Public selection for admission to the Two-Year Master's Degree in Data Science

Academic year 2026/2027

(English translation)

The only binding version is the Italian one.

Summary

Art. 1 Public Selection

1. The University of Trento announces a public selection based on qualifications, in order to select students for admission to the first year of the interdepartmental Master's Degree in Data Science (for the academic year 2026/2027. Entry is restricted to **56 places**; this figure includes **8[1] places** reserved for non-EU nationals living abroad. Any places remaining from the selection of non-EU nationals living abroad will be awarded to Europeans and Equivalents.

2. 20 places are reserved Europeans and Equivalents in the first selection and 28 places are reserved for the same categories of students in the second selection

Art. 2 Categories of applicants and Admission Requirements

1. **Categories of applicants**

For the purposes of this admission Call, two categories of applicants are considered

- **Europeans and Equivalents**: Italian citizens, European Union citizens, or those with equivalent status, hereafter referred to as "Europeans and Equivalents."

- **Non-Europeans**: Citizens of countries outside the European Union permanently living outside Italy, hereafter referred to as "Non-Europeans."

It is essential to carefully read Note 1 in this document to determine your category and proceed correctly with the subsequent steps.

2. **Admission requirements**

Admission is subject to the following condition

i. a bachelor's or higher degree awarded in Italy or other qualification awarded abroad recognized as equivalent by the selection committee according to the master regulations.

ii. Undergraduate candidates are also accepted providing that they will obtain their bachelor's degree:

- **before 30 June 2026** for non-Europeans;

- **before 31 October 2026** for Europeans and Equivalents and for non-Europeans who have obtained their degree from an Italian university and hold a valid Italian study residence permit.

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

iii.   the bachelor's degree awarded in Italy must contain a minimum number of ECTS in the following academic disciplines (Sectors – SSD):

- at least 6 ECTS in the sectors (SSD) INF*/, ING-INF/*,

- at least 6 ECTS in the sectors (SSD) SPS*/SECS-P*/M-PSI*/IUS*

- at least 6 ECTS in the sectors (SSD) MAT*/SECS-S*

- at least further 24 ECTS in the above sectors (SSD);

For holders of a qualification awarded abroad recognized as equivalent, the verification of the curricular requirements is carried out by the selection committee, considering the appropriate equivalences between the contents of the courses taken and those corresponding to the academic disciplines mentioned above.

Candidates who, at the time of the deadline for applications, have yet to obtain the required credits, are still eligible to apply provided that they will obtain the credits by 05 August 2026.

iv.   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 from an internationally-recognized entity[2]:

- English Language qualification awarded from a certificatory entity or a university institute[3];

- certificate stating that the Bachelor's or Master's degree was achieved, proving the degree had been officially taught in English;

- attesting to be a citizen of an English-speaking country;

- attesting to have passed an English Language test, at least B2 level, during the Bachelor's degree

Candidates who do not yet have a certificate of English language proficiency equivalent to level B2 are also eligible for selection, provided they undertake to obtain it by October 31, 2026.

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[2] See list of accepted English Language Certificates

[3] According to art. 46 e 47 of D.P.R. 445/2000, self-certification within the online application is required if the certificatory entity or the university assessing the candidate's language level is a public Italian entity.

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.

Candidates can log in using:

- SPID (Italian Public Digital Identity System).
- Electronic ID Card (CIE).
- A UniTrento account (e.g., @unitn.it or guest accounts).

2. Submission of applications is divided into two sessions, according to the following deadlines:

   a. **between 17 December 2025 and 04 March 2026 by 12.00 pm (CET)** for non-Europeans, Europeans and Equivalents (first call)

   b. **between 01 April 2026 and 29 May 2026 by 12.00 pm (CET)** for Europeans and Equivalents (second call);

Should any places become available after the complete scrolling of the shortlist of the second call the Committee might take into consideration to publish a third call, only for Europeans and Equivalents who fulfilled the admission requirements and already graduated or are going to graduate by 31 October 2026.

3. Technical problems in filling out the online application must be immediately communicated by email to datascience@unitn.it. Applications submitted after the application deadline and/or in different ways than those expressed in clause 1 of the present article will not be accepted. Candidates who will be using the temporary username @guest.unitn.it are advised to create it at least 48 hours before the deadline specified in the call for application

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 (only citizens who do not log in with a digital identity)

   b. copy of bachelor's degree certificate or registration certificate attesting the expected graduation date[4] (attach an official translation if this document is not in Italian or English);

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[4] Italian students or students enrolled in an Italian University must submit a self-declaration according to art. 46 and 47 of DPR 445/2000.

c. transcript[5] including a list of all courses, exams, academic disciplines (SSD)[6], marks obtained, the weighted average mark and the minimum to maximum range of marks[7] (attach an official translation if this document is not in Italian or English)[8];

d. curriculum vitae et studiorum in English following the 'European' model;

e. English Language qualification, as per art. 2 clause 2 point iii.;

f. statement of purpose - brief personal statement in English in which the candidate supports her/his application. The document must be drafted according to the instructions available on the portal;

g. syllabi of courses belonging to academic disciplines INF/01 and/or ING-INF/05 if such courses were included in the study plan or attended in a previous career (not necessary for candidates graduated in Information Engineering L8);

5. Candidates are required to pay an application fee of €30.00, using one of the methods requested during the online application process within the given deadline for applications. 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 at least three members and is nominated via Rectoral Decree. The Committee may choose to meet via video conference.

2. The admission Committee will evaluate whether the selection procedures have been correctly observed, and will subsequently evaluate if the admissible candidates fulfil the entry requirements according to the Master programme regulations.

3. The evaluation is carried out by allocating points (max. 100) in accordance with the following criteria:

Criteria	Score
a. Curriculum studiorum	**Tot. max 60**

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[5] According to art. 46 e 47 of D.P.R. 445/2000, self-certification within the online application is required if the certificatory entity or the university awarding the degree is a public Italian entity. Candidates who obtained their degree or are still enrolled in the University of Trento are not required to attach the required certificate.

[6] Sectors (SSD) to be indicated only in case the degree was obtained from an Italian university.

[7] Information on the range of marks to be included only if the degree was obtained outside Italy.
[8] 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)

GPA or final mark, performance and results obtained in previous studies, post-graduate courses if any, extra academic activities, competencies in programming and informatics)	0-60
b. Statement of purpose in English	**Tot. max 20**
Brief statement in which the candidate describes her/his interests and expectations in relation to the master's programme's learning objectives	0-20
c. Coherence between the candidate's previous studies and the objectives of the Master's Degree	**Tot. max 20**
Coherence between the candidate's previous studies and the objectives of the Master's Degree in Data Science	0-20
Application score	**0-100**

In case the documents included in the online application do not allow the Committee to adequately evaluate the candidature, the candidate might be asked to participate in an interview (in person or via video conference).

4. Candidates awarded a score of **50/100 or more** will be considered suitable.

5. In the event that two or more candidates obtain the same score in the ranking list, preference will be given to the youngest and in case there are still candidates with the same score, preference will be given to candidates who obtained a higher score for the criteria listed at clause 3 letter b., then a. and lastly c.

6. 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 Europeans and one for Europeans and Equivalents). These lists will be published at on the Data Science website. The lists for the first call will be published by 30 April 2026, the lists for the second call by 30 June 2026.

Art. 5 Confirmation and Enrollment

1. 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.

The enrollment confirmation fee will not be charged to those who, having been admitted through the second call, will complete the enrolment procedure within 7 days of the admission notice.

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 datascience@unitn.it

3. Should any places become available due to withdrawals after the first, such places **cannot** be assigned to eligible students in the same ranking list. Any vacant positions will be made available for the second selection.

4. Candidates who were considered eligible and/or not admitted in the first selection may participate again in the second selection. These candidates shall not pay the application fee of €30.00 again.

5. 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-enrollment must be submitted by the deadline indicated in the "Italian Government regulations for the enrollment of Visa requesting students" document[9]. Pre-enrollment is compulsory in order to obtain the Visa.

6. Information about enrolment will be available will be communicated after the publication of the short lists. Enrolments must be completed by 31 October 2026. Non-Europeans admitted students must get the visa by 30 September 2026

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

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[9] The information will be published at the following webpage Studiare in Italia.

3. Students admitted as paying fees for the first year may be fully exempted for the year if they acquire at least 42 CFU by the deadline of 10 August 2027. On the contrary, the amount of tuition fees for the second year depends on the number of credits acquired by 10 August as specified below:

Tuition Fees Amount	Number of credits gained by August 10
Tuition waiver	≥ 42
€ 1.000	36 ≤ CFU < 42
€ 2.000	24 ≤ CFU < 36
€ 4.500	6 ≤ CFU< 24
€ 6.000	CFU < 6

Art. 7 Scholarships for non Europeans

1. University of Trento will grant scholarships to top scored non Europeans applicants provided that they get a score of at least 90/100. The number of available scholarships and their allocation will be announced with the ranking list. Students who benefit from the UniTrento scholarship are waived from tuition fees.

2. In the event of withdrawals, the available scholarships will be reallocated to eligible students according to the ranking order.

3. 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.

4. The UniTrento scholarship is not compatible with other scholarships (MAECI scholarships, Università a colori-Unicolor scholarships, Invest your Talent in Italy project).

Art. 8 Tuition fees and scholarships for Europeans and Equivalents

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 Equivalents are published on the page Scholarships .

Art. Transfer from another university or other course of study

1. A transfer application to the Master's degree course in Data Science 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 50 credits.

2. Candidates interested in applying for an academic transfer, whether it be from another course within the same University, from another Italian University, or admission to the second year by requesting recognition of activities carried out in a precedent career will have to fill out the form available at the Data Science webpage and send it to datascience@unitn.it by 15 April 2026.

3. UniTrento will send you the evaluation results by 15 May 2026.

Art. 10 Further Information and contacts

1. Further information about the Master in Data Science is available on the Data Science webpage.
2. We strongly suggest to be informed about the cost of living in Trento.
3. For further information please contact the admissions office of the Master Degree in Data Science: datascience@unitn.it

Note 1: Italian, European, Equivalent and non-European candidates

Candidates belonging to the category "European and equivalent candidates"

According to the provisions of this call for admission, individuals considered "European and equivalent candidates" include people who have:

- Italian citizenship, even if it is one of two citizenship held - in case of dual citizenship, the Italian citizenship prevails on the non-Italian one;
- Citizenship of one of the countries of the [European Union](#), even if it is one of two citizenships held - in case of dual citizenship, the European citizenship prevails on the non-European one;
- Citizenship of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the Republic of San Marino, or the Vatican City State;
- Citizenship of any country not listed in the above sections (hereafter referred to as "non-EU"), who are **permanently residing in Italy** and hold one of the following types of stay permits. These permits must be valid at the time of application to this selection call and must be renewable until the completion of the degree or master's degree for which the candidate is applying.

    – Stay permit for study reasons
    – Long-term stay permit
    – Stay permit for salaried employment or self-employment
    – Stay permit for family reasons
    – Stay permit for political asylum
    – Stay permit for subsidiary protection
    – Stay permit for religious reasons
    – Stay permit related to the recognition or revocation of refugee status, as regulated by [Legislative Decree No. 25 of January 28, 2008](#)

- Non-EU citizens permanently residing in Italy who have obtained a secondary school diploma in Italy.

Candidates belonging to the category "Non-European candidates residing outside Italy"

This category includes the following candidates:

- citizens of any country in the world that is not part of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the Republic of San Marino, or Vatican City State, and who are not permanently residing in Italy);
- non-European citizens who hold an Italian stay permit for study purposes and who are not permanently living in Italy;
- non-European citizens who are in Italy with a temporary protection permit but are not permanently residing in Italy and have not obtained a secondary school diploma in Italy. However, if a secondary school diploma has been obtained in Italy and the individual permanently lives in Italy, such candidates fall under the category of "European and equivalent candidates" and must therefore follow the instructions designated for that category in this admission call for applications.

Note 2 – 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. Data controller

The Data controller is the University of Trento, via Calepina 14, 38122 Trento; email: ateneo@unitn.it; ateneo@pec.unitn.it.

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: dpo@unitn.it.

3. Purpose of the processing and legal basis

The University of Trento 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 all the University and Fondazione Bruno Kessler 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.