

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PROGRAMS IN ITALY



THE ITALIAN ACADEMY

FOUNDATION YEAR & ADMISSION PREPARATION PROGRAMS
FOR ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Ranked in the **Top 10 Most Attractive University Systems** worldwide for international students (*OECD*):

✓ Excellent reputation for **high standards of education** and graduate employability.

✓ **Affordable tuition and living costs:** most Italian Universities apply the same Tuition Fees for EU and extra-EU students.

✓ **“Work-and-Study”:** university study visas allow international students to take on a part-time job.



**ACCESSIBLE &
ATTRACTIVE
HIGHER
EDUCATION**



ITALIAN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM



12

Public
Universities
ranking within
the Top 2% in
the world
(QS Rankings)

67

Public
Universities

1500

Average Yearly
tuition fees for
international
students in
public
universities (€)

20

Hours of Work
per week
allowed with
Study Visa

60+

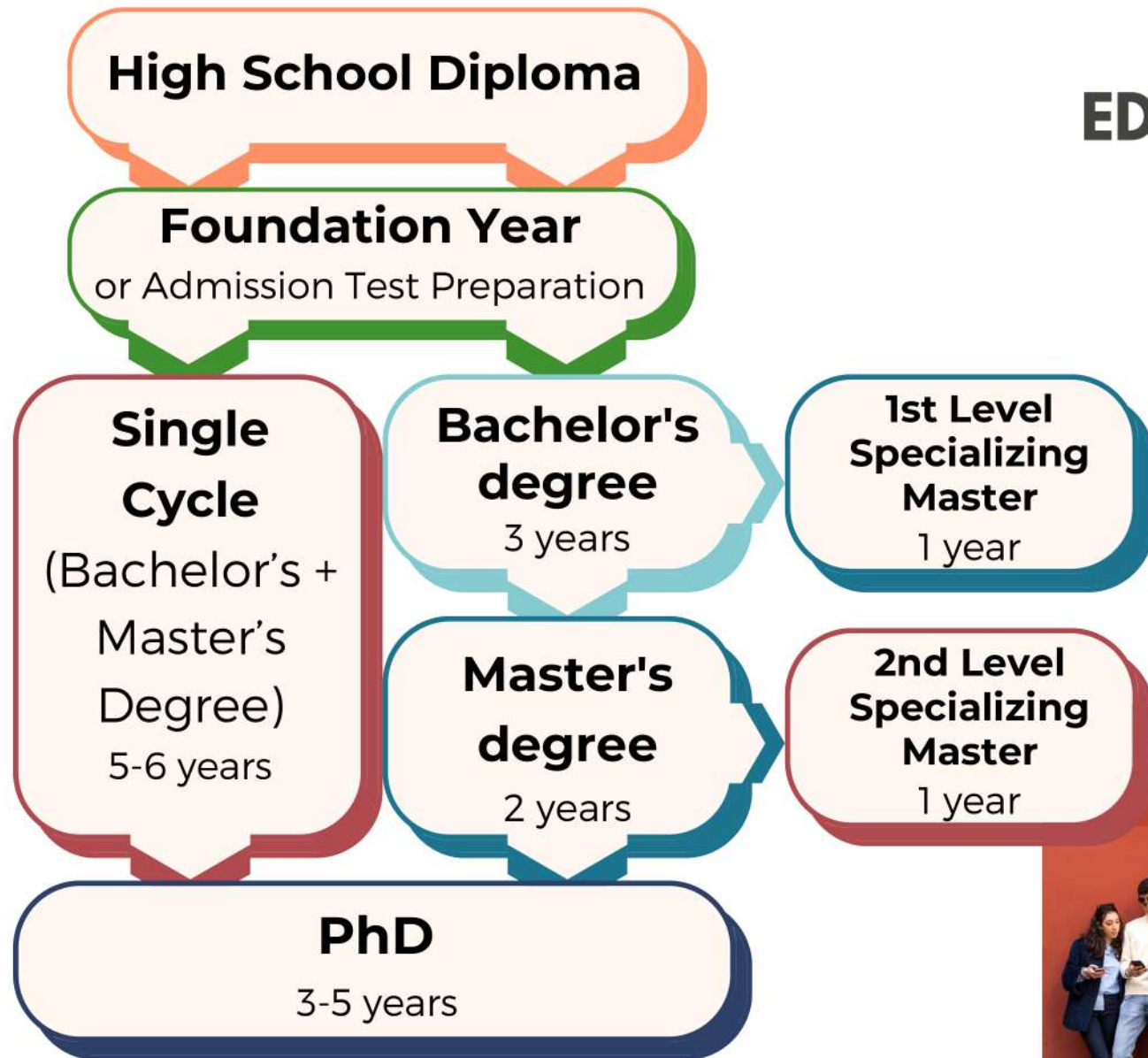
Undergraduate
/ Bachelor's
degrees
taught in
English

500+

Graduate /
Master's
degrees
taught in
English



ITALIAN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM



1

Pre-enrollment to the chosen university
through Universitaly platform
Spring - Summer

2

Preparation and Enrollment to the Admission Exam
Spring - Summer

3

Admission Exam:
Academic Subjects + Language/Culture
Summer

4

University Study Visa Application/Renewal
Summer - Autumn

5

Enrollment in the chosen university
("Immatricolazione")
Autumn

**5 SIMPLE
STEPS TO
ADMISSION**



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

(1) CORE MODULES + (2) CURRICULAR COURSES + (3) ADMISSION PREPARATION

1 CORE MODULES : LANGUAGE & MENTORING

- SESSION I (9 MONTHS):
SEPTEMBER - JUNE

520 HOURS

OR

- SESSION II (6 MONTHS):
JANUARY - JUNE

340 HOURS

- **Beginner to Intermediate Italian (B1 level)** (300 Hours)
 - **Upper Intermediate Italian (B2 level)** (180 Hours - included in Session I)
- **CILS Italian Exam Preparation** (20 Hours)
- **Admissions and Academic Mentoring** (20 Hours)

2 CURRICULAR COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

JANUARY - JUNE

120 HOURS

(A) S.T.E.M. TRACK

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry & Biology

(B) SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES TRACK

- Contemporary European History & Politics
- Art History
- Creative & Academic Writing

(C) ART, FASHION & DESIGN TRACK

- Drawing
- Digital Media
- Art History
- Contemporary Art & Design
- Workshops

3 ADMISSION PREPARATION COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

MAY - JUNE

120 HOURS

ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Logical Reasoning
- Test Strategies & Simulations

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

- Mathematics
- Italian Culture
- Logical Reasoning
- Test Strategies & Simulations

MEDICINE & CLINICAL SCIENCES

- Biology & Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Logical Reasoning
- IMAT Test Strategies & Simulations



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INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

STUDY TRACKS	DURATION	MODULES (academic hours)			TUITION FEES	DATES
		Language & Mentoring	Curricular Courses	Admission Test Preparation		
ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE - BUSINESS & ECONOMICS - MEDICINE & LIFE SCIENCES	9 MONTHS (38 weeks)	520	120	120	€ 7500	September to June
DESIGN, FASHION & VISUAL ARTS - HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES	6 MONTHS (24 weeks)	340	120	120	€ 5,600	January to June

ADMISSION TEST PREPARATION COURSE

120 hours
(standalone)

€ 1,600

May & June
or
July & August



During the Summer term, students may also choose to enroll in the standalone Admission Preparation courses included in the program for Foundation Year students

MEDICINE & LIFE SCIENCES

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

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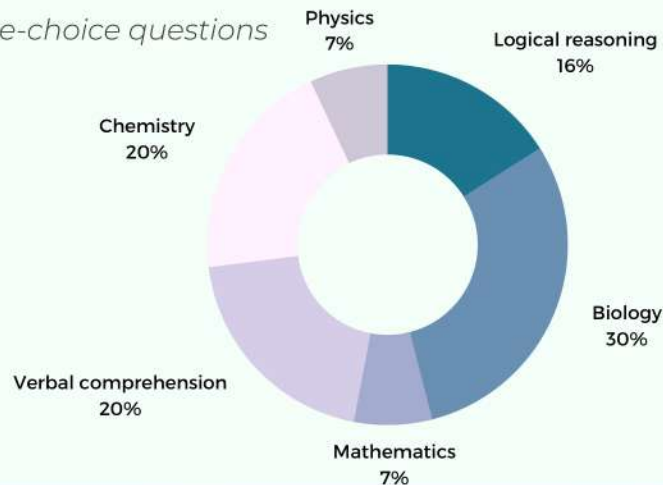
The International Medical Admissions Test (**IMAT**) is an admissions test in English designed by Cambridge Assessment, for applicants to Medicine and Surgery courses offered at 17 Italian International Medical Schools: **13 top-ranked public universities and 4 private universities**. Admission to all other international degree programs in life sciences is also based on admission tests held at each university with the same question areas and format:

Exam dates: September

Language prerequisite: English B2

Test duration: 100 minutes

Test format: 60 multiple-choice questions



THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:



LANGUAGE & MENTORING CORE MODULES

- Italian & Culture
- CILS Exam Preparation
- Academic Mentoring
- Admission Counseling



S.T.E.M. TRACK CURRICULAR MODULES

120 hours of academic preparation:

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry/Biology



IMAT ADMISSION TEST PREPARATION

The Italian Academy is an accredited Cambridge Assessment Platinum Centre.



120 hours of academic preparation:

- Biology & Chemistry
- Physics & Mathematics
- Logical Reasoning
- Test and interview simulations

Admission requirements:

- High school diploma
- English language certificate: IELTS 5 or equivalent



ENGINEERING

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

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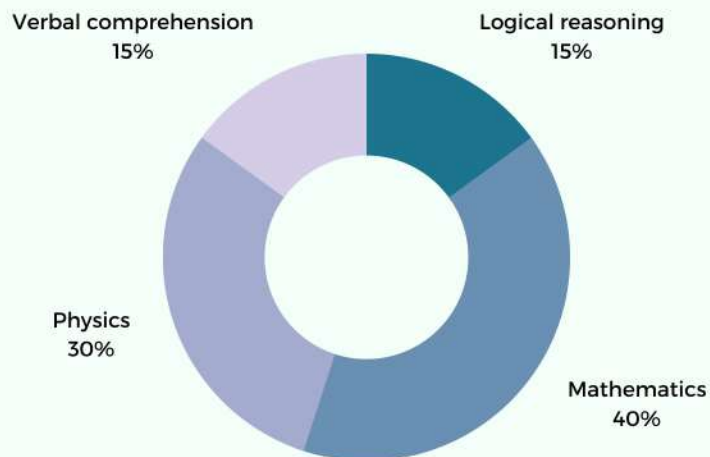
The highly ranked, public Polytechnic Universities of Milan and Turin offer a wide range of Engineering degrees taught entirely in English. All programs have excellent employability rates.

Students may join these engaging and financially accessible Bachelor's degree programs by passing the TOLC-I or TIL admission tests.

TOLC-I / TIL Admission Tests

Test duration: 90 minutes

Test format: 42 multiple-choice questions



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LANGUAGE & MENTORING CORE MODULES

- Italian & Culture
- CILS Exam Preparation
- Academic Mentoring
- Admission Counseling



S.T.E.M. TRACK CURRICULAR MODULES

120 hours of academic preparation:

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry/Biology



ENGINEERING ADMISSION PREPARATION MODULES

120 hours of academic preparation:

- Physics
- Mathematics
- Logical Reasoning
- Test and interview simulations

Admission requirements:

- High school diploma
- English language certificate: IELTS 5 or equivalent



ARCHITECTURE

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

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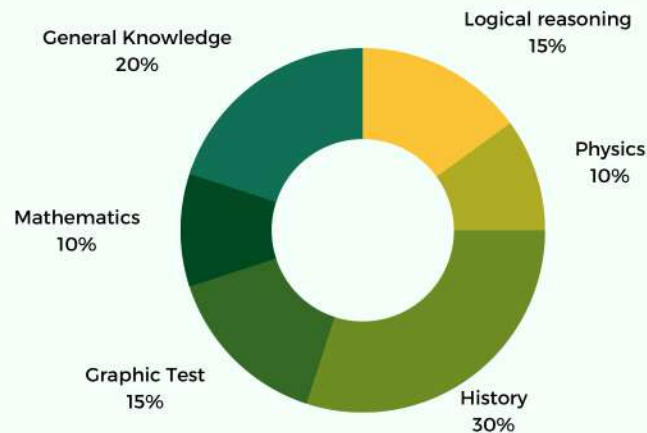


Thanks to its rich history and to the work of some of the world's most talented architects throughout the centuries, Italy is today an open-air laboratory for all those interested in architectural studies, offering unparalleled opportunities to engage with historical styles and innovative and sustainable solutions for the 21st century.

The Architecture faculties of the public Polytechnic Universities of Milan and Turin are top-ranked in the world and are open to international students through specific admission tests: TIL Test and ArchED.

Test duration: 90 minutes

Test format: 40 multiple-choice questions



THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:



LANGUAGE & MENTORING CORE MODULES

- Italian & Culture
- CILS Exam Preparation
- Academic Mentoring
- Admission Counseling



S.T.E.M. TRACK CURRICULAR MODULES

120 hours of academic preparation:

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry/Biology



ARCHITECTURE ADMISSION TEST PREPARATION

120 hours of academic preparation:

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Logical Reasoning
- Test Strategies & Simulations

Admission requirements:

- High school diploma
- English language certificate: IELTS 5 or equivalent



ECONOMICS, BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT STUDIES

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

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As the world's 8th largest economy by GDP and leader in a wide range of sectors for exports of goods and services, Italy offers unique opportunities for employability to international students interested in pursuing studies in the fields of business and economics.

Admission to all bachelor programs is based on admission testing. Requirements differ between each university: the TOLC-E test is the most broadly accepted test, however the preparation program is suitable for other tests as well (e.g. Bocconi Test or Luiss Test).

Test duration: 90 minutes

Test format: 36 multiple-choice questions



THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:



LANGUAGE & MENTORING CORE MODULES

- Italian & Culture
- CILS Exam preparation
- Academic Mentoring
- Admission Counseling



S.T.E.M. TRACK CURRICULAR MODULES

120 hours of academic preparation:

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry/Biology



ECONOMICS & BUSINESS SUMMER PREPARATION COURSES

120 hours of academic preparation:

- Mathematics
- Logical Reasoning
- Cultural Context
- Test and interview simulations

Admission requirements:

- High school diploma
- English language certificate: IELTS 5 or equivalent



SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

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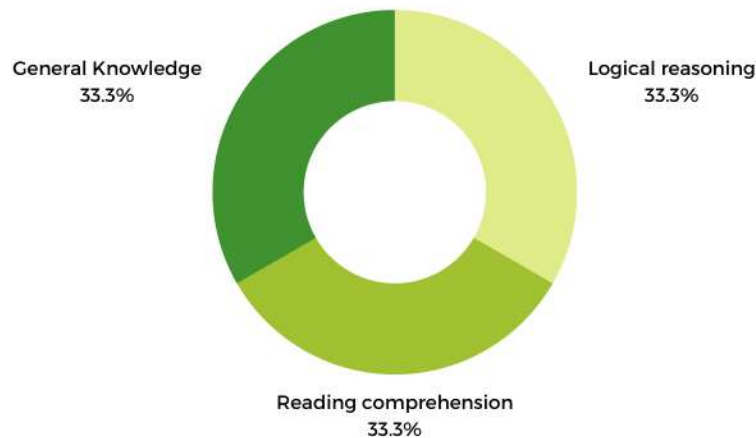


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The heart of the Classicism and Renaissance, home to great philosophers, writers and innovators, Italy is not just a country but an experience. For students of humanities and social sciences, it's an unparalleled journey through time, ideas, and cultures. When you study in Italian universities, you don't just learn – you live the narrative.

Enrolment to the top degree programs may require an admission test (TOLC) or interview with the following components:



THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:



LANGUAGE & MENTORING CORE MODULES

- Italian & Culture
- CILS Exam preparation
- Academic Mentoring
- Admission Counseling



SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES CURRICULAR MODULES

120 hours of academic preparation:

- Contemporary European History & Politics
- Art History
- Creative & Academic Writing
- Interview and/or Portfolio preparati P

Admission requirements:

- High school diploma
- English language certificate: IELTS 5 or equivalent





The Italian Academy partners with **MADE Art and Design Academy** to offer the **International Foundation Year** and the **International Year One** programs, providing international students from all academic backgrounds the opportunity to study at an accessible price on campus in one of the top art and design schools in Italy, while learning Italian.

Upon completion of the programs, students have 2 options:

- Direct Progression into MADE with a 50% tuition fee scholarship for the remaining duration of the BA degree.
- Transfer to another public or private university in Italy, in illustrious art and design hubs such as Milan, Florence, Rome or Venice.

FOUNDATION YEAR

(a) **SEPTEMBER - JUNE**
38 weeks
Tuition Fees: € 7500

(b) **JANUARY - JUNE**
24 weeks
Tuition Fees: €5600

The program includes:

- **CORE MODULES:** *Italian Language, Mentoring & Counseling*
- **CURRICULAR COURSES:**
 - *Drawing*
 - *Digital Media*
 - *Art History*
 - *Contemporary Art & Design*
 - *Workshops in Design/Fashion/Visual Arts*

INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE

First year of Bachelor of Arts degree taught in English and Italian

SEPTEMBER - JUNE
38 weeks
Tuition Fees: € 8100

- *Italian language*
- + *additional enrollment in student's preferred BA degree track:*
 - *Design BA*
 - *Fashion BA*
 - *Visual Arts BA*



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Admission Test Preparation Summer School

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

DURATION: 6 WEEKS

- SESSION I: MAY-JUNE
- SESSION II: JULY-AUGUST

PROGRAM TRACKS



1 Engineering & Architecture Preparation

Ace your admission test for top Italian universities. Our prep courses, designed for future engineers and architects, give you the edge you need to pass with confidence:

- **Mathematics**
- **Physics**
- **Logical Reasoning**
- **Test Strategies & Simulations**



2 Medicine & Clinical Sciences Preparation

Ensure success on your medical entrance exam in Italy. Our preparation courses, tailored for international medical aspirants, are your roadmap to acing the test:

- **Biology & Chemistry**
- **Physics & Mathematics**
- **Logical Reasoning**
- **Test and interview strategies and simulations**



3 Business & Economics Preparation

Successfully pass the admission test for Italy's best business schools. Our comprehensive prep courses cover all you need to know for an top score:

- **Mathematics**
- **Italian & European Culture**
- **Logical Reasoning**
- **Test and interview strategies and simulations**





Sustainability Summer School

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
DURATION: 4 WEEKS
• SESSION I: JUNE 2024
• SESSION II: JULY 2024

PROGRAM TRACKS



1 Sustainable Food, Cultural Heritage and Identity

Students investigate the intersection between social movements involved in both the preservation of traditional food systems and sustainable practices to reduce/reverse environmental impacts.



2 Archaeology, Cultural Heritage and Identity

Students participate in an archaeological dig at a Greek temple as an integral part of the academic experience. Exploring culture and identity in the cradle of Western civilization. Home to the Greeks, the Romans, the Normans, the Arabs, the Spanish, and then finally the Italians, Sicilian culture is a mosaic.



3 Environment and Biodiversity

Students engage in field studies of the rich coastal, marine and volcanic ecosystems of Sicily. As Sicily has been a central crossroads of human activity for thousands of years, it offers a prime perspective on all the problems and challenges of accommodating the co-existence of humans and the natural environment.



TOP ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES BY SUBJECT

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ARCHITECTURE

1. POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF MILAN
2. POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TURIN
3. UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
4. UNIVERSITY OF PADUA
5. UNIVERSITY OF PARMA
6. UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES
7. UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA



INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

IUAV UNIVERSITY - VENICE
UNIVERSITY OF FERRARA
UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA - SYRACUSE

ENGINEERING

1. POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF MILAN
2. POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TURIN
3. UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
4. UNIVERSITY OF ROME - SAPIENZA
5. UNIVERSITY OF PADUA
6. UNIVERSITY OF PISA
7. UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO



INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TURIN
FREE UNIVERSITY OF BOZEN
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. UNIVERSITY OF ROME - SAPIENZA
2. UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
3. UNIVERSITY OF MILAN
4. UNIVERSITY OF PADUA
5. UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA
6. UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES
7. UNIVERSITY OF PISA



INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

UNIVERSITY OF VENICE - CA' FOSCARI
UNIVERSITY OF ROME - TOR VERGATA
BOCCONI UNIVERSITY - MILAN

ARTS & DESIGN

1. POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF MILAN
2. POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TURIN
3. UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES
4. POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF BARI
5. UNIVERSITY OF MILAN
6. IULM UNIVERSITY - MILAN
7. UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE

ARTS & DESIGN (PUBLIC ACADEMIES)

1. FINE ARTS ACADEMY OF MILAN-BRERA
2. FINE ARTS ACADEMY OF FLORENCE
3. FINE ARTS ACADEMY OF VENICE
4. FINE ARTS ACADEMY OF BOLOGNA

INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

MADE ACADEMY - SYRACUSE
IUAV UNIVERSITY - VENICE
NABA ACADEMY - MILAN



MEDICINE & LIFE SCIENCES

1. UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
2. UNIVERSITY OF MILAN
3. UNIVERSITY OF PADUA
4. UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA
5. UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES
6. UNIVERSITY OF TURIN
7. UNIVERSITY OF ROME - SAPIENZA

MEDICINE (PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES)

1. SAN RAFFAELE UNIVERSITY - MILAN
2. CATTOLICA UNIVERSITY - ROME
3. HUMANITAS UNIVERSITY - MILAN
4. CAMILLUS UNIVERSITY - ROME

INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
UNIVERSITY OF ROME - TOR VERGATA
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA



ECONOMICS

1. UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
2. UNIVERSITY OF MILAN
3. UNIVERSITY OF PADUA
4. LUMSA UNIVERSITY - ROME
5. UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA
6. UNIVERSITY OF PISA
7. UNIVERSITY OF ROME - SAPIENZA

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

1. UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
2. UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA
3. UNIVERSITY OF MILAN
4. POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

UNIVERSITY OF ROME - TOR VERGATA
UNIVERSITY OF TURIN
UNIVERSITY OF VENICE



Sources: QS Rankings,
CENSIS Rankings
(compiled)



*Large Classrooms
&
Small Class sizes*

PROGRAM LOCATION SYRACUSE, SICILY

On-site class at the Greek Theater in Syracuse, Sicily



Syracuse: City Campus

With two state-of-the-art Study Centers and longstanding partnerships with local universities, the Italian Academy serves as a gateway for international students to unlock the wide array of academic resources and opportunities available in Italy.



| Location

Neapolis Study Center

The Neapolis Study Center is adjacent to St. John's Church and the Archaeological Museum, while the Greek Theater and the island of Ortygia are at a short walking distance.

The historic villa boasts two acres of lush botanical garden filled with citrus trees, Mediterranean flora and century-old plants.

A peaceful oasis by the sea in the heart of the archaeological area of Syracuse



Ortigia Study Center

Located on the island of Ortigia, in the 14th-century Palazzo Beneventano del Bosco, set in the most charming square in the city, Piazza Duomo. The late-baroque style palazzo faces the Municipio (Town Hall) and the Duomo (Cathedral), both of which were erected on the ruins of two Greek temples. The Piazza Duomo square sits on the site of the ancient Greek city's acropolis, bearing witness to which is the majestic doric colonnade on the northern side of the cathedral.



The Ortigia Study Center at Palazzo Beneventano



City Life

LIVING IN SICILY

PART I



Student-sized, safe city

Syracuse is a medium-sized, lively and dynamic city on the coast of Southeast Sicily. About 130,000 residents makes it a perfect size for international students.

Syracuse has a vibrant international resident community and attracts visitors from all over the world.

Seaside

Being a city on the sea comes with plenty of advantages! Syracuse has a mild climate, lots of great swim spots and plenty of beautiful views to inspire art.

Students can easily maintain a healthy study/life balance and enjoy all the sea has to offer.



Walkable

Syracuse is very easy to navigate by foot or by bike making it ideal for international students who may not have easy access to cars.

Walk, bike, bus, train or boat!
Many ways to get around without a car.

Housing

LIVING IN SICILY

PART II



Socialize

Embrace vibrant university life in Siracusa! With single rooms for privacy and spacious common areas designed for interaction, our self-catering apartments are perfect for socializing. Connect, collaborate, and create lasting memories in Sicily.

Comfort

Stay cozy in Siracusa! Our student apartments offer comfy private rooms with storage and study space, spacious areas to relax and a kitchen with all mod-cons, making it a perfect spot after a day of studies. Cleaning, fast reliable Wi-fi, 24-7 emergency and maintenance service and an all-inclusive utilities contract ensure a problem-free living experience.



Close to where you need to be

Prime location in Siracusa! Positioned minutes away from the main study center, our student housing offers both convenience and a vibrant community ambiance, right at the heart of the safe and lively city center and walking distance from the beach."

Activities

LIVING IN SICILY

PART III



Social Activities & Field Trips

Join our weekly tandem exchange **aperitifs and cooking classes with local and international students** for lively socials and explore Sicily's wonders with excursions included in the program, from majestic **Mt. Etna** volcano to the awe-inspiring **Baroque UNESCO sites**. Blend culture, nature, and fun!

Volunteering

Students may choose to dedicate time to social and/or environmental volunteering, to develop their interpersonal and intercultural skills and enrich their CV. Activities run with **NGOs** that our institution supports. Past Students have volunteered in the role of **teaching assistants for language and homework support**, participated in the **clean up of beaches and historical sites**.



Sports

Students may choose to dedicate free time to improve their sports skills in a range of different areas. Siracusa has excellent sport facilities and teams. At close vicinity from the school there are **swimming pools, gyms, running and cycle tracks, football fields, basketball and handball facilities**, as well as world-famous **tennis, golf and water-sport (SUP, kayaking and surfing)** clubs.



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University preparation and pathway programs:

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