



Università degli Studi di Padova

CALL FOR ADMISSION A.Y. 2025/26

Bachelor's degree programmes with A LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES and
TOLC or ONLINE ADMISSION TEST

Selection of non-EU citizens residing abroad with a foreign qualification

N.B.: this document is the English translation of the Call for admission for Bachelor's degrees with limited places and TOLC or online admission test, for non-EU citizens residing abroad with a foreign qualification. It only includes the degree programme in Animal Care.

The full Call for admission is available in Italian at <https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-lauree-triennali-ciclo-unico>.

If there is any dispute regarding the interpretation of the two versions, the Italian version shall take precedence

N.B.: to make navigation easier, candidates can click on the table of contents, which refers to the paragraphs in the text.

However, we recommend paying attention to the information contained in the entire call for admission.

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The present call for applications is intended for non-EU candidates residing abroad with an entry qualification obtained abroad.

It is specified that the following individuals **should not refer to this call for admission**:

- Citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, or the Republic of San Marino;
- Citizens with dual citizenship, one of which is Italian/EU;
- Citizens of a non-EU country residing in Italy who hold a valid residence permit allowing enrollment at the University, in accordance with current regulations on enrollment: <https://www.unipd.it/en/stays-over-90-days-study>;
- Candidates with an Italian entry qualification, regardless of their citizenship.

Candidates who fall under one or more of the above categories must refer to the selection processes for EU and equivalent candidates. The related calls for admission will be available starting from February 2025 at <https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi>.

1.1 Degree programmes

The Degree programmes that this Call for admission is referring to are the following:

English taught Bachelor's degree programmes

L-38	Animal care – Tutela del benessere animale
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Information on ongoing course units and the Syllabus Regulation can be found at didattica.unipd.it, by selecting the degree programme of interest.

1.2 Admission requirements

To be admitted to the first year of the degree programme, candidates¹ must:

- 1) obtain **by 31 July 2025** an **upper secondary school certificate** or a foreign qualification recognised as suitable for access to university education in accordance with the applicable regulations (www.unipd.it/iscrizioni-studenti-internazionali - for the purposes of admission, specific qualification requirements are assessed, as specified at www.unipd.it/requisiti-accesso-specifici-titoli-esteri);
- 2) demonstrate an English language proficiency of at least **B2 level** (CEFR) by submitting a certificate **by 31 July 2025**, except in the specified cases of exemption. The list of accepted certificates, the relative minimum scores required and exemptions is available at <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes>
- 3) apply for selection **from 7 January 2025 to no later than 11:59 pm (local time - GMT+1) on 7 March 2025**, by submitting the documents required for the evaluation of qualifications and for the formation of ranking lists;
- 4) take the TOLC or the admission test required as specified in [Appendix 1](#)

¹Hereinafter, the terms that relate to people are in the masculine form, for the sole purpose of ensuring better readability of the text, but refer indiscriminately to all genders.

1.3 Procedure for the preparation of the admission ranking list

The ranking lists are drawn up based on the score obtained in the TOLC/admission test required for access to the degree programme of their interest ([Appendix 1](#)).

In the event of a tie between candidates, preferences will be given according to each Degree programmes regulation, as per [Appendix 1](#).

N.B.: admission to the Master's degree programmes is subject to the possession of the minimum curricular requirements and the eligibility of the qualification submitted. Those who do not meet these requirements will not be able to join the degree programme as they are ineligible for admission, even if they obtain an adequate score in the TOLC/admission test. Candidates who fail to meet the deadlines specified in [point 1.2](#) will lose their position as successful candidates and their place in the ranking list.

1.4 Other Information - Inclusion and Career Shortening

Students with disabilities or learning disorders can contact the Student Service Office – Inclusion Unit (inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it) to report any need and for information on course attendance support services and financial subsidies (www.unipd.it/en/resources-and-supports-students-disability-or-learning-disabilities). More details are available in the [Appendix 1 and 2](#).

Information on prior learning recognition and possible reduction in the duration of the degree programme is available on the following web page www.unipd.it/en/credit-recognition , which will be updated in June.

2. APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION UPLOAD

The application must be forwarded by accessing the personal area of the <https://apply.unipd.it/> portal

from 7 January 2025 to no later than 11:59 pm (local time - GMT+1) on 7 March 2025.

Those who are not yet registered need to enter their email address at <https://apply.unipd.it/applicant/register>. A PIN code will be generated and they will receive a verification email at the specified address in order to complete their registration.

N.B.: the personal email address included in the <https://apply.unipd.it/> portal is the communication channel that will be used to communicate deadlines and to provide instructions for access to the degree programme. Emails sent for this purpose count as an official communication.

Candidates can choose up to three degree programmes from the portal, listing them in order of preference. After selecting the degree programmes, click on “*Apply now*” and fill in all the required fields. The documents to be uploaded for the application are as follows:

- a) for one's own personal data sheet:
 - copy of an identity document: passport
 - Curriculum Vitae
- b) for the assessment of the entry title:

- upper secondary school certificate² (obtained after at least 12 years of schooling) or certificate of registration in the final year, with the relevant translation into Italian or English. If the certificate was obtained after a shorter period of schooling, the documents specified by the ministerial guidelines must also be uploaded: www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri
 - transcript of records (ToR), with the relevant translation into Italian or English
- c) for the formation of ranking lists ([point 1.3](#)):
- any document required for the admission in a specific degree programme as per [Appendix 1](#).
- d) for completing the enrolment:
- submit by **31 July 2025** a certificate of **English language** proficiency of at least **B2 level** (CEFR), except in the specified cases of exemption. The list of accepted certificates, the relative minimum scores required and exemptions is available at www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes
 - Authentication of the qualification or the CIMEA Statement of Verification are optional for the application, but are required **for the enrolment, and they must be submitted no later than 31 October 2025**.

The Admissions and Welcome Unit reserves the right to mandatorily request the CIMEA Statement of Comparability of the entry qualification if further verification of the qualification is deemed necessary.

Once **the required documents have been entered**, the application must be submitted by clicking on the “**Submit**” button.

Contacts and assistance: international.admission@unipd.it.

3. PUBLICATION OF RANKING LISTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES

3.1 Publication of ranking lists and acceptance of places

As from **11 April 2025** on www.unipd.it/en/assessment-results the following documents will be published:

- the merit ranking lists
- instructions on the procedure for accepting the place.

Admission is subject to verification of the declared qualifications, the awarding of the qualification, if not yet held, and, in the case of a qualification awarded abroad, the submission of the documents specified on <https://www.unipd.it/en/how-apply>.

Candidates who fail to meet the deadlines for obtaining and submitting the required qualifications ([point 1.2](#)) will lose their place in the ranking list.

N.B.: meeting the deadlines specified for accepting the place and for payment of the first instalment is mandatory; failure to meet them is equal to forfeiting one's place in the ranking list.

Candidates who do not yet hold their **language certificate** or **entry qualification** at the time of assignment of a place on the ranking list, may provisionally accept the place that they have successfully gained, and they are required to update their entry qualification data and submit the language certificate **no later than 31 July 2025**. The procedures for updating the qualification details and submitting the certificate are disclosed at the same time as the publication of the ranking list.

² If in the country where the upper secondary school certificate is awarded there is an academic aptitude entry test, proof of passing this test must also be uploaded.

3.2 Student fees and benefits

The University of Padua offers scholarships and waivers of student fees to highly qualified and deserving international students with a foreign qualification who wish to register for a degree programme delivered entirely in English.

Further information on the opportunities and on the contribution required for enrolment, candidates can refer to www.unipd.it/en/tuition-fees

Contacts and assistance: benefici.studenti@unipd.it

3.3 Additional Learning Requirements (OFA)

If the score obtained is below a minimum set for enrolled students, an additional learning requirement (OFA) is assigned, which must be fulfilled by passing a specific test. Information on the required score and methods for fulfilling the OFA are available for each degree programme in Appendix 1.

Complete information on how the OFA works and the consequences if it is not fulfilled are available in the teaching regulations of each degree programme: <https://didattica.unipd.it/>.

4. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEDURE, PERSONAL DATA, NOTES, AND WARNINGS

Person responsible for the administrative selection procedure and for the Procedure for Accessing Documents: Director of the Student Office, Ms Maria Chiara Ferraresi.

Further information on privacy and general admission regulations can be found on the following pages:

www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi

www.unipd.it/informativa-studenti.

For anything not specified in this Call for admission, reference should be made to the applicable Italian legislation.

Padua, 20/12/2024

THE RECTOR

Prof. Daniela Mapelli

digitally signed pursuant to D.lgs (Legislative Decree) no. 82/2005

APPENDIX 1

This section includes the specific application procedures and details (entry requirements, number of places available, ranking list criterias, ...) for the following English taught Bachelor's degree programmes:

English taught Bachelor's degree programmes

- [Animal care – Tutela del benessere animale](#)

ANIMAL CARE

Information about the degree programme:

- Available places for non-EU citizens residing abroad: 10
- Location: Legnaro (PD)
- Degree programme held in English

Specific entry requirements and ranking list criterias:

The **English TOLC-F** test is the test required for admission to the Bachelor's degree programme in Animal Care.

To be valid for participation in the selection process, the English TOLC-F test must

- a) be taken **from January 1, 2024 and by March 21, 2025**, and uploaded to the relevant task of the application platform (point 2) by March 10, 2025;
- b) have a minimum score greater than or equal to 20/50

The ranking list is drawn up in order of score. Each candidate's score is the sum of the scores obtained in:

- the **English TOLC-F** (which counts for 60%);
- the online interview (which counts for 40%).

To access the online interview and be included in the ranking list, a score of 20/50 or higher in the English TOLC-F is required. The interview consists of 4 questions on knowledge related to animal biology, for which a score from 0 to 10 is assigned.

In the event of a tie in the ranking list between two or more candidates, the following TOLC sections are considered in order: (1) Biology, (2) Chemistry, (3) Physics, (4) Mathematics, (5) Logic. In case of a further tie, preference is given to the candidate with (6) the youngest age.

Candidates are invited to read points 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this call in full to know the procedures, methods and deadlines to be respected for access to the degree programme. Information on how to take the TOLC is available in [Appendix 2](#).

Other Information - Inclusion

Candidates with a disability, impairment, or specific learning disabilities (SLD) may request an admission test with additional time and/or customised support to take the TOLC test. Further information is available on Appendix 2.

Any specific needs for the interview on Zoom must be reported to the Inclusion Unit by sending an email to: inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it by 11:59 pm - local time - (GMT + 1) on 7 March 2025. In any case, tools such as dictionaries and/or vocabularies, formularies, periodic table of elements, concept maps, computers (other than the one used for taking the test), tablets, smartphones, smart glasses and other similar tools are not allowed.

Additional Learning Requirements (OFA):

The OFA is assigned to enrolled students who obtain a score below the following thresholds, for each corresponding section of the English TOLC-F:

Score in the "Biology" section below 8/15: OFA in BIOLOGY;

Score in the "Chemistry" section below 8/15: OFA in CHEMISTRY;

Score in the "Physics" section below 4/7: OFA in PHYSICS;

Score in the "Mathematics" section below 4/7: OFA in MATHEMATICS.

Information on taking the OFA is available starting from September 2025 at

<https://www.agrariamedicinaveterinaria.unipd.it/en/current-students/studying/additional-learning-requirements-ofa>

Appendix 2 – TOLC TEST: TAKING THE TEST

1. General information

The kind of TOLC required by each Bachelor's degree programme and minimum score required is available at appendix .

To be valid for participation in the selection processes, the TOLC test must be taken **from 1 January 2024 and by the deadlines set on Appendix 1 for each degree programme.**

Caution: simply taking the TOLC test is not a sufficient condition for admission to the degree programme, as set out in [point 1.2](#).

A TOLC test of the same type can be taken at the most once per calendar month, including from abroad. Candidates can select the “Padua” venue to take the test in a virtual classroom (TOLC@CASA) or in person in a real classroom (TOLC at the University) managed by the University of Padua.

The test **is valid whether it is taken in the “@casa” mode or at the University**, at any of the consortium universities included [in the list of participating venues on the CISIA site](#).

Prospective students can take multiple TOLC tests. In the event that more than one TOLC test has been taken, the TOLC test with the **best score out of those taken by the specified deadlines** for the relevant selection process, will be considered for inclusion in the ranking list.

2. Registration for the TOLC test

The TOLC test is delivered via the platform provided by CISIA - Consortium of Inter-University Integrated Access Systems. For all operations concerning registration, booking, and taking the test and the rules governing these steps, candidates should refer to the www.cisiaonline.it/ portal.

It should be noted that the test must be booked, subject to **availability of places**, at least 7-10 days before the test date. It is therefore advisable that candidates book their place well in advance to meet the deadline set in this call for applications ([points 2.1, 2.2, 2.3](#)).

Registration for the TOLC admission test:

https://tolc.cisiaonline.it/studenti_tolc/user_test_tolc.php

TOLC Tests **structure** and required **knowledge** (Syllabus):

www.cisiaonline.it/area-tematica-tolc-cisia/home-tolc-generale

Dates and venues for delivery of TOLC tests:

tolc.cisiaonline.it/calendario.php

TOLC Students and TOLC@CASA Students **Regulations**:

www.cisiaonline.it/area-tematica-tolc-cisia/regolamenti/

Contacts and assistance

For information on the use of the CISIA portal and to book a TOLC: helpdesk.cisiaonline.it

Request for a personalised test for candidates with a disability, impairment, or SLD diagnosis

Candidates with a disability, impairment, or specific learning disabilities (SLD), pursuant to Article 16 of Legge (Law) no. 104/1992 and Legge (Law) no. 170/2010, may, within the test registration procedure on the CISIA - Consortium of Inter-University Integrated Access Systems portal request an admission test with additional time and/or customised support, by attaching the following documentation:

- **civil invalidity certificate and/or a certificate** pursuant to Legge (Law) no. 104 of 1992 issued by the medical committee for the relevant area, proving the type of disability (NO OMISSIONS) and, where envisaged, the recognised percentage of invalidity; the candidate will be entitled to an additional time not exceeding 50 per cent of the time defined for the test;
 - **certificate of SLD diagnosis** issued no more than 3 years previously, if prior to the candidate's eighteenth birthday, or if subsequent to the candidate's eighteenth birthday, by state local health facilities or entities and professionals accredited with the regional health service. Where not already specified in the diagnosis, ask the accredited private facility for their accreditation code/no. In accordance with the provisions of the "Guidelines on Specific Learning Disorders" annexed to D.M. (Italian Ministerial Decree) no. 5669 of 12 July 2011, candidates with SLDs are granted additional time equal to a maximum of 30 per cent more than that defined for the admission test.
1. Candidates with SLDs may request additional time and/or customised support with the medical certification they possess, even if it has expired. The new documentation, updated for the cycle of university studies, must be sent to inclusione.studenti@unipd.it by no later than 30 September 2025.
 2. Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) and diagnoses of SLDs issued before the last level of education (upper secondary education) and/or by non-accredited individuals or entities are not accepted under any circumstances.
- **a statement in lieu of a publicly sworn certificate** in which the candidate states that what is stated in the certificate has not been revoked, suspended, or changed, using the forms available on the CISIA - Consortium of Inter-University Integrated Access Systems - portal;
 - valid **identity or identification document**.

Candidates with a disability, invalidity, or SLD from EU and non-EU countries residing abroad who wish to benefit from personalised support must submit a certificate, which, where provided for under current international rules and regulations, has been legalised, of their disability, invalidity, or SLD condition issued in their country of residence, accompanied by a sworn translation or a translation certified by the Italian diplomatic services as conforming to the original text, in Italian or English. The Student Service Office - Inclusion Unit, which is in charge of examining these certificates, shall ascertain that the foreign documentation certifies a condition of invalidity, disability, or SLD recognised by Italian law.

Candidates will be able to check within the TOLC delivery platform whether they have been assigned some special supports.

Instruments such as dictionaries, formularies, periodic tables of elements, conceptual maps, computers (other than the one used for the test), tablets, smartphones, smart glasses and other similar instruments are not permitted in any case.

If you have a particularly complex condition, we suggest that you request an interview with dedicated staff, using the appropriate online form for an appointment request with the Inclusion Unit, to make your individual needs known:

<https://web.unipd.it/prenotazioniservizi/settore-inclusione/>.

Further information is available at www.unipd.it/accoglienza-prove-ingresso.