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Issuing the Call for Applications for Admission to the Honor Course "Mediterranean Futures: Addressing Global Challenges" as part of the Second Edition of the Arab-Mediterranean Campus Project (Academic Year 2025/2026)

### THE RECTOR

- Considering D.D. No. 377 of October 13, 2022, by which the Ministry of University and Research published the Public Notice for the submission of project proposals for the "Progetto di rilevante interesse internazionale Legacy Expo 2020 Dubai" in the implementation of the Interministerial Decree No. 937 of August 4, 2022 (hereinafter also referred to as the 'Notice');
- Considering that Luiss, in response to the aforementioned Notice, submitted a project proposal application with the project code "expo2020dubai-00011", title "CAM – Campus Arabo Mediterraneo", type of intervention a) "Campus Arabo-Mediterraneo" as the proposing entity;
- Considering that the aforementioned application was submitted in partnership with the following co-proposing institutions: University of Naples 'Federico II', Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Politecnico di Milano, University of Bari Aldo Moro, University of Bologna, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, University of Parma, University of Ferrara, University of Milano-Bicocca, and University of Milan;
- Considering the Decree approving the final ranking list of eligible and fundable projects, D.D. No. 237 of December 27, 2023, as amended by D.D. No. 88 of March 28, 2024;
- Considering the Director's Decree of funding award No. 197 dated June 27, 2024;
- Considering that, through an innovative teaching approach which combines online and in-person learning, the project will equip young students and professionals from both the private and public sectors—originating from the areas covered by the project—with the skills and competencies needed to navigate a rapidly evolving labor market, both in the MENA region and internationally, and that the educational component of the project is structured as follows:
  - Online and in-person "Honor" courses for undergraduate students from MENA universities, featuring one week of in-person learning in Rome and one week at

another Italian partner university. Each in-person module includes half classroom-based teaching and half study visits to institutions, companies, organizations, or public bodies. A total of 5 editions will be implemented over 5 years.

- Online and in-person “Executive” courses for professionals from MENA institutions and organizations, featuring one week of in-person learning in Rome and one week at another Italian partner university. Each in-person module includes half classroom-based teaching and half study visits to institutions, companies, organizations, or public bodies. A total of 10 editions will be implemented over 5 years.

## **DECREES**

### **ART.1 – ACTIVATION**

The second edition of the Honor Course "Mediterranean Futures: Addressing Global Challenges" is hereby activated at Luiss Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli for the 2025/2026 academic year. The program is implemented in collaboration with the Arab-Mediterranean Campus (AMC) university consortium, comprising Luiss University, University of Naples “Federico II”, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Politecnico di Milano, University of Bari “Aldo Moro”, University of Bologna, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, University of Parma, University of Ferrara, University of Milano-Bicocca, and University of Milan (Statale). The project is funded by the MUR under Decree No. 197 of 27/06/2024.

### **ART.2 – PROGRAM FEATURES AND TEACHING ORGANIZATION**

The program addresses the future of the Mediterranean from different perspectives: entrepreneurship, environmental sustainability, artificial intelligence, innovative agriculture, circular economy, space economy and social innovation.

The program aims to provide students with an interdisciplinary background on the main transformations affecting the Mediterranean area, with a focus on the global dimension of contemporary challenges.

The course is aimed at students enrolled in undergraduate degree programs (Bachelor's or B.Sc. or equivalent) at universities in the MENA region (Middle East & North Africa) and provides multidisciplinary training in English, divided into thematic modules, online and in-presence activities.

The program consists of two phases and is aimed at 100 university students from universities in the MENA region. The first phase of the program includes 40 hours of asynchronous online training; upon completion of the training, the best 50 students will be selected to take part in the second phase of the program. The second phase of the program includes 60 hours of training to be carried out over two weeks in Italy: the first week will take place at the Luiss University in Rome and the second week at the Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

- ♦ Course Start: online phase starting from May 2026; in-person phase during the second half of July 2026
- ♦ Duration: 40 hours online + 60 hours in-person in Italy.
- ♦ Language of Instruction: English.
- ♦ The online phase explores the future of the Mediterranean through a multidisciplinary approach addressing various thematic areas: entrepreneurship, environmental sustainability, artificial intelligence, innovative agriculture, circular economy, space economy, and social innovation. The online course is taught by faculty members from the 12 Italian universities belonging to the AMC consortium.
- ♦ The in-person phase of the course is divided into two specific modules. In particular:
  - Module 1 at Luiss University will focus on Business entrepreneurship and legal-political development.
  - Module 2 at Ca' Foscari University of Venice will focus on Environmental protection.

Course Organization: Students who have completed the online attendance hours in asynchronous mode will be eligible to take the final multiple-choice assessment test. Only candidates who have completed at least 90% of the scheduled course hours will be granted access to the final multiple-choice assessment test.

The top 50 participants, selected on the basis of their test scores and their level of interaction with the educational content (evaluated through specific engagement indicators via Federica Web), will be admitted to the 60 hours of in-person lectures scheduled in Italy. In order to obtain the certificate of attendance, participants must have attended at least 90% of the in-person course hours.

### **ART. 3 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates wishing to apply for the selection process referred to in Article 1 must meet the following minimum mandatory requirements:

- Be regularly enrolled in the final year of an undergraduate degree program (Bachelor's degree, B.Sc., or equivalent to a three-year Bachelor's degree in Italy) at a university located in one of the countries of the MENA region (Middle East and North Africa). The countries included in the MENA region are: Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Djibouti, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Syria, Somalia, Tunisia, Turkey.
- English language proficiency at a minimum of B2 level (Upper Intermediate) according to the CEFR, verified by an official certificate issued within the last three years. The following certifications are accepted: Cambridge University Press & Assessment, British Institutes, Educational Testing Service (ETS), Pearson Education Limited, Trinity College London, IELTS, Duolingo English Test, and EF Standard English Test.

Signed certificates issued by the home university attesting that the student has achieved at least a B2 proficiency level are accepted. Additionally, signed certificates issued by the home university stating that the entire degree program is taught in English are also recognized.

Additionally, candidates are required to submit the following documentation:

- Valid Passport
- Official transcript of records issued by the home university, bearing an official stamp, listing all completed exams. The transcript must include the official indication of the weighted average grade. The document must be provided in English
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

#### **ART. 4 - SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The selection procedure for admission to the Course consists of three stages:

Phase 1: In this phase, the possession of the minimum mandatory requirements will be verified, namely being enrolled in the final year of an undergraduate university program (Bachelor's degree, B.Sc., or equivalent to a three-year Bachelor's degree in Italy) and holding a certificate proving English language proficiency at a minimum B2 level of the CEFR (Upper Intermediate). Candidates who do not meet these requirements at the time of application will not be admitted to Phase 2 of the evaluation.

Phase 2: In this phase, the transcript of records, the average exam grades, and the CV will be evaluated in collaboration with Ca' Foscari University of Venice and a third partner University identified on a voluntary basis. Candidates who achieve a minimum score of 48 points will be admitted to Phase 3.

Phase 3: This phase consists of a short video interview to assess the student's aptitude and motivation for the course. Candidates who have achieved the minimum score of 48 points in Phase 2 will be required to submit a video with a maximum duration of two minutes, technical instructions will be provided via e-mail to eligible candidates. Phase 3 will be considered successfully completed by candidates who achieve a minimum score of 27 points.

Throughout all phases, the geographical balance of the candidates' home universities will also be taken into consideration.

Candidates who achieve a minimum overall eligibility score of 75 points—calculated as the sum of the scores obtained in the two evaluation phases, with at least the minimum required score in each phase—will be admitted to the course.

<b>Selection Phases</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Maximum achievable score</b>	<b>Minimum score for admission to the next phase</b>
<b>Phase 1 - Eligibility Screening</b>	<b>Verification of candidates' fulfillment of the mandatory minimum requirements to attend the course.</b>		
Phase 2	Transcript of Records	60	48
	CV		
Phase 3	Video interview	40	27
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>

The final ranking will be determined based on the total score achieved across the three phases. Geographic balance—aligned with the project's objectives—will also be considered, following a criterion of proportionality with respect to the number of applications received from each country.

The number of admitted candidates corresponds exactly to the number of places available as specified in the call for applications. Candidates who meet all the required criteria (both merit-based and minimum score requirements) but are not admitted due to the limited number of places are considered eligible. Eligible candidates may be admitted subsequently in the event that an admitted candidate withdraws or fails to confirm their acceptance.

In cases where candidates obtain the same overall score, and in order to ensure both gender balance and representation from all MENA countries involved in the project, the following criteria will be applied to determine the final admission ranking:

- Being enrolled in one of the least represented MENA countries, ensuring an appropriate geographic balance proportional to the number of applications received
- Belonging to the less represented gender
- Order of submission of the application for admission to the course

## **ART. 5 - RANKING AND ADMISSION**

The results of the selection process will be communicated to the candidates via email at the address provided on the application platform, and will also be published on the website at the following link: <https://mediterraneancampus.luiss.it/en/honor-program-campus-arab-mediterranean-campus-amc/>

The 100 candidates admitted to the online course must confirm their participation within 3 days, starting from the day after the publication of the ranking on the AMC website (<https://mediterraneancampus.luiss.it/en/honor-program-campus-arab-mediterranean-campus-amc/> ) and the simultaneous admission notice sent to each candidate by email. Confirmation is completed through proper registration on the Federica Web platform using the dedicated link provided to the candidates.

The 50 candidates admitted to the in-person phase in Italy must also submit or send by email to [campus.am@luiss.it](mailto:campus.am@luiss.it) the Course enrollment application (to be completed using the specific form that will be sent to them via email), together with the required attachments, within the deadline specified in their admission notice.

## **ART. 6 – APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

The application for participation in the call must be submitted exclusively online through the dedicated platform.

The link to submit the application call is also available on the following page of the Arab Mediterranean Campus website:

[https://luiss.formstack.com/forms/campus\\_arabo\\_mediterraneo\\_26](https://luiss.formstack.com/forms/campus_arabo_mediterraneo_26)

Candidates are responsible for the information they enter in the online application form and for the validity of the certifications/self-declarations they submit. The University reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the information and the validity of the documents provided. In cases of non-compliance with the declared information, candidates may be excluded from attending the course at any time, even after the admission process has been completed. Once the application form has been completed, the candidate will receive a copy of the submitted application as confirmation that the procedure was successfully completed. The application shall be considered, for all legal purposes, as a self-declaration of the personal data and qualifications stated therein.

The deadline for submitting applications is set at **16:00 AM (CEST), UTC+2 on April 20, 2026.**

#### **ART. 7- WITHDRAWAL**

Admitted participants who intend to withdraw from the Course must provide written notice via email to the Scientific Coordinator of the course, Prof. Raffaele Marchetti, to allow for the admission of any eligible candidates, as specified in Art. 4 of this call for applications. The withdrawal from attendance must be sent to the e-mail address [campus.am@luiss.it](mailto:campus.am@luiss.it)

#### **ART. 8 - OBLIGATIONS OF ENROLLED PARTICIPANTS**

All participants enrolled in the Course are required to fulfill the academic commitments undertaken upon enrollment. They must also behave in a manner that supports the effective conduct of educational activities and the proper administration of assessments, while respecting personal integrity, the dignity of others, the decorum of the learning environment and, more generally, university life.

Any violation of the above-mentioned behavioral obligations may result in disciplinary action, without prejudice to any additional legal sanctions.

Attendance is mandatory, and participants must strictly adhere to the class schedule. Enrolled participants are also required to comply with attendance monitoring procedures as established. To be eligible for the final multiple-choice assessment test at the end of the online phase, students must have attended at least 90% of the scheduled lesson hours. To obtain the certificate of attendance for the in-person phase of the course, a minimum attendance of 90% of the scheduled hours is required

#### **ART. 9 – CERTIFICATIONS**

Participants who successfully complete the entire program will be awarded a certificate of attendance and/or a certificate of successful completion of the course.

#### **ART. 10 - PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION**

Luiss treats the personal data of candidates in full conformance of Reg. UE/2016/679 exclusively for administrative purposes related to this call for applications.

Luiss, as Controller, collects and processes the identifying data (name, surname, place and date of birth, personal tax number and citizenship), contact data (residential address, e-mail address and telephone number), data relating to academic record, data relating to knowledge of foreign languages, data relating to any certifications held by the data subject, in order to manage the application for participation in the competition and related obligations (the legal basis for processing lies the fulfillment of the pre-contractual obligations between the parties). Processing takes place in the European Economic Area, on paper and electronically, using the security measures required by law.

Data are processed by Luiss's administrative and teaching staff and by any third party who assists Luiss in management of the application.

Any data subjects wishing to exercise their statutory rights as per articles 15-22 of Reg.

UE/2016/679 may do so by writing an email to the Controller, Luiss Guido Carli at Viale Pola 12, 00198 Rome, Italy, [privacy@luiss.it](mailto:privacy@luiss.it) setting out their request. The contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) are available at [www.luiss.it/contatti](http://www.luiss.it/contatti).

#### **ART. 11 - SAFEGUARD MEASURES**

For all matters not specifically addressed herein, reference is to be made to the University Academic Regulations. Submission of the online application to participate in the selection process referred to in article 6 above implies the candidate's acceptance of the provisions hereof and the University Academic Regulations in force.

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