

Other Training Activities

Guidelines for the MA programme in English and Anglo-American Studies

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The following guidelines, written by the Master's Degree Coordinator (Professor Iolanda Plescia) and the Tutors of the MA programme, apply to all EAAS students and refer to the **'Other Training Activities'** (OTAs) component which students must complete in order to graduate. Students must obtain **6 CFU*** in the OTA/AAF by carrying out activities which allow them to deepen their knowledge beyond their study plan as well as to develop their skills in a work environment. The following sections include a few suggestions of activities which count towards the 6 CFU: if students intend to carry out activities other than the ones illustrated below, they should contact Prof. Plescia beforehand to ensure they are officially recognised and valid for this purpose.

*= 1 CFU stands for 25 hours of work

All of the activities that students join must be coherent with their study plan and related to the disciplines studied in the MA programme. Along with the following suggestions, students should always make sure to **check the Tutors' webpage** (<https://tutor-eaas0.webnode.it/>) and the **EAAS Facebook Group** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/176744279547950>) where incoming activities and new opportunities will be advertised. The activities can be done **during the two-year course** or in the period in which the student is enrolled in the course, as long as the date of completion of the activities follows the date of enrolment. Students are strongly encouraged to begin completing the OTAs in their first year of MA, in order to ensure these are equally spread along the two-year period and do not interfere with the students' exams or thesis research and writing.

How to register the OTAs:

Students can **ONLY** successfully register the completion of the OTA module **once and only** **they have fully achieved the 6 CFU** by completing either one or multiple activities. Having collected all the certificates/statements stating the activities the student has done, s/he will **book the 'appello' on Infostud** with the professor responsible for registering (Prof. Mario Martino and Prof. Iolanda Plescia) and ensure that s/he sends via e-mail or hands in, depending whether the process is done on-line or in-presence, the aforementioned documents to the professor. If the certificates are valid and the activities are approved, the registration will be immediate and the OTA requirement will be considered fulfilled. No mark (out of 30) or 'giudizio' will be given for the OTA: it is either fulfilled or not fulfilled yet. If there are any doubts, get in touch with the Tutors who can provide guidance with the registration process.

Traineeships and Work Experience

Students can find opportunities for traineeships and work experiences through **Jobsoul**. Jobsoul is an online platform that helps students to contact associations, firms and institutions that offer traineeships and work experiences. Students can register here <https://www.jobsoul.it/SoulWeb/registrazioneUtente.action> and browse through the offers on the platform. All the institutions offering opportunities are in partnership with the university, so students will just have to apply and wait to receive an answer from the institution. Once the student's request is accepted s/he will have to download the training programme that needs to be signed by the student, the employer and the course's internships office representative (simona.tortora@uniroma1.it). The traineeships have different durations and they are selected according to the learning path offered by the course of studies. The student will find all the information about each opportunity on Jobsoul and it will be possible to contact the employers through the platform.

For the majority of the traineeships it is required to have a good knowledge of Italian, since the institutions offer services in Italian schools or associations so students will have to communicate with Italian-speaking users. Students are advised to carefully read the conditions and to contact the employers for further information.

Students interested in teaching can find opportunities of **traineeships in schools**. Some offers are available on Jobsoul, otherwise the students can apply for a traineeship in a school they choose, but the traineeship needs to be recognized both by the university and Jobsoul. The platform allows students to look for institutions through the system and to apply autonomously for a traineeship even if it is not among those offered by Jobsoul. It is strongly advised to look into this kind of traineeship in advance so that there will be time to complete all the procedures.

All students might contact the Internships office for further information at this address simona.tortora@uniroma1.it.

Festa di Teatro Ecologico

The university offers the chance to some students each summer to participate in the Festa di Teatro Ecologico in Stromboli, Sicily. The students' involvement in the project appoints 6 CFU. For further information please contact Prof. Plescia.

Foreign Languages Courses and Certificates

Certificates proving the attendance of a language course in a foreign language, other than English, can help students gain 2 CFU (60 hours course), up to a maximum of 4 CFU. Accredited language certificates in a foreign language other than English can be recognised up to a maximum of 4 CFU.

NEW: Students have the opportunity to attend a French Language course held by the CLA (Centro Linguistico di Ateneo) and obtain a language certificate, which will be then validated for the OTA. For more information, check the webpage: <https://web.uniroma1.it/cla/esami-af-lingue> or get in touch with the CLA.

Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

Attendance to conferences (with a certificate from the organization or the professor responsible for the activity) with a written report are also recognised as OTA. According to the certified duration of the conference, students can gain up to a max. of 2 CFU. For conferences organized or supported by Sapienza professors, the number of credits awarded is usually specified beforehand. Students may also propose external conferences advertised in other universities/cultural institutes, which however will have to be approved in advance. As concerns Seminars, Workshop, Stages, or in-depth study activities which involve the students' engagement and prior readings/tasks, according to the duration of the activities students can gain 1 CFU for 4/5 meetings, 2 CFU for 8/10 meetings.

Seminar held by the Visiting Professor Florian Mussnug (UCL) - *Imagining Sustainable Futures: Literature and the Visual Arts (April-June 2021)* - 3 CFU

This seminar (AAF) takes the form of a series of public online events with internationally distinguished writers, visual artists and researchers from a variety of disciplines. Roundtable events will be accompanied, in each case, by exclusive seminar-style discussion with La Sapienza students, led by the module convenor, Professor Florian Mussnug. In total, the series will consist of four public events, scheduled to take place between April and June 2021, and of five accompanying online seminar meetings (2h). The first meeting, in April 2021, will introduce students to the format and to some guiding research questions. Four subsequent meetings will take place after each public event, and will provide students with an opportunity to formulate follow-up questions, post ideas, and discuss the projects presented by the invited guest speakers. Student outputs (voluntary) will be shared with the guest speakers.

Students interested in the seminar should send an e-mail to the tutors

[\(tutor.eaas@gmail.com\)](mailto:tutor.eaas@gmail.com) with their names, matricola number, and year in order to enrol. Only a limited number of students will be allowed to join the seminar on a first-come first-served basis. Check the link for more information:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_QJHBpzynmFjLSysSbl2yVgIrlDr00Tz/view?usp=sharing

Seminario Permanente di Studi Shakespeariani 2020-21:

3 Cfu in OTA for attendance to the entire series and a written report:

<https://web.uniroma1.it/seai/?q=it/node/3988>

Registration: spss.sapienza@uniroma1.it

External Courses and Summer Schools

Students might also choose to attend external courses or summer schools and obtain a certificate of attendance through which the amount of hours devoted to the course/summer-school can be converted into CFUs.

In the case of an external course and/or summer school, students must find a Professor who will act as internal tutor and correct the final report on the basis of shared research interests. The proposal must be approved by the degree course (Prof. Plescia and/or the Tutors).

As for external courses, students can attend the courses listed below on the platform FutureLearn (<https://www.futurelearn.com/>), which provides the opportunity to attend on-line courses crafted by academics and specialists in association with cutting-edge universities and research centres. Students who opt for this activity, will independently attend and complete the course plus write a short essay engaging with the topics introduced in the course and/or linking them back to their study plan and research interests. In order to show the actual involvement in the Future Learn courses, students will have to provide a certificate of completion or other proof of their completion of the course.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/accents-attitudes-and-identity-an-introduction-to-sociolinguistics> (An Introduction to Sociolinguistics: Accents, Attitudes and Identity) 16h

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/understanding-dictionaries> (Understanding English Dictionaries) 36h

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/corpus-linguistics> (Corpus Linguistics: Method, Analysis, Interpretation)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/country-house-literature> (Literature of the Country House) 18h

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/william-wordsworth> (William Wordsworth: Poetry, People, and Place) 16h

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/a-global-history-of-sex-and-gender> (A Global History of Sex and Gender: Bodies and Power in the Modern World) 16h

A couple of suggestions for free Summer Schools:

<https://civis.eu/en/civis-courses/languages-in-europe-and-their-diachronies>

Languages in Europe and their diachronies (free for Sapienza students) - 6 CFU

Explore the past & present of European languages and advance your knowledge on modern theoretical approaches to the study of ancient languages.

COURSE DATES: March - July 2021 / APPLY BY: 15 January 2021

<https://civis.eu/en/civis-courses/modernisms-in-transit-dialogues-and-crossings>

Modernisms in Transit: Dialogues and Crossings (free for Sapienza students) - 6 CFU

Improve your critical thinking skills and delve into the role transnational connections & dialogues play in (re)shaping modern social and individual civic responsibility.

COURSE DATES: 7 – 11 June 2021 / APPLY BY: 15 January 2021

Students can also find other summer schools organized by universities other than Sapienza here: <https://www.summerschoolsineurope.eu/>

<https://ls-islli.unibg.it/it/advises/bando-laccesso-alla-summer-school-internazionale-tralectio-tradurre-letteratura-oggi>

Summer School Internazionale "TRALECTIO: tradurre letteratura oggi." - 4 CFU

*The project is an International Summer School about translation, but a good knowledge of Italian is required since there is no English translation of the information and the workshops will deal with translations from and into Italian. *

Il corso di laurea magistrale in *Intercultural Studies in Languages and Literatures* dell'Università degli studi di Bergamo apre agli studenti di magistrale la Summer School Internazionale "*Tralectio: tradurre letteratura oggi*". Tutto il programma, tra il 3 e l'8 di giugno 2021, sarà svolto in ambiente TEAMS. Il bando è trasversale per germanisti, ispanisti,

anglisti, francesisti e russisti e si concentra per quest'anno sulla traduzione della poesia dalle varie lingue straniere in italiano. Scadenza presentazione candidatura: 1 marzo 2021

IT Skills

Students who obtain the European License- ECDL during the MA course are awarded 2 CFU.

Internal Sapienza Traineeships/Opportunities

Transitions: A Postgraduate Journal: students can join the team working for Transitions in a variety of positions, achieving a maximum of 3 CFU depending on the amount of hours worked. Students who contribute to the issue writing a piece, either in the form of an academic essay or a review, can also receive credits in the OTA. Check the journal website <https://transitionspostgradjournal.wordpress.com/about/> or contact eastransitions@gmail.com for further information.

Buddy Programme:

Participation in the Buddy Programme for second-year students: 2 CFU for each semester up to two semesters. For more information, check the website: <https://tutor-eaas0.webnode.it/buddy-programme/>

Sapienza students can also take advantage of **Student-collaboration Scholarships** working for the Student Offices, the Sapienza Libraries and Information Centres. Besides being paid, students who complete the collaboration scholarship can be awarded up to 6 CFU in the OTA. For more information on the calls, make sure to check the following webpage: https://web.uniroma1.it/trasparenza/bandi_concorso_borse/71

Students who work as **Tutors** for the MA programme can have their hours recognised up to a maximum of 4 CFU.

Students who win an **Erasmus Scholarship** and take part in the Erasmus scheme are granted 4 CFU for the annual stay and 2 CFU for the six-month scholarship.

Note that for the sole duration of Coronavirus health emergency, students who have not been able to complete in person activities will be able to ask to be assigned: 1) **Translation activities**, in the literary or technical-scientific area, certified by the professors and not included in the Study Plan are granted 1 CFU for 10 'cartelle', e.g. 18000 characters, up to 4 CFU. 2) A **reading programme** agreed on the basis of a reading list of theoretical and critical texts, certified by a professor acting as tutor, can be awarded up to 3 CFU in the OTA.

Other Activities and/or Traineeships can be proposed by the students to the Programme Coordinator and will be accepted and certified ONLY if related to the Study Plan of the Course. For more information, get in touch with professor Plescia.