Università di Scienze Gastronomiche di Pollenzo
University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSES IN FOOD SCIENCES AND CULTURES & FOOD TECH FOR ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE IN FOOD SCIENCES AND CULTURES: REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The Undergraduate Degree Course in Food Sciences and Cultures has restricted admission and has an application process designed to select the best candidates based on the following criteria:

1. Basic scientific and cultural knowledge, an aptitude for gastronomic studies and the ability to establish coherent logical connections between the candidate's previous academic or professional background and the studies they intend to pursue.
2. Understanding of the rules and forms of proper oral expression in Italian and English, demonstrating mastery of methods of reflection and reasoning.
3. Language skills applicable to the discussion of topics related to food sciences and cultures from a multidisciplinary perspective, in Italian and English.
4. Cultural background, assessed through the quality of the candidate's educational career and their extracurricular experiences (such as work experience relevant to food sciences and cultures, volunteer activities, study or work periods abroad and language certifications).

To apply for the Undergraduate Degree Course in Food Sciences and Cultures, candidates must hold a secondary/high school diploma or another equivalent qualification, recognized as valid if obtained outside of Italy.

The regulations for the degree course establish the evaluation system for the different tests, including their respective thresholds.

The degree course does not require specific prior disciplinary knowledge, but a minimum level of English language proficiency is essential, as set out in the academic regulations for the degree course. If a candidate is admitted without meeting this proficiency level during the application process, they will be assigned additional learning requirements (in Italian *obblighi formativi aggiuntivi*, O.F.A.), such as readings or other exercises aimed at improving their English-language skills. These must be fulfilled within the first year of the program to address any gaps identified during the application process.

A detailed description of the required knowledge for admission and the assessment methods is set out in the regulations for the degree course.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE IN FOOD TECH FOR ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION: REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The Undergraduate Degree Course in Food Tech for Ecological Transition has restricted admission and has an application process designed to select the best candidates based on the following criteria:

1. Basic scientific and cultural knowledge and an aptitude for a multidisciplinary approach that can be applied to the study of food systems and sustainable technological innovation, deriving from the quality of the candidate's educational career and their extracurricular experiences (such as work

experience relevant to food sciences, activities showing an interest in and aptitude for technological innovation and sustainability, participation in optional experimental academic activities, volunteering, study or work periods abroad, etc.).

2. Ability to establish coherent logical connections between the candidate's previous academic or professional background and the studies they intend to pursue.
3. Capacity to express themselves in English clearly and correctly, demonstrating mastery of linguistic rules and skills in reflection and reasoning, with a particular attention to content linked to the wider food world.

To apply for the Undergraduate Degree Course in Food Tech for Ecological Transition, candidates must hold a secondary/high school diploma or another equivalent qualification, recognized as valid if obtained outside of Italy. A B2 level of English is also required.
The degree course does not require specific prior disciplinary knowledge.
If the candidate is admitted but does not reach this level of competence during the admission test, they will be assigned additional educational requirements (O.F.A.) to be fulfilled during the first year of the course, aimed at filling the gaps identified during the test.
A detailed description of the required knowledge for admission and the assessment methods is set out in the regulations for the degree course.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- **Italian high-school graduates:** upper secondary school diploma obtained in Italy (self-certification of the qualification and final grade, or a certificate issued by the school).

- **Italian students about to graduate:** self-certification indicating the expected date of completion of their upper secondary school diploma in Italy within the **2027** calendar year.

- **International high-school graduates:** an upper secondary school diploma obtained outside Italy after **at least 12 years of total schooling** and eligible for university admission in the country of origin (including passing any required national university entrance/aptitude exams), accompanied by one of the following verification/recognition documents:

    - **EU, EEA, Turkey, and Switzerland:** *Statement of Correspondence* (*Attestato di Corrispondenza*) downloadable free of charge from the **CIMEA – ARDI** database (available for upper secondary school qualifications from countries signatory to the Lisbon Recognition Convention), *Statement of Comparability* (ENIC-NARIC – CIMEA, if the qualification is not listed on ARDI), or *Declaration of Value* (Italian Consulate/Embassy). For preliminary checks, candidates may contact the Student Office (*Segreteria Studenti*).

    - **Non-EU, EEA, Turkey, and Switzerland:** *Declaration of Value* (Italian Consulate/Embassy), *Statement of Comparability* (ENIC-NARIC – CIMEA), *Statement of Correspondence* (CIMEA – ARDI, where available for countries signatory to the Lisbon Recognition Convention), official diploma verification (*Degree/Diploma Verification*, e.g., National Student Clearinghouse), or digitally authenticated transcripts (e.g., National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment, GlobalSign, Transcripts Network).

- **International students about to graduate:** transcript/certificate of grades from the final years of secondary school indicating the expected date of diploma completion.

Important note for candidates requiring a study visa: Although the University accepts all of the documents listed above for enrollment purposes, under the most recent ministerial provisions, Italian diplomatic-consular representations are required to accept **exclusively** the *Declaration of Value* (DoV), the *CIMEA Statement of Comparability*, or the *CIMEA – ARDI Statement of Correspondence* for visa issuance. Please note that since the *ARDI Statement of Correspondence* certifies only the comparability of the qualification, the Consulate may also require separate proof of authenticity (such as an Apostille, consular legalization, or *CIMEA Statement of Verification*). In practice, however, several consular offices waive these additional requirements if the University confirms the suitability of alternative documentation. Candidates requiring a visa are therefore strongly advised to contact the competent Italian Consulate or Embassy well in advance to verify which documentation is required for their visa application.

Important information for applicants with a U.S. high-school diploma: According to the *"Procedures for entry, residency, and enrollment of international students and the respective recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy"* valid for the **2026–2027 and 2027–2028 academic years**, candidates with a U.S. qualification must meet one of the following requirements:

1. **U.S. High School Diploma** — earned on the basis of at least the last two years of successful attendance in the U.S. school system — supplemented by passing **at least three Advanced Placement (AP) exams** in different subjects relevant to the chosen degree course;

2. **U.S. High School Diploma** supplemented by **one full year of subsequent academic/university studies** (including at an accredited institution in a third country).

Important information for applicants with British qualifications (U.K. Qualifications): Under the same ministerial provisions for the **2026–2027 and 2027–2028 academic years**, candidates with a British qualification must have passed **at least three A-level exams** in different subjects relevant to the chosen degree course.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The language requirements are vitally important, as classes are taught exclusively in English during the first year and in Italian during the second and third years for the Undergraduate Degree Course in Food Sciences and Cultures, and in English for the entire course of the Undergraduate Degree Course in Food Tech for Ecological Transition.

Candidates whose native language is not English:

- Must demonstrate **English language proficiency at B2 level** (as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR), certified by an official document.*

Alternatively, candidates may take an English language test with a native-speaking instructor from the University of Gastronomic Sciences, who will certify whether their proficiency level corresponds to the required standard.

*The following qualifications are considered valid:

- A high-school diploma obtained in English
Or
- One of the following international English language certificates in original form. The following list provides examples of accepted certifications (but is not exhaustive).

For non-European applicants who require a visa: please note that the certificates listed are accepted by the University for the purposes of admission; however, you must check with the relevant Consulate or Embassy to confirm the validity of the certificates required for the issuance of a visa.

Certification	Institution	Minimum score required
BEC Higher - Business English Certificate Higher	Cambridge Assessment English	160
BEC Vantage - Business English Certificate Vantage	Cambridge Assessment English	Grade B or 173
CAE - Certificate in Advanced English	Cambridge Assessment English	160
CPE - Certificate of Proficiency in English	Cambridge Assessment English	160
FCE - First Certificate in English	Cambridge Assessment English	Grade B or 173
IELTS - Academic International English Language Testing System	British Council — Cambridge English Language Assessment	6.5 and above with at least 6 in every section
TOEFL IBT - Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet-Based Test	(ETS) Educational Testing Service	72
Duolingo English Test (online)	Duolingo	110
Pearson Test of English Academic	Pearson	59
TOEIC	(ETS) Educational Testing Service	Listening: 400 Reading: 385 Speaking: 160 Writing: 150

Candidates whose native language is not Italian (only for the Undergraduate Degree Course in Food Sciences and Cultures)

- **knowledge of the Italian language** (with particular emphasis on oral expression skills) at **A1/A2 level** (as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR), to be verified during the final interview.

It is recommended that candidates begin studying Italian independently before enrollment, even though the first-year curriculum includes basic and advanced Italian-language courses. The course level will be determined by a placement test taken at the university.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM

1) Register your personal data and create username and password, online through this link
2) Follow the entire Registration Process
3) At the end of the registration, please return to the main page and *Login*
4) Insert your username and password (defined during the registration process) and login into the Reserved Area
5) On the Menu, select *Registrar Office – Pre-enrollment*
6) Choose the **Undergraduate Degree in Food Sciences and Cultures / Food Tech for Ecological Transition** admission process and proceed.

APPLICATION STAGES

FIRST STAGE

Online dossier upload
• secondary school certificate, either already obtained or to be obtained, valid for admission to Italian universities. In the case of foreign qualifications, it is also necessary to attach the transcript for the last two years (in Italian or English), issued by the school attended and containing: a) marks, indicating the relevant academic years, and the total number of years of education b) the school's official stamp c) the final qualification to be obtained (compulsory) • CV in English, exclusively in the format specified by the University (compulsory) • B2 level of English (compulsory), evidenced by a certificate or by filling the form for an interview • Any other relevant certifications (optional)
Maximum score: 30

Only candidates who have achieved a score of at least 12 out of 30 in the first stage will be eligible for the second stage.

SECOND STAGE

Online final interview - Undergraduate Degree in Food Sciences and Cultures
The interview, which each candidate will take with a committee of at least two university lecturers, is intended to assess the following criteria: 1. Basic scientific and cultural knowledge, an aptitude for gastronomic studies and the ability to establish coherent logical connections between the candidate's previous academic or professional background and the studies they intend to pursue. 2. Understanding of the rules and forms of correct oral expression in Italian and English, demonstrating mastery of methods of reflection and reasoning. 3. Language skills applicable to the discussion of topics related to food sciences and cultures from a multidisciplinary perspective, in Italian and in English. 4. Cultural background, assessed through the quality of the candidate's educational career and their extracurricular experiences (such as work experience relevant to food sciences and cultures, volunteer activities, study or work periods abroad and language certifications). For candidates whose native language is not Italian, a basic oral knowledge of Italian will be verified.
Maximum score: 70

Online final interview (in English) - Food Tech for Ecological Transition
Only candidates with a minimum score of 12/30 in the first stage can access the second stage. The interview, which each candidate will take with a committee of at least two lecturers, one from the University of Gastronomic Sciences and one from the Turin Polytechnic, is intended to assess the following criteria: 1. Basic scientific and cultural knowledge and an aptitude for a multidisciplinary approach that can be applied to the study of food systems and sustainable technological innovation, deriving from the quality of the candidate's educational career and their extracurricular experiences (such as work experience relevant to food sciences, activities showing an interest in and

aptitude for technological innovation and sustainability, participation in optional experimental academic activities, volunteering, study or work periods abroad, etc.).
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Maximum score: 70

IMPORTANT DATES

If the candidate intends to **apply for a UNISG fee exemption**, they must complete the entrance exam **by the deadline specified in the relevant call for applications**. Please check the UNISG fee-exemption notices and deadlines, available on the university's website.

The candidate will be notified of the result of the admission process as soon as the assessment stages set out in these procedures have been completed (rolling admission).

APPLICATION OPENING	DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF CONFIRMATION DEPOSIT	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS	APPLICATION CLOSING
December 2026	Within one week of notification of the results	As per the call announcement	30/07/2027 (only for Non-EU/EEA/Swiss Applicants) 01/09/2027

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The maximum number of students for the 2027/2028 academic year is set at 110 per program.

Admission to the program is based on the scores assigned to the two stages of the admission process, for a total of 100 points, as follows:

- ADMITTED – a score equal to or higher than 70 points, which grants direct enrollment in the degree program upon payment of the required deposit.
- NOT ADMITTED – a score equal to or lower than 69 points and it does not allow enrollment for the current academic year.

ENROLLMENT

The result (ADMITTED/NOT ADMITTED) will be communicated by email by the Students' Office.

To confirm the place, a deposit of €2,000 must be paid within one week of the communication of the result.
Enrollment can be finalized by paying the first instalment of the tuition fee within the specified deadline (as outlined in the tuition fee payment guidelines available at www.unisg.it/en).

By bank transfer
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SWIFT/BIC: BCITITMM
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PAGO PA

You must log in to the Esse3 portal using your credentials – go to the 'Fees' section – and select your preferred payment method from those available via the PagoPA platform. Fees may be applied to the amounts due, depending on the payment method chosen.
The PagoPA payment system is only available to students who are already enrolled and are making instalment payments; it is not available for the payment of the deposit by students enrolling in the first year of their course.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (POLLENZO AGENCY)

Directly by contactless credit card (by prior appointment requested via email: amministrazione@unisg.it).

REMOTELY VIA A LINK

By requesting the administration office (amministrazione@unisg.it) to send a secure link to make the payment online in complete safety.

STUDENTS ENROLLED OR REGISTERED AT OTHER ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Candidates who are already enrolled in or registered on courses at other Italian universities must follow the procedure for applying for double enrollment by completing the appropriate form.
If they have already passed any exams, they may request recognition of these exams by submitting the relevant application **no later than December 31, 2027**.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR NON-EU CANDIDATES:

- All non-EU candidates requiring a study visa must complete online pre-enrollment via **the Universitaly portal** (Step 6 – Start your online pre-enrollment application "Login") in order to apply for a visa through the relevant Italian diplomatic representation.

- Because consular appointments are limited, applicants are strongly advised to book an appointment with the relevant consulate or embassy even prior to formal admission, so that both pre-enrollment and the visa application process can be completed within the required timeframe. Students of all nationalities are eligible to apply.

- Detailed instructions are available in the **"Apply for a study visa and legalize academic titles"** section on **the International Student Start Point page of our website**. Applicants from Colombia, India and Nigeria should pay particular attention to the **"Special Cases"** section, as visa procedures in these countries have recently proven especially lengthy and complex.

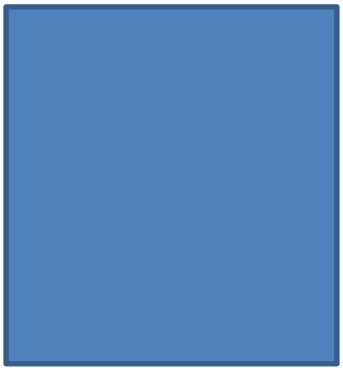
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TEMPLATE CV

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Europass Curriculum Vitae

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Remove headings below if not relevant (see instructions)

Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s)	**First name(s) Surname(s)**
Address(es)	House number, street name, postcode, city, country
Telephone(s)	Mobile:
E-mail	
Nationality	
Date of birth, Place of birth	
Gender	

Briefly explain the reasons for applying to the Bachelor program

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Education and training

Add separate entries for each relevant course you have completed, starting from the most recent. (remove if not relevant, see instructions)

Dates (range from xx to xx)	
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	
Title of qualification awarded	
Final Mark	
Principal subjects covered	

Work experience

Dates	Add separate entries for each relevant post occupied, starting from the most recent. (remove if not relevant, see instructions)
Occupation or position held	
Main activities and responsibilities	
Name and address of employer	
Type of business or sector	

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Specify mother tongue**

Other language(s)

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing
Example: Italian	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Spanish					

(*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competences	Replace this text by a description of these competences and indicate where they were acquired. (Remove if not relevant, see instructions)
Organisational skills and competences	Replace this text by a description of these competences and indicate where they were acquired. (Remove if not relevant, see instructions)
Technical skills and competences	Replace this text by a description of these competences and indicate where they were acquired. (Remove if not relevant, see instructions)
Computer skills and competences	Replace this text by a description of these competences and indicate where they were acquired. (Remove if not relevant, see instructions)
Artistic skills and competences	Replace this text by a description of these competences and indicate where they were acquired. (Remove if not relevant, see instructions)
Other skills and competences	Replace this text by a description of these competences and indicate where they were acquired. (Remove if not relevant, see instructions)

Additional information

Include here any other information that may be relevant, for example experiences abroad, language courses, contact persons, references, etc. (Remove heading if not relevant, see instructions)