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SCUOLA LEONARDO DA VINCI

Welcome to Scuola Leonardo da Vinci Educational Center.

With **more than 45 years of experience** and thousands of candidates every year joining our University preparation, Italian language, and cultural courses, we represent one of the leading institutes for international students from all over the world who wish to pursue their academic careers in Italy.

The variety of preparation programs in the fields of humanities, sciences, medicine, and arts, has the aim to accommodate different needs and to conduct students towards a successful University admission.

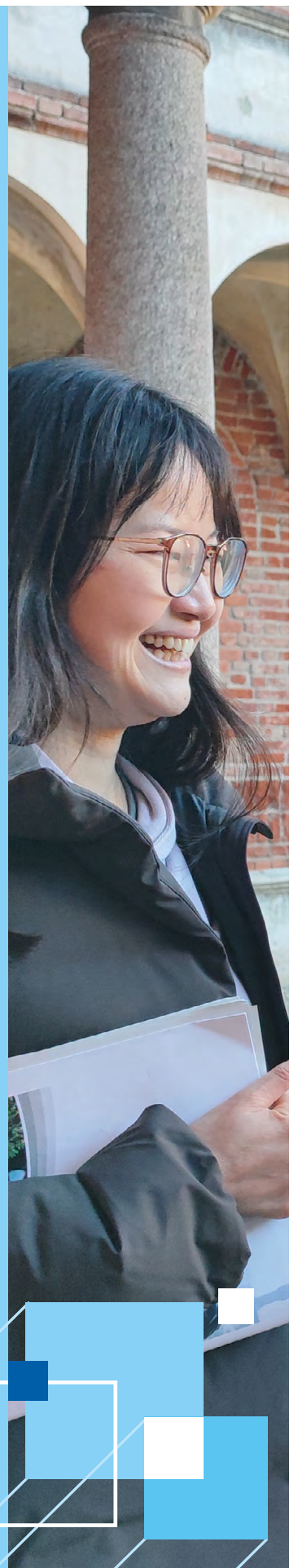
LOCATION



Our school is located in **Milan's city center**, just a few minutes away from the famous Duomo square and other important landmarks. The area is dotted with vibrant restaurants, unique shops, and lively bars that create an enjoyable atmosphere for all of our students.

Milan is a city full of surprises: original and fascinating, in its hidden corners, picturesque courtyards, sweet-smelling gardens and parks, and in the typical balustrade houses, the ancient and the modern, the past and the present coexist in complete harmony.

The **undisputed capital of fashion and design** and internationally recognized as the **creative core of Italy**, thanks to its prestigious Universities, academies, and conservatories including the **Milan Politecnico**, the **Brera Academy of Fine Arts**, and the **Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory**, the city is a favorite study location for hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world. Besides **Milan**, the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci group has branches in major Italian cities: **Florence, Rome, and Turin**.










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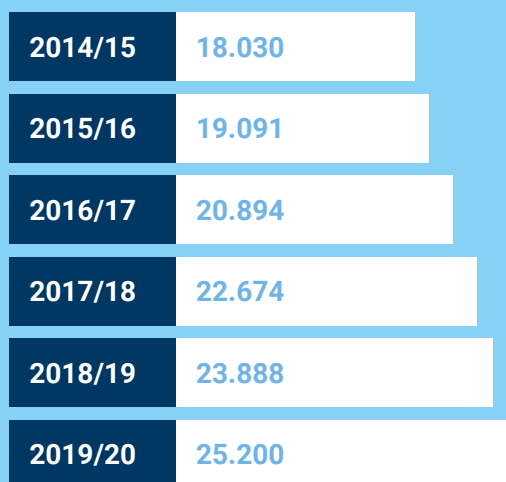
WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY IN ITALY

Every year, thousands of students from all over the world choose Italian Universities to study in their undergraduate and graduate programs for endless reasons, starting with the high quality of teaching, its affordable education costs, and a long tradition and history.

As the academic landscape evolves, Italian Universities are undergoing a remarkable globalization process, welcoming a record-breaking influx of international students. In recent years, the number of international students has surged by over 30%, with representation from more than 150 countries: China, India and Iran above all. This vibrant community of learners has catalyzed a significant transformation in higher education, compelling Italian universities to adapt and innovate their programs and curricula.

Responding to this new demand, a staggering 80% of universities across Italy have introduced English-taught courses, many of which are at the forefront of their respective fields and incorporate cutting-edge research and industry insights. Moreover, investment in infrastructure and technology has seen a boost of 45% in the past five years, ensuring that these institutions remain globally competitive and can offer a state-of-the-art learning environment.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN MILAN



In 2020/2021 due to Covid, the data was not collected. However, it is estimated that the current growth of international students in Milan is 17% annually

LOW TUITION FEES AND LIVING COSTS

Compared to other European countries, tuition fees in Italy are extremely low, especially in public Universities, where tuition fees range from €200 to €5200 per year, depending on family income. Many Universities also offer scholarships to cover the tuition fees and sometimes also housing on campuses and meals in the University cafeteria.

HISTORICAL HERITAGE, LIFESTYLE AND SAFETY

Italy is the cradle of Western civilization: with 60 sites, Italy is the country with the most UNESCO World Heritage sites. It is also home to the oldest University in the world, which was founded in Bologna in 1088!

Besides the excellent quality of education and the low tuition fees, you can complete your studies in a student-friendly environment thanks to the high quality of lifestyle, the great historical heritage, the food, the overall atmosphere, and the welcoming people.

HIGH QUALITY AND VARIETY OF EDUCATION

Italy hosts some of the most ancient Universities in Europe and, at the same time, it is at the forefront of research and technology. As you can see above, according to the QS World Ranking, many Italian Universities rank in the top 100 and top 200 Universities in the world. If you choose Italy to fulfill your academic dream, you will find a wide range of public and private Universities offering programs both in Italian and in English.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Italy, especially the northern part of Italy, offers plenty of opportunities to young people and international students in many different fields, from hospitality services to big technology companies to the fashion industry. Studying in Italy allows you to work up to 20 hours per week

QS WORLD RANKING

	Art & Humanities	Engineering & Technology	Medicine & Life sciences	Architecture	Economics
Milan Politecnico	#103	#13		#10	
Politecnico di Torino		#33		#28	
Sapienza University of Rome	#39	#81	#123	TOP 100	#144
University of Padua	#157	#129	#123		TOP 200
University of Bologna	#53	#83	#107	TOP 200	#77
Ca' Foscari University of Venice	#118				TOP 200
University of Milan	#159		#97		
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore	#167		#191		TOP 200
Bocconi University					#16
University of Florence				TOP 200	

WHEN AND HOW CAN I ENROLL IN AN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY



A general requirement that must be met to be eligible to apply to a Laurea (Bachelor's Degree) program is to have 12 years of schooling. Students who do not meet this requirement have to complete a Foundation Year program or acquire extra credits to complement their diploma.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. IF YOU HAVE LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION

>> Qualifications obtained after 11 or 10 years of global schooling do not allow access to Italian Universities unless you satisfy one of the following additional conditions:

- you attended one (in case of 11 years) or two (in case of 10 years) years of University studies;
- you obtained a post-secondary title to compensate for any missing years of secondary education;
- you attended a preparatory program (foundation year) at an Italian or foreign institution, to compensate for the missing years of schooling.

For students who have attended multiple secondary education institutions, secondary school qualifications will be considered valid if achieved after at least 2 years of attendance in the same education system.

2. IF YOU DO NOT HOLD A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, OR IF YOUR DIPLOMA IS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE USA OR THE UK

>> Check carefully as additional documentation may be required (i.e. additional APs or SATs).

Requirements and procedures to enroll in an Italian University vary depending on whether you are an EU or a non-EU student, and whether you're applying at undergraduate (referred to as 'first cycle') or graduate level (second and third cycle).

Each University has a different admission procedure and its own admission test – details about the enrollment procedures can be found on the website of each University.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

It is important to set aside enough time to complete all the registration steps correctly. Start by familiarizing yourself with the University websites and programs well in advance, and ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria for your chosen program. Pre-registrations usually open in February, but it is important to check the specific guidelines on the chosen University website.

TO APPLY TO AN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY, ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

A

FINAL DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY STUDIES accompanied by a translation in the Italian language officially legalized by the Italian competent Consulate.

B

CERTIFICATE PROVING THE COMPLETION OF 1 OR 2 YEARS OF ACADEMIC STUDIES or a post-secondary title for those countries where the educational system lasts only 11 or 10 years, accompanied by its legalization or apostille.

C

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE for programs held in Italian and **ENGLISH CERTIFICATE** for programs held in English. If you do not have a language certification, you will undergo a language test organized by the University.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS, NON-EU STUDENTS WILL ALSO NEED:

D

The entry **VISA**.

E

PRE-ENROLLMENT: the pre-enrollment application must be submitted through the Italian diplomatic or consular representation in your country usually from February to the end of July.

F


CERTIFICATE attesting that the **UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IN THE COUNTRY** of origin has been passed if required by law (e.g. Gao Kao for Chinese students, Suneung for South Korean students, and Vestibular for Brazilian students.)

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PROGRAMS

Transitioning to a new educational system in a foreign country can be overwhelming. That is why enrolling in a **University Pathway Program** is an investment in your academic and personal growth: as the landscape of higher education becomes increasingly **globalized** and **competitive**, opting for a pathway program can be a **strategic decision with profound benefits**.




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WHAT IS A PATHWAY PROGRAM?



Pathway programs are overarching programs that act as a bridge and will allow you to gradually familiarize with the academic culture, teaching methods, and expectations in Italy, ensuring that you are fully equipped to thrive in the academic and cultural environment of Italian Universities.



WHY ENROLL IN A PATHWAY PROGRAM?




Pathway programs often focus on building a strong foundation in specific subjects that are essential for your chosen field of study: you will enhance your language skills, ensuring you are proficient enough to comprehend lectures, engage in discussions, and produce academic work. You will receive guidance from experienced educators who understand the unique challenges international students face.




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WHAT IS INCLUDED IN OUR PATHWAY PROGRAM?

- An intensive Italian language course;
- General curriculum classes to acquire crucial academic skills like oral communication, presentation skills, reading comprehension, logic, and general culture;
- Specific University preparation classes tailored to the chosen program (Medicine, Architecture, Design, etc.);

These include plenty of practice on mock tests and past entry exam papers next to a solid theoretical basis, to ensure a thorough preparation needed not only to pass the selective entry test but also to tackle all academic challenges.

** Registration fee (€70) not included: this fee includes all didactic materials as well as unlimited access to our e-learning platform for extra Italian exercises.

OPTION A

8 MONTHS UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PROGRAM

Price € 6850**

Architecture, Medicine (including Pharmacy and Veterinary) & Design

November 13th, 2023 >> June 21st, 2024

640 Italian Language Classes (available online or onsite)*:

- **560** Intensive Italian Language Classes
- **80** Self learning classes on Google Classroom

**Program suitable for beginners in Italian language*

February 26th, 2024 >> April 12th, 2024

110 General Curriculum Classes

- **40** Academic skills classes
- **30** Logic and text comprehension classes
- **40** General knowledge classes

April 15th, 2024 >> June 21st, 2024

120 Specific University Preparation Classes. Two areas of interest available:

- **Scientific** (Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary)
- **Architecture / Design**

OPTION B

6 MONTHS UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PROGRAM

Price € 6170**

Architecture, Medicine (including Pharmacy and Veterinary) & Design

January 15th, 2024 >> June 21st, 2024

520 Italian Language Classes (available online or onsite)*:

- **440** Intensive Italian Language Classes
- **80** Self learning classes on Google Classroom

**Program suitable for level A2 students and above*

February 26th, 2024 >> April 12th, 2024

110 General Curriculum Classes

- **40** Academic skills classes
- **30** Logic and text comprehension classes
- **40** General knowledge classes

April 15th, 2024 >> June 21st, 2024

120 Specific University Preparation Classes. Two areas of interest available:

- **Scientific** (Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary)
- **Architecture / Design**

** Registration fee (€70) not included: this fee includes all didactic materials as well as unlimited access to our e-learning platform for extra Italian exercises.

OPTION C1 GENERAL CURRICULUM PROGRAM

Price € 5410**

November 13th, 2023 >> April 12th, 2024

640 Italian Language Classes (available online or onsite)*:

- 560 Intensive Italian Language Classes
- 80 Self learning classes on Google Classroom

110 General Curriculum Classes

- 40 Academic skills classes
- 30 Logic and text comprehension classes
- 40 General knowledge classes

OPTION C2 GENERAL CURRICULUM PROGRAM

Price € 4730**

January 15th, 2024 >> April 12th, 2024

520 Italian Language Classes (available online or onsite)*:

- 440 Intensive Italian Language Classes
- 80 Self learning classes on Google Classroom

110 General Curriculum Classes

- 40 Academic skills classes
- 30 Logic and text comprehension classes
- 40 General knowledge classes

**Program suitable for beginners in Italian language*

These programs are suitable for all those students who wish to enroll in faculties such as **Political Sciences, Humanities, Media Studies, etc.**, as it provides all the crucial academic skills necessary to bridge any gap between the educational system in the country of origin and the Italian one.



ARCHITECTURE

ARCHED (Politecnico Architecture Exam)

Italy boasts an exceptional wealth of architecture, where centuries-old structures harmoniously coexist with cutting-edge skyscrapers envisioned by globally acclaimed architects like Gio Ponti and Renzo Piano. This amalgamation creates an unparalleled backdrop for launching your architectural journey.

Italy's architecture faculties have secured prominent positions on global rankings, with Milan Politecnico and Turin Politecnico leading the way. Milan Politecnico ranks as the 10th best University for architecture worldwide, followed closely by Turin Politecnico at the 28th spot.

Furthermore, the Politecnico of Milan garners international recognition as a preminent technical University in Europe, and it currently holds the distinction of being Italy's top-ranked University according to the latest iteration of the QS World University Rankings.

TIMELINE

Step by step guide on when and how to apply

NOTE: Each year the Italian Ministry of Education releases updates for the admission process with precise dates etc. Those are usually released around May-June. Below are estimates based on previous years.

APRIL - JUNE

PRE-ENROLLMENT

- 📍 Italian Embassy / Consular Services
- 👤💻 Personally / By Proxy
- ✅ High School Diploma

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

VISA APPLICATION

- 📍 Italian Embassy / Consular Services
- 👤 Personally
- ✅ Confirmation letter of application to the exam
- ✅ International medical insurance
- ✅ Declaration of financial capacity

END OF JULY

26 July 2023

ARCHED TEST

- 📍 Chosen University
- 👤 Personally
- ✅ Study Visa
- ✅ Confirmation letter of application to the exam
- ✅ Italian Level B1

JUNE - MID JULY

18/05/23 > 19/07/23

ARCHED REGISTRATION

- 📍 Italy or your Country
- 💻 On-line
- ✅ Dichiarazione di Valore
- ✅ Legalized and apostilled translation of the Diploma

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

ENROLLMENT

- 📍 Italy
- 👤💻 Personally/On-line
- ✅ Passing the admission exam
- ✅ Study Visa and Permit of Stay
- ✅ Payment of tuition fee for the first year

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THE ENTRY EXAM

The Architectural Entrance Examination (ARCHED) is a crucial assessment designed to evaluate candidates' aptitude and potential for success in architectural studies. Normally, the exam takes place in the second half of July, but dates vary depending on each faculty and University: please refer to the Cisia website (cisiaonline.it) to know all the different date options.

ARCHED test structure

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS	ALLOTTED TIME
Text comprehension	10 multiple choice questions	20 minutes
Knowledge acquired in studies, including Art History	10 multiple choice questions	20 minutes
Logical reasoning	10 multiple choice questions	20 minutes
Drawing and Representation	10 multiple choice questions	20 minutes
Physics and Maths	10 multiple choice questions	20 minutes
TOTAL	50 multiple choice questions	100 minutes

The maximum score a student can get is 50 (fifty) points, according to the following criteria:

- 1 point for each correct answer
- -0.25 points for each incorrect answer
- 0 points for each answer not given

WHERE CAN YOU STUDY ARCHITECTURE IN ITALY

- University of Venice-IUAV
- Milan Politecnico
- University of Ferrara
- University of Pavia
- Turin Politecnico
- University of Padua
- University of Genoa
- University of Bologna
- University of Florence
- University of Rome-La Sapienza

OUR PREPARATION COURSES

Our preparation course for Architecture prepares students both for English and Italian programs and provides them with all the necessary knowledge and skills to pass the selective entrance test. You can choose between an extensive course, which combines General Curriculum classes (Academic skills, Logic, Text comprehension, General knowledge) with a specific preparation on the topics of the exam, or the intensive specific preparation only.

PREPARATION COURSES FOR ARCHITECTURE

ITALIAN, MODULE I

EXTENSIVE COURSE

General Curriculum + Preparation on specific subjects

Dates	February 26th - June 21st (17 weeks)
Classes	230 classes
Language	Italian
Price	2.650 €*
Format	onsite + online

ENGLISH, MODULE I

EXTENSIVE COURSE

General Curriculum + Preparation on specific subjects

Dates	April 15th 2024 - June 21st (10 weeks)
Classes	140 classes
Language	English
Price	1.870 €
Format	online

ITALIAN/ENGLISH MODULE II

INTENSIVE COURSE

Preparation on specific subjects

Dates	June 24th - July 19th (4 weeks)
Classes	140 classes
Language	Italian or English
Price	1.570 € (Italian) 1.870 € (English)



MEDICINE

TOLC-MED (Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Dental Prosthetics)

TOLC-F (Pharmacy)

TOLC-VET (Veterinary)

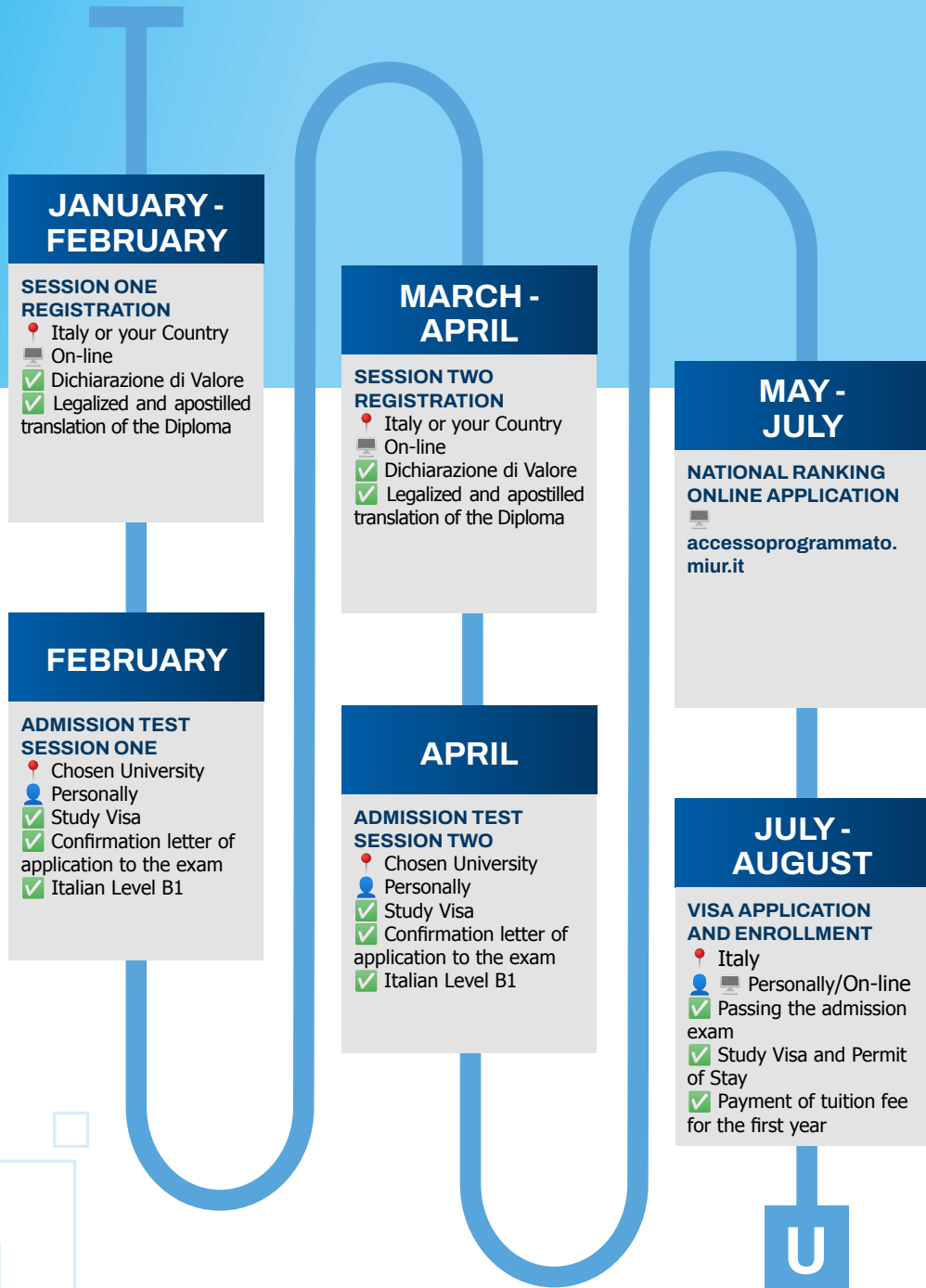
In today's global landscape, professions in the medical sector stand as some of the most sought-after career paths, prompting a surge in demand worldwide. Consequently, universities across the globe are witnessing a steady increase in applications each year.

Italy, renowned for its distinguished institutions, offers a multitude of prestigious universities in both fields. Notably, graduates from these universities, supported by compelling statistics, typically secure positions within their respective domains within mere months of graduation. Pursuing a career in these esteemed fields requires not only passion and dedication but also a solid foundation and thorough preparation. Our comprehensive preparation courses are designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the Test of Basic Learning Outcomes (TOLC) exams specific to each domain.

TIMELINE

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THE ENTRY EXAM

Entry to the medical faculties is normally regulated by an online TOLC test. The TOLC exams—TOLC-Med for Medicine, TOLC-F for Pharmacy, and TOLC-Vet for Veterinary studies—are standardized assessments carefully crafted to evaluate the candidates' aptitude for these disciplines. Dates vary depending on each faculty and University: please refer to the Cisia website (cisiaonline.it) to know all the different date options.

TOLC-MED test structure

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS	ALLOTTED TIME
Reading comprehension, Knowledge acquired during your studies	7	15 minutes
Biology	15	25 minutes
Chemistry & Physics	15	25 minutes
Mathematics and Reasoning	13	25 minutes
TOTAL	50	90 minutes

TOLC-F test structure

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS	ALLOTTED TIME
Biology	15	20 minutes
Chemistry	15	20 minutes
Mathematics	7	12 minutes
Physics	7	12 minutes
Logics	6	8 minutes
TOTAL	50	72 minutes

TOLC-VET test structure

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS	ALLOTTED TIME
Reading comprehension, Knowledge acquired during your studies	7	15 minutes
Biology	12	20 minutes
Chemistry & Physics	18	30 minutes
Mathematics and Reasoning	13	25 minutes
TOTAL	50	90 minutes

WHERE CAN YOU STUDY MEDICINE, PHARMACY AND VETERINARY IN ITALY

- University of Pavia
- University of Milan Bicocca
- University of Bologna
- University of Padua
- University of Milan
- University of Perugia
- University of Genoa
- University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
- University of Rome - La Sapienza
- University of Florence

OUR PREPARATION COURSES

PREPARATION COURSES FOR MEDICINE, PHARMACY AND VETERINARY

MODULE I	
General Curriculum + Preparation on specific subjects	
Dates	February 26th - June 21st (17 weeks)
Classes	230 classes
Language	Italian
Price	2.650 €*
Format	onsite + online

MODULE II	
Preparation on specific subjects	
Dates	April 15th - June 21st (10 weeks)
Classes	120 classes
Language	Italian
Price	1.440 €*
Format	onsite + online

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MEDICINE AND PHARMACY IN ENGLISH IN ITALY

IMAT (International Medical Admission Test)

TOLC - F (Pharmacy in English)

Many prestigious universities in Italy offer medical programs in English, providing a fantastic opportunity for international students to pursue their medical education in a globally recognized and culturally rich environment. These programs are designed to meet high academic standards and often incorporate modern teaching methodologies, cutting-edge research facilities, and practical clinical experiences. Studying medicine in Italy in English allows you to benefit from the country's rich medical heritage while also accessing a curriculum that's aligned with international standards. Furthermore, Italy's strong emphasis on research and technological advancement ensures that you receive a comprehensive and up-to-date medical education.

With a diverse range of medical schools to choose from, stunning landscapes, a vibrant culture, and a strong reputation in the medical field, Italy offers a truly appealing destination for those seeking to pursue a career in medicine while studying in English. Consequently, interest in studying Medicine programs in English in Italy is on the rise, leading to increased competition each year. Preparing in advance is crucial to enhance your chances of admission. For instance, in 2021, out of 9,209 candidates, merely 1,009 spots were available, and in 2022, from a pool of 12,226 candidates, only 1,049 spots were designated for international students.

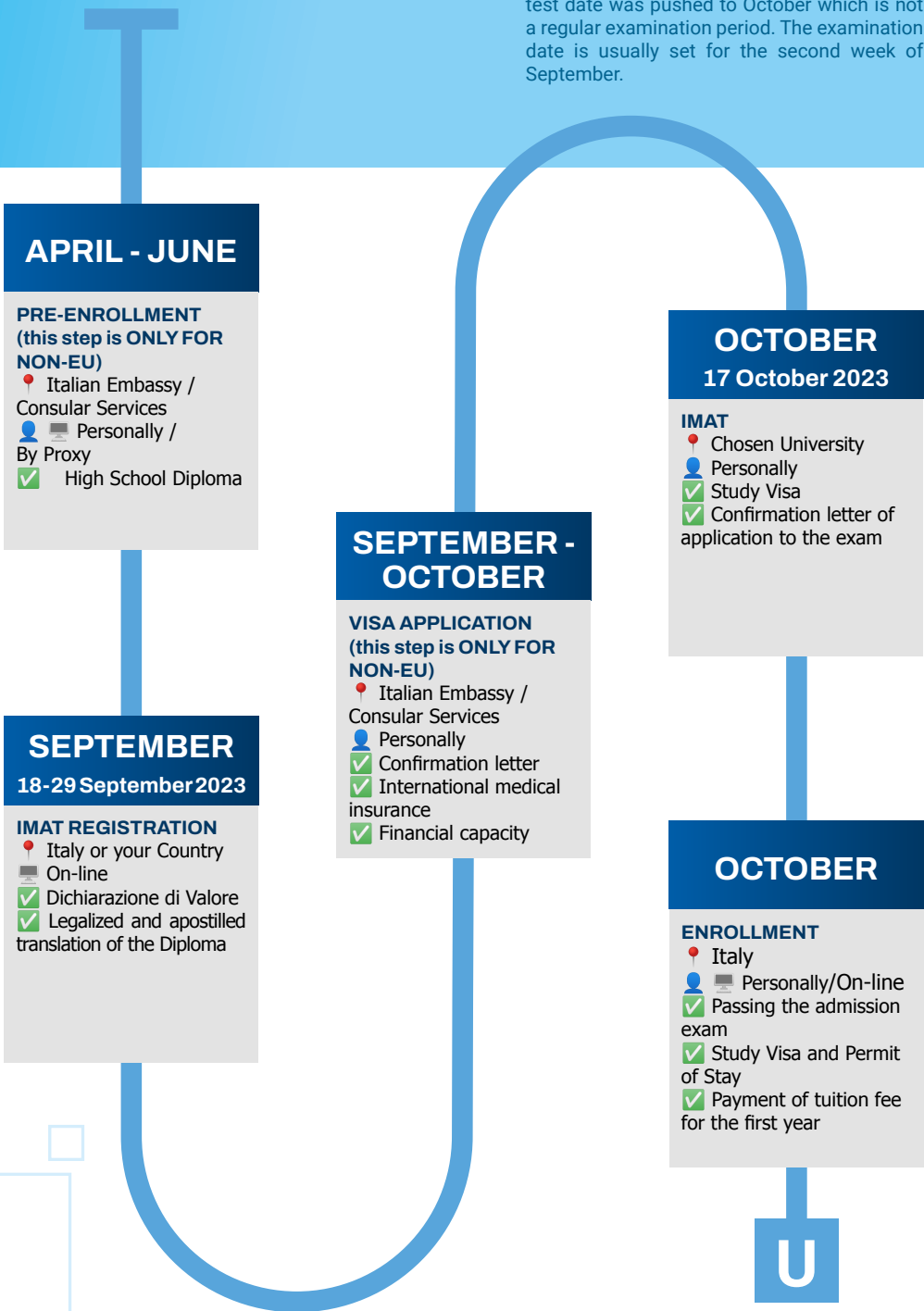


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Due to last minute changes the 2023 IMAT test date was pushed to October which is not a regular examination period. The examination date is usually set for the second week of September.





THE ENTRY EXAM

The IMAT (International Medicine Admission Test) is a highly selective entry exam that usually takes place in Autumn (as a reference, in 2022 it took place on September 13th and in 2023 it took place on October 17th).

The date is the same for all Italian Universities offering this program, and it is possible to register on the University portal around July.

IMAT test structure

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS	ALLOTTED TIME
Logical Reasoning	5 multiple choice questions	100 minutes in total
Culture and General Knowledge	4 multiple choice questions	
Biology	23 multiple choice questions	
Chemistry	15 multiple choice questions	
Maths and Physics	13 multiple choice questions	
TOTAL	60 multiple choice questions	

The IMAT score result is calculated according to the following criteria:

- 1.5 points for each correct answer
- -0.4 points for each incorrect answer
- 0 points for each answer not given

WHERE CAN YOU STUDY MEDICINE AND PHARMACY IN ENGLISH IN ITALY:

- University of Bari
- University of Bologna
- University of Messina
- University of Milano Statale
- University of Milano Bicocca
- University of Napoli Federico II
- University of Napoli Vanvitelli
- University of Padova
- University of Parma
- University of Pavia
- University of Sapienza Roma "Policlinico"
- University of Roma Tor Vergata
- University of Torino
- Università Vita e Salute San Raffaele Milano
- Humanitas University Milano
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Roma
- Campus Bio-Medico Roma
- Unicamillus Roma

OUR PREPARATION COURSES

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is one of the first private schools to organize preparation courses for studying Medicine in English in Italy back in 2014.

Our specific course for IMAT preparation provides a basis of scientific and logical-critical skills to all foreign students wishing to take the IMAT: according to our statistics, our preparation course increases the chances of passing the test by 50%.

PREPARATION COURSES FOR MEDICINE & PHARMACY IN ENGLISH

EXTENSIVE PREPARATION COURSE	
Dates	April 15th - June 21st (10 weeks)
Classes	140 classes
Language	English
Price	1.870 €*
Format	online

INTENSIVE PREPARATION COURSE	
Dates	June 24th - July 19th (4 weeks) July 29th - August 23rd (4 weeks)**
Classes	140 classes
Language	English
Price	1.870 €*
Format	onsite + online

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**Dates subject to change: the IMAT exam date is normally announced in Spring of the same year – based on this date, course dates might need to change.



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DESIGN

TOLD (Politecnico Design exam)

Through its rich history and unparalleled artistic contributions, Italy has ignited numerous movements that have permeated the global landscape of art and design: brands, such as Gucci, Prada, and Ferrari, have gained global recognition. Studying in Italy offers proximity to these industry giants, providing insights into their design philosophies and business strategies. Beyond its historical significance, Italy's contemporary design scene remains exceptionally vibrant and dynamic. The country pulsates with a myriad of events and exhibitions, all culminating in the radiant crescendo of Design Week in Milan.

Italian design schools are highly esteemed and often ranked among the top institutions worldwide. Many universities offer specialized design programs taught by experienced professionals and scholars who are actively involved in the design industry. Specifically, Milan Politecnico stands as a beacon of innovation and excellence in higher education. Renowned globally for its outstanding design curriculum, the institution combines tradition with cutting-edge technology to cultivate visionary designers. Moreover, Italy attracts a diverse international student community, fostering a cross-cultural learning environment. Interacting with peers from around the world enriches the educational experience and broadens perspectives. It is a country that continually beckons designers, artists, and enthusiasts to explore, celebrate, and contribute to the captivating narrative of design excellence.




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APRIL - JUNE





PRE-ENROLLMENT (this step is ONLY FOR NON-EU)

-  Italian Embassy / Consular Services
-  Personally / By Proxy
-  High School Diploma

SEPTEMBER






18-29 September 2023

TOLD REGISTRATION

-  Italy or your Country
-  On-line
-  Dichiarazione di Valore
-  Legalized and apostilled translation of the Diploma

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER





VISA APPLICATION (this step is ONLY FOR NON-EU)

-  Italian Embassy / Consular Services
-  Personally
-  Confirmation letter
-  International medical insurance
-  Financial capacity

OCTOBER







17 October 2023

TOLD

-  Chosen University
-  Personally
-  Study Visa
-  Confirmation letter of application to the exam

OCTOBER

ENROLLMENT

-  Italy
-  Personally /  On-line
-  Passing the admission exam
-  Study Visa and Permit of Stay
-  Payment of tuition fee for the first year

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THE ENTRY EXAM

Entry to most Design programs in Italy is regulated by selective entry exams, that take place presencially at single Universities. The exam takes place only in Italian and for Italian programs. Exam dates are different for every University, but they normally are in the second half of July. We recommend checking well in advance on the chosen University website.

Some Universities, including Milan Politecnico, will also test the candidates' English knowledge with the TENG exam (Test of English): it consists of 30 multiple choice questions and the minimum score is 24/30. If the candidate has a lower score, they will have to earn extra credits before they finalize the matriculation. Milan Politecnico has its own test called TOLD.

TOLD test structure

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS	ALLOTTED TIME
Geometry and Representation	12 multiple choice questions	20 minutes
Logical reasoning	6 multiple choice questions	10 minutes
Verbal comprehension	6 multiple choice questions	10 minutes
Art history and History of Design	12 multiple choice questions	10 minutes
General Culture	24 multiple choice questions	20 minutes
TOTAL	90 multiple choice questions	85 minutes

Our preparation course is specific for the TOLD exam, but it is valid for other Design curricula as well.

OUR PREPARATION COURSES

Our preparation courses will prepare international and Italian students for one of the many outstanding design and fashion Universities and academies in Italy, whether they are looking for an undergraduate, postgraduate or short course program.

As classes take place in Italian, it is recommended to have at least a B1 level.

PREPARATION COURSES FOR DESIGN

EXTENSIVE PREPARATION PROGRAM

General Curriculum + Preparation on specific subjects

Dates	February 26th - June 21st (17 weeks)
Classes	230 classes
Language	Italian
Price	2.650 €*
Format	onsite + online

INTENSIVE PREPARATION PROGRAM

Preparation on specific subjects

Dates	June 24th - July 19th (4 weeks)
Classes	140 classes
Language	Italian
Price	1.570 €*
Format	onsite + online

* Registration fee (€70) not included: this fee includes all didactic materials as well as unlimited access to our e-learning platform for students who want to improve their Italian.



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CONSERVATORY

Nestled at the heart of Europe, Italy stands as a captivating destination for those seeking to embark on a journey of musical exploration and artistic growth. Italy boasts a profound and enduring connection to the world of music: with a legacy that spans centuries and encompasses a diverse range of genres and styles, Italy has solidified its reputation as a haven for musicians, composers, and music enthusiasts alike.

Home to renowned institutions, Italy's conservatories stand as pillars of musical excellence, fostering the talents of students across generations. These establishments seamlessly merge classical teachings with modern techniques, providing students with a unique platform to refine their musical prowess.

Most Italian music conservatories date back to the 19th century and are among the most prestigious institutions in the world, providing a high level of training and education.

Due to the excellent standards, admission procedures are highly selective and include practical assessments as well as oral interviews.





TIMELINE

Step by step guide on when and how to apply

NOTE: Each year the Italian Ministry of Education releases updates for the admission process with precise dates etc. Those are usually released around May-June. Below are estimates based on previous years.





SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

PRE-ENROLLMENT
(this step is **ONLY FOR** Marco Polo / Turandot students through universitaly.it)

-  Italian Embassy / Consular Services
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JUNE

ADMISSION TEST: MUSIC THEORY AND PRACTICE

-  Chosen University
-  Personally
-  Study Visa
-  Confirmation letter of application to the exam





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ITALIAN TEST - B2 LEVEL

-  Chosen University
-  Personally
-  Study Visa
-  Confirmation letter of application to the exam






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ADMISSION TEST REGISTRATION

-  Italy or your Country
-  On-line
-  Dichiarazione di Valore
-  Legalized and apostilled translation of the Diploma

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

VISA APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT (this step is **ONLY FOR NON-EU)**

-  Italian Embassy / Consular Services
-  Personally
-  Confirmation letter
-  International medical insurance
-  Financial capacity

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ADMISSION PROCEDURE

ENTRY EXAM

Entry to Italian conservatories is regulated through a combination of entry exams and auditions. The specific requirements and procedures may vary slightly between institutions, therefore it is important to research the specific requirements of the conservatories and programs you are interested in. Here you find a general structure of admission test:

- **Entry exams**

assess the applicant's musical skills, knowledge, and potential: contents include

- Rhythmic theory and ear training (Knowledge of the basic elements of musical language and notation codes),
- Harmony theory and analysis (Sound system, tonal system, horizontal and vertical components),
- History of music (Knowledge of the historical development of music, its periodization through multiple choice questions and music extracts analysis).

- **Portfolio submission**

In addition to entry exams, many conservatories also require applicants to submit a portfolio of their previous musical work.

- **Language Proficiency**

Depending on the institution and program, you will also need to demonstrate proficiency in the Italian language.

- **Auditions**

during auditions you'll perform pieces on your chosen instrument or as a vocalist to showcase your technical skills, musicality, and interpretation.

- **Interviews**

Some programs require an interview as part of the admission process, to get to know you better, discuss your goals, and assess your commitment to the program.

WHERE CAN YOU STUDY MUSICAL SPECIALIZATION IN ITALY

- Conservatory of Milan
- Conservatory of Florence
- Conservatory of Turin
- Conservatory of Parma
- Conservatory of Rome
- Conservatory of Bologna
- Conservatory of Venice
- Conservatory of Pesaro

OUR PREPARATION COURSES

Our special preparation course aims to provide students with the knowledge and the skills required to pass the entrance test, including technical-artistic skills and Italian language classes to achieve the B2 level required to take up a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Italian conservatories.

As linguistic criteria to enter Italian conservatories are highly selective, we recommend this course to students who have already an intermediate level in the Italian language. Beginner students are strongly recommended to follow an Italian course for beginners or our Pathway program, as it takes approximately 85-90 hours of study to complete a level.

PREPARATION COURSES FOR CONSERVATORY

Dates	February 12th - May 17th (14 weeks)
Classes	210 classes (140 Italian language classes, 12 Rhythmic theory and ear training classes, 12 Harmony theory and analysis classes, 26 History of music classes, 20 Audition practice classes)
Language	Italian
Price	3.940 € *
Format	onsite **

* Registration fee (€70) not included: this fee includes all didactic materials as well as unlimited access to our e-learning platform for students who want to improve their Italian. The price of the course does not include:

- rental of classrooms for individual practical exercises
- participation fees for workshops or masterclasses
- educational trips

** During the course cultural activities, concerts, workshops or masterclasses might be organized.



FINE ARTS

Italy stands as a captivating destination for studying fine arts, offering a rich tapestry of artistic heritage and a plethora of renowned academies. With a legacy deeply intertwined with masterpieces from the Renaissance to contemporary works, Italy provides an inspirational backdrop for aspiring artists to develop their skills and creativity.

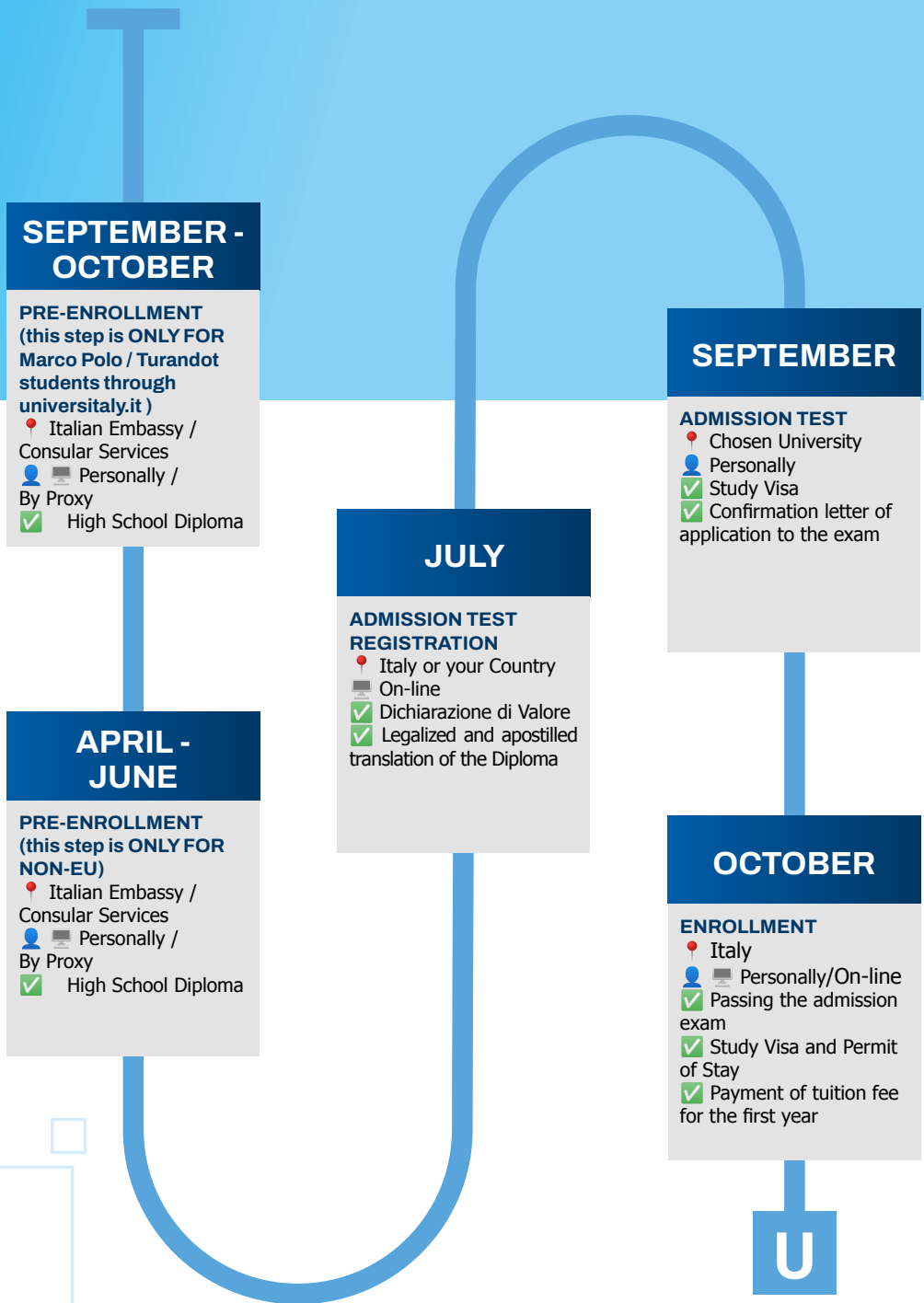
The country is home to a multitude of prestigious art academies, such as the Brera Academy in Milan and the Accademia di Belle Arti in Florence, known for fostering artistic excellence across disciplines like painting, sculpture, and design. These institutions offer a blend of traditional techniques and modern approaches, allowing students to engage with a diverse range of artistic influences.

The cultural immersion, exposure to historical landmarks, and access to art galleries further enhance Italy's appeal as a prime destination for fine arts education, ensuring that students not only refine their craft but also absorb the essence of art's evolution through the ages.

TIMELINE

Step by step guide on when and how to apply

NOTE: Each year the Italian Ministry of Education releases updates for the admission process with precise dates etc. Those are usually released around May-June. Below are estimates based on previous years.



ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Admission to Italian fine arts academies is commonly overseen by a blend of entrance examinations and the submission of portfolios. The precise prerequisites and processes may differ among institutions, so, it is recommended to check in advance all the requirements at the chosen Academy. Nevertheless, here is a broad outline of how admission to Italian fine arts academies is managed:

- **Entry Exams**

These exams assess the applicant's artistic skills, creativity, and potential. They will test candidates through drawing exercises, composition challenges, and creative problem-solving to evaluate the candidate's artistic abilities.

Fine Arts test structure

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS
History of Art and general culture	100 multiple choice questions
Drawing test	Copy from life of the living model and/or free drawing
Oral interview	Evaluation of the artistic portfolio and motivational goals
TOTAL	110 multiple choice questions

- **Portfolio Submission**

Portfolio submission is a crucial aspect of the application process for fine arts academies. Your portfolio showcases your previous artistic work and demonstrates your skills, style, and creative vision.

- **Interviews**

The interview could provide an opportunity for you to discuss your artistic journey, inspirations, and goals with the faculty.

- **Language Proficiency**

Depending on the institution and program, you might also need to demonstrate proficiency in the Italian language, as many fine arts academies conduct classes in Italian.

WHERE CAN YOU STUDY FINE ARTS IN ITALY

- Fine Arts Academy of Milan-Brera
- Fine Arts Academy of Florence
- Fine Arts Academy of Venice
- Fine Arts Academy of Bologna
- Fine Arts Academy of Turin
- Fine Arts Academy of Rome
- Fine Arts Academy of Naples
- Fine Arts Academy of Carrara

OUR PREPARATION COURSES

The program of the course is focused on the specific lexicon and cultural background which are needed both for the entry test and the daily lessons. It includes an introduction to the history of art, design and fashion. The course is run by highly skilled teachers with several years of experience in the sector.

PREPARATION COURSES FOR FINE ARTS

Dates	May 6th - July 26th (12 weeks)
Classes	240 classes (120 Italian language classes, 80 General culture and history of art classes, 10 Portfolio revision classes, 12 Drawing exercises and practice classes, 18 Interview preparation classes)
Language	Italian
Price	2.760 € *
Format	onsite + online **

* Registration fee (€70) not included: this fee includes all didactic materials as well as unlimited access to our e-learning platform for students who want to improve their Italian. The price of the course does not include:

- material necessary for carrying out painting lessons
- any colour prints relating to the processing and review of the portfolio
- entrance tickets (museums, galleries, art galleries)
- educational trips

** During the course cultural activities, visits to museums or painters' studios might be organized.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

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PATHWAY 8 MONTHS

	DURATION	DATES	LESSONS	LANGUAGE	FEE
UNIVERSITY PATHWAY 8 MONTHS	31 weeks	November 13 th 2023 June 21 st 2024	640 Italian language classes 110 General curriculum classes 120 Specific University preparation classes	Italian	€ 6.850
UNIVERSITY PATHWAY 6 MONTHS	24 weeks	January 15 th 2024 June 21 st 2024	520 Italian language classes 110 General curriculum classes 120 Specific University preparation classes	Italian	€ 6.170

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GENERAL CURRICULUM

	DURATION	DATES	LESSONS	LANGUAGE	FEE
GENERAL CURRICULUM 5 MONTHS	21 weeks	November 13 th 2023 April 12 th 2024	640 Italian classes 110 General curriculum classes	Italian	€ 5.410
GENERAL CURRICULUM 3 MONTHS	14 weeks	January 8 th 2024 April 12 th 2024	520 Italian classes 110 General curriculum classes	Italian	€4.730

This program is aimed at all those students who wish to enroll in faculties like Political Sciences, Humanities, Media Studies etc., as it provides all the crucial academic skills necessary to bridge any gap between the educational system in the country of origin and the Italian one.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

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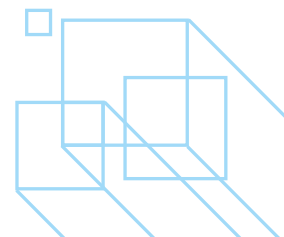
ARCHITECTURE (ARCHED)

	DURATION	DATES	LESSONS	LANGUAGE	FEE
MODULE I Extensive Italian course	17 weeks	February 26 th 2024 June 21 st 2024	110 General curriculum classes 120 Specific University preparation classes	Italian	€ 2.650
MODULE I Extensive English course	10 weeks	April 15 th 2024 June 21 st 2024	140 Specific University preparation classes	English	€ 1.870
MODULE II Intensive Italian course	4 weeks	June 24 th 2024 July 19 th 2024	140 Specific University preparation classes	Italian	€ 1.570
MODULE II Intensive English course	4 weeks	June 24 th 2024 July 19 th 2024	140 Specific University preparation classes	English	€ 1.870

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MEDICINE, PHARMACY & VETERINARY (Italian programs: TOLC-MED, TOLC-F, TOLC-VET)

	DURATION	DATES	LESSONS	LANGUAGE	FEE
MODULE I General curriculum + Preparation on specific subjects	17 weeks	February 26 th 2024 June 21 st 2024	110 General curriculum classes 120 Specific University preparation classes	Italian	€ 2.650
MODULE II Intensive Italian course	10 weeks	April 15 th 2024 June 21 st 2024	120 Specific University preparation classes	Italian	€ 1.440



GENERAL OVERVIEW

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IMAT & TOLC-F (Medicine and Pharmacy programs in English)

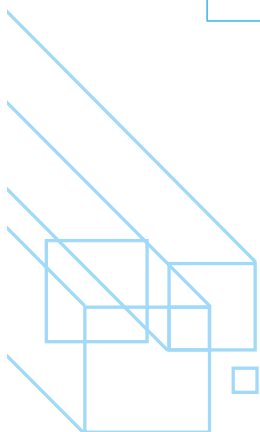
	DURATION	DATES	LESSONS	LANGUAGE	FEE
EXTENSIVE PREPARATION COURSE	10 weeks	April 15 th 2024 June 21 st 2024	140	English	€ 1.870
INTENSIVE PREPARATION COURSE	4 weeks	June 24 th 2024 July 19 th 2024 or July 29 th 2024 August 23 rd 2024*	140	English	€ 1.870

*Dates subject to change: the IMAT exam date is normally announced in Spring of the same year – based on this date, course dates might need to change.

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DESIGN (TOLD)

	DURATION	DATES	LESSONS	LANGUAGE	FEE
EXTENSIVE PREPARATION PROGRAM	17 weeks	February 26 th 2024 June 21 st 2024	110 General curriculum classes 120 Specific University preparation classes	Italian	€ 2.650
INTENSIVE PREPARATION PROGRAM	4 weeks	June 24 th 2024 July 19 th 2024	140 Specific University preparation classes	Italian	€ 1.570



GENERAL OVERVIEW

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CONSERVATORY

	DURATION	DATES	LESSONS	LANGUAGE	FEE
PREPARATION COURSE	14 weeks	February 12 th 2024 May 17 st 2024	140 Italian language classes 12 Rhythmic theory and ear training classes 12 Harmony theory and analysis classes 26 History of music classes 20 Audition practice classes	Italian	€ 3.940

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FINE ARTS

	DURATION	DATES	LESSONS	LANGUAGE	FEE
PREPARATION COURSE	12 weeks	May 6 th 2024 July 26 th 2024	120 Italian language classes 80 General culture and history of art classes 10 Portfolio revision classes 12 Drawing exercises and practice classes 18 Interview preparation classes	Italian	€ 2.760

ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES



Scuola Leonardo da Vinci offers many different programs, as diverse as its students are.

Our main language course is the intensive course, which consists of 20 classes per week (45 minutes each), for a total of three hours per day. The schedule can be from 9 am to 12.15 pm or from 2.15 pm to 5.30 pm, depending on the level and on the academic calendar. The course is available from 1 to 48 weeks.

The intensive course is one of the best ways to learn Italian fast and efficiently: our communicative approach, which means more opportunities for you to speak Italian during classes, allows you to complete a level in around 6 weeks. We will help you to develop all four linguistic abilities (listening and reading comprehension, writing and oral expression) and provide you with a strong grammatical basis.

We also offer part-time courses, private classes and many other programs. Check out our website (scuolaleonardo.com) to take a look at our complete didactic offer!

CILS EXAMS

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is officially recognized by the Siena University for foreigners as an examination center for the CILS exams, the most prestigious and internationally recognized certificate that attests the linguistic-communicative competence in Italian as a second language.



Most Universities require an upper-intermediate level (B2) in order to access their Italian programs. Some of them also accept students with a B1 level provided that students bridge the linguistic gaps before the first exam session in January.

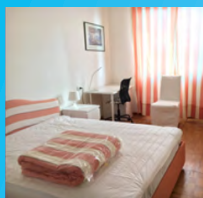


Students will be able to sit their exam twice a year in the comfort of the school and will, of course, receive all the assistance necessary from the school staff. Scuola Leonardo da Vinci also offers level tailored preparation courses with highly specialized teachers to learn how to tackle the exam in the most efficient way.

CILS EXAMINATION PREPARATION COURSES				
EXAM PREPARATION COURSE	LEVEL	DURATION	LESSONS	PRICE
GROUP COURSE	A2 – B1 – B2	5 weeks	25	€ 375
GROUP COURSE	C1 – C2	6 weeks	30	€ 450
INDIVIDUAL COURSE	A2 – B1 – B2	//	15	€ 675
INDIVIDUAL COURSE	C1 – C2	//	20	€ 900

The available dates to sit the CILS exam for all levels in 2023 are June 8th and December 5th, and there is an extra B2 session on April 4th.

SCHOOL SERVICES



We know starting a new adventure in a new country is full of challenges. That is why Scuola Leonardo da Vinci staff is always ready to help students with enrollment procedures and any other important matter they will encounter on their path. Here are some of our services, but please feel free to contact us for any special request!

- **FULL ORIENTATION BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER YOUR STAY**

We will be at your complete disposal to ensure you will have a pleasant experience from start to finish.

- **LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST**
- **ACADEMIC COUNSELLING FOR ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES**

Our study coordinator will help you navigate the complex world of Universities and provide you with all the information necessary to make the best choices for yourself.

- **ASSISTANCE IN ENROLLING IN UNIVERSITY ADMISSION TESTS**

- **HELP WITH BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES**

Visa issues, special documents, permit of stay, fiscal code requests etc.

- **TRANSFER AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICE**

The school offers private rooms in shared apartments with a few different options: self-catering, homestay with breakfast and homestay with half board. The school will also arrange a private transfer from and to the airport upon request.

- **FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES**

The school offers a variety of free-time activities every week, which can be cultural or recreational, and are the best way to get to know the city as well as other students from the school and enhance your experience even more.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR OUR COURSES

Here are some of the general terms to participate in our courses.

For more detailed information, please refer to the dedicated page on our website

www.scuolaleonardo.com/conditions-of-participation.html.

• DIDACTIC MATERIALS

All didactic materials (books, handouts etc.) are included in the registration fee.

As for other specific supplies, students are strongly recommended to bring their own personal equipment.

• CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

At the end of all of our courses we issue a certificate of attendance that certifies the hours attended here at school. In order to receive the certificate, students must attend at least x% of the course.

• VISA

The procedure for the student visa application is the following:

1. You should fill our online application form on our website **scuolaleonardo.com**
2. Once we receive the application, we will send you an e-mail with all the details about the course and payment methods: we should receive the payment of the global tuition fee in order to issue the certificate of enrollment.
3. To prepare the certificate, we are going to need the following documents:
 - copy of passport
 - information about your previous studies (Italian language level and name of the University/post diploma course you attended)
 - address where you will live in Italy
4. Once we receive the payment for the course and all the documents mentioned above, we will prepare the certificate and send it by e-mail.
5. Besides our certificate, to apply for the visa you will also need the following documents:
 - proof of accommodation
 - bank statement
 - health insurance
 - motivation letter (not mandatory, but highly recommended)

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