FAQ - ADMISSION DSE a.y. 22/23

1. Could I attend this Master’s degree as a FULL-TIME worker?
   Yes, the attendance is not mandatory (although it is recommended) and you will be able to sit the exams as a non-attendant student.

2. Will the lessons and the exams be online for the academic year 2022/23?
   As the pandemic scenario has considerably improved, almost all didactic activities will take place in presence. Just a few courses or laboratories may opt for a blended on-site/online or fully online teaching mode. Please keep yourself updated by checking all the new provisions on the University website and programme website:
   
   - https://dse.cdl.unimi.it/en

3. I do not reach the amount of CFUs stated in the minimum access requirements. Could I apply anyway?
   Candidates for admission to the master's degree course may come from various bachelor's, but must have earned at least 30 ECTS (or equivalent local credits) in computer science and mathematics and/or in the area of economic sciences and statistics. Only students in good standing with the specified requirements will be invited to an online technical interview conducted in English and aimed at assessing their personal preparation. The Committee reserves the right to admit on the basis of the results of the interview.

4. What should the interview consist of?
   You will be evaluated over the list of arguments published in the “interviews” section of the application page on the DSE website: https://dse.cdl.unimi.it/en/enrolment

5. I have never programmed. Which programs are used and How can I prepare myself?
   The most used are R and Python.
   
   Here you can find useful links in order to get familiar with them:
   
   - https://rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/
   - https://www.pythoncheatsheet.org/
   - https://learnpythonthehardway.org/python3/
6. Will the courses require basic knowledge?
Yes, courses require basic knowledge of Economics, Mathematics, Statistics and Computer science.
However, at the beginning of the academic year Crash Courses in these fields will be provided and at the end you will be asked to take a self-assessment test to verify the acquisition of all the entry requirements.

7. Do I need an English language certification?
Proficiency in English at a B2 level or higher, under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), is required for admission.
The B2-level requirement will be ascertained by the University Language Centre (SLAM) upon admission as follows:
- Language certificate at or above B2, obtained no more than three years earlier. For the list of language certificates recognized by the University please review: [https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/](https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/). The certificate must be uploaded when submitting the online application;
- English level achieved during a Bachelor's degree programme through SLAM courses and tests. The test must have been passed within the last four years. It will be assessed administratively, without the applicant having to attach any certificates;
- Placement Test delivered by the University Language Centre (SLAM), which will take place according to the schedule posted to the website: [https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/](https://www.unimi.it/en/node/39267/)

8. In case of any further issue, who should I contact?
In order to check the formal eligibility of your foreign bachelor’s degree, as well as for visa-related issues, please contact our welcome desk for international students through the Informastudenti contact service, selecting the “international” category.
For technical problems with the application and/or enrolment procedure, Italian applicants should get in touch with the faculty secretariat through the Informastudenti contact service, international applicants may still refer to the “international” category.
For information about fees and financial support opportunities, please consult the relevant sections of the UNIMI websites.
About fees: [https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/fees-and-how-pay-them](https://www.unimi.it/en/study/bachelor-and-master-study/fees-and-how-pay-them)
About financial support: [https://www.unimi.it/en/study/financial-support](https://www.unimi.it/en/study/financial-support)
For general information about the DSE programme and the assessment of your application, please refer to the DSE secretariat: dse@unimi.it.
For more informal issues, including students’ opinions and perspectives, you may find useful to get in touch with our DSE student tutor, Luca Donghi (luca.donghi1@unimi.it).
Finally, other official DSE contacts that you may need, like Head of Department or Academic Guidance Tutors, are listed at the following page:

https://dse.cdl.unimi.it/en/programme/contact-persons