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STUDENTS AT RISK: CRITERIA

The “students at risk” category includes (1) students with refugee status, and those who are seeking asylum in Italy, an (2) students whose personal well-being or safety is being threatened.

1. A student who has acquired **official** refugee status or who is seeking asylum in Italy can automatically be considered a “student at risk”.
2. A student who can prove and/or demonstrate a threat to her/his personal well-being or safety.

2.1 Risks include:

- physical and psychological violence, including harassment and intimidation
- previous arrest or threat of arrest
- denial of civil and educational rights.

2.1.1 Specific risks **conditions** include:

- Women in countries where discriminatory policies by national or local authorities ban *women's and girls' access to secondary and/or higher education*. This includes discriminatory gender norms and harmful practices that deny girls access to formal education and quality learning.
- *Abuses against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) students* in secondary and higher education.
- *Racial hostility*, discrimination, or unfair treatment based on racial, ethnic, faith criteria.
- Presence of an armed conflict at the local level according to the Acled dataset (<https://acleddata.com/>) or according to the Uppsala Conflict Data Program, (<https://ucdp.uu.se/>).
- *Conscientious objectors to military service* (based on the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) in countries where they face prosecution, arrests, trials by military courts.
- Repression against student activism resulting in expulsion from higher education, arrest (see: Academic Freedom Index and SAR's “Free To Think”, <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/resources/free-to-think-2022/>).