

PSYCHOLOGY
Specialist Degree Course

Class 58/S Degree
Psychology

FACULTY OF EDUCATION SCIENCES



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REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS

- Three year class 34 LUMSA course: direct access without university debits for students coming from a three year degree course
- Three year class 34 degree course at another university or graduates with another university degree: access subject to verification of university debits
- Students with over 32 debits will not be accepted
- Restricted entry
- Students from other universities will be interviewed by the Careers Office which will give its approval, and by the President of the Class or by a delegate.

PROGRAMMES

- Psychology of development and education
- Occupational psychology and the psychology of organisations
- Clinical and community psychology

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMMES

Psychology of development and education

The course prepares 2nd level psychologists who, in full professional autonomy and in collaboration with other specialists, can:

- manage and coordinate the work centred on the whole life span of the individual, of prevention, assessment, diagnosis, psychological assistance and rehabilitation/education
- plan functional environments and contexts for the promotion of the psychological and relational well-being during a person's life, foreseeing or limiting hindrances to development, social and school maladjustment and the dysfunctional aspects of old age
- assess the quality and the effectiveness of present-day programmes and the results obtained

For this purpose graduates must acquire:

- thorough knowledge of the theoretical models, together with the methods and procedures of scientific investigation concerning developmental psychology and educational processes over a lifespan
- thorough knowledge of normal developmental patterns, of developmental contexts, individual, cultural and social differences and the relative instruments for their assessment.
- knowledge of the models of intervention for prevention, diagnosis, assistance and rehabilitation
- awareness of the deontological problems linked to the profession

Occupational psychology and the psychology of organisations

The course is designed to give students:

- advanced teaching in various theoretical, programming and operational areas of psychology
- command of working contexts, methods and techniques used in the study of the working environment, education, selection and assessment of human resources, career choice, organisational consultancy, safety at work and matters relative to the use of new technologies in organisations. In these contexts it is also possible to work free-lance and as consultants for public and private bodies
- the ability to study relational environments and to manage the interaction of persons, groups, organisations and communities
- the ability to carry out assistance in full professional autonomy, and the ability to assess the quality and effectiveness of the same
- the ability to study and implement innovation processes, with particular attention to communication processes and social interaction mediated by communication technologies with a view to their use in tele-work, on-line education and e-commerce.
- to develop the skills for the communication and management of information, particularly by means of IT technologies in specific areas of competence
- excellent command, written and oral, of at least one language of the European Union besides Italian, with reference to the psycho-social questions of work, human resources management and assistance in organisations and institutions

Clinical and community psychology

The course is designed to give students:

- sufficient knowledge of the basic psychology disciplines and command of the methodological and technical instruments for the analysis and social psychological assistance required to assume professional levels of responsibility in services aimed at persons, groups and communities
- the ability to manage and coordinate, in full professional autonomy and in collaboration with other specialists, assistance directed at the individual, for the prevention, assessment, diagnosis, psychological assistance and rehabilitation
- the skills to plan functional environments and contexts for the promotion of psychological and relational well-being, preventing or limiting personal and social maladjustment, hardships due to family or social conflict
- the ability to carry out interventions in full professional autonomy, and the ability to assess the quality and effectiveness of the same
- excellent command, written and oral, of at least one language of the European Union besides Italian, with reference to the psycho-social questions of work, and assistance of persons, groups and in institutions
- the ability to assume responsibility in assistance directed at the person, for prevention, diagnosis, rehabilitation and psychological support

CAREER OPENINGS

Psychology of development and education

Career possibilities are to be found in the following services: maternal-infant services; Social-education services; school psychology services; healthcare assistance for sick children and the disabled; services in public and private education centres, organisations for recovery and assistance for children and adolescents; territorial social services for the elderly; professional work for the assessment and counselling of families with children and elderly persons; professional work for educational organisation and programming.

Occupational psychology and the psychology of organisations

Graduates can move into work of considerable responsibility in organisations and services dealing with persons, groups, communities (school, healthcare, public administration, companies). Career possibilities in the following services: human resources management in public and private organisations; consultancy companies working in the selection and assessment of competences, performance and potential; in professional training, organisational consultancy, in organisation development processes; programming, realisation and evaluation of technological systems – with particular attention to the software design of multimedia didactic materials – and organisation innovation processes.

Clinical and community psychology

Career possibilities can be found in areas of work dealing with the assessment and counselling of families with children, the disabled, the elderly, or in the following services: family counselling services; social-education services; health psychology services; assistance services for drug-addiction; services in public and private education centres; organisations for the recovery and assistance of children and adolescents; territorial social services for the elderly.

SYLLABUSES

The courses differ in their objectives and career openings. The disciplines characterising the different courses fall within 50% of the scientific subject sectors; that is, in sectors M-PSI/04 and M-PED/04, for the Developmental and Educational Psychology; in sectors M-PSI/05 and M-PSI/06, for the Occupational psychology and the psychology of organisations course; in sectors M-PSI/07 and M-PSI/08, for the Clinical and community psychology course.

LUMSA SPECIALIST DEGREES HAVING DIRECT ACCESS (with no university debits)

- Class 34 – Psychological Sciences and Techniques (for students coming from the three-year degree course)

DIDACTICS

The course is taught through lectures for the theoretical courses, laboratory practicals and seminars, multimedia teaching, technical-practical exercises and internships, research.

SERVICES

- Financial aid for students allocated by the LUMSA Board of Directors
- Luigia Tincani” Faculty Library equipped with computers for on-line bibliographical research
- University Computer Centre for Didactics (CIDA)) and possibility of ECDL certificate courses (European Computer Driving License)
- University Language Centre (CLA) and possibility of PET courses (Preliminary English Test)
- University Careers Office
- Centre for the University Pastoral Mission
- Computing Laboratory
- Assistance for disabled students
- Tutorship: assists and guides students for the entire duration of their studies
- Office for the Right to Study: gives assistance to students by means of the allocation of services and grants with open competitions financed by the Lazio Region
- Bursar’s Office
- Faculty Careers Office: assists and guides students for the entire duration of their studies with meetings, interviews and additional recreational-cultural activities
- International Relations Office: facilitates and promotes mobility of students in Socrates and Erasmus programmes
- Students’ Office
- Traineeship Office: training is compulsory and constitutes an integral part of the degree course
- Universitas – LUMSA Graduates Association

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