

Master's Degree in
**Ancient Egypt and Western Asia:
archaeology, history and languages**

Call for applications
Academic Year 2023/24

The University of Pisa announces for the Academic Year 2023/24 a public competition, open to non-EU citizens not resident in Italy, for admission to the Master's Degree in "Ancient Egypt and Western Asia: archaeology, history and languages (AEWA)" (<https://ancientegyptandwesternasia.it>) (Laurea Magistrale, class LM-02). The competition aims at admitting non-EU applicants, who must apply and undergo an evaluation procedure. The submitted documentation will be assessed by the Master's Degree Evaluation Committee (EC). Shortlisted applicants will be eligible for admission and ranked.

Applicants must either hold:

- a **Bachelor** or equivalent first-cycle degree, obtained abroad after the completion of a three- year (minimum) course of study, in **Humanities** or **any other degree providing a suitable background in Egyptology and/or Oriental Studies**. The admission of candidates holding a qualification issued in a non-EU country will be subject to verification and recognition of legitimacy by the Italian deputy diplomatic authorities.
- any Italian Laurea degree of classes L-1 Beni Culturali, L-10 Lettere, L-42 Storia (D.M. 270/04) or classes 13 Scienze dei Beni Culturali, 5 Lettere, 38 Storia (D.M. 509/99), including at least 42 CFUs taken in archaeological, historical, literary and artistic disciplines in the fields of the scientific disciplines (SSD) L-OR and L-ANT. In case of Laurea degree in classes other than those indicated above, for the admission it is necessary to have acquired at least 60 CFUs in archaeological, historical, literary and artistic disciplines in the fields included in the scientific-disciplinary sectors L-OR and L-ANT.

Knowledge of the English language, comparable to the **level B2** of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, is also required.

Application procedure and due documentation

Applicants shall apply online at <https://applymscenglish.unipi.it>. In the application form, applicants must include:

- a declaration of knowledge of the English language, specifying the duration of studies and the type of certification held;
- certification of the academic degree they possess, with an indication of the legal duration of the course (at least three years), together with a copy of the degree certificate and transcripts (translated to English or Italian);
- a copy of a valid passport;
- a copy of their complete Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum covering their education program, as well as any other relevant cultural and professional experience that might help the EC to evaluate the applicant.

Applicants may also include other documents (e.g., letters of reference, other certificates). **All documents must be in Adobe pdf format.**

Applications missing any of the required documents are not considered valid and will not be processed further. Applications cannot be integrated after the call deadline.

Application deadlines and selection schedule

Applications are evaluated in two rounds:

FIRST ROUND

- applications are open from **January 9, 2022 to February 19, 2023, 12:00 pm (GMT) [strict]**
- interviews are scheduled from **February 20, 2023 to March 10, 2023 [tentative]**
- notifications of admission are delivered by March 17, 2023
- notifications of rejection **will not be sent by e-mail**, but they will be published in the portal **after March 17.**
- In general, no communications will be sent before the end of the selection process.

SECOND ROUND

- applications are open from **February 27, 2023 to April 16, 2023, 12:00pm (GMT) [strict]**
- interviews are scheduled from **April 24, 2023 to May 12, 2023 [tentative]**
- notifications of admission are delivered by May 19, 2023

- notifications of rejection **will not be sent by e-mail**, but they will be published in the portal **after May 19**.
- In general, no communications will be sent before the end of the selection process.

Prospective applicants are therefore encouraged to apply at their earliest convenience. Furthermore, **note that applicants admitted in the second round will not be able to apply for the Unipi scholarship** <https://www.unipi.it/contribution> (but they will still be able to apply for the other scholarships, see Fees and Financial Support below).

Evaluation procedure

The documentation submitted by applicants will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee (EC). The committee will assess the applicants' background and education, their potential skills and attitude to attend the educational programme. Applicants shortlisted for the interview will be informed via e-mail (sent to the account indicated in the application form) about the time and date of the interview. Interviews will be held through videoconference using Skype. The applicant shall provide the proper settings to carry out the video interview and exhibit the ID submitted in the online application. Applicants not attending the interview in their scheduled slot will be excluded.

Notification of admission will be delivered to applicants by March 17, 2023 (first round) and by May 19, 2023 (second round) via email.

What to do upon admission

Admitted applicants will first need to confirm by email their intent to pre-enrol, by replying to the email notifying their admission. Upon confirmation of their intent to pre-enrol, the admitted applicants will receive a formal admission letter by email. The letter must be included in the pre-enrolment documentation to be unloaded on the UNIVERSITALY website so as to be submitted to the Italian Embassy/Consulate - by a deadline which is to be verified by the students - and to apply for a Student Visa. Information on pre-enrolment is available at:

<https://www.unipi.it/index.php/enrolment/item/4939-second-cycle-degree-programmes>

Please note that completing the pre-enrolment and Student Visa procedures might take several weeks, depending on the Italian Embassy/Consulates, and that the University of Pisa cannot liaise with the Embassy/Consulate on your behalf under any circumstance. Students

that have successfully pre-enrolled on University and have obtained their Student Visa will be able to come to Italy, where they will follow the procedure to enroll at the University of Pisa. Enrolment instructions are available at:

<https://www.unipi.it/index.php/enrolment/item/4944-second-cycle-degree-programmes>

Admitted students must also inform the EC of their final Student Visa status by sending an email to our international office: erasmus@cfs.unipi.it

Fees and Financial Support

University fees are to be paid on each academic year. They are determined by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis, and normally announced in the month of June for the following academic year (in the academic year 2022/23, they ranged from € 356 to € 2,400 per year, depending on the student's country of origin). Please note that there are several bodies that can provide financial support to international students:

The University of Pisa offers 24 scholarships to the top 24 international students, who will enrol for the academic year 2023/2024 in the programs taught in English. Scholarships will be awarded evaluating the following factors: CV, Interview, CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) and Country of origin of the applicant, giving priority to the less economically advantaged countries. Each scholarship will consist of:

- first year of course: 6.5 thousand euros and exemption from University fees, compatible with the grants from DSU;
- second year of course: 8 thousand euros and a reduction of 50% of the University fees if the student has obtained at least 36 ECTS with an average grade of at least 25/30

More info at: <https://www.unipi.it/contribution>

For other grants please consult the page: <https://www.unipi.it/index.php/iscriversi-all-universita-di-pisa/itemlist/category/508-tasse-universitarie>.