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Master’s degree programme held in English
LIMITED ACCESS

PHARMACEUTICAL BIOTECHNOLOGIES -
BIOTECNOLOGIE FARMACEUTICHE
SELECTION FOR EU-CITIZENS OR EQUIVALENT
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applications are now open for the first year of the English-language Master's degree Programme in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies at the School of Medicine and Surgery, for the academic year 2021/22.1

The nominal duration of the course is 2 years and requires the acquisition of 120 University Educational Credits (CFU), at the end of which the Master's degree in Medical Biotechnologies is awarded.

Information on active courses and the teaching regulations are available at https://en.didattica.unipd.it/off/2021/LM/ME/ME2193.

1.1 Degree programmes, venue and places available

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* Places for non-EU citizens are allocated in dedicated selections. For more information: www.unipd.it/en/studying-padova/admission/how-apply/study-english-how-apply

With this selection only the 43 places for EU and non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy are made available through a written test.

1.2 Admission requirements

To be admitted, candidates must:

1) have obtained a Bachelor’s degree, a single-cycle master's degree, a three-year university diploma or other qualification obtained in Italy or abroad and deemed eligible pursuant to existing legislation by 31 December 2021;

2) be in possession of specific minimum curricular requirements and knowledge, skills and abilities, verified as indicated in the form in Annex 1. Please refer to the Syllabus of the Course, which

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1 The first year of degree programmes will be activated upon degree programmes’ accreditation, as per Italian M.D. 6/2019 and upon reaching the minimum number of 15 pre-enrolments; therefore, if the degree programme is not accredited or if the number of pre-enrollment applications submitted will be less than 15 (5 for each curriculum), the degree programme will not be activated. It should be noted, however, that the number of pre-enrolments has always been well above the number required for activation. Information on degree programme’s activation is available at http://www.unipd.it

2 From now on, terms relating to persons are given in the masculine form for the sole purpose of ensuring better readability of the text but refer indiscriminately to all genders.
can be found in Art. 2, paragraph 1, of the relative Didactic Regulations at the following address https://en.didattica.unipd.it/off/2021/LM/ME/ME2193;

3) pre-enrol from 19 July to 12:00 pm on 30 August 2021 (point 2). Candidates not in possession of one of the admission qualifications indicated in alternative 1 of Annex 1 must simultaneously apply for the minimum curricular requirements as indicated in point 3;

4) take the admission test (point 4) and be placed in the ranking list;

5) enrol or apply for a change of degree programme or incoming transfer from 15 September 2021 to 12:00 pm on 30 September 2021 (point 5).

Failure to comply with the deadlines and all the procedures described in this point will be tantamount to withdrawal of enrolment.

1.3 Part-time enrolment
You can apply as a part-time student for family, work or health reasons. More information is available at www.unipd.it/studiare-tempo-parziale.

2. REGISTRATION AND PRE-ENROLMENT ON THE UNIWEB PORTAL
2.1 Registration on the Uniweb portal
If you are accessing Uniweb for the first time, you must create a new user account by clicking on www.uniweb.unipd.it and then on Menu → Registration. At the end of the registration process you will receive by e-mail your username and activation code with which you can access the page https://uniweb.unipd.it/password/index.php/en/utenti/identifica/azione/a, where you will be asked to set three security questions and a password. With the username obtained and the password set you can access your personal area.
If you have any problems with access, please contact the University Call Centre (www.unipd.it/callcentre).

2.2 Pre-enrolment
The pre-enrolment application can be completed online from 19 July to 12:00 pm on 30 August 2021.
To apply for pre-enrolment, it is necessary to:

1. log in with valid credentials at www.uniweb.unipd.it, click on the heading Home → Pre-enrolment with limited access → Course Type “Second Cycle degree” → School of Medicine and Surgery – Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies – Biotecnologie farmaceutice – EU and non-EU citizens residing in Italy (point 1.1).

2. enter the data of the degree qualification to be used to access the course, if not already present in the system. Those enrolled at the University of Padova who are about to graduate will be able to complete their pre-enrolment only after they have submitted their graduation application online; if the application has not yet been submitted, please contact the Enrolment Unit: www.unipd.it/immatricolazioni.

3. At the same time, pay the pre-enrolment fee of € 30 through the PagoPA procedure (instructions at www.unipd.it/en/pagopa).

Contacts and assistance: www.unipd.it/immatricolazioni and www.unipd.it/callcentre

3. ASSESSMENT OF MINIMUM CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

The minimum curricular requirements for access to the degree programme are indicated in Annex 1 of this notice.

Applicants with a degree obtained in Italy not falling into one of the degree programme classes specified in alternative 1 of Annex 1 must also fill in the PDF form for assessment of a minimum curricular requirements, available at http://www.unipd.it/domanda-valutazione. A self-certification of the examinations passed and suitable for admission should also be provided and uploaded during the pre-enrolment procedure under the item Titles of Evaluation(Qualification/statement uploading) within and not later than 12 pm on 30 August 2021.

Applicants with a qualification obtained abroad must follow the instructions in point 7.

4. ADMISSION TEST

In order to be admitted to the test, it is necessary to have completed the pre-enrolment process (point 2) and, in the cases provided for in Annex 1, to have submitted a simultaneous request for assessment of the minimum curricular requirements (point 3).

4.1. Date, procedure, and publication of results

The admission test will take place on 8 September 2021 at 3 pm.
Candidates must be present at **1.30 pm** at the place indicated in the pre-enrolment application summary for the necessary checks, and be in possession of:

- a valid personal identity document;
- the receipt of the pre-enrolment payment (€30) made via PagoPA.

Candidates who, on the date of the test, have not received the results of the assessment of minimum curricular requirements yet, as per **point 3**, will be admitted to the test **conditionally**.

**After the test has started, late candidates will not be admitted.**

Any notices and changes regarding the test will be published at [https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-lauree-magistrali-inglese](https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-lauree-magistrali-inglese), under the relevant call for applications.

Information on the Examination Committee and the rules for the conduct of the test can be found at [http://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi](http://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi).

The ranking list will be published starting from **14 September 2021** at [www.unipd.it/graduatorie-ammissione](http://www.unipd.it/graduatorie-ammissione) and [https://www.unipd.it/en/admission-results](https://www.unipd.it/en/admission-results). Such publication shall constitute official communication to all candidates.

### 4.2 Structure of the test and calculation of the overall score

The test consists of **60 questions in English** divided as follows:

a) 55 questions on basic topics concerning the following disciplines: Chemistry, Biology, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Virology, Immunology;

b) 5 questions on reading comprehension of a scientific text in English.

A time of **90 minutes** is allotted for the test. Answers of the test will be scored according to the following criteria:

- 1 point for each correct answer;
- -0.1 points for each wrong answer;
- 0 points for each unanswered question.

Candidates scoring **less than 25/60** will not be admitted to the Master's Degree programme in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies – Biotecnologie Farmaceutiche and will therefore not enter the ranking list.
The ranking list for admission will be drawn up according to the overall score, on a 100-point scale, obtained by adding up scores in the admission test and prior career assessed as follows:

1. Written test (up to 60 points)
2. Final graduation mark (degree in one of the above-mentioned classes that give direct access or degree eligible for specific requirements), up to 40 points, calculated as follows: 
   
   \[ 40 \times \frac{X - 66}{110 - 66}, \text{where } X \text{ is the final graduation mark.} \]

Should more candidates rank in the last place eligible for admission, priority will be given to the candidate with the highest final graduation mark. In the event of identical final graduation marks, priority will be given to the youngest candidate.

4.3 Request for a personalised test (disabilities and SLD)

Candidates with disabilities or Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) may take the tests with personalised support, by making an explicit request to the Student Services Office - Inclusion Unit.

For this purpose it is necessary to:

1) apply for an individualised test as part of the pre-enrolment procedure on Uniweb;
2) send an email to inclusione.studenti@unipd.it specifying the supports, aids or compensatory measures required (any additional time allocated cannot exceed 50% of the time given for regular completion of the test);
3) send the relevant documentation to the Student Services Office - Inclusion Unit (inclusione.studenti@unipd.it), together with a copy of a valid identification document, by 12.00 pm on 30 August 2021. The form to be completed for submission can be found at https://www.unipd.it/en/inclusion-reception-and-admissions-tests.

Documentation useful for support purposes:

- civil disability certificate and/or certification pursuant to Law no. 104 of 1992 issued by the competent medical commission for the territory, proving the type of disability and/or the percentage of disability recognised;
- certified diagnosis of SLD (issued no more than 3 years previously, or renewed at the age of eighteen, by the National Health System or by authorised specialists and facilities accredited).

Applicants with disabilities or with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) residing abroad must submit the certification attesting to their disability or SLD status issued in their country of residence, along with the related legal translation into Italian or English.
On the basis of the documentation submitted, after an interview with dedicated staff and in accordance with procedures to be agreed upon, support for the test will be evaluated. It is therefore advisable to contact the Student Services Office - Inclusion Unit well in advance of the test date, by sending an e-mail to inclusione.studenti@unipd.it.

Further information can be found at this link: https://www.unipd.it/en/inclusion-reception-and-admissions-tests.

5. ENROLMENT, CHANGE OF DEGREE PROGRAMME, TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

5.1 Deadlines, procedures and useful links
In order to enrol, change degree programme or transfer from another university it is necessary to:

- pre-enrol (point 2);
- if necessary, as indicated in Annex 1, submit the application for assessment of minimum curricular requirements (point 3) within the pre-enrolment process in the Uniweb personal area;
- be "admitted" in the ranking published on 15 September 2021 (punto 4);
- verify the registration of the data of the admission qualification in the Uniweb reserved area. This data will be automatically acquired for students enrolled at the University of Padova, while graduates from other universities should update such data personally, during pre-enrolment procedure under the item Qualification/Statement uploading.

Candidates enrolling in the Master’s degree programme in Pharmaceutical biotechnologies must compulsorily attend the information courses on services of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences and the safety training courses, both delivered before the start of the lessons.

In the event of enrolments during the year, safety courses will be arranged before the start of the second semester. Detailed information on such courses will be available at https://www.dsfarm.unipd.it/incontri-informativi-con-le-matricole-aa-20212022.

Application for enrolment, change of degree programme or transfer from another university must be submitted from 14 September 2021 by 12 pm on 30 September 2021.
For candidates graduating during the year, the enrolment application will be accepted subject to obtaining the qualification by 31 December; if the deadline is not met, the enrolment application will be cancelled automatically.

Failure to comply with the deadlines and the simultaneous payment of the first instalment is equivalent to withdrawal of enrolment in the Master's Degree Course.

Other methods of accessing Master's degree courses are described on the following pages:

Change course:
https://www.unipd.it/en/degree-university-change

Transfer from another university:
https://www.unipd.it/en/transfer-from-italian-university

Contacts and assistance: www.unipd.it/immatricolazioni and www.unipd.it/callcentre

5.2 Student tuition fees and benefits

For new enrolments, the amount of the first instalment of the university tuition fee for the 2021/2022 academic year is € 189.00 (of which € 173.00 is the regional tax for the right to university study and 16.00 Euros of stamp duty). Students with a disability rating of between 66% and 100% or with certification under Law no. 104 (art. 3, paragraph 1), are granted a total exemption, which only entails the payment of stamp duty of €16.00. Further information on instalments, payments and scholarships is available at www.unipd.it/en/tuition-fees.

6. RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS CREDITS AND CAREER SHORTENING

Candidates who intend to apply for educational credit recognition for the academic year 2021/22 are required to:

1) submit the pre-enrolment application referred to in point 2;
2) submit the application for assessment the minimum curricular requirements, if required, as per point 3;
3) fill in the application form for educational credit recognition to shorten their career, available at http://www.unipd.it/domanda-valutazione, within and no later than the deadline of 30 August 2021; only the examinations sat outside the entry Bachelor’s degree and that are not included in the
calculation for meeting minimum curricular requirements should be listed;
4) upload, in the pre-enrolment procedure, annexes section, the duly completed form. Uploading is also allowed after the application has been completed, but still before the deadline of **12 pm on 30 August 2021**.
The committee in charge will notify the candidate of the examinations that can be validated (or the need for additional credits to be gained). Examinations eligible for validation will be registered into the new Master's degree career upon finalising enrolment.
It should be noted that educational credits (CFU) required to meet the minimum curricular requirements for admission set forth by the Teaching Regulations of the chosen Master's Degree programme, cannot be validated in the degree programme itself.
Candidates admitted to the first year of the degree programme with credits and meeting the minimum curricular requirements can enrol after passing the admission test (compulsory) and being ranked as "admitted" in the general merit list of the chosen Master's degree programme.

### 7. CANDIDATES WITH A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION

Admission of students with a foreign qualification takes place in accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of University and Research, available at [https://www.mur.gov.it/it](https://www.mur.gov.it/it) - universities - foreign students, subject to passing the required tests and presenting the necessary documentation.
For any clarifications, please contact the Admissions and Welcome Sector of the Global Engagement Office, email [international.admission@unipd.it](mailto:international.admission@unipd.it).

#### 7.1 Enrolment procedure for EU or non-EU candidates residing in Italy

Citizens of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and the Republic of San Marino are equated as EU citizens. Non-EU candidates residing in Italy will be admitted subject to verification of their residence permit.

In order to participate in the selection process, candidates are required to:

1. complete **pre-enrolment** on the [www.uniweb.unipd.it](http://www.uniweb.unipd.it) portal in the manner and within the timeframe indicated in this Call (**point 2**);
2. upload the documentation necessary for the **verification of the foreign qualification** and for the evaluation of qualifications for the purpose of the ranking through the portal [apply.unipd.it](http://apply.unipd.it) in the manner specified on the page: [https://www.unipd.it/en/studying](https://www.unipd.it/en/studying).
The application must be sent from 19 July until 12:00 pm - local time - (GMT +2) on 30 August 2021;

3. take the admission test in the manner and within the timeframe specified in this call (point 4).

Failure to submit the documentation, the submission of incomplete documentation or an inadequate qualification will not allow the offices to complete the enrolment process.

Candidates are exempt from the Italian language knowledge test pursuant to legislative decree no. 286/98 art. 39 paragraph 5 and subsequent modifications and integrations.

In order to guarantee a smooth start to teaching, all international students must be duly enrolled with all the necessary documents by 31 October 2021.

Admitted candidates who intend to enrol must:

1. submit the online enrolment application in the portal www.uniweb.unipd.it and make the payment of the first instalment in the manner and by the deadline indicated in this Call (point 5);
2. present the original documentation to the Admissions and Welcome unit of the Global Engagement Office, in accordance with the procedures that will be that will be made available https://www.unipd.it/en/study-english-how-enrol.

8. PERSON APPOINTED TO OVERSEE THE PROCEDURE, PRIVACY, NOTES AND WARNINGS

1) Pursuant to art. 4 of Law 241 of 7 August 1990 (New rules on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, the person in charge of the administrative procedure for access is the President of the degree programme or the Committee in charge of the evaluation.

2) Candidates are entitled to exercise their right of access to the acts of the competition records following the procedures set forth by Italian Presidential Decree no. 184 of 12 April 2006. The request to access to the acts must be presented at the University of Padua. Person appointed to oversee the procedure for accessing documents: Head of the Student Careers Office, Roberta Rasa.
3) Regulations in force regarding declarations: in the case in which false or misleading declarations result from the documentation presented by the candidate, without prejudice to the sanctions provided for by the penal code and the special laws on the subject (articles 75 and 76 D.P.R. 445/2000), the candidate will automatically forfeit enrolment. The University will recover any benefits granted (e.g. scholarships) and will not proceed with any type of refund of fees paid. Finally, a false declaration will result in exposure to a claim for damages by the interested parties. Further information on privacy and, in general, on the regulations in force for admission is available at [www.unipd.it/privacy](http://www.unipd.it/privacy) and [www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi](http://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi). Any changes or additions to the content of this Call for Applications will be:

- published on the University of Padua's Register;
- Made public on the University's website at [www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi](http://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi).

For any matters not specified in this Call for Applications, reference shall be made to the existing legislation.

Padua, 28/04/2021

The Rector
Prof. Rosario Rizzuto
digitally signed as per Italian legislative decree no. 82/2005
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To be admitted the degree programme, in addition to taking the entry test, it is necessary to meet the requirements described in each of the following points:

1. **Language skills:**

| English level | Level B2 or above |

2. **Previous studies:**

**Alternative 1**: a degree from any Italian university belonging to a following class **L-2, L-13, L-27, L-SNT/3 (DM 270/2004)**

or class **1, 12, 21, SNT3 (DM 599/1999)**

* Candidates holding one of these degrees are exempt from submitting the application for assessment of the minimum curricular requirements.

**Or**

**Alternative 2**: Possession of a degree from any Italian university of **any class** and possession of at least **50 CFU**, distributed within the following Scientific Disciplinary Sectors (SDD): BIO/09.10.13.14.16.17; MED/04.07; FIS/01.07; BIO/09 a 19; CHIM/01.02.03.04.06.08.09.10.11; MED/03.04.07; VET/01.03.05.07

For candidates holding an Italian qualification with a different system from those regulated by DM 509/99 or DM 270/04, verification of the curricular requirements will be carried out by the admission committee.

In any case, it is advisable to examine knowledge, skills and abilities required for admission as described in the Syllabus of the chosen Master's degree programme, described in Art. 2, paragraph 1, of the relevant Teaching Regulations.