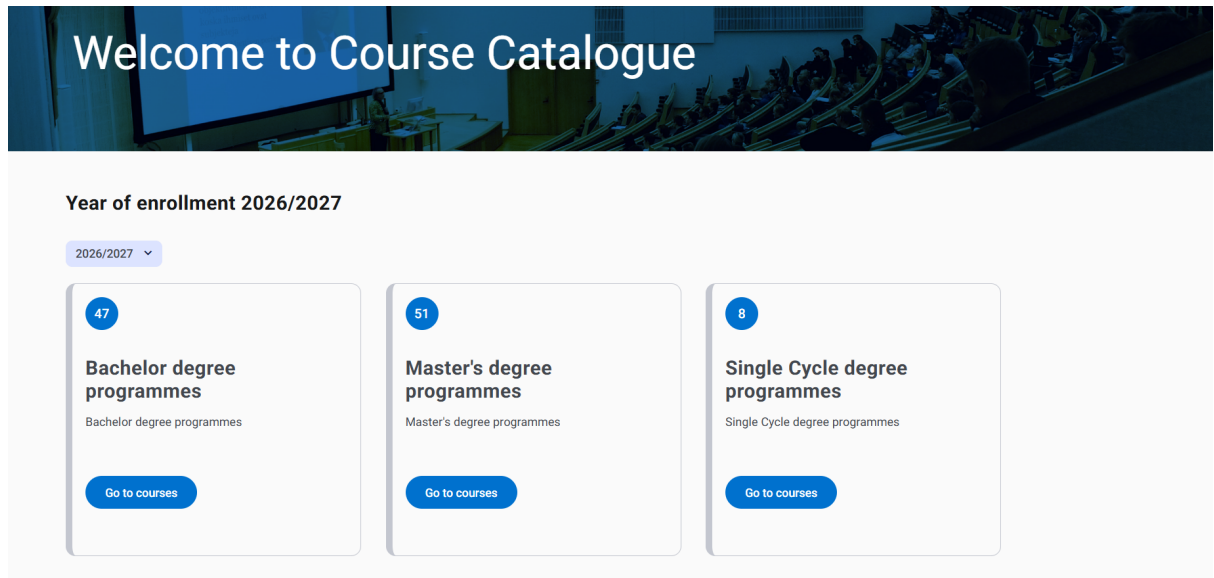
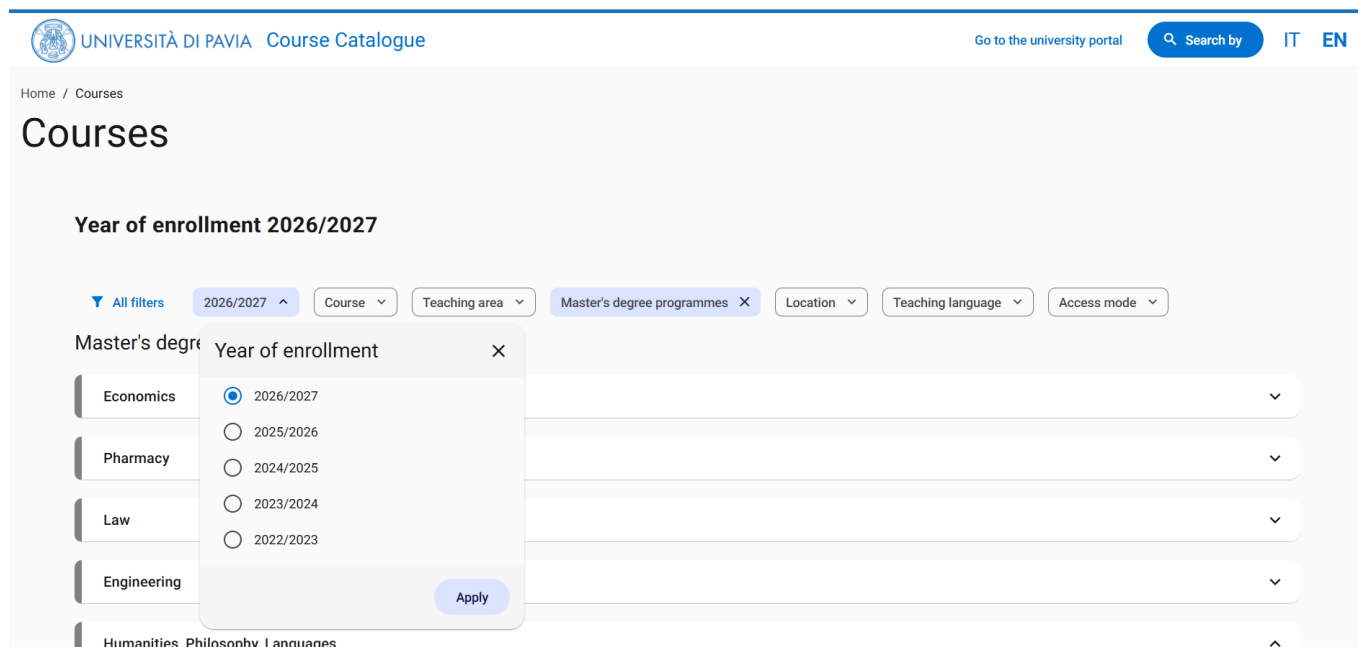


## STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE: ACCESSING THE COURSE CATALOGUE

1. Access the **course catalogue** [here](#).



2. Click on “**go to courses**” on the master’s degree programmes section.
3. Select your **enrollment year** from the drop-down menu and click **Apply**.



- click on the “**Humanities, Philosophy, Languages**” section

Humanities, Philosophy, Languages

[05435] CLASSICAL AND ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES | MASTER OR EQUIVALENT SECOND CYCLE | REGISTRATION NOT ALLOWED | ITALIAN | CONVENTIONAL | View  
PAVIA - University of Pavia | Access mode: Free

[05428] EUROPEAN LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND SOCIETIES IN CONTACT | MASTER OR EQUIVALENT SECOND CYCLE | REGISTRATION NOT ALLOWED | INTER-UNIVERSITY | ENGLISH | FRENCH | SPANISH | CASTILIAN | GERMAN | ITALIAN | PORTUGUESE | FINNISH | ROMANIAN | BLEND/MODALITÀ MISTA | PAVIA - University of Pavia | Access mode: Free | View

- Locate “**The Ancient Mediterranean World: History, Archaeology and Art**” and click **View**.

[05437] THEORETICAL AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS; LINGUISTICS AND MODERN LANGUAGES | MASTER OR EQUIVALENT SECOND CYCLE | REGISTRATION NOT ALLOWED | ITALIAN | CONVENTIONAL | PAVIA - University of Pavia | Access mode: Free | View

- Click on the “**Study Plan and Teaching**” tab and select your **curriculum**.

## [05440] THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD. HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART

MASTER OR EQUIVALENT SECOND CYCLE | ENGLISH | CONVENTIONAL

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Year of enrollment 2025/2026

2025/2026

Attention  
Registration not allowed

Course sheet

Study Plan and Teaching

Teachings offered

### Study Plan and Teaching

Choose curriculum

Ancient History

1° YEAR

Lectures Timetable ⓘ ⚙ Open

2° YEAR

Lectures Timetable ⚙ Open

7. Find the specific course/subject you are interested in and click **View detail**.

Choose curriculum  
Ancient History

1° YEAR Lectures Timetable ⓘ × Close

COMPULSORY

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| [508783] ANCIENT WESTERN ASIA: HISTORY AND CIVILIZATIONS | 6 ECTS | 36 hours | 1st semester | ENGLISH |
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Academic year 2025/2026

[View detail](#)

8. Scroll down to the **"Course content"** section on the course page.

Exam type: Oral exam  
Evaluation: Final Grade  
Teaching period: 1st semester (from 22/09/2025 to 19/12/2025)  
Course teachers: [GIORGIERI MAURO](#) (12 Lecture)  
Teachers: [CAPARDONI MARCO FRANCESCO MARIA](#) (12 Lecture) , [MATESSI ALVISE DOMENICO GIOVANNI](#) (12 Lecture)  
Length: 36 hours (36 hours Lecture)  
Attendance: Not mandatory  
Teaching method: Conventional  
Disciplinary settore code: L-OR/04  
Location: PAVIA - University of Pavia

- Language
- Required skills
- Teaching objectives
- Course content**
- Teaching methods
- Readings
- Assessment
- Extra info

## 9. Here you will find a summary of the course syllabus, exam structure, and required reading materials.

### Course content

The following program is organized as a basic introductory course, aimed at students with little or no prior knowledge of the civilizations of the ancient Near East.

Classes will consist of lectures in which the teacher presents, with the aid of PowerPoint presentations, the main content—facts, names, and dates—drawn from written and archaeological historical sources, covering selected chapters of the history of Anatolia, Syria, Upper Western Mesopotamia, and the Levant. The focus is therefore on the westernmost part of the Near East, while inevitably taking into account Mesopotamia proper (Sumer, Babylonia, Assyria) and Egypt.

Note: Students who have already acquired specific knowledge of the history, civilizations, and languages of the ancient Near East, and who have obtained at least 6 CFU in this field, are asked to contact the course coordinator (M. Giorgieri) to arrange a tailored study program.

The course is divided into different units. Following a general introductory section, aimed at presenting the political context of Western Asia in the pre-classical period and the main historical sources (both written and archaeological), the subsequent units will focus on the various periods of the history of Anatolia, Syria, Upper Western Mesopotamia, and the Levant during the Early and Middle Bronze Age, the Late Bronze Age, and the Iron Age.

#### A) INTRODUCTORY GENERAL PART (4 hours)

-Class 1 (5th Nov, M. Giorgieri): General introduction to Western Asia in pre-classical age (3rd-1st millennium BCE): geography, peoples, languages and civilizations; the chronological frame and a brief historical outline (2 h.)

-Class 2 (7th Nov, M. Giorgieri & M. Capardoni): The sources for the reconstruction of history and culture of the Western Asia.

a) Writing(s) and written sources in Anatolia and Syria in the 3rd and 2nd millennium BC: the cuneiform writing and the Anatolian Hieroglyphic script (1 h.)

b) Archaeological sources (1 h.)

#### B) POLITICAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF WESTERN ASIA BETWEEN 3RD AND 1ST MILL. BCE : ANATOLIA, SYRIA, UPPER WESTERN MESOPOTAMIA AND LEVANT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN HISTORY

##### B1) Early Bronze Age (3rd millennium BC; 6 hours)

-Class 3 (11th Nov, M. Capardoni): The Urban Revolution and the political developments in 3rd Millennium Southern Mesopotamia (2 h.)

-Class 4 (12th Nov, M. Capardoni): Rise and fall of the urbanisation in Syria (2 h.)

-Class 5 (14th Nov, M. Capardoni): The Early Bronze Age in Anatolia (2 h.)

##### B2) Middle Bronze Age (ca. 2000-1600 BC; 6 hours)