

School of Psychology: English-taught bachelor's degrees

Call for applications for EU and EU-equated students

Instructions for candidates holding a foreign qualification



School: Psychology

Duration: 3 years (180 ECTS)

Study location: Padua*, Italy

Selection: EU and EU equated citizens

Department: General Psychology

Start date: October

Language: English

Application period: 10 March 2026 - 10 April 2026

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.

Bachelor's degree	Programme structure	*Teaching mode	Contacts	Available places (for candidates with foreign and Italian qualifications)
Psychological Science	unipd.it/en/psychological-science	In-person teaching	ba.bps@unipd.it	55
Techniques and Methods in Psychological Science	unipd.it/en/techniques-methods-psychological-science	Predominantly online teaching	ba.temps@unipd.it	55

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; 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

- **Online English PSY test** with a **score higher than or equal to 10/50**

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

Application procedure:

1. **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. Candidates can apply for a maximum of two degree programmes;
 - Pay the € 60.00 application fee. The fee is not refundable;
 - Submit the application by clicking on the *Submit* button by **April 10, 2026** (11:59 pm - local time - GMT+2).
2. **Take the Online English PSY test.** By submitting your application for the programme via apply.unipd.it you are automatically registered for the test. You do not need to register on any other platforms.

Paying the admission 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 by April 10 (11:59 pm local time GMT+2). Admission to the degree program¹ 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 pass the entrance test and are placed in a position that qualifies them for admission to the ranking list.

Required documents:

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

- Valid **Identity Document or Passport**;
- **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: www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri; unipd.it/en/how-apply; <https://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:

- 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](#).

¹ 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 Online English PSY Test:

The Online English PSY test is administered through the platform provided by CISIA.

The admission test will be held online on **April 21, 2026 at 1.00 pm** (local time - GMT+2).

Starting from mid-April a document containing all the information necessary to participate in the test, including the **exact time of the test**, will be published on the [page unipd.it/ammissioni-bps-temps](https://www.unipd.it/ammissioni-bps-temps).

To take the test, you must have:

- a **room suitable** for taking the test;
- a **stable internet connection** for the entire duration of the test;
- a **desktop or laptop computer** to take the test (tablets are not allowed);
- a **smartphone, tablet or additional PC** to connect to the Zoom meeting, through which the correct conduct of the test will be verified;

Candidates who, on the day of the exam, are found not to be in possession of the above items, following verification by the test commissioners, will be excluded from taking the exam.

Further details on the technical specifications of the devices and the type of room suitable for taking the exam will be available at <https://www.unipd.it/ammissioni-bps-temps>.

During the exam, candidates must comply with the Regulations for the use of CISIA tests in remote mode: <https://www.cisiaonline.it/tolc/tutto-sul-TOLC/regolamento-tolc>

The test, administered in English, consists of 50 multiple-choice questions (only one correct answer) on the following topics:

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

Selection criteria and procedure:

The ranking is drawn up on the basis of the score obtained in the English PSY test.

A maximum of fifty (50) points are awarded for the test, based on the following criteria:

- 1 point for each correct answer
- minus 0.25 points for each incorrect answer
- 0 points for each unanswered question.

To be included in the ranking, candidates must have achieved a **score higher than or equal to 10/50**.

Test sections taken into consideration in case of a **tie in the ranking**: (1) Reading comprehension, Verbal reasoning e Numerical reasoning, (2) Basic mathematics, (3) Biology. In the case of a further tie, precedence is given to (4) the youngest candidate.

In case **anomalies** are found in the admission test results, the degree programme reserves the right to **conduct an interview** to ensure that the admission requirements for the bachelor's degree are met. Failure to attend or pass the interview may result in exclusion from the ranking list.

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 to the dedicated task on the application platform apply.unipd.it by April, 10:

- certificate issued by the competent medical authority in the country of residence proving the type of disability and, where applicable, the recognised percentage of disability²;
- certificate of SLD diagnosis issued by local healthcare facilities, institutions or professionals accredited in the country of residence.³ 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 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 support⁴. Additional time may be granted: up to 50% more for disabilities, 30% for SLD⁵.

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

Selection results and acceptance:

The ranking list will be published at: www.unipd.it/en/assessment-results from **May 7, 2026**.

- Selected candidates will receive an **admission offer** via the application platform 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.

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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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 achieved a score lower than the thresholds listed below in the following sections of the entry test will be assigned the corresponding Additional Learning Requirement (OFA), which must be fulfilled by passing a specific test:

- **Basic mathematics:** score lower than 4/10
- **Biology:** score lower than 4/10

More Information will be available at: <https://psicologia.unipd.it/en/additional-learning-requirements>

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>

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

Padua, *date of registration*

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Reading comprehension

The three possible types of texts (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. The reading comprehension questions, concerning the texts and based on them, are intended to verify: language proficiency in terms of comprehension of the different types of use; 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.

Basic mathematics

The questions in this section will cover the following topics:

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:

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 test:

the ability to solve problems that require combining data and knowledge in non-immediate ways and making logical deductions with some degree of complexity (i.e. 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);
the ability to draw reliable conclusions from given premises and to reject incorrect solutions;
the capability to discover a rule or a principle and apply it to solve a problem;
the capability to understand the concept of a necessary or sufficient condition;
the ability to determine whether a statement is true or false, based on a given situation and premises.

Numerical reasoning

Numerical reasoning questions are designed to test:

the ability to understand and process numerical, symbolic and formal information;

mathematical knowledge achieved in previous studies;

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;

interpretation of various types of graphical representations and tables;

ability to deal with numerical concepts and to reason with numbers.