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English-taught Master's degree programmes with a limited number of places,
online admission test or previous career evaluation

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 Master's degrees with limited places and admission requirements, online admission test or previous career evaluation, for non-EU citizens residing abroad with a foreign qualification.

It only includes the degree programme in Social Science for Digital Data.

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

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 AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

In the case of dual citizenship, Italian citizenship prevails (pursuant to Legge (Law) no. 218 of 31 May 1995, Article 19). Citizens with dual citizenship (non-EU and Italian) and candidates with an Italian entry qualification, regardless of their citizenship 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/en/admission-notice-for-courses-and-rankings>

1.1 Master's degree programmes

The Master's degree programmes that this Call for admission refers to are the following:

English-taught Master's degree programmes

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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. Further information on the content and organisation or contacts of the degree programme can be found, when available, in Appendix 1.

1.2 Admission requirements

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

- obtain a bachelor's degree or an equivalent foreign degree **by 31 July 2025**, in accordance with the applicable regulations (<https://www.unipd.it/en/how-apply> - for admission purposes, specific qualification requirements are assessed, as specified at <https://www.unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements>);
- The qualification must meet specific curricular requirements, that will be evaluated as per [Appendix 1](#);
- 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 <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes>
- 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;

1.3 Procedure for the preparation of the admission ranking list

The rankings are drawn up based on the score obtained when evaluating the academic record or the admission test; the details are specified for each programme in **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 submitted qualification. Applicants who do not meet these requirements will not be able to join the degree programme as they will be deemed ineligible for admission, even if they are conveniently ranked. Candidates failing to meet the deadlines specified at [point 1.2](#) will lose their status as successful candidates and consequently their place in the ranking list.

1.4 Other Information - Inclusion and Career Shortening

Students with disabilities or learning disorders may contact the Student Service Office – Inclusion Unit (inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it) to report any need and to acquire information on course attendance support services and financial subsidies (<https://www.unipd.it/en/resources-and-supports-students-disability-or-learning-disabilities>).

For any requests concerning career recognition or career shortening, students can refer to the information that will be updated in June, and which is available at www.unipd.it/domanda-valutazione.

2. APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION UPLOAD

The application must be submitted 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 that has been entered in the <https://apply.unipd.it/> portal is the communication channel through which deadlines will be communicated and instructions to access the degree programme will be provided. 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 (resume)
- b) for the assessment of the entry title:
 - bachelor's diploma (if already graduated) or certificate of registration in the final year, with the relevant translation into Italian or English
 - Transcript of records, with the relevant translation into Italian or English, specifying the grades obtained in the exams, the scale used and, preferably, the ECTS statistics; alternatively, a Diploma Supplement
- c) for the formation of ranking lists:
 - evaluation forms or other documents as specified for each Degree programme [in 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 <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes>
- Authentication of the qualification or the CIMEA Statement of Verification are optional at application stage, 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.

Paying a **€ 30.00** registration fee is also required. An email will be received via the portal <https://apply.unipd.it> with instructions for payment through the PagoPA system.

Once **the required documents have been uploaded and payment has been completed**, 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 how to accept 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** when they are assigned 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 when the ranking list is published.

3.2 Student fees and benefits

The University of Padua offers scholarships and tuition fee waivers to highly qualified and deserving international students holding a foreign qualification who wish to enrol in a degree programme delivered entirely in English.

For 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

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

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Prof. Daniela Mapelli

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APPENDIX 1 – Requirements and access procedures for English-taught degree programmes

Here below is a list of the programmes this Call for admission refers to. For each programme information on entry requirements and on how ranking lists are drawn are provided, alongside specific instructions concerning access to said programmes.

Procedures to access programmes can be found at point 1.2

For information on each of the programmes listed, either scroll the following pages or click on the respective link here below:

English-taught Master's degree programmes

- [Social Science for Digital Data](#)

SOCIAL SCIENCE FOR DIGITAL DATA

Programme Information

- Available places: **30**
- Location: Padua
- Degree programme held in English
- Further information on the structure and organization of the programme:
https://www.unipd.it/en/social_science_for_digital_data; socialsciencedata.fisppa@unipd.it

Curricular Requirements

- **Entry title:** a Bachelor's degree in one of the following area: Education and Training, Communication, Psychology, Political science and international relations, Sociology. Alternatively, it is possible to apply with a different degree programme and at least:
 - 10% of credits earned in exams related to the Political and Social Sciences area: Political philosophy, History of political thought, Political science, General sociology, Sociology of culture and communication, Economic sociology and sociology of work and organisations, Urban and environmental sociology, Political sociology, Sociology of law, deviance and social change;
 - one exam in Statistics, Social Statistics or Psychometrics.
- **Minimum grade** obtained in the degree used as an access qualification must be at least 90% of the maximum obtainable grade.

The academic assessment will be carried out by the committee on the basis of the candidate's educational background in line with the curricular requirements and personal preparation required for admission to the course

Admission procedures - evaluation of previous academic career

The admission rankings are determined in order of score based on the following criteria:

- Final mark for candidates who have already obtained their degree in the areas of study listed above before the closing date for applications or, if the degree has not been obtained, arithmetic mean of the examinations;
- for candidates holding a different degree arithmetic mean of the examinations in the areas listed above.

Only credits already obtained at application stage will be considered.

The final ranking is drawn up in order of score on a 100-point basis, normalizing the degree grades and weighted averages as described for the three cases outlined.

In case of a tie in scores, precedence is given to the younger candidate.