

**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**<sup>1</sup> 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.

All 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**.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 CFU stands for 25 hours of work

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](mailto: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 for 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](mailto: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.

**Where to find the info:** <https://web.uniroma1.it/cla/af-lingue>

### **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.

### **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 number 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 based on the 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 some other proof of their completion of the course.

Students can choose up to 2 courses from the ones listed below, for a maximum of 2 CFU:

<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

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

## IT Skills

Students who obtain the European Licence- 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 number 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](mailto: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](https://web.uniroma1.it/trasparenza/bandi_concorso_borse/71)

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.

**NB! 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 and the Tutor.**

## *Ongoing events:*

★ Students can find the latest OTA opportunities either on the [EAAS Facebook page](#) or on the homepage of the [Tutors' site](#).

### ★ **OLTRE I BANCHI**

OTA opportunity for students with a fluent knowledge of Italian! 4 CFU given

An Intercultural Theatre Workshop: 55 hours of Workshop plus one final show with related rehearsals. Information inquiries as to the recognition of the OTA and the particulars should be sent to: [margherita.dore@uniroma1.it](mailto:margherita.dore@uniroma1.it) Prof.ssa Margherita Dore

More information at: <https://tutor-eaas0.webnode.it/>



★ **CORPORA: Di forme, organismi, psyché e letteratura.**

Specifically, these are two rounds of meetings that involve the release of 1 cfu each, upon delivery of a paper of about 4 pages. To register for meetings and receive credits you need to fill out the Google Form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/LDtGA4xvGvXBoCyx8>.

Please, note that the events will be held in Italian.

★ **Transitions - A Postgraduate Journal** offers up to 4 CFU to people who want to collaborate on the journal issues (2 each year: one in May and one in November) as part of both the Social Team and the Human Resources Team. To find out more about open positions and apply, click on the following link: <https://transitionspostgradjournal.wordpress.com/announcements/>

★ **2023-24 program of the Perspectives on Differences Laboratory of the Department of European, American and Intercultural Studies**

This year's cycle concerns the different declinations of friendship between women as a factor of personal and collective transformation and self-determination, crucial for the history of women's movements and for reflections on the political practices of the present.

The Laboratory cycle as an AAF to obtain 6 credits , in the following ways:

Attendance in the presence of at least 6 of the 8 meetings and recovery of the recording of meetings not attended; attendance must be active (participation in the debate in the second part of each meeting);

Reading the materials provided for each meeting;

Writing an essay (max. 30,000 characters) commenting and reflecting on the experience of the entire cycle, demonstrating not only the frequency of the meetings but also the critical reading of the materials.

The cycle will begin on November 10th . This year there will be at least two guidance and orientation meetings for students undertaking the AAF path, organized by the Laboratory.

The materials for the meetings will be available at [www.sguardisulledifferenze.eu](http://www.sguardisulledifferenze.eu)

For information and registration please contact Professor Annalisa Perrotta

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★ **Seminario Permanente di Studi Shakespeariani (SPSS) 2023-2024 seminars:**

Accessible Shakespeare.

A series of 6 seminars will be held from October to April at 4 pm in Sala Riunioni 2 (3rd floor, Marco Polo building), each featuring an expert in the field of Shakespeare and accessibility.

Dates and speakers are the following:

- October, Monday 30 - Mariacristina Cavecchi (Università degli Studi di Milano)
- December, Friday 15 - Alessandra Squeo (Università di Bari Aldo Moro)
- January, Tuesday 23 - Elena Di Giovanni (Università di Macerata) and Stefania Laura (Sovrintendenza Teatro alla Scala)
- February, Thursday 22 - Susan Bennett (University of Calgary, Canada)
- April, Thursday 11 - Pascale Aebischer (University of Exeter)
- April, Thursday 18 - Erin Sullivan (The Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham)

Attendance at the seminars (at least 5 out of 6) will award 3 CFU for Other Training Activities for students who also write a 2-page research paper at the end. Both first- and second-year students are welcome. Only 25 places available on the basis first come, first served. To register please contact BOTH prof. Fabio Ciambella ([fabio.ciambella@uniroma1.it](mailto:fabio.ciambella@uniroma1.it)) AND prof. Carmen Gallo ([carmen.gallo@uniroma1.it](mailto:carmen.gallo@uniroma1.it)) by Friday, 27th October.