

**Master's degree in Cognitive Neuroscience and Clinical Neuropsychology**  
**Call for applications for EU and EU-equated students**  
**Instructions for candidates holding a foreign qualification**



**School:** Psychology

**Duration:** 2 years (120 ECTS)

**Study location:** Padua, Italy

**Programme structure:**

[unipd.it/en/cognitive-neuroscience](https://unipd.it/en/cognitive-neuroscience)

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**Department:** General Psychology

**Start date:** October

**Teaching mode:** In-person teaching

**Language:** English

**Application period:** 10 March 2026 - 10 April 2026

**Selection:** EU and EU equated citizens

**Available Places:** 30 (including candidates with foreign and Italian qualification)

The following selection processes apply to **EU and EU-equated citizens** with a foreign qualification:

- candidates with EU nationality, including dual citizenship (non-EU and EU) and citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, San Marino;
- non-EU candidates holding a valid Italian residence permit which allows enrolment at university as per existing regulations or EU long-term residence permit.

**Non-EU candidates residing abroad** (study visa applicants): refer to the specific *Call for applications*.

**Candidates with Italian qualifications:** consult the *Annex* for students with Italian qualifications, regardless of citizenship.

**Entry requirements:**

- A minimum three-year **undergraduate degree** (or equivalent) to be obtained by July 31, 2026. The eligibility of the degree is assessed as specified at: [unipd.it/en/how-apply](https://unipd.it/en/how-apply); [unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements](https://unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements).  
**Specific curricular requirements** indicated in the **admission requirements** section must be met.
- **English language: B2 level** (CEFR) or equivalent to be achieved by July 31, 2026. The full list of accepted certificates, minimum scores and exemptions is available at: <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement>

**Application procedure:**

Applications must be submitted starting from **March 10, 2026** via the online application platform for international students: <https://apply.unipd.it/>

1. Register on [apply.unipd.it](https://apply.unipd.it/);
2. Sign in and complete your application, make sure to fill in all the fields and upload all necessary documents;
3. Pay the € 60.00 application fee. The application fee is not refundable;
4. Submit the application by clicking on the *Submit* button by **April 10, 2026** (11:59 pm - local time - GMT+2).

Paying the application fee and/or filling out the application does not give the right to be considered for the selection round if the application has not been confirmed and submitted through [apply.unipd.it](https://apply.unipd.it/) by April 10 (11:59 pm local time GMT+2).

### Required documents:

In order to submit your application, you will need to upload the following documents:

- Valid **Identity document** or **Passport**;
- **Academic transcript of records** with the full list of exams taken, the grades obtained and the grading scale and **Bachelor's degree diploma** (if already obtained). Please verify country-based specific entry title requirements at the following link: <https://www.unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements>;
- **Official translations in Italian or in English** if academic documents are issued only in a language other than Italian/English;
- **English language proficiency certificate** of at least **B2 level** (CEFR) (if already obtained). The full list of accepted certificates, minimum scores and exemptions is available at the following link: <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement>
- **Evaluation form using the template available in Annex 1**
- Curriculum Vitae

If not possessed at the application stage, the proof of **English language proficiency** of at least **B2 level** (CEFR) and the **Bachelor's degree diploma** must be achieved and submitted by **July 31, 2026**.

If you are admitted to the degree programme<sup>1</sup>, to complete enrolment you will have to submit one of the following documents by **October 31, 2026**:

- **Legalisation** of academic documents by the **Italian Embassy/Consulate** of the Country of degree issuance;
- **Apostille** affixed by the competent authority for [Hague Convention member Countries](#);
- **Statement of verification** issued from CIMEA obtained, upon payment, through a [MyDiplome account](#).

The Statement of Comparability of the Bachelor's degree issued by CIMEA may be requested if further verification of the qualification is deemed necessary. The certification can be obtained upon payment through a [MyDiplome account](#).

### Admission requirements:

A minimum three-year undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in **Psychology** with proven competencies in the following disciplinary areas: **General Psychology, Psychobiology and Physiological Psychology, Psychometrics** is required. A **GPA** of at least **85%** of the maximum obtainable grade in the grading system of the Country where the entry qualification was obtained is also required.

### Selection criteria and procedure:

For the evaluation and assignment of scores, the academic transcript of records and the evaluation form to be attached at the application stage will be considered. The ranking is determined based on the following criteria:

- **Average grade (GPA)**: up to 30 points, attributed based on the average grade of exams at the time of application.
- **Congruence**: up to 40 points, attributed based on the relevance of the exams taken in relation to the knowledge required to access the degree programme (General Psychology, Psychobiology and Physiological Psychology, Psychometrics);
- **Activities**: up to 30 points, attributed based on the type, duration, and relevance of activities carried out at the time of application (work experiences, internships, research, mobility, publications) in relation to the knowledge required to access the degree programme (General Psychology, Psychobiology and Physiological Psychology, Psychometrics).

The ranking is drawn up according to the score on a 100-point basis. In order to be included in the ranking, it is necessary to achieve a total score higher than or equal to 60/100.

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

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<sup>1</sup> The activation of the first year of the study programmes is subject to their accreditation in accordance with Ministerial Decree 1154/2021 'Self-assessment, evaluation, initial and periodic accreditation of campuses and study programmes'. Therefore, the programme will not be activated if it is not accredited. The activation of any curricula is also subject to the enrolment of a minimum number of 5 students for each of them.

The verification of the required knowledge will be carried out by the commission based on the candidate's educational background, in accordance with the curricular requirements and personal preparation required for access to the course. The committee will only consider credits of the entry qualification already obtained at the time of application and may conduct an online interview to assess the candidate's competencies.

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements will be deemed ineligible and will not be placed in the ranking list.

### Selection results and acceptance:

The ranking list will be published at: [www.unipd.it/en/assessment-results](http://www.unipd.it/en/assessment-results) from May 7, 2026.

- Selected candidates will receive an **admission offer** via the application platform with instructions and a deadline for acceptance;
- to accept the offer, candidates must pay the **admission fee** by the given deadline. The current amount (€ 205) comprises the regional tax for the right to education and the revenue stamp. This amount is subject to annual updates by the Veneto Region. The admission fee is non-refundable.

Candidates who do not yet hold their entry qualification or proof of English language proficiency when selected are admitted conditionally and are required to submit the missing documents no later than 31 July 2026.

Candidates who fail to meet the deadlines to accept the admission offer, pay the admission fee, or fulfill and submit the required documents will lose their place in the ranking list. Any forfeited place will be awarded to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

Enrolment procedures will be fully completed after the verification of the authenticity of the required documents and the fulfilment of all conditions for enrolment eligibility. For further information, please check:

[www.unipd.it/en/studyenglish-how-enrol](http://www.unipd.it/en/studyenglish-how-enrol).

### Practical assessment traineeships ("TPV")

Starting from the Academic Year 2023/2024, the Master's degree in *Cognitive Neuroscience and Clinical Neuropsychology* allows graduates to enroll in the *Italian Board of Psychologists* and practise as psychologists in Italy. In order to graduate, students must complete a total of 30 ECTs (750 hours) of internship activities ("TPV"): 10 ECTs (250 hours) during the Bachelor's degree and 20 ECTs (500 hours) during the Master's degree. Once the enrolment has been finalized, a Committee will assess for each enrolled student whether this criterion of the 10 ECTs during the Bachelor's degree is fulfilled. In its partial or total absence, the missing credits will be added to the 20 ECTs of internship to be completed during the Master's degree.

### Student administration and support

#### Funding and Fees

Annual fees up to € 3,000 (3 instalments).

Information on the contribution required for enrolment available at: <https://www.unipd.it/en/tuition-fees>

Information on scholarships and fee-waivers for international students available at:

<https://www.unipd.it/en/scholarships-international-students>

#### Supports for students with disability or learning disabilities

Information on resources and supports for students with disabilities or learning disorder (SLD) available at:

<https://www.unipd.it/en/resources-and-supports-students-disability-or-learning-disabilities>

#### Recognition of previous studies

Information on credits recognition available at: <https://www.unipd.it/en/credit-recognition>

The evaluation methods for previous academic careers, the admission criteria for each year of the course, and the procedures for the rankings for admission to years subsequent the first are listed in the didactic regulation of the course (Articles 9 and 10).

The number of places available in the second and third years for each course will be published on the page:

<https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-lauree-magistrali>

#### **Information on the processing of personal data**

Personal data shall be processed in compliance with the principles and provisions of EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation) and for the sole purposes of competition procedure. For detailed information:

<http://www.unipd.it/privacy>

#### **Dispute resolution**

This call for applications is translated into English for informational purposes only. Should any disputes arise and for all legal purposes, only the Italian version shall be considered valid. For anything not specified in this Call for admission, reference should be made to the applicable Italian legislation.

#### **Final provisions**

The person responsible for the administrative selection procedure and for the procedure for accessing documents is Dr Maria Chiara Ferraresi, Head of the Student Office.

The Global Engagement Office oversees the selection process for applicants with foreign qualifications, including widely publicizing the call for admission, handling applications and managing the preparatory activities related to the selection procedure.

For further information please email [international.admission@unipd.it](mailto:international.admission@unipd.it)

Padua, *date of registration*

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