

**Bachelor's degree in Animal Care**  
**Call for applications for EU and EU-equated candidates**  
**Instructions for candidates holding a foreign qualification**



**School:** Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine

**Duration:** 3 years (180 ECTS)

**Study location:** Legnaro (Padua), Italy

**Programme structure:** [unipd.it/en/animal-care](http://unipd.it/en/animal-care)

**Contacts:** [cdl.animalcare@unipd.it](mailto:cdl.animalcare@unipd.it)

**Selection:** EU and EU equated citizens

**Department:** Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science

**Start date:** October

**Teaching mode:** In-person teaching

**Language:** English

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

**Available Places:** 37 (including candidates with foreign and Italian qualifications)

The following selection procedures apply to EU citizens and EU equated citizen 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:**

- **Upper secondary school diploma** (or equivalent) with at least **12 years of schooling** suitable for access to higher education and to be obtained by **July 31, 2026**. More information is available at: [unipd.it/en/how-apply](http://unipd.it/en/how-apply); [unipd.it/en/specific-entry-requirements-foreign-qualifications](http://unipd.it/en/specific-entry-requirements-foreign-qualifications);
- **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>

**Entry test**

- **CEnT-S test** with a minimum **normalised weighted score** higher than or equal to **20** taken by the end of the second macro period (March 2026).
- **Online interview** to be passed with a score higher than or equal to **30/120**

More information can be found in the **Selection criteria and procedure section**.

**Application procedure:**

1. **Register for the CEnT-S test on the CISIA portal:** [www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/all-about-CEnT/booking-a-CEnT](http://www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/all-about-CEnT/booking-a-CEnT) paying the € 55.00 registration fee;
2. **Apply for the degree programme from March 10, 2026** via the online application platform for international students: <https://apply.unipd.it/>
  - Register and/or access the portal (Sign in/Register) and complete your application, making sure to fill in all the fields and upload all necessary documents;

- Submit the application by clicking on the *Submit* button by **April 10, 2026** (11:59 pm - local time - GMT+2).
- 3. **Take the CEnT-S test** by the end of the second macro period of 2026 and upload on the [apply.unipd.it](http://apply.unipd.it) platform the provisional results, after taking the test, and the normalised results, at the end of the macro-period in which the test was taken.

Sitting the CEnT-S test 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](http://apply.unipd.it) by April 10 (11:59 pm local time GMT+2).

Admission to the degree programme<sup>1</sup> is subject to meeting the entry requirements and the eligibility of the entry qualification. Candidates who do not meet these requirements will not be able to access the degree programme, even if they have taken a CEnT-S test valid for admission purposes.

#### Required documents:

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

- **Valid Identity Document or Passport;**
- **Proof of registration, provisional results and normalised results of the CEnT-S test;**
- **Transcript of records** and (if already obtained) **Upper secondary school diploma** with at least **12 years of schooling**. Any additional documentation, as required by ministerial guidelines: [universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri](http://universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri); [www.unipd.it/en/how-apply](http://www.unipd.it/en/how-apply); [www.unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements](http://www.unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements)
- **Official translations in Italian or in English** if the educational documents are issued only in a language other than Italian/English;
- **English language proficiency certificate** of at least **B2 level** (CEFR) (if already obtained). A full list of accepted English language certificates, minimum scores and exemptions is available at the following link: <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes>;
- Curriculum Vitae.

If not possessed at the application stage:

- The **provisional and normalised results** of the **CEnT-S test** must be uploaded **as soon as they are available in the CISIA test reserved area**. The provisional results are available 48 hours after the end of the test, while the normalised scores are available at the end of the macro-period in which the test was taken: by January 30th for the first macro-period; by March 31st for the second macro-period;
- The proof of **English language proficiency** of at least **B2 level** (CEFR) and the **Upper secondary school diploma** must be achieved and submitted by **July 31, 2026**.

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

- **Legalisation** of Upper secondary school diploma 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 Upper secondary school diploma 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](#).

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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 CEnT-S Test:

The CEnT-S test is administered through the platform provided by CISIA.

For all procedures regarding registration, booking, and taking the test, please refer to the portal: [www.cisiaonline.it/en](http://www.cisiaonline.it/en)

- Registration: [https://testcisia.it/studenti\\_tolc/login\\_sso.php?l=gb](https://testcisia.it/studenti_tolc/login_sso.php?l=gb)
- Structure and required knowledge (Syllabus): <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/cent-s/structure-and-syllabus>
- Dates and location: <https://testcisia.it/calendario.php?tolc=cents&l=gb&lingua=inglese>
- CEnT@UNI and CEnT@CASA regulations: <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/all-about-CEnT/CEnT-rules>
- Contacts and assistance: <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/contact-us>

Both versions of the test "**CEnT@CASA**" (online) and "**CEnT@UNI**" (in a physical university classroom) are considered valid for admission. It is possible to take the test **only once per macro-period** at any affiliated university listed among the CISIA participating institutions. Further information is available at: <https://www.unipd.it/en/tolc>.

### Selection criteria and procedure:

To be valid for participation in the selection process, the **CEnT-S** test must be taken in one of the following dates:

- **First macro-period:** November 27, 2025; December 16, 2025; January 15, 2026 (resit session: January 20, 2026)
- **Second macro-period:** February 19, 2026; February 26, 2026; March 12, 2026 (resit session: March 19, 2026);

The CEnT-S sections taken into consideration for the purposes of the ranking are: **Mathematics, Reasoning on texts and data, Physics, Chemistry, Biology**.

The **score**<sup>2</sup> achieved in the test is **weighted for each section** as follows:

- Mathematics: weight 0,7
- Reasoning on texts and data: weight 1
- Physics: weight 0,7
- Chemistry: weight 0,7
- Biology: weight 2

To access the second stage of selection, which consists of an **online interview** with the teaching committee, candidates must have achieved a **normalised weighted score higher than or equal to 20**.

The timing and procedures for the online interview will be communicated by email by the teaching committee to eligible candidates.

**The interview consists of 4 questions** focusing on knowledge of **animal biology**. Each question will be scored **from -2 to 30 points**, for a maximum total of **120 points**.

Each correct answer is worth 30 points; an unanswered question is worth 0 points; an incorrect answer is worth -2 points; a partially correct answer ranges from 1 to 29 points.

To pass the interview, you must achieve a **score higher than or equal to 30/120**.

The ranking is based on the sum of the score obtained in the CEnT-S test and the score obtained in the online interview. To be included in the ranking, candidates must **obtain at least the minimum required score in both the CEnT-S test (20) and the online interview (30/120)**.

The CEnT-S sections taken into consideration in case of a **tie in the ranking** are: (1) Biology, (2) Chemistry, (3) Mathematics, (4) Physics, (5) Reasoning on texts and data. In the case of a further tie, precedence is given to (6) the youngest candidate.

In case of more than one valid CEnT-S test taken before the deadline, the best score will be considered, which must be uploaded to the [apply.unipd.it](http://apply.unipd.it) platform by the end of the second macro-period.

<sup>2</sup> The score is calculated to two decimal places.

**Request for a personalised test:**

Candidates with a **disability, 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 customised support, by attaching the following documentation:

- certificate issued by the competent medical authority in the country of residence proving the type of disability and, where applicable, the recognised percentage of disability<sup>3</sup>;
- certificate of SLD diagnosis issued by local healthcare facilities, institutions or professionals accredited in the country of residence.<sup>4</sup> If issued before the age of 18, the diagnosis must not be more than 3 years old or must refer to the last cycle of studies. In case of completion of enrollment, the updated documentation, issued after reaching the age of majority, must be sent to [inclusione.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusione.studenti@unipd.it) by September 30, 2027;
- sworn translation into Italian or English and legalisation of the documentation submitted.

The Student Service Office - Inclusion Unit, which is in charge of examining these certificates, shall ascertain that the documentation certifies a condition of disability or SLD recognised by Italian law. Candidates will be able to check within the test delivery platform whether they have been assigned some special support<sup>5</sup>. Additional time may be granted: up to 50% more for disabilities, 30% for SLD<sup>6</sup>.

You can request an interview with the Inclusion Unit via the following link: [unipd.it/prenotazioniservizi/settore-inclusione/](http://unipd.it/prenotazioniservizi/settore-inclusione/)  
More information is available at: [unipd.it/en/resources-and-supports-students-disability-or-learning-disabilities](http://unipd.it/en/resources-and-supports-students-disability-or-learning-disabilities)

Any specific requirements for the **oral exam on Zoom** must be reported to the Inclusion Unit by sending an email to: [inclusione.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusione.studenti@unipd.it) no later than **April 10, 2026** (11:59 pm - local time - GMT+2).

**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 [apply.unipd.it](http://apply.unipd.it) 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.

Should any positions remain unfilled after the current ranking list is exhausted, a **second round of selections will be held from May 12 to June 12, 2026**. This additional selection process, aimed at filling any remaining vacancies, will follow the same procedures as the current one.

Further information will be available at: [https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-lauree-triennali-ciclo-unico](http://https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-lauree-triennali-ciclo-unico)

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:

[https://www.unipd.it/en/study-english-how-enrol](http://www.unipd.it/en/study-english-how-enrol).

<sup>3</sup> If the documentation has been issued in Italy, certificate of civil disability and/or certification according to Law No. 104 of 1992 must be issued by the competent medical commission for the territory.

<sup>4</sup> If the documentation has been issued in Italy, the diagnosis must be issued by public local health structures or by entities and professionals accredited with the regional health service and, if not specified, accompanied by a document proving the code, accreditation number, or conformity of the diagnosis. Personalized Educational Plans (PEP) are not accepted under any circumstances.

<sup>5</sup> Under no circumstances are tools such as dictionaries and/or vocabularies, formularies, periodic tables of elements, concept maps, computers (other than those used to take the test), tablets, smartphones, smart glasses and other similar tools permitted.

<sup>6</sup> In accordance with the provisions of the 'Guidelines on specific learning disorders' attached to Ministerial Decree no. 5669 of 12 July 2011.

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

Any enrolled student who have answered correctly fewer questions than the number indicated below in the following sections of the CEnT-S test<sup>7</sup> will be assigned the corresponding Additional Learning Requirement (OFA), which must be fulfilled by passing a specific test:

- **Mathematics**: number of correct answers lower than 7/15
- **Biology**: number of correct answers lower than 6/10
- **Chemistry**: number of correct answers lower than 6/10
- **Physics**: number of correct answers lower than 3/5

More Information will be available at:

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

### **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>

#### **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-triennali-ciclo-unico>

#### **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>

Data processing by CISIA will be carried out in accordance with the CEnT-S Regulations on the page: <https://www.cisiaonline.it/cent/tutto-sul-CEnT/regolamento-CEnT>

#### **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.

<sup>7</sup> In case of more than one valid CEnT-S test, only for the allocation of OFAs the tests with the highest scores taken between 1 November 2025 and 30 June 2026 will be considered, without affecting the selection and admission ranking, for which the tests taken by the end of the second macro-period are considered.

**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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