



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO

CENTRO LINGUISTICO D'ATENEO SLAM

Ufficio di Lingua e Cultura Italiana per Stranieri "Chiara e Giuseppe Feltrinelli"



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GARGNANO 2026 -
"CHIARA e GIUSEPPE FELTRINELLI"
INTERNATIONAL COURSES OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

DESCRIPTION

SLAM - University of Milan Language Centre has made available up to 67 places, subject to payment of a registration fee, to attend the 69th International Courses of Italian Language and Culture which are being held in Gargnano (BS) on Lake Garda, during the following periods:

- 1° round: from Monday, 29th June to Saturday, 18th July 2026;
- 2° round: from Monday, 20th July to Saturday, 8th August 2026.

Each round has a duration of three weeks and includes 90-hour teaching of Italian language and culture, which will give participants the right to earn 6 ECTS university credits.

The daily schedule is balanced between language learning and in-depth cultural activities:

- 4 hours of Italian language classes;
- 2 hours of conferences on topics related to Italian literature, history and culture, held by lecturers or experts in those fields.

The classes will be held at **Palazzo Feltrinelli** in Gargnano (BS), a historic venue overlooking Lake Garda.

The programme also includes cultural activities, among which an opera performance at the Arena of Verona and a visit to the ancient lemon house 'La Malora'.

Applications will close at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, 7th April 2026.

REQUIREMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All foreign citizens aged between 18 and 40 and all international students enrolled at the University of Milan are eligible to apply for the places available in *Gargnano 2026*.

International students who are Erasmus+ grant holders, international PhD candidates, research fellows, and medical residents of the University are also eligible to apply.

All applicants must prove **a level of Italian language proficiency equal to B1 at the least** in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR) so as to be able to regularly attend classes and conferences, which will be held in Italian.

Applicants must provide relevant evidence by attaching their Italian language certificate or statement to their application.

Applications by applicants proving a C2 language proficiency level or by applicants who teach Italian as a second language will be rejected.

PARTICIPATION FEE

The registration fee amounts to:

- 350 euros for applicants enrolled at the University of Milan;



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- 557 euros for external applicants.

The registration fee **covers the following expenses:**

- 90-hour course of Italian language and culture;
- three meals per day: breakfast, lunch and dinner;
- accommodation at Palazzo Feltrinelli or at the Casa Bertolini university residence;
- Roundtrip transportation by bus from Milan Central Station to Gargnano, plus a stop at the Orio al Serio Airport in Bergamo;
- cultural activities;
- accident insurance

It does not cover:

- travel expenses from place of residence to Italy;
- health insurance.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Applicants must submit their application **by and no later than 7th April 2026** at 12:00 noon, by filling in the following online form:

https://elixforms.unimi.it/rwe2/module_preview.jsp?MODULE_TAG=Gargnano2026_CorsilInternazLinguaECulturalta&IATL=it&ELANG=en

The following documents must be attached to your application:

- curriculum vitae in Italian;
- education/working career;
- motivation letter;
- language proficiency certificate or statement at B1 level or higher;
- one photograph;
- scanned copy of your identification document.

Under the provisions laid down in Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, the University undertakes to respect the confidentiality of all information provided by the candidate. All the data provided are processed for the relevant purposes connected to the call exclusively and for entering into and managing a potential cooperation with the University, according to the legislation in force.

Please note that class attendance is compulsory from Monday to Friday and no early departures are allowed. Any such requests shall be examined and authorised by the SLAM Centre.

RANKING CRITERIA

Eligible applicants are ranked based on the following criteria:

- curriculum vitae;
- education/research/working career;



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- motivation letter;
- Italian language proficiency level (B1, B2 and C1) in order to form different learning groups.

Please note that the selection of candidates eligible for a place will be carried out with the aim of creating a multicultural context, therefore preferring highly motivated applicants who hail from different countries and at their first experience in Italy.

SELECTION

A dedicated Committee, made up of Mr. Marco Mori, Ms. Stefania Scarpetta and Ms. Arianna Bianchin shall draft the ranking of winners.

The list of winners will be published online **by 24th April 2026** on the following webpage: <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/courses-italian-language-and-culture-garda-lake>

All winners will have to inquire by themselves about the procedures to be followed to obtain/renew a visa or the residence permit.

A dedicated committee reserves the right to accept, after the publication of the ranking list, up to 10 additional spontaneous applications from candidates who meet the same requirements specified in the call for applications and who intend to participate in the course by independently arranging and paying for external accommodation.

These applications will be reviewed and, if approved, accepted by 29th May 2026.

ACCOMMODATION

The candidates ranked as winners will be accommodated in one of the two university residences, Palazzo Feltrinelli or Casa Bertolini, in double and/or triple rooms shared with other students of the course.

FINALISING YOUR REGISTRATION

The selected applicants shall confirm their participation **by 30th April 2026** by paying the financial contribution, according to modalities which will be communicated in due time.

WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND

Should one of the winners withdraw or not pay the participation fee within the deadline, the applicant following them in the ranking will be contacted.

Participants unable to attend the course are entitled to a refund of the participation fee only in the event of serious and documented impediments. Refunds can be claimed from 1st to 30th September 2026. For the refund to be issued, the candidate must be the holder or co-holder of the current account. Should this not be the case, the refund is not guaranteed.



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STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

At the end of the course, participants will receive a **statement of attendance** provided they will have attended at least 90% of the course on a regular basis. Such statement will also report the attainment of 3 ECTS university credits whose validation for university career purposes is at the discretion of the University or Institution each participant refers to.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the "Chiara and Giuseppe Feltrinelli" Office for Italian Language and Culture for Foreigners of the SLAM - University of Milan Language Centre, by sending an email to gargnano@unimi.it.

Milan, 17th February 2026

The President of the Centre
Prof. Fabio Mollica