

Call for applications for n. 10 places for participation in the Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme "Landscape stewardship beyond the nature-culture dichotomy", reserved for students enrolled (or pre-enrolled) in the Master's degree program in Scienze per il Paesaggio or the Master's degree program in Local Development at the University of Padua in the academic year 2025/26

Article 1 – Purpose

The Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World (DiSSGeA), having considered the decision of the Department Board on November 12, 2025 on the same theme, announces a selection process for the identification of n. 10 students who will participate in the Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) "Landscape stewardship beyond the nature-culture dichotomy" (Annex 1), aimed at collaborative theoretical-practical learning in blended mode in collaboration with the University of Granada and the University of Minho within the European University Alliance Argus.

Winners of the selection process will be able to take part in the BIP activities, which will be divided into a first virtual phase in the period March-April 2026 and then a week of face-to-face activities in Padua and its surroundings in May 2026.

Article 2 - Admission requirements

The call is addressed to students enrolled (or pre-enrolled) for the 2025/26 academic year in the in the Scienze per il Paesaggio Second cycle Degree Program or the Second cycle Degree Program in Local Development at the University of Padua.

Participations requires English language skills equal to or higher than the CEFR B1 level in both comprehension and production.

Article 3 - Application procedures

Applications may only be submitted through the online form no later than December 15, 2025. The application form is linked in the page <https://www.dissgea.unipd.it/BIP-GEO-2026>

The following must be attached:

1. Curriculum Vitae including detail of language skills,
2. Motivation letter, including information any status as a working student or any other provable reasons that hinder access to other forms of mobility.

Article 4 – Selection Committee, evaluation and merit list

The selection committee will be appointed by a subsequent decree of the Director of DiSSGeA and will be composed of three professors from the Department. The committee will draw up a merit list of candidates deemed suitable.

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

- a. evaluation of the curriculum (0-3 points),
- b. evaluation of language skills (0-2 points),
- c. evaluation of motivations (0-5 points).

Candidates who are awarded a minimum of 5 points will be considered suitable. In the event of a tie, , preference will be given to the candidate who has not benefited from other Erasmus mobility opportunities during their Study Program.

The merit list resulting from the Commission's evaluation will be published on <https://www.dissgea.unipd.it/BIP-GEO-2026> by January 12, 2026.

Article 5 – Rights and duties of the winners

In case of supervening impossibility to participate, the winners undertake to promptly notify the DiSSGeA Teaching Office in a timely manner to allow the ranking to be scrolled.

Students enrolled in the Landscape Sciences Study Program will be able to regularly include the training activity in their study plan as Other useful knowledge for entering the world of work for 4 CFUs (course code SUQ5109646).

Those enrolled in Local Development, on the other hand, will not be able to include the training activity in their study plan and will not obtain university credits but will still receive the participation certificate.

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Article 6 - Processing of personal data

Personal data collected for the purposes identified in this notice shall be processed in accordance with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, 27.04.2016, no. 679).

The data controller and/or data processor is the University of Padua with registered office in Via 8 Febbraio, 2 - 35122 Padua. A complete version of the University's data-processing information guide is available from the Data Controller or at www.unipd.it/privacy.

The Director
Prof. Andrea Caracausi

Attachments:

1 – description of the BIP

Annex 1 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME a.y 2025/2026

BIP	BIP GEO2026 - Landscape stewardship beyond the nature-culture dichotomy
Department	Dipartimento di Scienze storiche, geografiche e dell'Antichità - DISSGeA
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Destination, (host University)	University of Padova
Other participating universities	University of Granada E GRANADA01; University of Minho P BRAGA01
Number of students	10
Abstract	This training program provides for a series of theoretical-practical collaborative learning activities that aim to introduce students to the fields of description, interpretation and analysis of changing landscapes, taking into account processes of landscape conservation, management and transformations connected to care and stewardship practices in peri-urban and rural contexts, where is it possible to challenge to the nature-culture binary. To this end, an international program will be organised by the three participating universities, between students, researchers and lecturers of disciplines related to planning, landscape management, social and cultural geography, tourism and local development. This program has two phases: (1) a first virtual one, in which selected students they will have to follow different training modules, debate international topics related to the BIP theme and prepare a group project that introduces them to research; and (2) a face-to-face phase, consisting of field practices (including visits to protected areas, natural and cultural heritage sites in North-East Italy), two presentation and discussion sessions of the

	experiences carried out by students in the virtual phase, and a conference session given by experts on the topics covered. This project is intended to continue the BIP GEO that is operating since 2024, between the same three institutions, and which deepens the training program integrated by Arqus Alliance universities. This BIP 2026 will provide an international perspective to students and facilitate collaboration and exchange of experiences between future social sciences (especially geography and landscape science) professionals in southern Europe. The main working language will be English, with Portuguese, Spanish and Italian also accepted.
Credits awarded	4
Virtual activities	March 3rd (15:30-19:30) March 24th (15:30-19:30) April 8th (15:30-19:30)
Face to face activities:	May 4-8
Teaching language	English
Required language skills	English CEFR B1 (both comprehension and production)
Degrees	Scienze per il paesaggio - SU2544 Local Development - SU2446
Type of assessment	Evaluation (<i>No mark</i>)
SSD	M-GGR/02 (GEOG-01/B)
Notes	https://sites.google.com/view/bip-geo-2026/home
Recognition of the credits awarded for the degree programme	For students enrolled in Scienze per il Paesaggio: 4 CFU

	course unit LANDSCAPE STEWARDSHIP BEYOND THE NATURE-CULTURE DICHOTOMY SUQ5109646 Students enrolled in Local Development will not be able to include the training activity in their study plan and will not obtain university credits.
Mandatory documents for the application	CV (English/Italian) with specification of language skills Motivation letter (English/Italian)
Evaluation process and merit list	Selection will be based on the following criteria: a. evaluation of the curriculum (0-3 points), b. evaluation of language skills (0-2 points), c. evaluation of motivations (0-5 points). Candidates who are awarded a minimum of 5 points will be considered suitable. In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the candidate who has not benefited from other Erasmus mobility opportunities during their Study Program.
Funding	For all participating students, coverage of transportation costs and entrance fees to cultural and natural sites during field activities is provided