



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO
FACOLTÀ DI LETTERE E FILOSOFIA

Dep. History and documentation studies

LIS teaching at the University of Milan

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LIS Education in Italy after Bologna Declaration

- Reform higher education 1999
- Three-tier structure:
- First level: 3 year course “Laurea triennale”
- Second level: 2 year course “Laurea Magistrale”
- Third level: “Doctorate”, usually 3 year course



LIS Education in the University of Milan

UoM LIS students can be awarded

- First level degree
- Second level degree
- Research Doctorate, a joint collaboration of Universities of Udine, Rome, Milan and other 5 Universities



Department of History and documentation studies: Courses

Department: 50 courses

A. History studies – 42 courses

- on Ancient, Medieval, Modern and Contemporary History
- religious, economical, social, military, political and cultural aspects



... documentation studies: Courses

Department: 50 courses

B. Documentation studies -- more formally **Historical documentation studies – 8 courses**

1. Archival studies
2. Archive automation
3. Special archives
4. Bibliography
5. Library and Information Studies
6. Print and publishing history
7. Book history
8. Diplomatics (study of ancient documents and writings)



... documentation studies: Courses

- Each course in 3 modules
- Each module 20 hours lectures + individual study
- Each module 3 credits (ECTS)
- Based on degree, curriculum and program, each course 6, 9, 12 credits



... documentation studies: Courses

Courses from **other faculties or curricula**

- Faculty of “Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences”
- Degree in “Science and Technology for the Study and Preservation of Cultural Heritage”
- Courses on “Fundamentals of computing for the humanities”
- Curricula in Information science and ICT courses, Digital communication, or data processing,



... documentation studies: Laboratories

31 labs total –

A. History studies – 25 labs

B. Documentation studies – 6 labs

1. The public library
2. Archival studies
3. Bibliography, publisher's catalogues and communication
4. Library automation and information management
5. Medieval sources and documents (at the State Archive of Milan)
6. The ancient hand-printed book (at the Lombardy Historical Society)



... documentation studies: Stages

- **Curricular Stages**
 - give student 3 credits
- **Extra-curricular Stages**
 - don't give student any credit
- **Post-graduate Stages**
 - acquire technical skills
 - develop their professional project



Thesis

- Students of any curriculum in Humanities can apply to research and discuss a dissertation in LIS
- As they attended courses in related studies and set the exams



Thank you for listening

