

Call for applications for the Twin Track MINOR Programs a.y. 2026/27

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Art 1 Overview

The Twin Track Minor Programs (hereinafter: Minors) are complementary interdisciplinary programmes with a duration of one year, designed to enhance the knowledge of students enrolled in a Master's degree programme by covering specific topics of great relevance.

Each Minor requires a total commitment of between **18 and 24 ECTS** credits, distributed between the first and second semesters.

The Minor Programmes are designed to ensure maximum flexibility and compatibility with the student's Study Plan. Teaching **is delivered in blended format**, with online classes that do not exceed 50% of total classes.

The programme is English-taught.

Students are assessed periodically during each course. At the end of each course, there is also a final assessment, which will take place on the last day of classes. Exams are ungraded (they are pass-or-fail exams and therefore are not graded on a scale of 30).

More information is available at: <https://www.polito.it/didattica/polito/learning-experiences-in-interdisciplinarity/twin-track-minor-programs>

Art 2 Number of places available

Details of the Twin Track Minors available for academic year 2026/2027 are provided below.

Minor Program	Available places	Semester	Credits
Blue Engineering and Sustainable Marine Operations	50	1 st and 2 nd semester	18 ECTS
Designing Experiences in Virtual Environments	20	1 st and 2 nd semester	18 ECTS
D-TEA: Digital Technologies for Environmental Applications	50	1 st and 2 nd semester	24 ECTS
Mountain engineering	40	1 st and 2 nd semester	22 ECTS
Sport, Technology and Innovation	50	1 st and 2 nd semester	18 ECTS

A detailed description of the contents and courses offered by each Minor is available at: <https://www.polito.it/en/education/polito/learning-experiences-in-interdisciplinarity/twin-track-programs/twin-track-minor-programs>

Art 3 Requirements

Applications for admission may be submitted by the students who are currently enrolled in a Master's degree programme at Politecnico di Torino by the deadline specified in this call for applications.

The following students, who are involved in programmes that include a period of international mobility, are excluded from participating in this call for applications, in particular:

- Students who are beneficiaries of an international mobility grant for academic year 2026/2027;
- Students enrolled in double degree programmes;
- Students enrolled at the Alta Scuola Politecnica;
- Participants in Joint Master's degree programmes.

Art 4 Application submission

Students who wish to submit their application for the Minor Programme must log in to their personal page of the Teaching Portal - "Career" section - "Apply@polito" portlet - "Select your programme" section - "Twin track Minor Programme", and choose the Minor they are interested in.

After selecting the Minor Program, applicants must submit their application from the "Save and submit" section.

There is no application fee.

Applicants are allowed to apply for one Minor Program only.

The deadline for application submission is **21st May 2026 (23.59)**.

Art 5 Evaluation criteria

After the deadline for application submission, the STUDI Department – Student Careers Unit will verify if the applicants meet the requirements and if there are no exclusion criteria as set out in Article 3.

The selection process is based on the number of applications received, as specified below:

- **Case 1:** if the number of applications is less than or equal to the number of places available, the Academic Board may decide whether to interview the applicants or to accept all applications directly;
- **Case 2:** if the number of applications exceeds the number of places available but does not exceed twice that number, all applicants will be invited to sit an interview. At the end of the interviews, a final ranking list of successful applicants will be drawn up;

• **Case 3:** if the number of applications is more than double the number of available places, a preliminary merit ranking list (**Art. 5.1**) will be drawn up to identify the applicants that will be invited to sit the interview, in a number not exceeding twice the number of available places. At the end of the interviews, the final ranking of successful applicants will then be published.

The list of applicants admitted to the interview will be published on 28th May 2026.

Art 5.1 Criteria for the ranking list (Case 3)

The ranking list is based on the academic progress of all applicants on 21st February 2026 (please note that only the exams passed and recorded in the transcript by that date will be considered valid). Each applicant is assigned a score calculated by multiplying the number of credits of each exam by its grade (please note that ungraded exams are assigned the average grade of the other graded exams). The sum of these products is divided by the number of semesters starting from the date of first enrolment.

$$Score = \frac{\Sigma(\text{marks} \times \text{ECTS})}{\text{number of semesters}}$$

The ranking list is determined exclusively taking into account the exams taken by each applicant during the Master's degree programme at Politecnico di Torino. In particular, Politecnico will consider exclusively the exams - taken as part of the applicant's current course of study - which are part of the curriculum and count towards the achievement of the final degree.

Please note: the following exams are not included in this calculation: 1) exams passed by an applicant during a previous academic path and NOT recognized for the current learning path at PoliTo (typically exams passed at another university before a transfer to Politecnico or in case of credit transfer); 2) exams passed by an applicant to make up for unfulfilled curricular requirements (missing credits for Master's admission); 3) extra credits.

Specific criteria for the ranking list in case of credit transfer or recognition of credits

If applicants have benefitted from credit transfer in order to earn a new degree of equivalent level, or if they obtained the recognition of some credits after withdrawal, forfeiture, double enrolment, internal transfer or transfer to Politecnico: the exams validated and registered in the Personal Study Plan contribute to increase the number of total semesters. In particular, the number of semesters will be calculated by increasing the number of actual semesters on the basis of the number of credits recognized as per the table below:

RECOGNISED CREDITS	ADDITIONAL SEMESTERS
20 - 30	1 SEMESTER
31 - 60	2 SEMESTERS
61 - 90	3 SEMESTERS
91 - 120	4 SEMESTERS
da 121	5 SEMESTERS

Art 5.2 Outcome of the selection process

The ranking list of admitted students will be published at: <https://www.polito.it/en/education/polito/learning-experiences-in-interdisciplinarity/twin-track-programs/twin-track-minor-programs>. The date of publication will be announced on the same webpage.

Admitted applicants must confirm their intention to accept the place in the Minor Program by the deadlines that will be published together with the ranking list. Failure to do so entails permanent exclusion from the Minor Program.

After receiving the above-mentioned confirmations, Politecnico di Torino will publish the final ranking list of all admitted students. These students must enrol in the Minor Program in accordance with the terms of Article 6 below.

Art 6 Enrolment process

To complete the enrolment process, applicants need to click on "Procedi con l'immatricolazione/Enrol" from the "Evaluations" section of the Apply@polito platform. At the end of the payment phase, the system will show the student ID number and password to log in to the personal page.

Art 7 Provisions regarding courses

Each course within the Minor Program may be taken only once. The Minor will be awarded upon successful completion of all the required courses (Article 9).

Students are not allowed to request the recognition of credits (CFU) earned during a Minor Programme as part of their Bachelor's or Master's degree programme.

Art 8 Conferral of the Minor

Students who successfully complete all the activities required by the Minor Program will receive a certificate of achievement accompanied by a digital Open Badge.

The Open Badge certifies the skills gained and the activities undertaken during the Minor Program and can be used to boost one's educational and professional profile.

In addition to the Open Badge, students get a certificate which certifies that they have completed the Minor Programme and passed the corresponding exams.

Art 9 Withdrawal or completion of the Minor Program

If a student does not complete all the activities provided for by the Programme, the system will automatically close the Minor Program with the status 'Minor not completed'. In this

case, the student will not get the Open Badge and the certificate of the activities undertaken.

If a student decides to interrupt the Programme before its completion, this decision must be notified to the Student Careers Unit by sending a ticket, selecting the topic "ACADEMIC PROGRESS, RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION" --> EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAMME/Twin Track. The Student Careers Unit will close the Minor Programme profile and the student will lose the opportunity to obtain the Open Badge and the certificate.

Art 10 Privacy Policy

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679 – GDPR) and the "Code on the protection of personal data" (D.R. no.196 of 30th June 2003 and further amendments), Politecnico di Torino (Data Controller) shall process applicants' personal data exclusively in pursuit of its institutional aims and for the transparency purposes imposed by the law. Personal data shall be processed in accordance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness and data minimization. The University policy on the processing of personal data is available at <https://www.polito.it/en/privacy>.

Art 11 Offices and Ticketing Support System

The Office in charge of the selection process illustrated in this Call is the Student Careers Unit from the STUDI department.

Contacts and Ticketing Support System: For further information regarding the submission of applications, send a ticket from your personal page of the Teaching Portal choosing "ACADEMIC PROGRESS, RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION" --> EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAMME/Twin Track.

Art 12 Admissions process manager

The person responsible for the selection process referred to in this Call is the Head Student Careers and Right to Education Division (Bachelor's and Master's) (STUDI), Mrs Alessandra Berlese.

Art 13 Final provisions

The present Call for applications is published on the online University Bulletin. The same information can be found on the university website - <https://www.polito.it/en/education/polito/learning-experiences-in-interdisciplinarity/twin-track-programs/twin-track-minor-programs>

Possible further amendments to the present Call will be issued with a specific Executive decree and published on the University Bulletin. The same information can be found on the university website <https://www.polito.it/en/education/polito/learning-experiences-in-interdisciplinarity/twin-track-programs/twin-track-minor-programs>