



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
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The present document is an unofficial English summary, which contains general information regarding application requirements and deadlines. For a complete set of instructions and further information, candidates are strongly encouraged to consult the official Call for applications published in Italian.

CALL FOR ADMISSION

Agreement with the Johns Hopkins University - possibility of attending courses for Master's degree students of the Study Courses pertaining to the Department of Political and Social Sciences - Bologna and Forlì Offices.

All students enrolled in one of the Master's degree courses of the Department of Political and Social Sciences, Bologna and Forlì Offices, listed below, may apply to attend and take the relevant examination of the course offered by Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (hereinafter referred to as SAIS Europe) to cover the CFUs/ECTS freely chosen by the student (activity letter D).

Applicants, (including newly enrolled students a.y. 2025/2026) must be duly enrolled in one of the following Master's degree courses:

- Local and Global Development (LM SLEG)
- Political Administration and Organisation (LM PAO)
- International Relations - Bologna Campus (LM IR)
- International and Diplomatic Sciences - Forlì Campus (LM SID)
- International Politics and Economics (LM IPE).

The application for admission must be completed in accordance with the form attached (**Annex nr.1**) to this notice and submitted exclusively by the application “Studenti Online”

by December 16th, 2025 at 1 pm CEST

To use the application, you need to:

- Access the address <https://studenti.unibo.it/> , using your university credentials
- Click on the button “Bandi”
- Select the call “BANDO SELEZIONE DI N°8 STUDENTI FINALIZZATO ALLA FREQUENZA DI CORSI SINGOLI PRESSO JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY - SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SAIS)”

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To be assisted in the online application, students can contact the Student Online Help Desk by phone at: +39 051 20 80301 from Monday to Friday, from 9am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm or by e-mail to help.studentionline@unibo.it.

Please note that communications related to the competition will be sent exclusively to the institutional address name.surname@studio.unibo.it.

It is not possible to send the application in paper format or by e-mail.

Applicants should indicate in their application, in order of preference, up to three courses they intend to attend at JHUBC, from among those offered in **Annex nr.2** to this notice.

Applicants must attach:

- a self-certification of the degree, if obtained in another University;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a copy of a valid identity document;
- an English language certification obtained no more than three years ago or self-certification of the native speaker status (see below);
- the application form (**Annex nr.1**).

The committee, consisting of three teachers, will select a maximum of 8 candidates. Candidates must prove their competence in English by providing the results of one of the following tests:

- TOEFL: overall score of 100 (minimum)
 - IELTS: overall score of 7 (minimum)
 - Cambridge: C1 minimum score of 185; or C2 Proficiency (any result).
- For native English speakers: self-certification attesting the native speaker status.

The eligibility ranking will take into consideration the following criteria:

- first cycle degree grade (taking into account the specific degree course attended);
- weighted average of the examinations taken in Master's degree course;
- result of one of the English tests indicated in the notice of competition;
- curriculum vitae;
- evaluation of qualifications.

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The results will be published by **January 15th, 2026** on the Department's (SPS) website <http://www.dsps.unibo.it/it> and on the online portal “Studenti Online”.

SAIS Europe will determine access to courses on the basis of the number of students enrolled in each course, (some courses have 'limited enrolment' and priority will be given to Johns Hopkins students) making a maximum of ten places available. There are no places for international students on international mobility. Individual candidates will normally only be admitted to one course and, only if the number of successful candidates is less than the number of places available, they will be able to attend further courses.

Course enrolments, lectures and related examinations will take place according to the schedule attached to this notice, **Annex nr.3**.

Participants in individual courses must then follow SAIS Europe's guidelines, otherwise they will forfeit any ranking rights. Participants will be granted exemption from enrolment fees at SAIS Europe, while all consumables (books, photocopies, etc.) will be charged to them.

Once admitted, students will have to follow SAIS Europe's regulations, which provide for compulsory attendance and the passing of tests in the manner laid down by individual courses. Students who do not pass the test will not be allowed to repeat it and will have to replace the course with one of those provided for in the curriculum of their degree course. Students are advised to include in the plan, among the activities of their choice, an alternative examination to be taken only in the event of failure of the examination taken at Johns Hopkins University. Students who are declared eligible for attendance must complete the study plan in accordance with the procedures and deadlines set by the individual Study Courses.

At the end of the semester, the Transcript of Records will be sent directly by Johns Hopkins University to the respective Study Courses.

The grade recognition will be forwarded to the Student Office for career updating.



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For the academic year 2025/2026 each course will allow the acquisition of 8 CFU. The grade obtained will be converted according of the following table:

Grade Correspondence Table. Johns Hopkins SAIS / Italian University System

Johns Hopkins SAIS Grade System	Italian University GradeSystem
A Outstanding	30L e 30
A- Excellent	29 e 28
B+ Very Good	27 e 26
B Good	25 e 24
B- Pass	23 e 22
C+ Low Pass	21 e 20
C Minimal Pass	19 e 18
D Fail	Less than 18 = insufficient

Bologna, 18/11/2025