

INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES

polysemic Thinking for a Future Worth Imagining

STARTING IN
MARCH **2026**, ALL
LESSONS WILL BE
DELIVERED
ENTIRELY **ONLINE**
IN ENGLISH, BY A
FACULTY
COMPOSED OF
PRACTICING
PSYCHOANALYSTS
AND TENURED
UNIVERSITY
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Università Roma Tre

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THINKING**



Course Abstract

This **Master** in *Psychoanalytic Studies* sits at the intersection of **psychoanalysis**, **philosophy**, and **cultural studies**, offering a **critical** and **multidisciplinary approach** to subjectivity and contemporary experience. In an age shaped by conflict, hyper-productivity, and the media-driven manipulation of affect, the program reclaims psychoanalysis as a **politically and ethically engaged discipline**.

Rejecting outdated views of psychoanalysis as distant or apolitical, we propose an **intersectional, future-oriented** framework rooted in care, resistance, and the **radical rethinking of subjectivity**. Through a deep engagement with memory and desire, the Master provides students with *theoretical* and *clinical* tools to understand the psychic costs of our time—on **individual, social**, and **environmental** levels—and to imagine transformative possibilities for thought, healing, and *action*.



Key Information

- Enrollment deadline: **January 8, 2026**
- Program dates: **March 15 – November 15, 2026**
- Language of instruction: **English**
- Delivery mode: **100% online**

Tuition fees:

- €1,000 (due by January 20, 2026)
- €1,000 (due by May 31, 2026)

Publication opportunity:

the best thesis will be published in the PSYCHE: Cultura e Psicoanalisi series by Alpes Edizioni.

Program Curriculum

International Master in Psychoanalytic Studies (ILV)

PSYCHOANALYTIC THEORY AND HISTORY OF THE PSYCHOANALYTIC MOVEMENT

This course examines the historical evolution of the theory of the unconscious, from Freud's foundational model to contemporary pluralistic frameworks, highlighting key developments within the psychoanalytic movement over the past 150 years

GENDER AND SEXUALITY

A comprehensive and pluralistic exploration of gender identity, sexuality, and affectivity, with a focus on their unconscious dynamics and embodied experiences

PSYCHOANALYSIS AND CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

This course investigates how contemporary culture shapes the unconscious and interpersonal dynamics, with particular attention to symbolic mediation and relational styles

PSYCHOANALYTIC, VIOLENCE AND GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICTS

This course explores war, terrorism, and large-group trauma through the lenses of psychoanalysis and political psychology, focusing on the unconscious dynamics underpinning collective violence and conflict

NEUROPSYCHOANALYSIS

Bridging psychoanalysis and affective neuroscience, this course investigates the neural and relational foundations of unconscious processes, affect regulation, memory, trauma, and dreaming. Emphasis is placed on how psychic life emerges at the intersection of brain dynamics and interpersonal experience

PSYCHOANALYSIS AND ARTS

Focusing on the aesthetics of the unconscious, this course explores literature, visual arts, cinema, and performance as privileged spaces of psychic expression and potential healing. We will examine how artistic practices can serve as transformative responses to individual and collective wounds

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BIOPOLITICS

Drawing on Foucault and political philosophy, this course explores the psychic dimension of power and the internal dynamics of authority

UNCONSCIOUS AND AI

Through a psychoanalytic and interdisciplinary lens, this course investigates the motivations behind the widespread turn to AI tools for managing psychic distress, emotional conflicts, and existential questions. It critically examines the potential therapeutic benefits as well as disruptive consequences for subjectivity, intimacy, and human relationships

ENACTIVISM, AFFECTIVITY AND SOCIAL COGNITION

Tracing the evolution from Husserl and Merleau-Ponty to contemporary cognitive sciences, this course explores the enactive turn and its profound implications for psychoanalytic theory and practice

TRAUMA, EVIL AND DISSOCIATIVE PHENOMENA OF THE MIND

An in-depth exploration of trauma, psychopathy, malignant narcissism, and the darker aspects of the human psyche, including dissociative phenomena

ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES AND ECOFEMINISM

This course reframes ecological collapse by engaging with critical philosophy, feminist theory, and psychoanalytic ecology, offering a multidisciplinary perspective on environmental crises

WORKSHOPS:

- **PSYCHOANALYTIC WRITING**

A rigorous and creative workshop exploring the principles and practices of psychoanalytic writing, from clinical case studies to theoretical and conceptual essays

- **PSYCHOANALYTIC EPISTEMOLOGY AND RESEARCH METHODS**

This course examines the distinctive epistemological foundations of psychoanalysis as a form of knowledge rooted in subjectivity, affect, and the unconscious. Students will engage with the three main levels of psychoanalytic research—clinical (single case studies), conceptual/theoretical, and empirical (operationalized)—and explore both qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis