



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

DEPARTMENT  
OF POLITICAL  
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## Call for Application

### 32 students will be selected to participate to an **International crisis management Simulation (NATO Model Event)**

organised in cooperation with  
NATO Allied Commander Transformation HQ  
12-13 MAY 2026

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#### 1. OBJECT

The Department of Political and Social Sciences, in partnership with *NATO Allied Commander Transformation HQ (ACT HQ)*, the NATO Stability Policing Center of Excellence organizes an annual simulation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the form of a NATO Model event.

The 17<sup>th</sup> NATO Model event is scheduled for 12 and 13 May 2026 and will take place at the NATO Stability Policing Center of Excellence in Vicenza.

The activity is classified as institutional and is aimed at students enrolled in the degree courses of the Department of Political and Social Sciences.

An immersive simulation exercise bringing together 32 selected students and NATO personnel, in which participants take on the roles of North Atlantic Council member state representatives tasked with navigating a serious international crisis. Developed by NATO, this model is widely regarded as an exemplary hands-on learning tool, enabling students to apply their theoretical knowledge of diplomacy and international relations in a realistic decision-making environment."

The NATO Model Event will be performed in English and it will involve 32 students, 18 out of them will be selected amongst students enrolled in the following University of Bologna degrees:

- MA International Relations (Bologna) cod.9084, 6749
- MA Local and global development (Bologna) cod.5912, 6809
- MA International and Diplomatic Sciences (Forlì) cod.6058,9247, 6750
- MA Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe/East European and Eurasian Studies - MIREES (Forlì) cod.8949,5911, 6751
- MA Mass media and Politics (Forlì) cod.8051
- MA International Politics and Markets/International Politics and Economics (Forlì) cod.9226,5702, 6753
- BA International and Diplomatic Sciences (only 3<sup>rd</sup> year students) Forlì cod.8048
- BA International studies (only 3<sup>rd</sup> year students) Forlì cod. 5949
- BA Economics, Politics and social Sciences (only 3<sup>rd</sup> year students) Bologna cod.5919
- BA European studies (only 3<sup>rd</sup> year students) Bologna cod 5983

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- BA Political, social and international sciences (only 3<sup>rd</sup> year students)  
Bologna cod 8853

The 14 students enrolled in other Italian or foreign Universities will be selected by the students' home Universities.

The participation does not award any university credit (CFU/ECTS).

Unibo selected students will receive a financial benefit to cover the costs of board and lodging for the duration of the activities covered by the agreement.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The International NATO Model is designed to:

- Share a deeper knowledge amongst NATO member countries citizens on the Atlantic Alliance, its mission and current role as well as on its adaptation to the changing security environment both at the global and at the regional level.
- Support the creation of a NATO network including NATO staff, experts, academics and motivated students to foster knowledge at university level and to promote exchanges between the academia and political decision makers as well as with the wider network of partner institutions;
- Contribute to training participants to develop negotiating skills on NATO key issues;
- Award a UNIBO-NATO ACT Joint Diploma to the 32 participating students having profitably completed the assignments given in the framework of the Simulation;
- Promote a joint effort to set best practices in Higher Education on NATO, its mission, politics and partnerships;
- Promoting the development of a new generation of experts and practitioners in transatlantic relations, committed both to scientific research and in the achievement of the key values of the Washington Treaty.

The implementation of the activities is conditional on the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding which is in process of being renewed.

## 3. REQUIREMENTS

Applications are accepted from:

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- students enrolled in the Academic Year 25/26 in the 3rd year (including those who are beyond the prescribed time) of one of the Bachelor Degrees listed in point 1 and are citizens of NATO member states;
- students enrolled in the Academic Year 25/26 in one of the Master's Degree listed in point 1 of the present Call for Application and are citizens of NATO member states.

#### 4. ADMISSION PROCEDURE AND REQUESTED DOCUMENTS

Submit your application on **Studenti Online by 27 April 2026 at 1,00 p.m. (CET)**.

1. Log in on Studenti Online using your institutional login and password;
2. Click on "BANDI"/Call for application;
3. Select NATO Model event Call for application

Please upload online the following mandatory documents in .pdf format:

1. Curriculum vitae;
2. Transcript of records
  - a. the transcript is automatically retrieved by the system for University of Bologna students

The system will automatically verify whether the requirements set in point 3. are met and it will allow continuing the application procedure.

For assistance with the completion of the on-line admission application, candidates can contact the Help Desk of Studenti Online tel. number +39 051 2080301 or e-mail [help.studentionline@unibo.it](mailto:help.studentionline@unibo.it).

All communication regarding the present Call for Application will be sent to the students' institutional mailbox [name.surname@studio.unibo.it](mailto:name.surname@studio.unibo.it)

PLEASE NOTE:

- The application is valid only if the candidates complete the-above mentioned procedure and attach any relevant document;
  - The application cannot be sent by e-mail nor handed in on paper.
- a) Italian and European citizens can certify their academic and professional titles according to art. 46 and 47 of the D.P.R. 445/2000.
  - b) Non-EU citizens who are regularly resident in Italy shall act in accordance with art. 2, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the D.P.R. 445/2000.
  - c) Beyond the above-mentioned a) and b) cases, the status, personal details and facts and shall be certified by the issuing authority in the foreign country

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accompanied by a certified translation into Italian or English and be aware of any legal consequences in case of false certificates or statements.

The University of Bologna reserves the right to make controls of its own on the truthfulness of the information provided.

## 5. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Evaluation Committee is composed of the following Professors: Matteo Dian, Michela Ceccorulli, Elena Irrera. Possible substitute: Giovanni Agostinis, Valentina Antoniol, Marco Puleri, Davide Chinigò, Roberto Belloni, Gregorio Bettiza, Alessandro Bozzetti, Marco Borraccetti, Nicola Maggini.

The **selection** will be based on the following criteria:

- **Interview** (spoken English proficiency in discussing issues regarding international politics and security, with specific reference to NATO will be assessed) up to 30 points;
- **Academic performance** (weighted average) up to 20 points;

The **interview** will take place online through Microsoft TEAMS

**The interview is scheduled for 29 April 2026 at 9,30 a.m.**

Eligible candidates will receive a formal appointment by email.

Failure to attend the interview at the time and place scheduled will result in being excluded from the selection.

The minimum score to be considered eligible is 30 points.

In the event of candidates with equivalent score, priority will be given according to the younger candidate.

The Evaluating Committee will draw up a ranking list based on merit, priority will be given to students who are citizens of a NATO member Country.

## 6. RANKING LISTS

The ranking lists will be available at: <http://bandi.unibo.it>

Selected students will receive a formal notification via e-mail only to the institutional mailbox: [name.surname@studio.unibo.it](mailto:name.surname@studio.unibo.it)

## 7. ACCEPTANCE

Selected students will need to send an acceptance statement to the NATO Model event 2026 within 3 days from the publication of the ranking lists to the email address [didatticaforli.sps-sde@unibo.it](mailto:didatticaforli.sps-sde@unibo.it)

## 8. PERSONAL DATA

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The Information note on the processing of personal data is available on the University website at <https://www.unibo.it/en/university/privacy-policy-and-legal-notes/privacy-policy/personal-dataprocessing>.

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