



PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME DATA SHEET

Title	Master in Sustainability Transition Management
BIC/SWIFT	5769
Level	1 st level
Director	Professor Matteo Mura
Disciplinary area	Social, Economics, Law
Professional Master's Programme description: outcomes/targets	<p>Pursuant to Decree no. 270 of 22 October 2004 of the Ministry of Education, University and Research, for academic year 2025/2026, Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna, Administrative office of Bologna, will run a 1st level Professional Master's Programme in "Sustainability Transition Management".</p> <p>The Professional Master's Programme has been set up on the proposal of the Department of Management – DISA and is run in collaboration with Fondazione Bologna Business School (BBS).</p> <p>The Professional Master's Programme aims to provide students with the adequate knowledge to address important global challenges and develop their professional careers internationally in the field of sustainability.</p> <p>The Master's program is aimed at full-time working students who aim to develop their careers in the sustainability sector of businesses and industrial ecosystems. We are facing a universal challenge, and now more than ever, maintaining a strong focus on sustainability must be a priority to facilitate overcoming the crisis generated by COVID and the consequent social problems, in order to advance towards a more prosperous future in which individuals, businesses, and institutions can collaborate for social and environmental well-being.</p>
Qualifications required for admission	<p>The programme is reserved for candidates who, by the time of enrolment 17/06/2025 for window 1, 9/09/2025 for window 2, 21/10/2025 for window 3, 16/12/2025 for window 4, are in possession of the following qualifications and access requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All first cycle degree and/or second / single cycle degree obtained under D.M. 270/04 or first cycle degree and/or second / single cycle degree obtained under the laws previously in force (DM 509/99 and Old Regulations); • First cycle degree and/or second / single cycle degree obtained abroad deemed equivalent to those described



	in the point above by the admission committee, for the purposes of admission to the Master;
Other admission requirements (registration with a professional register, specialisation school, other qualifications, English proficiency, work experience, etc.)	<p>The required documents for the selection process are listed in the procedural instructions (double-sided copy of a valid identity document; academic qualification and transcript) and must be submitted with the specific documents listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Curriculum Vitae in English; b) Motivational Letter in English (optional); c) Reference Letters in English (optional); d) A photo of the candidate for identity recognition purposes; e) English Language Proficiency certificate (TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge English) certifying a minimum English level of B2 in the European framework. Candidates who do not possess this certificate will have to take a written test to assess their language skills. f) If available, GMAT or GRE certificate, with a score of 550 or above (GMAT) or equivalent (GRE). Candidates without this certificate will have to take a written aptitude test. <p>Candidates with a degree obtained abroad, if they pass the selection procedures, must show the original hard copies of these documents to the Master's Office.</p>
Course structure diagram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Development Goals and Sustainability Policies (Online) – SECS-P/10 – Nina Luzzatto Gardner • Ecological Economics (Online) – SECS-P/01– Maria Arvaniti • Introduction to Climate Change (Online) – FIS/06 – Salvatore Pascale • Geographies and Geopolitics of Climate Change (Online) – M-GGR/01 – Andrea Zinzani • Green Strategy and Sustainable Development (Online) – SECS-P/08 – Mark Esposito • Measuring Sustainable Performance (Online) – ING-IND/35 - Leticia Canal Vieira e Marjorie Breyton • Business Ethics (Online) – ING-IND/35 – Robert Valgenti; • Sustainable Finance and Corporate Governance (Online) – SECS-P/09 – Riccardo Ghetti • Industrial Transition (Residenziale e Online) – ING-IND/32 – Matteo Mura • Energy Transition (Residenziale e Online) – ING-IND/32 – Matteo Mura



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Transition (Residenziale e Online) – ICAR/13 – Valentina Gianfrate • Agricultural Transition (Residenziale e Online) – AGR/04 – Francesco Orsini • Mobility Transition (Residenziale e Online) – ING-IND/32 – Matteo Mura • Sustainability-Oriented Innovation (Online) – SECS-P/10 – Toloue Miandar • Launching Green and Sustainable Businesses (Online) – ING-IND/35 – Antonio Giuliani • Social Innovation (Online) – SECS-P/07 – Magalì Fia • Waste Management & Circular Economy (Online) – SECS-P/07 – Eleonora Foschi • Geohazards and Sustainability (Online) – GEO/05 – Davide Donati • Energy systems for Sustainability and Industry 4.0 (Online) – ING-IND/09 – Maria Alessandra Ancona
Closing date for applications (to register for selection)	<p>Window 1 – until 12 May 2025</p> <p>Window 2 – from 13 May 2025 until 7 July 2025</p> <p>Window 3 – from 8 July 2025 until 15 September 2025</p> <p>Window 4 – from 16 September 2025 until 6 November 2025</p> <p>Attention: the 4 windows are independent paths and independently concluded. It is not possible, for example, to pre-register to window 1 and attend the selections in window 2.</p> <p>At the closure of enrolment of each window, candidates who have not yet enrolled, lose the right to enroll.</p>
Selection method	<p>Admission to the Master is subject to a positive total score of the selection process, which is based on a written aptitude test in English, a written English language test and a motivational interview in English.</p> <p>The maximum score given by the Admission Board is 100 points. A minimum score of 60/100 must be achieved to pass the selection.</p> <p>The written aptitude test and the written language test do not award any points but are instead judged on a pass/fail basis as a necessary qualification to attend the motivational interview.</p>



	<p>All selection tests will take place online in videoconference mode, at a time that will be communicated and in any case between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Italian time.</p> <p>Candidates attending the test must bring a valid identification document with them.</p> <p>The Admission Board is appointed by the Programme Director. The person in charge of the selection procedure is the Programme Director of Studies.</p> <p>The evaluation process will take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- for those enrolled to window 1: 15/05/2025 (written aptitude test and written language test) and 21/05/2025 (motivational interview)- for those enrolled to window 2: 10/07/2025 (written aptitude test and written language test) and 16/07/2025 (motivational interview)- for those enrolled to window 3: 18/09/2025 (written aptitude test and written language test) and 24/09/2025 (motivational interview)- for those enrolled to window 4: 13/11/2025 (written aptitude test and written language test) and 19/11/2025 (motivational interview) <p>Admission to the professional master programme is granted to eligible candidates, within the limits of available seats, based on the ranking drawn up on in accordance with the total score awarded.</p> <p>In the event of two candidates with the same score, the candidate with the highest score in the motivational interview will be ranked higher. In case of a further tie, the younger candidate will be ranked higher</p>
Selection date	<p>Window 1: 15/05/2025 e 21/05/2025</p> <p>Window 2: 10/07/2025 e 16/07/2025</p> <p>Window 3: 18/09/2025 e 24/09/2025</p> <p>Window 4: 13/11/2025 e 19/11/2025</p>
Ranking list publication date	<p>Window 1: 27/05/2025</p> <p>Window 2: 22/07/2025</p> <p>Window 3: 30/09/2025</p>



	<p>Window 4: 25/11/2025</p> <p>The indicated dates may vary by 1-2 days in case of institutional needs and obligations.</p> <p>The ranking lists may be viewed on Studenti Online using your username and password.</p>
Enrolment period	<p>Window 1: da 27/05/2025 a 17/06/2025</p> <p>Window 2: da 22/07/2025 a 9/09/2025</p> <p>Window 3: da 30/09/2025 a 21/10/2025</p> <p>Window 4: da 25/11/2025 a 16/12/2025</p>
Available places	<p>Window 1: 16</p> <p>Window 2: 10 plus any remaining from the Window 1 for a maximum total of 40</p> <p>Window 3: 10 plus any remaining from the Window 1 and Window 2 for a maximum total of 40</p> <p>Window 4: 10 plus any remaining from the Window 1, the Window 2 and Window 3 for a maximum total of 40</p>
Fees	<p>Selection procedure participation fee: € 60,00 (non-refundable fee for administrative services, Art. 1 of the Call for Applications)</p> <p>Total amount 14.800,00 (fourteen thousand eight hundred/00) Euro: first instalment 1.850,00 (one thousand eight hundred and fifty/00) Euro (to be paid by the deadline set for enrolment 17/06/2025 for window 1, 9/09/2025 for window 2, 21/10/2025 for window 3, 16/12/2025 for window 4); second instalment 9.000,00 (nine thousand/00) Euro (to be paid by 31/01/2026); third instalment 3.950,00 (three thousand nine hundred and fifty/00) Euro (to be paid by 31/03/2026).</p> <p>Where there is external funding (fundraising activities), the cost of enrolment can be reduced, assigning these reductions to candidates based on their position in the 4 ranking lists.</p> <p>Reduced fees according to the bands listed below are available for students' awarded positions of merit in the qualifying lists for the 4 selections:</p> <p>Band 1: Fees reduced to 10.800,00 (ten thousand eight hundred/00) Euro. The first instalment is 1.850,00 (one thousand</p>



	<p>eight hundred and fifty/00) Euro. The second instalment is 7.000,00 (seven thousand/00) Euro. The third instalment is 1.950,00 (one thousand nine hundred and fifty/00) Euro;</p> <p>Band 2: Fees reduced to 8.800,00 (eight thousand eight hundred/00) Euro. The first instalment is 1.850,00 (one thousand eight hundred and fifty/00) Euro. The second instalment is 6.950,00 (six thousand nine hundred and fifty/00) Euro.</p> <p>Band 3: total tuition waiver, in the case of all tuition fees being waived, the student must none the less pay a fixed fee of 184,54 (one hundred and eightyfour/54) Euro (required for the regional tax, stamps, insurance and professional master programme certificate).</p> <p>The first instalment must be paid on enrolment, according to the established calendar:</p> <p>Window 1: da 27/05/2025 a 17/06/2025</p> <p>Window 2: da 22/07/2025 a 9/09/2025</p> <p>Window 3: da 30/09/2025 a 21/10/2025</p> <p>Window 4: da 25/11/2025 a 16/12/2025</p> <p>The second instalment must be paid within 31/01/2025. Third instalment must be paid within 31/05/2025.</p> <p>Information on how to make payments related to the instalments after the first will be provided via email in due time before the respective deadline.</p> <p>The late payment of the second and third instalments beyond the set date will lead to the payment of a fine of 60.00 Euro. Late instalments and relative fines must be paid within 30 days of the deadline. Students who have not performed payments correctly will not be allowed to perform the final exam.</p>
<p>Places in excess of the maximum number reserved for students with a certified legal disability of 66% or more or with a certification under Law 104/92 (optional, at the director's discretion)</p>	<p>Professional Master's Programmes do not entitle to exemption from tuition fees (Legislative Decree 68/2012, Article 9, paragraph 8). However, as per the applicable Guidelines and in accordance with the Professional Master's Programme director, subject to passing the selection, the enrolment of one or two students with a certified legal disability of 66% or more or with a certification under Law 104/92 will be permitted in excess of the maximum number.</p>



	<p>Such student(s) will be exempted from paying tuition fees, net of any fixed costs and of the selection procedure participation fee.</p> <p>In order to apply for a reserved place, an express request to that effect must be submitted by the closing date for applications, in the form of a self-certificate accompanied by the legal disability certificate issued by INPS, to be attached to the application.</p> <p>The benefit will only be recognised to the student that submitted all the appropriate documentation and scored better than any other applicants requesting the same benefit.</p> <p>No. 0/1/2 places for students in excess of the maximum number are provided, subject to passing the selection. Such students will be exempted from paying tuition fees, net of any fixed costs and of the selection procedure participation fee.</p>
Places reserved for professional staff and foreign language instructors of the University of Bologna (part-time Professional Master's Programmes only)	<p>On part-time Professional Master's Programmes only, two places in excess of the maximum number are reserved for professional staff and foreign language instructors of the University of Bologna. Such students will be exempted from paying tuition fees, net of any fixed costs. Preferably before registering for selection, please complete the form available on the intranet page Measures for participation of professional staff and foreign language instructors in postgraduate programmes recognised by the University of Bologna. APOS will inform the applicants directly of the outcome of their request.</p> <p>For further information, please contact apos.master-ta@unibo.it</p>
Reserved seats for the Almae Matris Alumni Association	<p>There will be 1 or 2 excess places, with reduced fees (20% less than the registration fee) for Alumni (i.e. former students of the Alma Mater Studiorum) registered with the Almae Matris Alumni Association</p>
Auditors (if applicable)	<p>Participation is open to auditors, up to 20% of enrolled students, in accordance with Art. 8 of the Call for Applications.</p> <p>Interested persons must indicate their willingness directly to the Professional Master's Programme secretariat by the registration deadline. Acceptance of the request will be notified by the programmes' didactic office.</p> <p>The attendance fee for auditors is € 8.800,00 € (to be paid in a single instalment upon registration). Auditors do not sit the final exam, have no attendance obligation, are not required to do an internship or prepare project work, do not earn CFUs and are not awarded the Professional Master's qualification in Sustainability</p>



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	Transition Management. The Secretariat will issue a certificate of attendance stating the number of hours completed by each auditor.
Administrative office	Bologna
Place of teaching	Bologna Business School Villa Guastavillani – Via degli Scalini 18, 40136 Bologna New Campus – Via degli Scarlini 23, 40136 Bologna
Language	English
Duration	13 months
University educational credits (CFUs)	60
Mandatory attendance	Minimum mandatory attendance of 70% of classroom activities.
Teaching mode	In person: 30 hours Online and e-learning: 240 hours
Internship or project work and final examination	14 CFUs and 350 hours for Project work or Internship. The Project Work is developed in groups and focuses on real cases, provided by companies within the BBS Business Network or suggested by the participants. It is a collaborative and practical experience that enables participants to apply the knowledge gained during the program to real business situations. The Internship involves a work period within a company, allowing participants to immerse themselves in a professional environment, develop operational skills, and put academic knowledge into practice.
Class start date and teaching calendar information	The Warm-Up will take place in December 2025. Lessons will begin in January 2026. Lessons will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays online, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and one Saturday per month from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, from January 2026 to January 2027. https://www.bbs.unibo.eu/master-fulltime/master-in-sustainability-transition-management/
Other information	Students undergoing the master, after having paid one or more instalments of enrolment in the master, who then decide to withdraw from participation in the Master, are not entitled, for any reason, to a refund of the fees paid. The withdrawal from studies is a formal and irrevocable act through which you decide to end your



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	<p>university career. For the withdrawal form, please contact the Master Office (master@unibo.it). The filled-in, signed hard copy of the form must be returned to the Master's Office complete with the duty stamp, along with a copy of a valid identity document and your personal student card.</p> <p>For non-EU students, the withdrawal from the program will result in the loss of necessary requisites for a legal stay in Italy.</p> <p>It is not possible for any reason to request a transfer from one university master's degree course to another, nor to any other course offered by the University.</p>
For administrative information	Please contact the Ufficio Master at master@unibo.it
For scientific and teaching information	<p>Bologna Business School - Via degli Scalini 18 - 40136, Bologna Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Telephone: Gaia Giuffredi +39 051 2090143</p> <p>E-mail: sustainability@bbs.unibo.it</p> <p>PEC: fondazionebbs@pec.it</p>