Language.
- 4. 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.
- 5. The Master study plan provides 60 university credits, as following:

Activities	Hours	Credits
Frontal or remote teaching	164	40
Personal home work and study	836	
Laboratories	150	6
Working experience	250	10
Final project	100	4
TOTAL	1500	60

- 6. The lessons will be taken at the Department of Sociology and Social Research at the University of Trento. Teaching activities will take place online, in synchronous mode.

Art. 3 - Requirements and application

- 1. Those in possession of one of the following qualifications can apply for participation at the Master in SCICOMM:
 - a) three-year degree.
 - b) master's or single-cycle master's degree.
 - c) old system degree
 - d) foreign qualification, recognized as suitable according to current legislation.



2. Undergraduates who intend to achieve the qualification referred to in paragraph 1 above **by the beginning of the teaching activities** may also apply 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, which has to be obtained by the beginning of the teaching activities anyway. Once they have obtained the qualification, they must promptly notify it by writing an email to masters@unitn.it for definitive registration and payment of the required fee. Failure to obtain the title by the above deadline will result in the forfeiture of the merit ranking.
3. Enrollment in the Master's program is compatible with the enrollment in another course of study, if the two courses meet the compatibility requirements established by the MUR (M.D. 930/2022 Articles 2 and 3). For more information on requirements and compatibility between courses see the following link: <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/register/guida-alle-iscrizioni/simultaneous-enrolment-two-courses-study>
4. Accesso to the Master's program is reserved for those who submit an application to the University of Trento, through a special online procedure, which will collect all the data necessary for proper evaluation of individual applications; access to the online application will be tied to the use of credential derived from a digital identity (SPID/CIE). Applications for the Master must be submitted exclusively online **starting from March 7, 2025 to 12.00 pm CET of May 25, 2025** by accessing the address on the Masters' program page <https://www.unitn.it/it/master/communication-science-and-innovation-scicomm>
5. The online application must be attached in pdf format:
 - a) Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum;
 - c) motivational letter consisting of a short paper in English with which the choice made is discussed (see model published on the site);
 - d) Certification or self-certification of the degree qualification completed with exams, dates and grades.



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/it/master/communication-science-and-innovation-scicomm> by **June 13, 2025**.
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 12:00 o'clock of June 22, 2025** and pay the first enrollment tuition fee of € 1.466,00 (one thousand four hundred and sixty-six euro) following the instructions that will be sent by e-mail.
2. The second fee of € 1.450,00 (one thousand four hundred and fifty euro) will be due **by 21 February, 2026**.
3. A scholarship in the amount of EUR 1,450.00 (equal to the second installment) is to be awarded to the candidate who is ranked first in the admission list.
4. Any other scholarships becoming available at a later stage will be assigned by the Master's Board on the basis of merit. Scholarships made available by external entities will be awarded by the Master's Board on the basis of the affinity of the profiles of the students and the aims of the sponsoring bodies.
5. Enrolment demands, submitted not in accordance with previous art. 3, par. 4, 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 2026, 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/it/master/communication-science-and-innovation-scicomm>

Deadlines



Submission of application	Between March 7, 2025 and by 12:00 o'clock of May 25, 2025
Publication of a list in order of classification	By June 13, 2025
Enrollment	By June 22, 2025
Begin of lessons	2 September 2025
Delivery of the project work	By May 2026
End of Master	June 30, 2026