



THREE-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN GASTRONOMIC SCIENCES

APPLICATION PROCESS

Starting **January 25, 2010** it will be possible to apply online for the 2010–11 academic year of the three-year undergraduate program in Gastronomic Sciences. Candidates are required to complete the online application form and provide the documents specified below no later than **August 31, 2010**.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following candidates are eligible to apply:

- students with an Italian secondary-school diploma
- final-year students studying in Italy who will graduate during the 2009-10 school year
- students with a non-Italian secondary school diploma valid for university admission
- students with certificates of English-language proficiency equal to a B1 or B1+ level, as defined by the *European Framework of Reference for Languages*, or who can prove their language proficiency to the same standards, during the Admission Test and English-language interview

Successful candidates who have not yet graduated from secondary school at the time of application will be enrolled in the undergraduate program on a conditional basis. The enrolment will be made official provided the candidate presents his or her diploma by November 30, 2010.

The maximum number of students to be accepted into the undergraduate program is 74.

Classes will start on **September 27, 2010**.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED (Student Dossier)

Italian candidates

Applicants in their final year of secondary school must provide the following documentation:

- self-declaration of diploma acquisition



- résumé
- personal statement explaining the candidate's aspirations and motivations (minimum 2,000 to maximum 8,000 characters)
- any certificates of English-language skills
- any certificates of computing skills
- any reference letters from former professors or employers

Applicants with a secondary-school diploma must provide the following documentation:

- secondary-school diploma
- résumé
- personal statement explaining the candidate's aspirations and motivations (minimum 2,000 to maximum 8,000 characters)
- any certificates of English-language skills
- any certificates of computing skills
- any reference letters from former professors or employers

Non-Italian candidates

Applicants with a secondary-school diploma must provide the following documentation:

- Italian consular accreditation (*Dichiarazione di Valore*) of the diploma/degree
- résumé
- personal statement explaining the candidate's aspirations and motivations (minimum 2,000 to maximum 8,000 characters)
- any certificates of English-language skills
- any certificates of computing skills
- any reference letters from former professors or employers

DOCUMENTATION ASSESSMENT AND ADMISSION TEST OR INTERVIEW



The Academic Board, representing all the key subjects in the program, will assess the documentation produced by each candidate (student dossier), including information about their education and any field-seminar or internship experience. All relevant documents must therefore be attached to the application (e.g. certificates demonstrating the candidate's skills in gastronomy, food processing, tourism, economics, communications, languages, and the environment). The assessment of each candidate will be made based on an overall judgment of his/her competence and motivations.

After a first assessment, the Academic Board will contact the selected candidates in order to assess their language skills, cultural and professional background, and motivations by means of:

- an admission test in Italian and in English at the Pollenzo campus (Italian candidates)
- a telephone interview in English (non-Italian candidates)

The final assessment of the candidate is made as follows:

- admission test: 80%; student dossier: 20% (Italian candidates)
- telephone interview: 50%; student dossier: 50% (non-Italian candidates)

These percentages will be taken into account when assigning scholarships as per the different scholarship announcements.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All applicants whose **first language is not English**:

- must have English-language skills equal to a B1 or B1+ level of knowledge, as defined by the *European Framework of Reference for Languages*, and produce the relevant certificates, or prove their language proficiency during the Admission Test and English-language interview. A reference table listing the certificates and corresponding language proficiency details is attached: *European Framework of Reference for Languages* (equivalences).



Lectures and textbooks are in either Italian or English, which makes language proficiency in English a compulsory requirement, as translations of lectures are provided only during the first year and only from Italian into English (and not from English into Italian). Students may choose to write and present their final thesis and take their exams in either Italian or English.

For the English-language Admission Test and/or telephone interview, students must:

- have good knowledge of:
 - English grammar (it is recommended that book study emphasize rules and exercises rather than games and images)
 - vocabulary, mostly related to food and beverage, agriculture, and tourism
 - verb usage and meanings
- have good listening and comprehension skills (e.g. CDs, videos, etc.)
- be able to write using correct English structure
- be able to think in English without translating from Italian

Suggestions for improving English-language skills:

- watch TV and DVDs in English *without subtitles* (neither English nor Italian)
- travel/study/work abroad for a few months in an English-speaking country. Live away from college campuses whenever possible, including staying with a family. Avoid large cities like London and choose smaller cities where the chance of meeting other Italians is reduced.

Useful websites:

www.cambridgeesol.org (general information)

www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/pet.html

www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/fce.html


www.YouTube.com (in English)

Material suggested:



- *Essential Grammar in Use* (elementary or intermediate level, with key). Raymond Murphy. Cambridge University Press, ISBN 978 0 521 67543 7 (available at the UNISG library)
- *English Vocabulary Organizer* (with key). Chris Gough. Thomson Heinle; (available at the UNISG library)
- *Phrasal Verb Organizer* (with key). John Flower. Thomson Heinle, ISBN 0 906717 62 0 (available at the UNISG library)
- *Speak Up* magazine with CD (available at newsagents) *Before* reading the magazine, listen to the CD and watch the videos. You may need to listen to the same article three or four times. Articles are clearly divided into different levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, etc. The magazine gives examples of English grammar in use, correct phrase structures, and self tests using the CD and dictation exercises.

All applicants whose **first language is not Italian**:

-  are strongly advised to study some Italian before coming to Italy, even though an Italian language course is scheduled for the first year (two levels, A1 and B1)

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Suggested bibliography:

Free online Italian-language course: www.italica.rai/it/lingua/corso.htm

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The Academic Board will inform each candidate about the outcome of their applications starting **June 30, 2010** and no later than **September 15, 2010**.



Successful applicants to the three-year undergraduate program will complete their enrolment by paying the university tuition fees.

Transfer Students

Successful candidates who are **already enrolled** in an undergraduate program at another Italian university will be enrolled in the undergraduate program on a conditional basis. The enrolment will be made official provided the candidate delivers the transfer application to the other university and one copy of it to the Registrar's Office of the University of Gastronomic Sciences.

Admitted and matriculated candidates may have their non-UNISG exams acknowledged by UNISG by presenting the corresponding request to the UNISG Academic Board.