



UNIVERSITÀ
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OPTIMA Winter School

Optimal Decision-Making in Public Health
From 18 to 29 January 2027
Trento, Italy

2-week interdisciplinary Winter School for sharing learning experiences and developing practical skills to support decision-making in complex public health challenges.

The driving force of the Winter School will be a challenge-based group activity in which participants will be called to work collaboratively on real public health problems proposed by local health authorities. Through academic inputs, teamwork and applied exercises, students will be challenged to critically evaluate selected public health interventions and contribute to more effective and equitable decision-making in public health.



TARGET

UniTrento partner universities Senior Bachelor's degree students (who have finished the 2nd year) and all Master's degree students from any background related to Medicine, Allied Health Professions, Economics, Management, Data Science, Management or Bio Engineering and related fields, coming from partner universities. Given the highly specialized nature of the topics, priority will be given to Master's students or final-year Bachelor's students.

Participants should be confident in English-language use (B2).

LECTURES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Lectures by international and local experts on:
 - » Policy design
 - » Epidemiology
 - » Econometric analysis
 - » Economic evaluation
 - » Health equity
- Group work to acquire:
 - » Practical experience in public health policy design and intervention development
 - » Skills in evaluating public health interventions using evidence-informed approaches
 - » Experience in applying analytical tools to real-world public health challenges
 - » Teamwork and communication skills to formulate feasible, effective and equitable recommendations
- Visits to the main local cultural institutions and events
- and more...

SOME GOOD REASONS TO APPLY

- Experience the challenge-based learning approach
- Lectures, seminars, group activities, workshops and debates
- Cross-disciplinary approach
- Meetings with national and international experts
- 6 ECTS credits with evaluation mark
- Outdoor activities
- International networking and teamworking
- Social program
- Enjoy the beautiful environment of the Dolomites
- and more...

DEADLINES

Applications by students: **30 September 2026**

Selections by UniTrento: **first week of October 2026**

FEES

Selected students are **fee waiver**.

Included are: a guided visit to the town, welcome coffee, farewell lunch, academic and socio-cultural activities, excursions, certificate of attendance.

CONTACT AND INFO

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