

## **FAQs PhD and Master programmes in Science and Management of Climate Change**

### **Background**

1. Which is the mandatory background knowledge required?

**We require an introductory knowledge of statistics and linear algebra and basic calculus for maths.**

### **PhD and Master's applications**

1. What will be the average timeline after application to receive admission decision?

**The selection process and the publication of the ranking is usually completed by the end of July. Please check the Master's webpage for specific deadlines.**

2. Is a reference letter a requirement?

**For the PhD application, the recommendation is to include two reference letters; they are not mandatory, but are usually taken in high consideration and give points in the first phase of the selection process.**

**No reference letter is required for the Master's application.**

3. Can the reference letter come from practitioners and not academics?

**Yes.**

4. Is it mandatory to have the B2 certification or could it be enough to have a qualification like high school diploma or university qualification in Italy or abroad at the conclusion of a period of studies taught entirely in English?

**For the PhD an official B2 certificate is mandatory. Please read carefully the section "Knowledge of the English language B2 level" on this page for possible exceptions: <https://www.unive.it/web/en/2161/annual-call>.**

**A language certificate is not mandatory for the Master.**

5. For the PhD application, do we need to have a supervisor/tutor assigned already, or will this be decided once we are admitted ?

**The supervisors are assigned by the end of the first year. They are not assigned in advance. The only exception are scholarships with a specific topic, where the professor who promoted the scholarship is usually the supervisor.**

6. Do foreign students use <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-cimea-diplome> for qualification of their certifications?

**In this regard, please check the section “University degree obtained abroad” on this page:**

**<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2161/annual-call>.**

7. Are there any age limits for the programmes?

**There are no age limits to apply to our programmes.**

8. What is the share of students admitted to the PhD programme who come from the Master's programmes in Science and Management of Climate Change?

**The acceptance rate for the PhD is about 10%.**

### **PhD application - Research proposal**

1. Should prospective PhD candidates submit a research proposal while applying?

**Yes, it is mandatory. All the details are in the PhD annual call:**

**<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2161/annual-call>**

2. Do PhD candidates get a topic for their research proposal?

**General topics are listed in Annex A in the PhD annual call. It is up to the candidate to elaborate a convincing research proposal.**

3. Is there any specific format of research proposal?

**No, there is none. The annual call only states the maximum length of the proposal.**

### **Classes and scholarship**

1. What is the weekly commitment in terms of lesson hours?

**One up to three classes take place almost every day from Monday to Friday; moreover, the attendance in person is mandatory.**

**On the page <https://www.unive.it/data/en/165/courses> you can find the current class schedules, in order to get a better understanding on this regard.**

2. Is it possible to attend the Master programme remotely?

**No, the attendance is exclusively in person.**

3. How much is the monthly salary of the PhD scholarship?

**You can find specific information in this regard here:**

**<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2169/phd-scholarship>.**

## **PhD - Mobility**

1. Can foreign students spend their mandatory period abroad in their home country?

**Yes, sometimes it happened, but there should be a scientific reason supporting the choice.**

**The period abroad is first and foremost an opportunity to deepen your knowledge and develop your research.**

2. The period abroad is financed by the PhD or at the expenses of the student?

**Each scholarship includes funds for the student's mobility. Further information here:**

**<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2168/expense-reimbursement-for-mobility>**