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## Admission

**Applicants must have a BA degree in (or after) which they acquired at least 15 credits in each of two different languages and literatures.**

After pre-enrollment, all candidates are interviewed (in person or via Skype), except for **students whose admission is automatic** because they are transferring from other MA programs of the same class or because they obtained their BA degree in the previous five years with a minimum mark of 100/110.



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## MA program in

## ***Intercultural Studies in Languages and Literatures (ISLLI, LM-37)***

[www.unibg.it/LS-ISLLI](http://www.unibg.it/LS-ISLLI)

## ***Aims***

This MA program aims **to provide the linguistic and cultural skills required to succeed in various professional domains**, such as teaching and the organization and promotion of cultural events.

It allows students to enhance their **competence in two foreign languages and literatures**, and to acquire in-depth knowledge of issues and topics in the fields of **historical, philological, and translation studies**.

In addition, students can expand their competence in relation to **teaching methodologies** and/or in **literary criticism and comparative literature**.

## ***Professional prospects***

Students who obtain this MA degree have a wide range of possibilities as far as employment is concerned, and they may obtain jobs both in Italy and abroad.

For instance, they can become

- **Teachers**, after completing any further training required by the Ministry of Education;
- **Translators** of literary texts, essays, reviews, and even multimedia sources;
- **Consultants** in the field of cultural activities organized by public and private institutions on a national and an international level: e.g. these may concern heritage sites and trails, show business, environment preservation, multimedia communication, international cooperation, etc.

Furthermore, this MA program grants access to selections for **doctoral and other postgraduate study programs both in Italy and abroad**; finally, other MA and post-MA degrees may be obtained in a shorter time thanks to the credits already acquired here.

## ***Employability***

As shown by the **Almalaurea** reports of the last few years, the percentage of our students with a paid job within a year and three years after graduation is typically much higher than the national average; and their salaries are higher than the national average too: see <https://is-illi.unibg.it/en/program/statistics>.

**In order to enhance our graduates' employability**, the program regularly organizes a **workshop in literary translation**, which students can attend in their first and/or second year. In addition, we offer a range of **internships both in Italy and abroad**. The translation workshop comprises both plenary lectures held by specialists in the field and **language-specific seminars for five languages** (English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish). These seminars typically concern the literary production of modern and contemporary authors and essayists, and the most interesting translations are submitted for publication.

## ***Focus on teaching quality***

Over the years our **students and graduates**, the **institutions** where internships have been on offer, and our graduates' **employers** have always expressed **great appreciation for our teaching quality**. Indeed, **this MA program has been the first to devise an innovative way to favor interaction between students and lecturers**: since 2015 there has been a **Delegate for Student-Staff Dialogue** – i.e., a professor whose function is to follow more closely the students' needs and requirements and to present them to the MA program council, to which – unfortunately – student representatives cannot be elected on the basis of current legislation.

## ***International outlook***

**This MA program values multi-lingualism**: as a result, most courses are taught in foreign languages. **English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Anglo-American and Hispanic-American languages and literatures are always taught in their respective languages**, while **other courses are in Italian or in English**.

Students admitted to attend their second year in **Bochum** (Germany) also obtain an **MA degree in Comparative Literary Studies**. In addition, we encourage students to participate in international exchanges, thanks to the numerous links already established with prestigious institutions all over the world.