

**Master of Science - Laurea Magistrale in
Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies**
Università degli Studi di Padova

Frequently Asked Questions

1 *Can I find the academic rules and regulations relating to the Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies (PharmBioTech) online?*

Yes, they may be found in Italian at the following link:

<http://didattica.unipd.it/didattica/allegati/regolamento/regolamento/1004157.pdf>

2 *Does the M.Sc in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies have a set number of admission places?*

Yes, the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies has a limited number of places available. These are fixed annually and may be viewed in the Admissions Notice.

3 *May I find information online regarding pre-enrollment on the M.Sc. in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies?*

Yes, all detailed information regarding entry requirements, procedures and pre-enrollment deadlines may be consulted in the admissions notice on the following university webpage:

<http://www.unipd.it/servizi/iscrizioni-tasse-borse-studio/avvisi-ammissione-corsi>

4 *Does the M.Sc. in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies form part of the School of Medicine?*

Yes, the M.Sc. in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies is coordinated by Padova University's School of Medicine and as a result all relevant information may be downloaded from the University website, by clicking on the appropriate link for that school: (<http://www.unipd.it/offerta-didattica/corsi-di-laurea-magistrale/medicina-e-chirurgia?ordinamento=2015&key=ME2193>).

5 *Can I enrol without holding a bachelor degree?*

No, only those students in possession of the minimum three year degree entry requirement (usually a Bachelor degree) are eligible to enrol. More detailed information on entry requirements is outlined in art. 2 of the academic rules and practices contained in the admission notice.

6 *I have yet to complete my Bachelor degree but plan to graduate soon. Can I still pre-enrol and sit the admission test?*

Yes, the academic rules and regulations of the M.Sc. in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies allow for pre-enrolment prior to completion of the final year of your degree. Information on the qualifications, procedures and deadlines are published in the admissions notice. However, candidates may proceed with enrolment only on completion and possession of a valid degree. Enrolment will be based on a system of merit and ranking assignment, and is dependent upon the number of places available.

7 *Is admission possible as part-time students (as defined by the University of Padova)?*

Yes, the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies accepts as “part-time students”, as defined and regulated by the University of Padova. More detailed information on such applications may be found at: [http://www.unipd.it/studiare-tempo-parziale?target=Futuri studenti](http://www.unipd.it/studiare-tempo-parziale?target=Futuri%20studenti) (in Italian).

8 *Can you kindly suggest any websites which provide more detail on the course content for Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies?*

Yes, info is available at <http://www.unipd.it> and on the Uniweb site <http://didattica.unipd.it>. Other useful links include the website of the Dipartimento di Scienze del Farmaco (<http://www.dsfarm.unipd.it/corsi/corsi-di-laurea>) and of the School of Medicine (<http://www.medicinachirurgia.unipd.it>)

9 *Does the M.Sc. in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies allow you to attend courses and take the exams separately?*

Yes, interested parties who are not enrolled on an ordinary or master's degree at the University of Padova may also apply for enrolment in one or more subjects of Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies. For further information please refer to the appropriate web page on the university website that deals with this matter (<http://www.unipd.it/corsi/opportunita-formativa/corsi-singoli>).

10 *Is it compulsory to attend classes and workshops?*

Yes, attendance is compulsory for a minimum of 75% of classroom hours and for 100% of laboratory practice (art. 7 of the Academic Regulation).

11 *Can I attend the laboratory sessions if I am not registered (immatricolato)?*

No, access is strictly limited to those students having previously completed the e-learning course on Health and Safety standards organized by the Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences and who have passed the approved tests and satisfied compulsory attendance.

12 *Are the lectures of Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies usually held in the classrooms of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences?*

Yes, lectures take place in the Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences (via Marzolo 5, Padova). Room assignments are posted on the Department website (<http://www.dsfarm.unipd.it>). And <https://gestionedidattica.unipd.it/PortaleStudenti/>

13 *Can I take the exams if I appear on the admission lists, but I am not registered yet?*

No, exams can be only taken after official registration (immatricolazione).

14 *Are students required to submit a proposed content of study plan and where should it be submitted for approval?*

Yes, all students must complete a personal studies plan (piano di studio). This must be submitted on both the first and second year of the Masters programme. All information on the deadlines and submission of study plans are published via the Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences website (<http://www.dsfarm.unipd.it>).

15 *Once approved can changes be made?*

Yes, the study plan may be changed. However, after submitting an application for admission to the final test (laurea), your study plan may not undergo further changes. Students must take note that the appropriate form for instigating such changes is only available at certain times of the year. These are published on the website (<http://www.dsfarm.unipd.it>).

16 *Can I take optional courses, which are not officially part of the School of Medicine?*

Yes, they can be listed on the study plan as optional exams, even if they come under other faculties. However, prior to attending classes and adding the exam to your study plan, it is best to ensure those options satisfy the chosen school's attendance requirements and any necessary assessment tests.

17 *Is a graduate in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies eligible to practice as a pharmacist?*

No, the LM-9 degree, which is the class of the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies does not allow you to practice as a Pharmacist.

18 *Do Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies offer the chance to take part in Erasmus + projects and how many times a year do such possibilities arise?*

Yes, there are special agreements with various European universities. Selections for the Erasmus + are open as shown in the appropriate university webpages.

19 *Do I need to come to some arrangement with a lecturer before making my selection for the Erasmus + programme in order to finish my thesis abroad?*

Yes, you must have an internal supervisor to complete your final thesis abroad under the Erasmus +, in accordance with the procedures laid out by the University of Padova.

20 *Are there specific procedures to look out for, as regards Erasmus+ students in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies?*

No, the procedures are those explained in the Erasmus + information pages for each School of the University. Students should complete the application form and then sign the Learning Agreement as required.

21 *Are there rules and regulations to watch out for, as regards a thesis in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies?*

Yes, there is a specific ruling that is the “Regolamento per lo svolgimento dell’internato di tesi - prova finale di laurea” and available online (in Italian) at: <http://www.dsfarm.unipd.it/corsi/laurearsi>

22 *Is it possible to complete your thesis in a company?*

Yes, it is, as outlined in the “Regolamento per lo svolgimento dell’internato di tesi - prova finale di laurea” (in Italian) at: <http://www.dsfarm.unipd.it/corsi/laurearsi>. You also need the company to sign an agreement with the University, which complies with the regulations explained on: <http://www.dsfarm.unipd.it/corsi/stage-e-tirocini>