

UNI-ITALIA

CENTRE FOR ACADEMIC PROMOTION AND ORIENTATION TO STUDY IN ITALY



Fly higher and **further!**
Italian Higher Education: *more than a chance*

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Why choose Italian Higher Education System

- 1. Excellence:** studying in Italy provides the possibility of achieving a high-prestige degree in Italian universities and academies recognized throughout Europe as well as many by international ranking society reports (ARWU , QS, Times Higher Education).
- 2. Professionalism:** Italian universities and academies provide very high competences and they also support and counsel students during the course of their studies.
- 3. Labour market opportunities:** Italy is in the vanguard in several fields of higher education many of which correspond to the most developed professional sectors of the labour market.
- 4. Flexibility:** higher education programs are based on a credits system (ETCS, European Credit Transfer System) by which students can make their plan of studies according to their needs.
- 5. Scholarships and Fellowships:** several universities and academies offer scholarships or fellowships, with services for lodging and catering, set up by the Agency for the Right to Education which is organized at a regional level.
- 6. Quality of life:** Italy is home of the greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, it has a rich collection of arts, culture and literature from many different periods as well as a long tradition in numerous sports, both at the individual and team level. You can enjoy a high and unique quality of life and a welcoming atmosphere.



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Advantages of studying in Italy

Founded in the 11th century, Italian Universities are the oldest educational institutions in the Western world and they represent the vanguard of higher education especially in the field of Culture, Industrial Design, Architecture, Applied Sciences, Medicine, Economics and Arts.

Furthermore, the quality of teaching and strengthened international relations between Italian and many foreign institutions give students many opportunities for a fulfilling educational path and successful future career within an academic environment as well as in many other professional fields.

Students who choose to continue their course of studies in Italy may also enrich their personal experience by living in one of the world's most important manufacturing countries.

Many prominent institutes for higher education are in Italy especially in the field of Architecture and Design, Sciences and Engineering, New Technologies, Economics and Management, Agriculture, Human Sciences, Conservation and Restoration of cultural assets, Cinema, Dance, Drama and advanced musical studies.

A rich and various Education System

The Italian higher education system is divided into Universities and AFAM institutions, Institutes of Further Training in Art and Music and their higher education programs collect more than an average of 300,000 students per year. At the moment, there are about 100 universities in Italy and 14 National Centres for Research. In regard to the AFAM system, it is composed by about 140 institutions divided in: Public Academies of Fine Arts, Academy of Fine Arts officially recognized, the National Academy of Dramatic Arts, the National Academy of Dance, Conservatories, Institutes of Music officially recognized, Higher Institute for Artistic Industries (ISIA), Institutes authorized to issue Higher Education qualifications in Arts, Music and Dance.

ITALIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

IN LINE WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK FOR THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA - QF FOR THE EHEA, ITALIAN HIGHER EDUCATION, BOTH FOR UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, IS DIVIDED INTO 3 CYCLES. IN ORDER TO ATTAIN A HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE A MINIMUM OF 13 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT SCHOOL ARE REQUIRED (FOR THE EUROPEAN BENCHMARK 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION ARE SUITABLE).



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First Cycle

Laurea Triennale (Bachelor of Science)

Providing general theoretical knowledge and methods in several different fields is the main objective of this cycle of studies. Generally, all the first cycle courses require 3 years of study which are equivalent to 180 credits (ECTS). In order to gain access, students must have obtained a high school diploma or any other title obtained abroad which is broadly considered suitable.

Master Universitario di I° livello (Specializing Bachelor)

Some Universities include courses of specialisation in their higher education programs, which have the aim to improve professional skills: Specializing Bachelors. This diploma is not considered a part of the Qualification Framework for European Higher Education Area defined by Bologna's Process in 1999.

Second Cycle

Laurea Magistrale (Master of Science)

This second cycle of studies enhances the previous general theoretical knowledge and provides an advanced specialized body of theoretical and applied topics as well as high order skills in analysis and critical evaluation or professional applications. In general, all the courses of this cycle require 2 years in duration that correspond to 120 credits (ECTS). In order to gain access, students must have obtained a Bachelor of science or any other title obtained abroad which is broadly considered suitable. There are some courses of studies which have not yet implemented the cycle system so they require 5 or 6 years in total to obtain a Master of Science and envisage the issue of 300 or 360 credits (ECTS).



Third Cycle

Dottorato di Ricerca (PHD)

The doctorate course generally consists of course work and independent research culminating in a dissertation which introduces students to a highly qualified area of research with the title of Ph.D. The third cycle lasts for a total of 3 years. In order to gain access, students must have obtained a Master of science and passed an entrance examination for admission.

Master Universitario di II° livello (Specializing Master)

This is a specialized course which requires a Master of science or any equivalent officially recognized foreign qualification. The minimum duration is one year, with a minimum of 60 credits (ECTS).

In this context the term 'Master' is employed to define such a specializing course of studies and does not correspond to the title 'Master's Degree' as adopted at an international level.

Specializzazione di II° livello (Specialization Degree)

The main objective of these qualifications is to provide specific knowledge and abilities which are requested in order to exercise highly specialised professional activities, especially in the sectors of medical, clinical and surgical specialisations. They require a minimum duration of 2 years.



	ITALIAN CLASSIFICATION	ENGLISH CLASSIFICATION	CREDITS	YEARS
FIRST CYCLE	Laurea	Bachelor of science	180	3
SECOND CYCLE	Laurea Magistrale	Master of science	120	2
	Master universitario di 1° livello	Specializing Bachelor	≥ 60	
THIRD CYCLE	Dottorato di ricerca	PhD		3
	Specializzazione di 2° livello	Specialization degree		2
	Master universitario di 2° livello	Specializing Master	≥ 60	

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Courses of studies in English

Students are able to attend courses in English for First and Second Cycle programs. In fact, some universities have introduced such courses into their education program and most of them offer PhDs in English.

For further information see the website www.universitaly.it

research into
student
lab
doing some research
I've done some research

A wide-angle photograph of a grand, ornate theater interior. The ceiling is a large, domed structure with intricate gold-colored carvings and several circular medallions containing classical paintings. The walls are also highly decorated with gold leaf and architectural details. The seating area is filled with rows of plush red seats. The stage is at the far end, featuring a large, ornate red curtain and a complex arrangement of stage lights and equipment. The overall atmosphere is one of luxury and historical grandeur.

AFAM - INSTITUTES OF HIGH TRAINING IN ARTS AND MUSIC

Diploma Accademico di Primo Livello (First Level Academic Diploma)

The main objective of this course is to ensure a satisfactory mastery of methods and art techniques as well as the acquisition of specific professional competences in the discipline. In order to gain access, students must pass an entrance examination test. The course lasts 3 years, which is equivalent to 180 credits (ECTS).

Diploma Accademico di Secondo Livello (Second Level Academic Diploma)

The course provides advanced-level training for the full mastery of artistic methods and techniques and for the acquisition of highly professional skills.

Previous preparation acquired must be suitable for the second-level course and is ascertained by an entrance examination. The course lasts 2 years and envisages the issue of 120 credits (ECTS).



Diploma Accademico di Formazione alla Ricerca (Academic Diploma in Training for Research)

The main objective of this course is to provide the necessary abilities for planning and carrying out research activities for higher qualifications. A second-level academic diploma or other similarly recognized academic qualification obtained abroad is required. The cycle lasts a minimum of 3 years and does not result in the issue of credits.

Other Courses of studies

Diploma Accademico di Specializzazione (Specialization Course)

This provides highly professional competences in specific areas.

Diploma di Perfezionamento o Master (Advanced Diplomas and Master's Courses)

These offer the possibility of going into more detail in specific sectors of study, updating or professional upgrading and permanent education. They result in the acquisition of at least 60 credits (ECTS).

Language Instruction

For success in the chosen field of study it is required that students have a certain level of competence in the Italian language preparatory to their attendance on academic courses. Prospective students must apply for pre-enrolment through www.universitaly.it portal and, once accepted by the institution chosen, apply for study visa at their respective Embassy or Consulate. About the language proficiency certificate, they are requested to attest their own level of competence in the Italian language. The minimum requirement, in many cases, is no less than B2.

This is not the case if students are applying for courses held in English, nevertheless, it is recommended that such students, if they haven't already attended a course of Italian in their own countries, should attend courses of Italian offered by their respective universities in order to gain the maximum benefits from living and studying in Italy.

The regulations of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research concerning the matriculation of foreign students to Italian universities and AFAM institutes are published each year together with the academic institution specifications regarding fees.

For further information:
www.universitaly.it
<http://studyinitaly.esteri.it/>



Scholarships and Right to study

Enrolment to any course of studies requires a tuition fee payment which depends in amount and payment methods on types of course and university policy.

In general, costs for Italian undergraduate and postgraduate education are less expensive than in other countries and Italian tuition fees are certainly much less highly-priced than American education fees, although in many cases the quality of Italian Higher Education is superior. In addition to scholarships offered by some universities, students can ask for a total or partial exemption from tuition fees and an aid grant both of which are offered by the Agency for the Right to Education, which is organized at a regional level, and by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

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A vintage-style compass with a silver-colored metal casing and a detailed compass rose is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame. The compass is resting on an old, weathered map with faded lines and a blueish tint. The background is a soft-focus map. A semi-transparent white horizontal band runs across the middle of the image, featuring the text 'UNI-ITALIA' in a bold, blue, serif font. A solid blue vertical bar is located on the right edge of the image.

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Uni-Italia: Centre for academic promotion and orientation to study in Italy

Founded on 30th July 2010 jointly by the *Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*, the *Ministry of Education, University and Research*, the *Ministry of Interior*, the Uni-Italia Association has the aim of promoting *Italian Higher Education* and the *mobility of foreign students and researchers* towards Italian universities as well as encouraging *academic cooperation* between Italy and other foreign countries. The Association is present in several countries including China, India, Indonesia, Iran and Vietnam.

Uni-Italia works closely with Italian diplomatic offices abroad where *Centres of promotion and orientation* to study in Italy are located in. All these Centres cooperate with the Italian Cultural Institutes and the Italian Consulates abroad especially in promoting Italian higher education programs and assisting students with their first enquiries made in their own countries

“UNI-ITALIA HAS THE AIM TO PROMOTE THE ITALIAN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM AND FOSTER THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY”

Activities

There are various activities carried out to reach our goals. For the *Italian Higher Education Promotion*, Uni-Italia organizes ad hoc events for students, the *Italian Days on Higher Education* and participates with the Italian Pavilion at the most important International Higher Educational Fairs, such as CIEET, CEE, EHEF fairs, EAIE, NAFSA, offering ad hoc services for the participating Italian institutions and promoting meetings between these and the educational institutions of the host countries.

Uni-Italia organizes and participates in *Conferences and Networking meeting* to foster of relations between Italian and foreign institutions in the field of Higher Education, both at European and international level.

Finally, the *Assistance and Services for International Students* that Uni-Italia offers in Italy and abroad are very important for student mobility: *orientation to study in Italy* for students in their centers abroad, promotion of the study of *the Italian language* in collaboration with the Italian Institutes of Culture abroad, support in the preparation of the necessary paperwork at the bureaucratic level; *organization of events* in Italy to prepare students for life in Italy, for the relationship between institutions and universities.

Assistance and Services for International Students

The Uni-Italia Association provides assistance to foreign students in Italy and in their home countries with the intention of helping them in choosing a course of studies which could suit their personal interests. It also assists students in dealing with bureaucratic issues (such as VISAs, contacts with University Offices and Public Administration) along with playing an active role in a new social and cultural context.

Uni-Italia personnel ensures that the following services are provided:

- help in dispatching bureaucratic affairs involving visa policies, permits of stay and health insurance;
- assistance in solving problems and in requesting information from university offices;
- assistance in dealing with bureaucratic matters linked to university administration;
- principle, useful information about the cities and useful services therein, districts and public transport services;
- organization of extra-curricular activities (cinema, theatre, literary seminars, etc.).



ITALIAN DAYS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Italian Days on Higher Education, organized with the collaboration of the Embassies, Consulates and Italian Cultural Institutes in the world, are *ad hoc events created by Uni-Italia* to favor the meeting between the representatives of the *Italian universities, academies and conservatories*, and foreign students in their countries of origin. The aim of these events is to promote Italy as a Country System: educational offer of universities and academies, Italian language courses, promotion of Italian culture and our country as a destination for training and professional growth. The Italian Days are often associated with larger events, such as the International Education Fairs, preceding these events a few days, or are organized in those countries where such fairs are rarer, as ad hoc events represented a valid response to the absence of a structured fair. They are a great opportunity for on-site students and Italian universities and academies.



ACTIVITIES FOR INTEGRATION

With the objective of fostering integration and cross-cultural experience, the Association usually organises many extra-curricular activities such as meetings for language exchange during which Italian and foreign students can meet and share their different cultures, lifestyles and studying experiences.

A person is sitting on a yellow suitcase on a white bed. Their legs, wearing blue jeans and a pink top, are visible. A white sweater sleeve is also seen. Several pieces of clothing, including a purple polka-dot shirt, a blue and white striped shirt, and a green shirt, are spilling out of the open suitcase. The background is a bright, out-of-focus window.

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