

Bachelor's degree in Economics, Governance and Decision-Making

Call for applications for non-EU students residing abroad



School: Economics and Political Science

Duration: 3 years (180 ECTS)

Study location: Padua, Italy

Programme structure:

unipd.it/economics-governance-decisionmaking

Contacts: internationalstudents.economia@unipd.it

Department: Economics and Management

Start date: October

Teaching mode: blended (1st semester online)

Language: English

Application period: 7 January 2026 - 7 March 2026

Selection: Non-EU candidates residing abroad¹

Available Places: 30

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: unipd.it/en/language-requirement

Entry test

- **CEnT-S test** with a minimum **normalised weighted score** higher than or equal to **10** taken by the end of the second macro period (March 2026). **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:** cisiaonline.it/en/cent/all-about-CEnT/booking-a-CEnT paying the € 55.00 registration fee;
2. **Apply** for the degree programme from **January 7, 2026** via the online application platform for international students: 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 **March 7, 2026** (11:59 pm - local time - GMT+1).
3. **Take the CEnT-S test** by the end of the second macro period of 2026 and upload on the 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.

¹ This Call for application is **NOT** applicable to the following categories of students, who must refer to the selection processes for EU and EU-equated citizens:

- 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;
- candidates with an Italian entry qualification, regardless of their citizenship.

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 by March 7 (11:59 pm local time GMT+1). Admission to the degree programme² 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 **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; unipd.it/en/how-apply; 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: 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;
- 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](https://www.hcch.net/en/members);
- **Statement of verification** issued from CIMEA obtained, upon payment, through a [MyDiplome account](https://mydiplome.unipd.it).

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](https://mydiplome.unipd.it).

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: cisiaonline.it/en

- Registration: testcisia.it/studenti_tolc/login_sso.php?l=gb
- Structure and required knowledge (Syllabus): www.cisiaonline.it/en/cent/cent-s/structure-and-syllabus
- Dates and location: testcisia.it/calendario.php?tolc=cents&l=gb&lingua=inglese
- CEnT@UNI and CEnT@CASA regulations: cisiaonline.it/en/cent/all-about-CEnT/CEnT-rules

² 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 minimum number of enrolments indicated does not apply to newly established, professional training and interuniversity degree programmes

- Contacts and assistance: 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: 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.**

The **score³** achieved in the test is **weighted for each section** as follows:

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

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

CEnT-S sections taken into consideration In case of a **tie in the ranking:** (1) Mathematics, (2) Reasoning on texts and data. In the case of a further tie, precedence is given to (3) 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 platform by the end of the second macro-period.

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:

- 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;
- certificate of SLD diagnosis issued by local healthcare facilities, institutions or professionals accredited in the country of residence. 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 inclusionestudenti@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

³ The score is calculated to two decimal places.

the CISIA 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: unipd.it/en/assessment-results from April 10, 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 July 31, 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:

unipd.it/en/study-english-how-enrol.

Additional Learning Requirements (OFA)

Any enrolled student who answer **fewer than 5 questions correctly** in the Mathematics section of the entry test will be assigned an Additional Learning Requirement (OFA) in **Mathematics**⁶, which must be fulfilled by passing a specific test:

More Information will be available at:

economia.unipd.it/en/bachelor%E2%80%99s-degree-economics-governance-and-decision-making/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: unipd.it/en/tuition-fees.

Information on scholarships and fee-waivers for international students available at: unipd.it/en/scholarships-international-students.

Recognition of previous studies

Information on credit recognition available at: unipd.it/en/credit-recognition.

The evaluation methods for previous academic careers are listed in the didactic regulation of the course (Articles 9 and 10).

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.

⁶ 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.

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: unipd.it/privacy
Data processing by CISIA will be carried out in accordance with the CEnT-S Regulations on the page: 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.

Final provisions

The person responsible for the administrative selection procedure and for the procedure for accessing documents is Dr Mattia Gusella, Head of the Global Engagement Office.

This procedure will be managed according to the provisions established in the CEnT-S Regulation available at the page: cisiaonline.it/cent/tutto-sul-CEnT/regolamento-CEnT and in the CEnT-S Regulation for participating University sites, in compliance with current legislation.

For further information please email: international.admission@unipd.it

Padua, *date of registration*

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