



MASTER'S DEGREE **Environmental Science and** **Technology**

APPLICATION MANUAL

INCLUDING CHECKLIST

Environmental Science and Technology
(COURSE CODE 2405 – CLASS LM-75)

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1. Palermo City and the University of Palermo – Information

Palermo City information

Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital, is a city where history and culture come alive. With its rich tapestry woven from Byzantine, Arab, Greek, and Norman influences, Palermo offers a unique blend of architectural marvels and lively street life. Wander through its historic centre, savour authentic Sicilian Street food, and immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere of markets like Vucciria. Palermo's dynamic energy and landmark charm make it a must-visit destination for any traveller seeking to experience the essence of Sicily.

<https://www.visitsicily.info/en/localita/palermo/>

<https://www.studyinsicily.eu>

The University of Palermo Campus (UNIPA)

The University of Palermo is one of Italy's largest and most esteemed academic institutions. It serves over 40,000 students across various undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. The university boasts a faculty of approximately 1,300 professors and researchers contributing to its diverse educational and research activities. Established in 1806, the University of Palermo is renowned for its comprehensive range of disciplines and significant contributions to research and innovation.

<https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/>

Department of Earth and Marine Science

The Department of Earth and Marine Science is an interdisciplinary department that carries out research, teaching and third mission in the field of environmental issues, combining disciplines related to the fields of Earth Sciences and Natural and Environmental Sciences, focusing on theoretical foundations, the testing and analysis of environmental problems and systems, the development of methodologies for ambient planning and management and the application of modern technologies for the assessment and mitigation of impacts from anthropogenic activities. DiSTeM coordinates research activities to study environmental processes and problems in a sustainable development framework, using an interdisciplinary approach and bringing them together in a single cultural context.

<https://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/distem>

Address of Department of Earth and Marine Science*

Via Archirafi 18-26, 36 I - 90123, Palermo

*The nearest metro station to the Department of Earth and Marine Science is Stazione Centrale

2. Course Information

The Master's Degree in "Environmental Sciences and Technologies" offers an international training course distinguished by its multidisciplinary approach to analysis, management, and environmental recovery. The study plan features an interdisciplinary science-technology methodology, focusing on both theoretical and practical exploration of environmental issues.

To access the Master's Degree in Environmental Sciences and Technologies, at least a degree or an equivalent qualification obtained abroad and recognised as such is required. Admission to the course and evaluation of individual preparedness are conducted by the course's teaching regulations.

The Master's Degree in 'Environmental Sciences and Technologies' ensures that all courses are taught in English, while also maintaining the Italian language among the languages of instruction. The course aims to train specialists in Environmental Sciences, equipped with a strong cultural foundation oriented towards systemic thinking and grounded in the principles of sustainability, ecological transition, and environmental ethics.

Link to the master's degree programme website

<https://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/distem/cds/scienzeetecnologieambientali2324>

The accommodation opportunities

First, check the scholarship availability (see the scholarship section), as it may cover accommodation, making it more affordable than renting a room. However, if you are not accepted for accommodation, we suggest using the websites below to search for housing options:

www.idealista.it

www.subito.it

www.housinganywhere.com

www.immobiliare.it

www.facebook.com

3. Eligibility requirements

The Master's Degree Program in "Environmental Sciences and Technologies" at the University of Palermo welcomes applicants who meet specific academic and professional criteria, ensuring they have the foundational knowledge and skills to excel in this advanced program.

The program is ideal for recent graduates and professionals looking to enhance their expertise in the field of the environment. With its comprehensive curriculum and global focus, the program equips students to meet the challenges of sustainability and environmental management.

Academic Background	Applicants must hold a relevant bachelor's degree in biological science, environmental science, geological science, chemical science, agricultural science, environmental engineering, or other fields related to environmental studies. These disciplines align with the program's interdisciplinary approach, preparing students for leadership roles in environmental sciences and technologies.
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B2 English Language Knowledge proof	<p>Proof of English proficiency is mandatory, demonstrated through recognized international certificates or equivalent qualifications such as: IELTS (Minimum score of 6) -TOEFL iBT (Minimum score of 80) - DUOLINGO (Minimum score of 110)</p> <p>Alternatively, students without a certificate can take an online English test offered by Palermo University's Language Centre (CLA). A B2 level (25/30) is required. Applicants from countries where English is the official language, or those who completed their bachelor's degree in English-medium institutions are exempt from this requirement.</p>
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4. Application dates and deadlines

For the application timetable, you can check the "master's degree course" by clicking the link below.
<https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/new-students---enrolment/enrolment-procedures-for-extra-eu-foreign-students/>

5. Start the application process.

5.1 Check the admission requirements.

1.1 Document: a valid passport, according to the Italian Embassy's requirements

1.2 Bachelor's Degree

Applicants must possess a relevant bachelor's degree (Translated into English or Italian) in one of the following preferred fields or related to these courses: biological science, environmental science, geological science, chemical science, agricultural science, environmental engineering, or other fields related to environmental studies.

1.3 Transcript of Records

A valid Transcript of Records (Translated into English or Italian) from the university where you obtained your bachelor's degree should be uploaded along with other documents during the application process.

1.4 B2 English Language knowledge certificate

To be admitted, you must have a certified B2 level in the English language ONLY from an internationally recognised English academy, such as TOEFL or IELTS.

The certificate should be valid and not issued more than 3 years before the application, and the score should be a minimum score of TOEFL iBT: 80 - TOEFL PBT: 550 - IELTS: 6.0 Duolingo: 110.

Suppose you studied in an international university in an English language course and do not have one of the mentioned English language certificates. In that case, you can take the online English test at Palermo University Language Center (Centro Linguistico d'Ateneo online – CLA: <https://www.unipa.it/strutture/cla/>).

To attend it, you must book the test online at the following link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TestIngleseAccessoLMCLA@unipa.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

To be certified at a B2 English level, your score should be over 25/30.

ENGLISH CERTIFICATE EXEMPTION:

An English certificate is not requested for students who complete their bachelor's degree in a country where English is the official language, as shown in the following table:

Antigua and Barbuda	Fiji	Mauritius	South Africa
Australia	Gambia	Micronesia, Federated States	St Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahamas	Ghana	Montserrat	Swaziland
Barbados	Grenada	Namibia	Tanzania
Belize	Guam	New Zealand	Trinidad and Tobago
Bermuda	Guyana	Nigeria	Turks and Caicos
Botswana	Ireland	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Brunei Darussalam	Jamaica	Philippines	United Kingdom
Canada (except Quebec)	Kenya	Saint Helena	United States
Cayman Islands	Kiribati	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Vanuatu
Christmas Island	Liberia	Saint Lucia	Virgin Islands (British)
Dominica	Malawi	Seychelles	Virgin Islands (U.S.)
Eritrea	Malta	Sierra Leone	Zambia
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	Marshall Islands	Singapore	Zimbabwe

1.5 A Curriculum Vitae

Please submit a clear and well-organized CV with a good-quality recent photo. Ensure your CV includes your education, skills, and any experience related to the master's program and your previous education.

1.6 A Motivation letter

A limited motivation letter should be written in the application process. Please ensure that you have included the most critical factors that motivate you to select the Master in "Environmental Sciences and Technologies".

Please pay attention to spelling and grammar.

5.2 Start the online application.

After reviewing the requirements, you can begin your application by completing the online application form. Please ensure that all required documents are submitted to facilitate a smooth application process.

Application through the following link:

https://immaweb.unipa.it/immareg/facelets/anag/ins_anag_generale.seam?partnerId=IMMAWEB

The Italian tax code (Codice Fiscale) is a unique identifier required for university enrollment and other official processes. International students can apply for it online through the Italian Revenue Agency's website and finalise their registration upon arrival in Italy.

In the link below, you can see the application tutorial:

<https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/.content/documenti/tutorial-ADMISSION-LETTER-.pdf>

For more information, you can visit this link:

<https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/new-students---enrolment/enrolment-procedures-for-extra-eu-foreign-students/>

5.3 Check your knowledge of the environmental science and technologies field by attending the admission interview.

Once you meet the application requirements, the program coordinator will send an email inviting you to participate in a mandatory interview, regarding the adequacy of the personal preparation of those intending to enrol. This interview allows the admissions commission to get to know you better and understand your study goals in this course. They will discuss your motivations and aspirations in environmental sciences and technologies, ensuring that your objectives align with the program's offerings.

If you are accepted, you will be issued a formal admission letter, which can be used to support your visa application.

University application

After completing your application and getting the final admission letter, you can register on the University portal (<https://www.universitaly.it>) with this letter.

The University application (for the academic year 2025-2026) starts from March till 30 August 2025. This process is only for those students who have already started an application on the UNIPA student portal.

Below, you can find the tutorial link for University registration

<https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/.content/documenti/tutorial-ENROLMENT.pdf>

The required documents for University:

- a valid passport
- a passport photo
- a copy of your bachelor's degree (please note that provisional certificates are not acceptable),
- a Legalized Translated Transcript of Records
- an official Language Certification (B2 level or higher) or a Medium of Instruction certificate from your institution

Tuition fee

Tuition fees are adjusted to the family's economic situation (ISEE PARIFICATO).

The tuition fee is composed of two parts:

1. Fixed Fee: €156 (€140 Regional Tax and €16 duty stamp);
2. Variable Fee: Amount calculated based on the student's income. To utilise this option, international students with a resident family abroad must provide certain financial documents (ISEE PARIFICATO):
 - a. Family income from 01/2022 to 12/2022 E' UN ESEMPIO?
 - b. Family bank account statements until 31/12/2022, and personal bank account statements in Italy, if applicable, until 31/12/2022
 - c. Family status of 2024 (number of members)
 - d. Property papers of 2024

For more information, click on this link:

<https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/tuition-fees/>

It should be noted that during your application (when you are in your own country), you do not need to have ISEE; after your arrival, you can go to the CAF offices to get your ISEE with the mentioned documents.

When you arrive in Italy (see scholarship application), you must have an ISEE Certification to define your scholarship application.

Then, upload it to your ERSU portal

<https://studenti.ersupalermo.it/>

A CAF office is conveniently located right in front of the university student's secretariat, where you can easily book an appointment via WhatsApp to request your ISEE.

WhatsApp: 0039-4726126

Address: Via Giuseppe Manico, 34, 90128

Scholarship

You can apply for a scholarship through ERSU di Palermo,

Accommodation: Housing is provided starting in October to ensure students have a stable living situation.
Meal Provisions: Students can enjoy complimentary meals at university cafeterias.

Financial Aid: Additional cash support may be available based on specific financial needs.

You must get the ISEE number from the CAF offices to get the scholarship. After you arrive in Palermo, you can get it and then upload it on the ERSU portal.

The tuition fee depends on your family's economic situation.

Check this link for the tuition fee:

<https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/tuition-fees/>

- You do not need to have ISEE when you apply.
- There is a CAF office in front of the university's student secretariat where you can get your ISEE number.
- After you get your ISEE, you can upload it on th

For deadlines and conditions of enrolment, you can follow this link:

<http://www.ersupalermo.it/>

Visa Process

To apply for an Italian student visa for the master's program, students typically need the following documents. Please note that these requirements may vary depending on the applicant's home country and the specific Italian embassy or consulate:

- Completed Visa Application Form – Filled out and signed
- Valid Passport – Must be valid for at least six months beyond the intended stay in Italy.
- Passport-Sized Photos – Recent photos that meet visa specifications
- Proof of Enrollment – Official acceptance or enrollment letter from the Italian university
- Proof of Financial Means – Bank statements or a financial guarantee to show sufficient funds to support your stay
- Health Insurance – Coverage for medical expenses during your stay in Italy

- Proof of Accommodation – Documentation showing where you will stay (university housing, private rental, etc.)
- Flight Reservation – Proof of booked travel to and from Italy
- Academic Transcripts and Diplomas – Certified copies of prior academic records and qualifications
- University Summary – The summary or confirmation document generated on the University portal after completing your pre-enrollment application.

To request a study permit visa, you must contact the Italian embassy in your country. You can find information about the Italian embassies in your countries in the link below.

<https://www.esteri.it/it/ministero/struttura/laretediplomatica/>

Notice: The university only issues the admission letter for your visa application, and we are not permitted to interfere in the visa process, as it is handled entirely by the embassy.

Finalising the Enrollment

Please submit your documents to the Secretary's Office to finalise your enrollment. Required documents typically include your academic records, such as your bachelor's degree certificate, transcript of records, and the Dichiarazione di Valore (DOV). You may also need to provide a copy of your passport, visa, and any other specific documents requested by the university. Then, you are allowed to follow the lectures.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

STEPS	DESCRIPTION
STEP 1	READ CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY AND UNIPA
STEP 2	CHECK IF YOUR ELIGIBLE
STEP 3	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CHECK WHAT DOCUMENTS YOU NEED FOR STARTING APPLICATION)
STEP 4	CHECK THE DEADLINES OF APPLICATION
STEP 5	YOU CAN START APPLICATION
STEP 6	WHAT IS ADMISSION INTERVIEW
STEP 7	INFORMATION ABOUT TUITION FEE
STEP 8	INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP AND ISEE NUMBER
STEP 9	VISA PROCESS
STEP 10	CHECK WHAT YOU NEED TO DO AFTER ARRIVAL