

Competitive Admission Exam to the 34th Cycle of the Italian Studies PhD (Dottorato di ricerca)

Candidates must exhibit a valid ID or its photostat and have a black pen.

The written exam takes place on **September 12, 2018** at **9:00 AM** in Aula di Archeologia of the Faculty of Humanities (Lettere e Filosofia).

The exam consists in a written composition. The commission will prepare three envelopes, each one containing three assignments within the following general themes:

- The forms of dialogue between the fourteenth and the fifteenth century
- The novel from eighteenth century to Unity
- Connections between literature and Visual Arts in the early twentieth century

One of the envelopes will be drawn and the candidates will be allowed to choose among the assignment it contains the one which better befits their own competences.

Evaluation criteria:

When grading the tests, the commission will take in to account these criteria, assigning an overall score ensuing from the sum of these partial scores:

- Knowledge and competence of the theme of the test: up to 20 points
- Ability to synthesize and clarity in the elaboration of the composition: up to 20 points
- Descriptive completeness and recent bibliographic acquisitions on the theme of the test: up to 20 points

To pass the test the candidate must achieve an overall score of no less than **40 points out of 60**.

Those candidates who will pass the written test will have to send their own research project no later than **September 24, 2018** via email to the PhD secretary <emilio.bartoli@uniroma1.it>. Projects must be sent in .pdf format and the files must not be larger than 5 MB.

The oral test

consists in the presentation of the candidates' research projects; candidates' proficiency in the foreign language stated in the application will be also tested.

When grading the performance of the candidates, the commission will take into account these criteria:

- Discussion of the themes of the PhD: up to 10 points
- Clarity of the presentation, ability to synthesize and appropriate scientific terminology: up to 5 points
- Proficiency in the English language: up to 5 points

Project

Candidates will have to present a project allowing the commission to evaluate his/her propensity to research and ability to autonomously design and organize the stages of the project. The project outline must not be longer than 8,000 characters (including blanks). The project presented for the competitive exam does not have to be the one carried out by the candidates if they are admitted to the PhD.

The commission will evaluate these aspects of the project:

- Knowledge of the state of the art (up to 10 points)
- Originality and innovative content (up to 10 points)
- Clarity and completeness of the exposition of the targets, methodologies and expected results (up to 5 points)
- Feasibility of the project (up to 5 points)
- Pertinence of the project with the educational aims of the PhD (up to 10 points)

To pass the oral test the candidate must achieve an overall score of no less than **40 points out of 60**, including the grades of the project and the oral test.