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Open call for admission to the *Foundation Course*

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

THE RECTOR

CONSIDERING the Statute of this University, issued with R.D. no. 2845 dated 07/12/2011 as amended and supplemented;

CONSIDERING Art. 6, paragraph 1 of Italian Ministerial Decree 270/2004 for the university sector and Art. 7, paragraph 2 of Italian Presidential Decree 212/2005 for the AFAM sector, under which the higher education institutions may hold preparatory educational activities for admission to Bachelor's and Master's degree courses, offering foundation course even shorter than one year, in order to fill the admission requirement gap for those who wish to enrol in Italian higher education courses;

CONSIDERING the 2021 Italian Inter-ministerial provisions, namely "*Procedures for the entry, residence and enrolment of foreign/international students to higher education courses in Italy for the academic year 2021-2022*";

CONSIDERING that a foundation course is a tool to increase the appeal of the international attractiveness of universities by recruiting students from countries where pre-university education is shorter than twelve years;

CONSIDERING the University Academic Regulations;

CONSIDERING the positive experience of the Foundation Course successfully completed during the previous editions;

CONSIDERING the Student Administration Regulations;

CONSIDERING the resolution of the Academic Senate dated June 24, 2021 and the resolution of the Board of Directors dated June 25, 2021

DOES HEREBY DECREE THE FOLLOWING

Art.1

(General provisions)

The application procedure for admission to the *UNISS Foundation Course* (FC) is officially launched. International students coming from countries where compulsory pre-university education is shorter than 12 years, that is the minimum amount of school years required to enrol at the University in Italy, will fill the educational gaps resulting from the differences of the two national education systems.

The UNISS Foundation Course will develop the knowledge, skills and abilities which are necessary to attend university courses and is open to:

- candidates who, despite having the necessary schooling to access university courses, need to fill any educational or language gaps;
- candidates in possession of an American high school qualification that does not include any Advanced Placement (AP) required for enrolment, according to current legislation;
- candidates who, in possession of a secondary school diploma, are temporarily subjected to measures of restriction of personal freedom, provided that these measures allow them to attend at least 75% of the total number of hours foreseen by the programme of the course. The number of hours may be attended in presence, for those inmates who have the opportunity to go outside the penitentiary institutions, or remotely, through the use of the computer rooms currently under construction in the penitentiary institutions of northern Sardinia, headquarters of the UNISS Penitentiary University Centre (CR Alghero, CC Nuoro, CC Sassari, CR Tempio).

The activities of the FC, as preparatory and preliminary to a University course, cannot be validated for the purposes of the next University course.

Article 2 (Admission requirements)

Applicants may attend the FC and granted access to the final test, if they have:

- a secondary school diploma, with a certified translation into Italian, including a declaration of value issued by the Italian Embassy or Consulate of the country where the diploma was issued, or as a substitute, certificates of comparability and/or verification of the qualifications, issued by ENIC-NARIC centres;
- a valid identity document including a photography;
- a copy of the residence permit or a photocopy of the payment receipt issued by a post office, as a proof of application to receive a residence permit;
- pre-enrolment application, made online through the University portal: <https://www.university.it/>, for international students who reside abroad.

In order to allow the participation to the selection also to those who are not able to submit the above-mentioned documents within the deadline of the call, the Selection Panel reserves the right to evaluate the certifications submitted.

If admitted, the candidate will not be awarded the final diploma if he or she fails to provide the documents required for the admission.

If the applicant was awarded a secondary school diploma in Italy, such certificate may be self-certified.

Article 3

(Applying to the admission test)

Candidates must submit an application to participate in the selection by **12:00 noon on September 20, 2021**, using the following online form:

<https://forms.gle/pSPqTpbFuN4GrJLTA>

To fill in the form you need to have a Google Account.

Applications that are received incomplete or incorrectly completed will not be taken into consideration.

Article 4 Selection procedure

Admission to the Foundation Course is granted to those who successfully pass the interview in Italian or, as an alternative, in French or English. Applicants must prove to have the skills required by the school education offered in their country.

The ranking list will be made according to the results of the applicants' interviews.

The test procedures, the criteria for the assessment of qualifications, and the scores which may be awarded by the Admission Panel appointed by the Teaching Staff Board, will be published on **October 6, 2021** on the UNISS website page dedicated to the UNISS *Foundation Course*. The course will only be confirmed if a minimum of **12 students** apply.

The University reserves the right, through its scientific committee and its management, to evaluate a lower number in the event of specific educational requirements also related to internalization.

Article 5 (Invitation for applicants)

The admission test will take place *on-line* on **October 12, 2021, 9:30 am**. Applicants are required to connect strictly following the instructions published on the University website. Failure to do so will result in the exclusion from the admission test. Applicants are also required to have with them a valid identity document including a photograph, **from 9:15 am on**.

Article 6 (Ranking list)

The list of admitted students will be published by **October 21, 2021**. Admitted students must register by **the terms set when the list is published**.

Article 7 (Educational activities)

The *Foundation Course*, delivered remotely and/or in presence, has a maximum duration of one year and allows students to obtain a certificate proving that he holds the necessary skills to enrol in a degree courses at the University of Sassari, for the A.Y. 2021/2022 it includes two study domains:

- *Foundation Course* in Human Science (**Humanities area**)

- *Foundation Course* in scientific subjects (**Technical-scientific area**)

List of courses

HUMANITIES AREA		CF	TECHINICAL-SCIENTIFIC AREA		CF
Italian Language and Culture courses		25	Italian Language and Culture courses		25
	Italian	20		Italian	20
	Literature	5		Literature	5
Civic Education, History and Geography		10	Civic Education, History and Geography		10
	Civic Education	4		Civic Education	4
	History	3		History	3
	Geography	3		Geography	3
English Language		5	English Language		5
Mathematics, Geometry and IT		10	Mathematics, Geometry and IT		10
	Mathematics	6		Mathematics	6
	Computer Science	4		Computer Science	4
		CF 50			CF 50

*Specific courses chosen by the student depending on the future university course in the **humanities** area (four modules to be chosen from the following)*

*Specific courses chosen by the student depending on the future university course in the **technical-scientific** area (four modules to be chosen from the following)*

Italian Literature			Mathematics	2	
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Sociology	2		Chemistry	2	
Psychology	2		Computer Science	2	
		8			8
Art History	2		Biology	2	
Urban Planning	2		Physics	2	
Cultural Heritage Legislation	2		Economics	2	
Final test		2	Final test		2
University Credits in TOTAL		60	University Credits in TOTAL		60

Subject to the approval by the Academic Board, candidates may customise their curriculum by blending distance and presence learning and may define an individual educational path for obtaining the certification according to the specificity of the qualifications achieved.

Both curricula provide their teaching organised in modules, training, seminars and a final test, for a total of 60 University credits (CF), which correspond to the whole programme.

Tailored courses with a lower number of University credits may be provided depending on the specific skills recognized to the candidate.

Attendance to the Foundation Course is mandatory for all students, who are required to collect the credits provided by the course and specified in the individual programme, and achieving a level of proficiency in Italian language equivalent to Level B1, as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

International students who complete their training course may be exempted from taking the Italian language exam required by current legislation, for enrolment in a degree course.

Distance learning includes **three learning modalities**:

- Synchronous: via Microsoft Teams, available free of charge to students, with video lessons lasting between 25-30 minutes;
- Asynchronous: via UNISS Moodle platform, on alert forums (news) or topic-specific forums or tests (entry tests or continuous assessment), or multimedia resources (audio-video) or PPT presentations, pdf's or self-evaluation and final tests;
- Mixed: via both platforms

The following equalisation parameter between class and distance learning will be used: 1 distance learning CFU is equivalent to 25 hours of study, that is, 2-3 hours of distance learning, either in synchronous, asynchronous or mixed modes.

Both educational courses include a total of **60 credits**. The hour/credit ratio is equal to 8 to 1, for both lectures and for practical lessons, both delivered in Italian.

The credits of each subject are obtained through:

- passing the intermediate test(s), either in class or distance learning mode, and evaluated in thirtieths, and honours if applicable;
- attendance will be certified both in class and distance learning, according to the delivery mode chosen by each student.

The minimum grade necessary for the attainment of credits for each subject is equal to 60% of the maximum achievable grade, and CFU credits for each module are awarded by obtaining the CFUs of each subject part of the module.

The final exam may be taken by students who have a secondary school diploma and have passed all the subjects required by the area. The exam includes the drafting and defense of a paper that will be evaluated by a special Panel.

The final test may be carried out **in physical presence** at the University of Sassari or on-line, on the basis of justified reasons.

The procedures will be published on the University website: <https://www.uniss.it/>

The minimum grade required for the award of the certification is equal to 60% of the maximum grade possible.

The final grade will be expressed in sixtieths (60/60).

ART. 8 **(Teaching staff panel)**

The organisation and coordination of educational activities are entrusted to the Teaching Staff Board, including three professors of the University of Sassari, one of which will be appointed as Director of the *Foundation Course*.

The Teaching Staff Board will be responsible for the recruitment of teaching staff and it may be supported by external experts chosen among secondary school staff.

The Teaching Staff Committee will be supported by classroom tutors, who will support students during the entire educational process, in order to be effectively organise the teaching activities.

ART. 9 **(Fee)**

The amount of the registration fee is € 2,500.00, including a € 475.15 University fee, a € 16.00 stamp duty and a € 80.00 insurance fee.

The University will offer scholarships and it may consider the partial or total fee exemption for specific student categories, following the different range in which the country of residence of the international student is located, as indicated in the current Career Regulations.

ART. 10 **(Processing of personal data)**

The personal data provided by candidates during the application process for individual courses will be processed, stored and archived by the University of Sassari, in accordance with Article 13 of EU Regulation (EU) 2016/679, regarding the operating, administrative and accounting procedures, and/or procedures of other nature, related to the management of this procedure and the requirements connected with legal obligations and the start of the academic career of each student.

The granting of this data is mandatory in order to assess participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process.

The data controller is the University of Sassari, that guarantees to the parties concerned the right of access and amendment of personal data, pursuant to art. 15-18 of EU Regulation (EU) 2016/679.



Applicants have the rights to access their personal data, to amend them and supplement them, as well as restrict their use, by filing a request to the University of Sassari by mail to: helpesse3@uniss.it.

For further details, see <https://www.uniss.it/protezione-privacy>.

ART. 11
(Transparency of the procedure)

The provisions of this call which ensure the transparency of all stages of the procedure comply with Italian Law no. 241 dated August 7, 1990 as amended and supplemented.

The person responsible for the administrative procedure is Dr. Paolo Deledda.

For any matters not expressly provided in this call, please refer to current Italian laws, regulations and ministerial degrees.

An appeal against this open call may be filed to the Administrative Court or the President of the Italian Republic, respectively, within 60 days or 120 days respectively, from the date of publication.

Sassari, 2 August 2021

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(Signed by Prof. Gavino Mariotti)

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