



University of Gastronomic Sciences
Università degli Studi
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Application Process

I am interested in 2 programs. Can I apply for both in order to increase the probability of my being accepted to at least one of them?

While we understand that the decision can be difficult, we ask that all applicants choose in advance only 1 program in which to pre-enroll, as this helps us simplify the admission evaluation process.

How and where do I apply?

To begin the pre-enrollment process for any of our programs, click "Apply Now!" at the bottom of the "Admissions" page of the program that interests you.

How much does the pre-enrollment process cost?

Pre-enrollment for all of our programs is free and non-binding.

Once you have completed the online registration process, login with your credentials, click "Registrar" and then "Application Process" from the left-hand menu bar. Then, select the program for which you wish to apply.

How do I submit optional letters of recommendation?

Letters should be sent, either via regular mail or email, directly from the third party recommending you. They can be addressed to the Admissions Committee. Our mailing and email addresses are respectively: Via Amedeo di Savoia 8, Pollenzo CN 12042, Italy, and segreteria@unisg.it.

Which candidates must submit a Dichiarazione di Valore as part of their application?

Only non-EU, non-EEA, or non-UK candidates specifically required by the Italian consulate to complete the process in order to obtain their study visa must submit a valid DV.

Graduates of non-EU institutions may upload digital copies of their transcripts and academic titles directly to their application dossiers, as outlined in the admission procedures for each individual program. A valid DV must be submitted before the beginning of classes.

Graduates of Italian institutions must submit a self-certification of academic titles or transcripts, whereas those of EU institutions must submit a Diploma Supplement.

UNISG will conduct an independent check to ensure that applicants' academic titles are in order.

For more information, please also see the [Bureaucratic Procedures](#) page of our website.

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I still have to obtain my DV, but the system won't let me proceed unless I upload it. What should I do?

Upload a placeholder document, stating where you are in the DV process, and when you hope to obtain it.

If I am admitted to a program, but cannot attend, can I defer my admission to a later edition of the program?

No. We can keep your application dossier on file, but you will need to re-apply, even if you have been admitted to the same program in the past.

I am a non-EU student applying for a study visa. The Italian consulate requires me to provide proof of health insurance. How do I satisfy this requirement?

Should you be admitted to the program, your admission letter will contain a line confirming that your health insurance will be covered by the University. Should the consulate request a detailed policy, please contact the Registrar Office at segreteria@unisg.it.

I am a non-EU student applying for a study visa. For when should I time my appointment at my nearest Italian Consulate?

As appointments are limited, we strongly encourage all students to book a date well in advance, even prior to the official publication of the admission rankings on our website.

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Language

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I will be attending a Master in English. Should I study Italian prior to my arrival?

Knowledge of Italian is not necessary for our English language Master programs. That said, we recommend that Master students acquire a basic level of Italian, as it will greatly enrich the overall experience of living and studying in Italy.

What Italian language learning opportunities exist in or around Bra?

Please find [here](#) all language school listings for the Bra area.

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Student Life

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Does the University offer on-site housing?

No. Students must find and finance their accommodation on their own, the costs for which are not included in university fees. That said, the University does provide limited assistance to incoming students by circulating notices when apartments become available, and posting apartment advertisements on bulletin boards around campus. The aforementioned ads are also posted on our student housing blog.

For a snapshot of living costs in Bra, please see “Relocating to Bra: Planning Your Move” on the [Bureaucratic Procedures](#) page of our website.

Where do students usually decide to live?

Most students choose to reside in Bra, as it is well connected to Pollenzo by local bus, as well as the surrounding Piedmont region via public transportation. Bra has a population of around 30.000 inhabitants and is located around 5km from Pollenzo.

What are daily living costs in Bra like?

For a snapshot of living costs in Bra, please see “Relocating to Bra: Planning Your Move” on the [Bureaucratic Procedures](#) page of our website.

I will be coming to Italy with my children. Is it possible to enroll them in school in Italy?

Yes. Non-EU students can request permits of stay “per coesione familiare” for family members upon their arrival in Bra, provided they have the minimum economic means requested by Italian Immigration Authorities for maintaining themselves and their family financially for the entire period of study.

For non-EU citizens, the permit of stay for study allows UNISG students to enroll their children in school in Bra. Enrollment requests can only be made once UNISG students have established their domicile in Italy. Students can request permits of stay “per coesione familiare” for family members upon their arrival in Bra. Contact the Italian consulate processing your study visa for more information, or the Registrar Office. European citizens

EU-citizens need only transfer their residence from their home country to Italy, which can be done at the Bra Hall of Records or “Ufficio Anagrafe”.

I am married, and my spouse would like to come live in Italy while I complete a UNISG program. Is this possible?

Yes. Students can request permits of stay “per coesione familiare” for family members upon their arrival in Bra provided they have the minimum economic means requested by Italian Immigration Authorities for maintaining themselves and their family financially for the entire period of study.

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EU-citizens need only transfer their residence from their home country to Italy, which can be done at the Bra Hall of Records or “Ufficio Anagrafe”.

For more information, please see “Establishing your legal status in Italy” on the [Bureaucratic Procedures](#) page of our website.

When do students have holidays?

The main holiday blocks for the year occur in late December/early January, and in August for summer break. Additionally, students may have a few days free around Easter.

Would it be feasible for me to work part-time during the program to help finance my studies?

Given the full-time nature of our programs, it would be a challenge to work alongside your studies, though not impossible. Some of our students do work evenings and weekends. Non-EU students may legally work up to 20 hours per week. The University does not offer on-campus employment opportunities.

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Academics

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Is UNISG accredited?

Yes. [This link](#) will bring you to the Ministerial Decree which certifies our status as a nationally-recognized institution.

What would be the actual degree I would earn, should I attend a UNISG 1st level Master program?

Our Master programs are 1st level Master programs of 90 university credits, in compliance with article 7 of Ministerial Decree 270/2004. Please see this [link](#), which outlines the Italian academic system.

At the successful conclusion of the Master, you would graduate with a 1st level Master.

I want to study at the PhD level after completing a first-level Master at UNISG. Is that possible?

We have had students successfully utilize their UNISG Master diploma as the springboard for further studies at the doctorate level. That said, most international doctorate programs require candidates to already possess 180 ECTS credits from their Bachelor, along with 120 from their Master studies. UNISG 1st Master programs are worth 90 ECTS credits, therefore please verify with the relevant doctoral program.

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Career Opportunities

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How does UNISG assist students in finding internship and job opportunities?

Our dedicated Career Center (career@unisg.it) works directly with students over the course of their studies, acting as an important resource for our students, offering career workshops, coaching sessions, skill assessments, and seminars in career design, as well as organizing Career Days featuring both Italian and international companies.

We also assist our students in locating internship opportunities that will help them discover their professional path, even providing some employment support following graduation. In this way, our Career Center staff maintains contact with alumni beyond the conclusion of their studies, fostering a strong and active alumni network worldwide.

I am a non-EU student. Is it possible to remain in Italy to explore job opportunities following the conclusion of my studies?

Yes. Current legislation allows non-EU students to request a permit of stay for the purpose of seeking employment.

For a snapshot of living costs in Bra, please see “Relocating to Bra: Planning Your Move” on the [Bureaucratic Procedures](#) page of our website.

Are your programs recognized internationally by both institutions of higher learning as well as employers?

Yes. For more information including employment statistics, please visit our dedicated career webpage: career.unisg.it

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Is housing included in university fees?

No. Students must find and finance their accommodation on their own.

What assistance do you provide, if any, in locating appropriate housing?

The Academic and Registrar Office currently provides limited housing assistance by circulating emails from both students leaving their apartments, as well as landlords in Bra seeking tenants, as well as furnishing online real estate agency contacts in Bra and the surrounding area.

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Are study trip costs included in university fees?

Yes, the University covers all organized expenses, including flights, accommodation, and meals as indicated by the study trip program.

Can I work alongside my studies?

Given the full-time nature of our programs, it would be a challenge to work alongside your studies, though not impossible. Some of our students do work evenings and weekends. Non-EU students may legally work up to 20 hours per week. The University does not offer on-campus employment opportunities.

What scholarship opportunities are made available by the University?

We offer scholarship opportunities at the one-year and two-year Master level. For more information, please refer to the appropriate section dedicated to each program on our website or contact m.barra@unisg.it.

What financing opportunities are available through the University?

Students who are both Italian citizens as well as long-term Italian residents may apply for “bridge loans” through our partner banking institutions: Banca Intesa Sanpaolo and Banca Sella. For more information, please contact Riccardo Allocco at amministrazione@unisg.it.

I am an American candidate interested in applying for US Financial Aid. Is UNISG recognized in the US?

Yes. We are recognized as a foreign US university. This allows US students to apply for financial aid in the form of FAFSA subsidized and unsubsidized loans through the Department of Education. See the Federal Student Aid website for more details. Our school code is G41391.

We have also had US veterans attend our programs with funds earned through Veterans Affairs, along with Americorps candidates.

I would like to apply for a Fulbright. How does the application process work?

Every year, our University welcomes 1 student with a scholarship from the Fulbright Foundation.

The application deadlines of the Fulbright foundation precede ours by about a year. Therefore, first you should apply for the scholarship, sending in all the required information for their admissions process. Should you be the selected candidate, you automatically have a position in the program. However, you will still have to submit your application dossier to our university in order to be regularly enrolled.

Please send any request regarding advice for the Fulbright scholarship and your study project, as well as your resumé, to Prof. Simone Cinotto at s.cinotto@unisg.it.

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Health

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How does the University's health coverage work?

Please see the “Student Health: Health Insurance & Medical Assistance” section of the [Bureaucratic Procedures](#) page of our website.

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