



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 Bachelor's degree programmes delivered in English of the School of Psychology.

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-24	Psychological Science
L-24	Techniques and methods in Psychological Science

Information on ongoing course units and the Syllabus Regulation can be found at [didattica.unipd.it](http://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, candidates<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](#)

<sup>1</sup>Hereinafter, 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 ([inclusione.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusione.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](http://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](http://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 certificate<sup>2</sup> (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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.unipd.it/en/tuition-fees)

**Contacts and assistance:** [benefici.studenti@unipd.it](mailto: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](http://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi)

[www.unipd.it/informativa-studenti](http://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

- [School of Psychology](#)
  - Psychological Science
  - Techniques and Methods in Psychological Science

## SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

### English-taught Bachelor's degree programmes

#### Information about the degree programme:

Degree programme	Available places	Location
<b>Psychological Science</b>	45	Padua
<b>Techniques and methods in Psychological Science</b>	35	Padua ( <i>the degree programme is mainly delivered online</i> )

#### Specific entry requirements and ranking list criterias:

Candidates will be automatically registered for the test after successfully completing the application process as per [point 2](#). Please note that to attend the test, in addition to procedures available at point 2, a Payment of a **€ 30.00** registration fee is required. An email will be received via the portal <https://apply.unipd.it> with instructions for payment through the PagoPA system.

The entry test will be delivered **online on 26 March 2025**.

The test consists of **50 multiple-choice questions**, in English, with five answer options, of which only one is correct, on the following topics:

Sections	Number of questions	Maximum time available
Reading comprehension (2 texts for reading comprehension with 5 questions for each text)	10	20 minutes
Basic mathematics	10	20 minutes
Biology	10	15 minutes
Verbal reasoning	10	25 minutes
Numerical reasoning	10	20 minutes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100 minutes</b>

Further information on the above mentioned sections are available here: [Syllabus - Entry test sections](#)

A maximum of fifty (50) points shall be awarded for the test, according to the following criteria:

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

To be included in the ranking lists candidates must obtain a **score of 10/50 or higher** in the entry test.

A ranking list will be drawn up for each of the two degree programmes.

Ranking lists are drawn up based on the scores achieved in the entry test **ENGLISH PSY**, in descending order.

In the event of a tie, the scores obtained in the individual sections of the test by the tied candidates are checked, and those with higher scores in the following sections will take precedence, in order of priority: (1) numerical and verbal reasoning and comprehension (2) mathematics (3) biology. In the event of a further tie, preference will be given to (4) the youngest candidate.

To take the test candidates must:

- have a good internet connection for the duration of the test
- have a **desktop or laptop computer** for taking the test (tablets are not allowed for this purpose)
- have a smartphone, tablet or an additional PC to be used for the Zoom meeting, allowing the committee to check the correct performance of the test
- have a suitable room for taking the test.

When taking the test, candidates must comply with the Regulations for the use of CISIA tests taken remotely, available at: [www.cisiaonline.it/area-tematica-tolc-cisia/regolamenti/regolamento-tolccasa/](http://www.cisiaonline.it/area-tematica-tolc-cisia/regolamenti/regolamento-tolccasa/) Further details on the above, in particular the technical features of devices and the type of room where the test can be taken are available at <https://www.unipd.it/ammissioni-mps-temps>. Candidates who, on the day of the test, do not meet the listed requirements, as verified by the examination commissioners, are excluded from taking the test and thus from the admission ranking lists.

As from **14 March 2025** a document with further information about participation requirements will be published on [www.unipd.it/ammissioni-mps-temps](http://www.unipd.it/ammissioni-mps-temps):

- the exact times of the test
- any other information required to take the test correctly.

**N.B.:** this published document counts as an official communication.

Information on how to request an admission test with additional time and/or personalised support is available here: [Request for a personalised test for candidates with a disability, impairment, or SLD diagnosis](#)

### **Additional Learning Requirements (OFA):**

The OFA (Additional Learning Requirement) is assigned to enrolled students who obtain a score below the following thresholds, for each corresponding section of the English PSY:

Score in the "Biology" section below 4/10: OFA in Biology

Score in the "Mathematics" section below 4/10: OFA in Basic Mathematics

Information on fulfilling the OFA will be available at page <https://www.psicologia.unipd.it/en/additional-learning-requirements>

### **Syllabus – Entry test sections**

#### **Reading comprehension**

The reading comprehension questions are designed to test language proficiency in terms of comprehension of the different types of use.

There are of three types of texts: non-fiction, journalistic and scientific texts. The questions will test essential grammatical skills (morphological and syntactic), possession of a sufficiently rich vocabulary, inferential skills, the ability to understand hierarchical relationships and to establish formal and semantic relations between the constituent parts of a text, as well as the ability to infer implied meaning and assumptions.

Non-fiction, journalistic and scientific texts may deal with phenomena, events and problems arising in the study of psychological, human and social sciences (e.g. history and philosophical thought) and current affairs.

### Basic mathematics

The questions in this section will cover the following topics from the Mathematics syllabus typically taught in upper secondary schools.

**Set theory:** sets and basic set operations (union, intersection, difference, complement and Cartesian product).

**Numerical sets:** numerical sets and their properties, elementary operations, sorting and comparison. Absolute value. Prime numbers, decomposition into prime factors. Greatest common divisor and lowest common multiple. Powers and roots.

**Algebraic expressions:** basic algebra. Algebraic expressions. Operations with monomials and polynomials, remarkable products, decomposition of a polynomial into factors.

**Equations and inequalities:** equations and inequalities of the first degree. Basic information on equations and inequalities of the second degree and systems of linear equations.

**Functions:** definition of function. Qualitative graphs of elementary functions. Fundamental properties of functions: monotonicity, limitation, periodicity. Invertible functions and inverse function. Basic information on the following topics: domain, image and counter-image of an element; composition of functions; exponentials and logarithms.

**Plane geometry:** basic plane figures and their elementary properties. Pythagoras' theorem. Properties of similar triangles. Congruence criteria for triangles. Perimeter and area of basic plane figures (triangles, quadrilaterals, regular polygons and circles). Incidence, parallelism and perpendicularity between lines in the plane.

**Analytical geometry:** Cartesian coordinates in the plane. Distance between two points and midpoint of a segment. Straight line equations. Angular coefficient. Equation of a straight line with one of its points known and its angular coefficient. Equation of a straight line with two of its points known. Conditions of parallelism and perpendicularity. Incident, parallel and coincident straight lines.

### Biology

The questions in this section will cover the following topics from the Biology syllabus typically taught in upper secondary schools.

Chemical composition of living organisms: bioelements. The properties of water. Molecules of biological interest: carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids and nucleotides. Structure and functions of macromolecules of biological interest: polysaccharides, nucleic acids and proteins.

Biology of the cell: cell organisation. Morpho-functional characteristics of eukaryotic cells. Main cellular constituents: cell membranes, cytoplasm, mitochondria, ribosomes, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi apparatus, lysosomes, nucleus.

Cell cycle, reproduction, heredity: cell reproduction: mitosis and meiosis. Chromosome kit. Reproduction and heredity. Mendelian genetics. Classical genetics: chromosomal theory of heredity; sex chromosomes. Molecular genetics: DNA and genes; genetic code and its translation. The eukaryotic chromosome. Human genetics: transmission of mono- and multifactorial characters; hereditary diseases. Mutations.

Basics of human anatomy and physiology: the human organism: support and movement functions, nutrition, respiration, circulation, excretion; immune, endocrine and reproductive functions. The central nervous system: structural and functional bases.

### Verbal reasoning

Verbal reasoning questions aim to highlight the ability to solve problems that require combining data and knowledge in non-immediate ways and making logical deductions with some degree of complexity. For example, one can ask whether a certain utterance, or its negation, is a logical consequence of other utterances in which the terms "if", "then", "all", "none", "some", "at least one" are used.

Solving some problems may also require discovering a rule or a principle and applying it.

The questions examine: the ability to draw reliable conclusions from given premises and to reject incorrect solutions; the ability to discover a rule or a principle and apply it to solve a problem.

Questions may also concern the issue of a necessary or sufficient condition. In a certain situation and given certain premises, for example, one can be asked to establish whether a statement is true or false.

### Numerical reasoning

Numerical reasoning questions are designed to test the ability to understand and process numerical, symbolic and formal information and to ascertain mathematical knowledge achieved in upper secondary school studies.

The questions aim to test the ability to perform calculations to obtain a correct answer, infer a solution in numerical expressions, identify a rule that explains a certain progression of numbers, understand relationships between numbers, reason with numbers, combine numerical relationships. Questions may also concern the interpretation of various types of graphical representations and tables. In general, these questions assess the candidate's ability to deal with numerical concepts and to reason with numbers.

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

Candidates with disabilities, impairments, or specific learning disabilities (SLD), pursuant to Article 16 of Legge (Law) no. 104/1992 and Legge (Law) no. 170/2010, may request an admission test with additional time and/or personalised support by making an express request to the Student Service Office - Inclusion Unit. To this end, interested candidates must **send an email** to [inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it) **from 7 January 2024 to no later than 11:59 pm (GMT+1) on 7 March 2024** attaching the following documents

**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 with a disability, invalidity, or SLD from EU and non-EU countries residing abroad and in posses of Italian certifications** must attach the following:

- **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.
- **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 DM (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.
- 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 [inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it) by no later than 30 September 2025.
- 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.
- valid **identity or identification document**.

The requested supports and/or aids may be granted after an appropriate assessment has been made by the Student Service Office – Inclusion Unit. No later than the day before a test takes place, candidates will be notified of any support and/or aids provided by an email sent by the Student Service Office - Inclusion Unit, [inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it).

Instruments such as dictionaries, formularies, periodic tables of elements, conceptual maps, smartphones, smart glasses and other similar instruments are not permitted under any circumstances. No computers or tablets are allowed, other than those that may be provided by the Inclusion Unit for the test following a specific request made by the candidate within the pre-enrolment procedure in Uniweb.

If a candidate has a particularly complex condition, we suggest that they request an interview with dedicated staff, using the appropriate online form for an appointment request with the Inclusion Unit, to make their individual needs known: <https://web.unipd.it/prenotazioniservizi/settore-inclusionone/>  
Further information is available at: [www.unipd.it/en/inclusion-reception-and-admissions-tests](http://www.unipd.it/en/inclusion-reception-and-admissions-tests)