

Master's degree in Food, Nutrition and Health

Call for applications for non-EU students residing abroad



School: Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine

Duration: 2 years (120 ECTS)

Study location: Legnaro (Padua), Italy (1st year)
study path abroad (2nd year)

Structure of the programme:

https://www.unipd.it/en/food_nutrition_and_health

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Department: Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry

Start date: October

Teaching mode: In-person teaching

Language: English

Application period: 7 January 2026 - 7 March 2026

Available Places: 15

Selection: Non-EU candidates residing abroad¹

The Master's degree programme is a Joint Master's degree: the first year offers a common interdisciplinary grounding in Padua; the second year provides the opportunity to choose among three pathways abroad. The final semester is dedicated to an internship, with free choice of the host university.

Entry requirements:

1. 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://www.unipd.it/en/how-apply); [unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements](https://www.unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements).
Specific curricular requirements indicated in the **admission requirements** section must be met.
2. **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 **January 7, 2026** via the online application platform for international students: <https://apply.unipd.it/>

1. Register on 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 **March 7, 2026** (11:59 pm - local time - GMT+1).

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 by March 7 (11:59 pm local time GMT+1).

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 a EU long-term residence permit
- candidates with an Italian entry qualification, regardless of their citizenship.

Required documents:

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

- Valid **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 and motivation letter.

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 obtained and submitted by **July 31, 2026**.

If you are admitted to the degree programme², 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 **Food science, Animal Science, Pharmaceutical Science, Biology, Biotechnology, Molecular biology, Forest Science, Agricultural Science, Medicine** or related fields, with proven competencies in the **agri-food or bio-medical-health disciplinary areas** is 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 assigned based on final GPA or average grade of exams taken at the time of application;
- **Congruence**: up to 25 points, assigned based on relevance of the entry qualification and completed exams in relation to the knowledge required to access the degree programme (knowledge in the agri-food or bio-medical-health field);
- **English language**: up to 5 points, assigned based on the English language proficiency level and any supporting certifications. Only documentation uploaded at the time of submission of the application will be considered;
- **Activities**: awards and other achievements, up to 25 points, assigned based on the relevance and consistency of recent activities and results (internships, awards, publications..) in fields relevant to the degree programme
- **Interview**: up to 40 points, assigned based on the ability to communicate and discuss, with an interdisciplinary approach, topics related to the degree programme.

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

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 50/100.

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

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 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: <https://www.unipd.it/en/assessment-results> from **April 10, 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:

<https://www.unipd.it/en/study-english-how-enrol>.

Student administration and support

Funding and Fees

Annual fees up to € 6,000.

The amounts may be subject to changes. More information will be available following the approval of the Consortium Agreement on the following [page](#).

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 are listed in the didactic regulation of the course (Articles 9 and 10).

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 Mattia Gusella, Head of the Global Engagement Office.

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

Padua, *date of registration*

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