

MIREES (Interdisciplinary Master in East European Studies) is an innovative Master's Program - unique in Italy and Europe - combining an academic nature with professional training, while being based on an interdisciplinary approach.

MIREES aims at educating young people endowed with a strong inclination towards original scientific research work, encouraging them to keep moving in this direction and opening up the way for - in some cases even facilitated - specialization courses with a view to achieving an international Doctor's Degree.

MIREES aims at developing professional skills. It combines the educational and research activities with a thorough linguistic and scientific training. The prevailing political-economic approach offers the students the possibility to become "Area Experts" so that they can be inserted into managerial careers in international institutions and organizations, public and private institutions, consulting companies, NGOs and public administrations that intend to develop their relations with Eastern Europe in the political, economic, social, and cultural field.

MIREES is conceived in accordance with the new European Union directives (in particular those of Erasmus Mundus): as a matter of fact, it is a pilot project based on transnational partnership, open to students from all over the world, and founded on collaboration within a large network of Universities. The MA program aims in this way at encouraging students and teaching staff from all over the world (especially from the U.S. and Australia) to acquire a European study experience and a European qualification focusing on a significant region of Europe.

MIREES, also in accordance with EU directives, encourages the use of at least two languages among those of the Member States, since it couples courses of English with courses of Italian for all non-native students, and adds to that one or more languages of present candidate countries (like Hungarian, Polish and Slovak), besides Russian and Bosniacs-Croatian-Serbian.

Students admitted to the MIREES program pay 8000 Euro in 4 installments. Admitted students may be eligible for special grants based on academic achievements offered by CEI University Network, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Fondazione Garzanti.

Finally, MIREES is a Program whose implementation involves the entire Polo Scientifico-Didattico di Forlì, because the necessary wide-ranging choice of languages inevitably involves the School of Interpreters and Translators, SSLiMIT, while the main focus on political-economic aspects must rely both the School of Faculty of Political Science and the School of Economics, while an involvement of the Faculty of Engineering is not ruled out for the future.

Students mobility

In view of the final part of the learning activities and deepening the knowledge of the languages involved, students are required to spend during the second year of the program a minimum of 5 months at one of the Universities included in the MIREES Academic Network.

The selection of the University included in the MIREES Academic Network for the period of study is to be negotiated with the Faculty programs' directors on the basis of the following:

1. the students' study program and their thesis project
2. the developed student's skills during the first year of study in Forlì
3. the number of available exchange places offered by the hosting University.

The mobility is however structured on the basis of two main programs: the MIREES mobility scheme (available to all enrolled students) and the Socrates Program (available to EU citizens only, according to the Socrates regulations). Mobility to the partner Universities that recognize jointly the diploma is however highly recommended.

Mobility's Structure:

Partner Universities that recognize jointly the MIREES diploma (mobility available to all enrolled students and highly recommended):

1. Daniel Berszeny College-Institute for Social and European Studies, Szombáthely
2. University of Ljubljana
3. Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas

Universities under the MIREES Mobility Scheme (mobility available to all enrolled students):

4. Daniel Berszeny College, Szombáthely
5. Matej Bel University (Banska Bistrica)
6. Marmara University
7. The State University of Russia "E. Kant" (Kaliningrad)
8. University of Belgrade
9. University of Ljubljana
10. University of Novi Sad
11. University of Novosibirsk
12. University of Rijeka
13. University of Sarajevo (advanced level language students only)
14. University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University - Skopje
15. University of St. Petersburg
16. University of Tirana
17. University of Warsaw
18. University of Zagreb
19. Ural State University - Ekaterinburg
20. Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas
21. University of Arts in Belgrade
22. University of Jean Monnet-St. Etienne
23. University of Novosibirsk Institute of Life-Long Learning

Universities under the Socrates Program (mobility available to students with EU citizenship only):

24. Budapest Business School
25. Daniel Berszeny College, Szombáthely
26. High School of Economics, Prague
27. Masaryk University, Brno
28. Matej Bel University (Banska Bistrica)
29. Marmara University
30. National School of Political and Administrative Studies (Bucarest)
31. New Bulgarian University (Sofia)
32. SSEES (School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UCL-London)
33. University of Bucharest
34. University of Ljubljana
35. University of Tallinn
36. University of Tartu
37. University of Vilnius
38. University of Warsaw
39. Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas
40. Warsaw Business School

Fees and Grants:

Students admitted to the MIREES programme pay 8000 euro in 4 installments. Admitted students may be eligible for special grants based on academic achievements offered by CEI University Network, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Fondazione Garzanti.

MIREES, this academic year, provides students with a good academic performance and belonging to a low income category with 6 scholarships covering tuition fees for the two years of the master's and 2 scholarships covering tuition fees for the first year of the master's. In addition to this the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides 6 scholarships to students coming from Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia-Montenegro, Macedonia and Kosovo to cover

living expenses in Italy.

The decision to award scholarships is made by the Scientific Committee of MIREES. Students aiming to get a scholarship are requested to specify their intention in the application form, so that confirmation of the awarded scholarship may be included in the e-mail of admission sent to the applicant.

Socrates exchange program or equivalent:

In addition, students admitted to the second year of MIREES may benefit from mobility contributions within the framework of the Socrates program that provides support for internships /periods of study in the country under scrutiny in view of the thesis, for a minimum period of 5 months. Comparable grants will be offered by the University of Bologna for students' mobility to University partners which are not eligible to the Socrates program.

Tuition fees

The total tuition fee is of 8,000.00 Euro for the whole 2-year period and is to be paid in 4 installments of 2,000.00 Euro each.

Degree Awarded:

Master's degree in East European Research and Studies, issued by the University of Bologna (Italy) jointly with the University at Kaunas (Lithuania), the Daniel Berzsenyi College in Szombathely (Hungary) and the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia).

Career Opportunities

MIREES provides an excellent foundation for PhD studies and enables students to complete quickly their following doctorate program. As Area Experts they can be inserted into managerial careers in international institutions and organizations, public and private institutions, consulting companies, NGOs and public administrations.

Please find herewith attached the study program that students have to fill out and hand in within the month of November of the year when they enroll in the program, where you can have a better perception of how the entire program is structure and the courses available.

However, in the section devoted to the Master's program of the MIREES site (<http://www.mirees.it/>) you can find the list of the courses for the present academic year, their detailed description and the CV of all the teachers teaching at our master and their affiliation.

On December 22nd the call for application to MIREES IV cycle was launched and the on-line application to selection is already available. I would like to mention all the information you will be required to provide during on-line application:

1. a motivation to parttaking in the MIREES
2. who will write your two letters of recommendation
3. if you've already: had working experiences, had scholarships, published anything, had academic honors, distinctions and the like
4. if you require a scholarship to participate in the program
5. which embassy you plan to apply for visa

After on-line application is sent, applicants are required to send the following paper docs to support the on-line application:

1. A detailed English-written curriculum vitae ac studiorum.
2. A copy of the degree certificate with a back-to-front photocopy of an identity document and a signed student's statement confirming that it is a faithful copy of the original), or a self-certification of it, if allowed (see the call for application).

3. A copy of the official transcript containing details of the courses attended, the exams passed and the * marks awarded (with a back-to-front photocopy of an identity document and a signed student's statement ensuring that it is a faithful copy of the original), or a self-certification of it, if allowed (see the * application guidelines).
4. English language certificate (not required in cases of English mother-tongue applicants or students who were awarded a BA from an English language university).
5. 2 (two) letters of Endorsement written by Academics in English or, if the applicant belongs to an institution, by the institution's manager.
6. A Copy of each publication, if any.

Providing us with detailed information helps us drawing a precise profile of the applicant, thus allowing the Selection Board to properly evaluate your application.

Should you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact Massimiliano del Gatto, Didactic Manager of the Program, using the media listed below.

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