

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO REGULAR COURSES Academic Year 2026-2027 FOR STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA

The IUSS Graduate School (hereinafter referred to as the IUSS School) is a special-status graduate school within the Italian university system.

The School aims to contribute to the full development of particularly talented young people by offering them, during their university studies, highly specialised training programmes that enhance their abilities, as well as opportunities for scientific and cultural enrichment, particularly in an interdisciplinary context. The IUSS School also aims to contribute to the advancement of knowledge, in both the scientific and humanities fields, by training young people in research and developing its own research programmes. The Ordinary Courses offer students advanced and multidisciplinary study programmes. Furthermore, they enrich the curricula of the University's degree courses with the aim of fostering the development of critical thinking skills and a high level of scientific expertise in students.

The Ordinary Courses are structured as follows:

- *a single-cycle programme* reserved for students enrolled on a single-cycle Master's degree programme. The programme lasts six years for students enrolled on the single-cycle Master's degree programme in Medicine and Surgery;
- *a three-year first-cycle programme* reserved for students enrolled on a three-year degree programme;
- *a two-year second-cycle programme* reserved for students enrolled on a two-year Master's degree programme.

Students on the Ordinary Courses are students of the University of Pavia and pupils of university colleges of merit that are legally recognised and accredited by the Ministry of University and Research.

The relevant merit-based colleges are: the Almo Collegio Borromeo, the Collegio Ghislieri, the Collegio Nuovo – Fondazione Sandra ed Enea Mattei and Fondazione Collegio Universitario Santa Caterina da Siena, the Collegio Volta and the Collegio Cairoli, the latter two managed by the Ente per il Diritto allo Studio (EDISU) in Pavia and only for the single three-year first-cycle degree programme. The Colleges accept the terms of this Call for Applications for admission to Ordinary Courses and manage their own admission process.

Further information is available at the following links:

www.collegioborromeo.it
www.ghislieri.it
<https://colnuovo.unipv.it/>
www.collegiosantacaterina.it
www.collegiovolta.org
<https://www.collegiocairolit.it/>

Students who graduate from the University of Pavia and who have fulfilled the academic requirements set out in the Academic Regulations will be awarded:

- at the end of the five-year/single-cycle programme, the *single-cycle bachelor's degree*;
- at the end of the three-year first-cycle programme, a *first-cycle bachelor's degree*;
- at the end of the two-year second-cycle programme, the *two-year second-cycle degree*.

The *single-cycle degree* and the *two-year second-cycle degree* are, for legal purposes, equivalent to second-cycle master's degrees (Article 19, paragraph 3, of Decree-Law No. 76 of 16 July 2020, converted into Law No. 120 of 11 September 2020).

Admission to Ordinary Courses is gained by passing a public competitive examination. There are two types of competitive examination: one for admission to the first year of *the single-cycle programme* or *the three-year first-level programme*, and one for admission to *the two-year second-level programme* (for students who are not already enrolled in the three-year first-level programme).

Ordinary Courses, seminars and other training activities are offered to students free of charge.

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Part I

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE FIRST YEAR OF THE SINGLE-CYCLE OR THREE-YEAR BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Art. 1

Number of places available and distribution across Classes and Fields

The IUSS School is advertising **30 places** for the 2026–2027 academic year for admission to the first year of the single-cycle or three-year first-level Ordinary Degree programmes, distributed as follows:

- 15 places for the Class of Humanities and Life Sciences:
 - 7 places for the Human Sciences area,
 - 8 places for the Biomedical Sciences area;
- 15 places for the Science, Technology and Society Class:
 - 8 places for the field of Science and Technology,
 - 7 places for the Social Sciences sub-field.

Art. 2

Correlation between the degree programmes of the University of Pavia, the Classes and the Fields

Students' affiliation to a Class is determined by the undergraduate degree, master's degree or single-cycle degree programme at the University of Pavia in which the candidate is enrolled or intends to enrol, according to the following scheme:

- Class of Humanities and Life Sciences:

Human Sciences Area: undergraduate degree programmes in Literature, Musicology, Philosophy and Modern Languages and Cultures, and corresponding master's degree programmes;

Biomedical Sciences Area: undergraduate programmes in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medicine and Surgery, Medicine and Surgery (in English), Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics, Biological Sciences, Sports Science, Psychological Sciences and Techniques, and corresponding master's degree programmes.

- Class of Science, Technology and Society:

Field of Science and Technology: undergraduate degree programmes in Engineering, including the programme in Bioengineering, Artificial Intelligence, and Science and Biotechnology (except for the degree programme in Biological Sciences, which falls under the Class of Humanities and Life Sciences

– Field of Biomedical Sciences) and corresponding master's degree programmes;

Social Sciences Area: undergraduate programmes in Economics and Business Studies, Political Science and Communication, and corresponding master's degree programmes, the interdepartmental programme in Communication, Innovation and Multimedia, and the degree programme in Law.

Applicants who are enrolled in, or intend to enrol in, degree programmes not listed above or in other interdepartmental degree programmes at the University of Pavia must contact the School prior to applying to receive guidance on the correspondence between their chosen degree programme and the Classes and Fields.

Candidates are required to enrol on courses at the University of Pavia in accordance with the University's regulations and to sit any required entrance examinations. Admission to the IUSS School does not constitute preferential treatment for entry to the University of Pavia's limited-enrolment degree programmes.

Art. 3

Conditions for the allocation of places

Admission to the first year of the IUSS School's standard degree programmes (single-cycle or three-year first-level degree) is granted upon passing the public competitive examination, comprising two written tests and two oral tests, as governed by Article 7 below.

Successful candidates must enrol in one of the following merit-based halls of residence in order to complete their enrolment in the standard degree programmes: Almo Collegio Borromeo, Collegio Ghislieri, Collegio Nuovo – Fondazione Sandra ed Enea Mattei, Fondazione Collegio Universitario Santa Caterina da Siena; Collegio Volta and Collegio Cairoli. Admission to the Merit Colleges is governed by the respective competition notices.

Art. 4

Study Grants

The IUSS School awards each student a study grant of €5,000.00 (five thousand/00) per annum to cover the costs of college accommodation. Merit-based colleges may offer special financial terms reserved for students on the standard courses. For further information on these conditions, please refer to the admission notices of the individual halls of residence.

Subject to the students' full compliance with all their obligations, the study grant is guaranteed for the entire duration of their university studies.

Art. 5

Admission requirements for the competition

Admission to the competition for places on the first year of the single-cycle or three-year first-level degree programme is open to those who, regardless of their nationality, meet the following requirements:

- have obtained a qualification giving access to the University's degree programmes, with a minimum mark of 80/100. If the qualification was obtained abroad, the School reserves the right to assess its validity for the purposes of admission to standard degree programmes;
- are not enrolled, for the 2025–2026 academic year, on degree programmes within the Class and Field for which they are applying;
- meet the requirements to validly apply for admission to the chosen Colleges, in accordance with the relevant calls for applications.

Those who turn twenty-three or older during 2026 are not eligible to apply.

The IUSS School may, at any time and by reasoned decision, exclude candidates for failure to meet the specified requirements.

Art. 6

Application for admission and deadline

Applications for admission must be submitted exclusively *online* via the School's website (<https://www.iusspavia.it/it/formazione/corsi-ordinari/ammissione>), from **Wednesday 20 May 2026** and no later than **12:00 noon on Friday 28 August 2026**. Participation in the competition is free of charge.

Failure to submit the application for admission *online* will exclude candidates from participating in the selection process for the Ordinary Courses.

On **the registration form**, candidates must specify:

1. first name, surname, gender, nationality, place and date of birth, tax reference number;
2. details of their identity document;
3. residence and address for service for the competition (if different);
4. email address and mobile phone number.

Once candidates have received their login details via an automated email from the Student Office (noreply@iusspavia.it) to the email address provided during registration, they must navigate to the 'Student Office – Applications' section via the menu and select the competition for their chosen field

and cycle.

In **the application form**, candidates must attach a copy of their identity document and state:

1. **any request for special assistance**, in particular:

- a. **candidates with disabilities**, in accordance with Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, as amended and supplemented, must upload, in the designated upload section of the competition application, a reasoned request, accompanied by appropriate certification, in which they indicate, in relation to their specific condition, the assistance required to undertake the competition, as well as any need for additional time, in accordance with the guidelines provided on the School's website **under the menu item 'Training – Ordinary Courses – Admission – Competition for admission to Ordinary Courses for the 2026/27 academic year – Useful information for candidates with disabilities and SLDs'**. The Selection Board will assess the provision of aids and additional time in relation to the specific disability, based on the documentation received, and the relevant offices will promptly notify the admitted candidate.
 - b. **Candidates diagnosed with specific learning difficulties (SLD)**, pursuant to Law No. 170 of 2010 and subsequent amendments and additions, must upload, in the designated upload section of the competition application, a reasoned request, accompanied by appropriate certification, stating their wish to make use of additional time and the necessary compensatory measures, in accordance with the guidelines provided on the School's website **by accessing the menu item 'Training – Ordinary Courses – Admission – Competition for admission to Ordinary Courses for the academic year 2026/27' - Useful information for candidates with disabilities and SLDs**. The Selection Committee will assess the granting of **compensatory measures** and additional time based on the documentation received, and the relevant offices will promptly notify the admitted candidate.
2. the qualification held (type of qualification, school where it was obtained, location, date of award, grade achieved). If the diploma has not yet been obtained at the time of application, it is possible to submit the application and enter the details later, but no later than the closing date of the procedure (**Friday 28 August 2026 at 12.00**);
 3. that they have no final criminal convictions;
 4. that you are not enrolled, for the 2025–2026 academic year, on degree courses relating to the Class and Field for which you are applying;
 5. that you have verified that the degree programme you intend to enrol in corresponds to the academic field for which you are applying.

Once you have completed your application, you must click the “SUBMIT APPLICATION” button. You will then receive an automatic email from noreply with the subject line “Competition Registration”, confirming (with the date and time) that your registration for the competition has been successful.

Candidates may submit both an application for admission to the open competition for the University of Milan and an application for the University of Pavia, but only for a single Class and a single Field. For information regarding the application for the University of Milan, please consult the relevant call for applications published on the institutional website in the section **Education – Undergraduate Courses – Admission**.

Candidates who have applied simultaneously to the competition for the University of Milan and the competition for the University of Pavia will sit the same examinations, as described in more detail in Article 7 below.

All communications between the School and candidates will be via the email address provided by the candidates themselves in their application.

Art. 7

Type, schedule and venue of the examinations

The admission tests consist of two written tests and two oral tests.

- **The written tests**

The written examinations **will take place in person on Thursday 3 September 2026, starting at 10.00 am**, at Palazzo San Tommaso – Piazza del Lino no. 2 – entrance Via Siro Comi no. 55 —Pavia.

The total duration of the written examinations shall not exceed 5 hours, and papers may not be handed in before 1 hour has elapsed.

The written examinations, which candidates sit anonymously, consist of two questions chosen by the candidate from those proposed by the Selection Board.

Candidates will select their topics on the day of the exams and must adhere to the following rules:

- the first written test will focus on a subject relevant to the Class and Field for which the candidate is applying, according to the following scheme:

Classes and Areas of the competition	Core Subjects
SUV Class - Human Sciences STS Class - Social Sciences	Italian, Latin, Greek, Philosophy, History
STS Class - Science and Technology SUV Class – Biomedical Sciences	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology

- The second written paper will focus on a subject different from that chosen by the candidate for the first paper and may be freely chosen from among all those proposed by the Examination Board, regardless of the Class and Field for which the candidate is sitting the exam.

The questions, at the Commission's discretion, may consist of an essay and/or a series of exercises. For Latin and Greek, the question may consist of writing an essay and/or translating a classical text, with a commentary where applicable.

Candidates must present themselves for the written examination with a valid form of identification. During the written examinations, the use of any means of communication with the outside world is not permitted. Candidates may temporarily leave the examination room from the start of the third hour of the examination.

The list of candidates admitted to the oral examinations will be published on the School's website in the 'Competitions, Calls for Applications and Selections – Calls for Students' section **by Thursday 10 September 2026**.

Candidates will be identified by their application ID (the application number found in the first line of the 'Personal Details' section of the application form).

Each candidate may view their written exam results within the ESSE3 Reserved Area by logging in using the credentials provided during the application process.

- **The oral examinations**

The oral examinations will focus on the two subjects chosen for the written examinations.

The examination will consist of a discussion designed to assess the candidate's knowledge.

The oral examinations will take place from **Friday 11 September 2026** onwards, in accordance with the timetable that will be published in the ‘Competitions, calls for applications and selection processes – Calls for students’ section of the School’s website at .

The oral exams will take place *online* via the Teams platform.

The results of the individual oral examinations will be published on the School’s website in the ‘Competitions, Calls and Selections – Calls for Students’ section. Candidates will be identified by their application ID (the application number found in the first line of the ‘Personal Details’ section of the application form).

Each candidate may view their oral examination results within the ESSE3 Reserved Area by logging in using the credentials provided during the application process.

The examination syllabuses for the oral and written examinations are available on the IUSS School’s institutional website in the section ‘Regular courses – Admission’.

Art. 8

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the competition for the University of Milan and for the competition for the University of Pavia is a single body, appointed by the Rector of the IUSS School, upon the recommendation of the Deans, and comprises at least four Italian or foreign university lecturers specialising in the disciplines indicated in Article 7 above.

The Committee collectively awards a maximum of 50 points for each written test and a maximum of 30 points for each oral test.

Candidates who have obtained a score of at least 70 points in the written tests will be admitted to the oral test.

Candidates who have obtained an overall score of no less than 40 points will pass the oral examinations.

The final ranking score shall be equal to the sum of the marks obtained by candidates in the examinations.

The Commission may carry out part of its work through sub-committees. Decisions are taken collectively.

Art. 9

Publication of rankings and appointment of successful candidates

The Rector of the IUSS School approves the rankings for each Class, divided into the two Areas, and appoints the successful candidates by means of specific decisions.

Only those who have achieved an overall mark (sum of the four tests) of no less than **110 points** will

be deemed eligible for admission to the Ordinary Courses.

The rankings will be published on the School's noticeboard and in the Competitions, Calls for Applications and Selections section – Student Calls – by **Tuesday 22 September 2026**.

In the event of a *tie*, the ranking list will be drawn up by ordering candidates according to the mark obtained in the written examination on core subjects; in the event of a further tie, according to the mark obtained in the oral examination on core subjects; and, in the event of a further tie, according to the order in which the application for entry to the competition was submitted.

Successful candidates must confirm acceptance of the place in accordance with the terms and procedures communicated by the offices, stating the degree programme at the University of Pavia chosen and the relevant college. Should a candidate also be successful in the ranking for the University of Milan, they must choose one of the two places.

For the allocation of places, it is mandatory, on pain of forfeiture, that successful candidates enrol in a College in accordance with the outcomes of the respective selection procedures and with freedom of choice in the event of being awarded a place at more than one College of merit.

To enrol on the Ordinary Courses, successful candidates must submit the documents referred to in Article 18 below by **Friday 25 September 2026**, in accordance with the terms and procedures that will be communicated to them by the Offices via the email address provided in the application form.

Any downward movement of the rankings may continue until **Friday 16 October 2026**. By this deadline, should any of the successful candidates decline their place for any reason, the ranking list will be adjusted accordingly. Candidates who have not completed their enrolment at the College shall be deemed to have forfeited their place on the ranking list.

In view of the reform of admission to the degree course in Medicine and Surgery, the School reserves the right to proceed with a further review of the ranking list for the Class of Human and Life Sciences – Biomedical Sciences stream in the event of any vacancies arising following the results of the selection process for enrolment on the degree courses in Medicine and Surgery and Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics taught in Italian. The dates for such a review will be communicated to those concerned via a specific notice.

In the event of a higher than expected number of applications, the School reserves the right to extend the deadlines set out in the call for applications for the publication of the results and rankings of the competition.

Should the allocation of places within a specific Area of a Class not be completed, the School will proceed to review the ranking list by Class, allocating the unfilled places to candidates from the other Area of the same Class in accordance with the ranking order. Should this second review also fail to complete the allocation of places as per the call for applications, the School reserves the right to review the ranking list for the other Class, subject to an assessment of the organisational requirements of the

courses.

Part II

COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO THE FIRST YEAR OF THE TWO-YEAR SECOND-LEVEL STUDY CYCLE

Art. 10

Number of places available and distribution across Classes and Fields

The IUSS School is advertising 8 places for admission to the first year of the two-year second-level study programme for the 2026-2027 academic year, distributed as follows:

- 4 places for the Humanities and Life Sciences Class:
 - 2 places for the Human Sciences area,
 - 2 places for the Biomedical Sciences area;
- 4 places for the Science, Technology and Society Class:
 - 2 places for the Science and Technology stream,
 - 2 places in the Social Sciences area.

Prior to the start of the entrance examinations, the School may decide to increase the number of places available.

The classification of degree programmes within the Classes and Fields is the same as that set out in Article 2 above.

Art. 11

Conditions for the allocation of places

Admission to the first year of the IUSS School's standard courses (a two-year second-cycle programme) is granted upon passing the national competitive examination, which consists of an assessment of academic qualifications and an interview, as provided for in Article 13.

Successful candidates in the competitive selection process must, in order to complete their enrolment in the Ordinary Courses, either already be students or win the relevant competitive selection process and gain admission to one of the following Merit Colleges: Almo Collegio Borromeo, Collegio Ghislieri, Collegio Nuovo – Fondazione Sandra ed Enea Mattei and the Graduates' Section, Fondazione Collegio Universitario Santa Caterina da Siena and the Biomedical University Residence.

Admission to the Merit Colleges is governed by the respective competition notices.

Art. 12

Study Grants

The IUSS School awards each student a study grant of €5,000.00 (five thousand/00) per annum to cover the costs of college accommodation. Merit-based colleges may offer financial support specifically for students on the Ordinary Courses. For further information on these conditions, please refer to the admission notices of the individual halls of residence.

Subject to the student's full compliance with all obligations, the study grant is guaranteed for the entire duration of the degree programme.

Art. 13

Competition procedure

Admission to the first year of the two-year second-cycle Ordinary Courses is granted through a public competition comprising an assessment of qualifications and an interview.

The overall mark is determined by the sum of the score obtained in the assessment of qualifications and the mark obtained in the interview.

A total of 60 points may be awarded for academic qualifications. The qualifications to be assessed and their respective scores are as follows:

- two letters of reference: max 14 points
- a personal statement, in which the candidate sets out their academic interests and motivations and demonstrates their potential for cultural and professional development. (max 5 pages, 2,500 words): max 18 points
- curriculum vitae: max 12 points
- degree thesis or thesis proposal if the degree has not yet been obtained: max 6 points
- average marks from exams taken during the three-year undergraduate degree and final degree mark (if already obtained): max 10 points

The interview may be awarded a maximum of 20 points.

Applications may also be submitted by those who will obtain their Bachelor's degree no later than 31 December 2026. Should the successful candidate not yet have obtained their first-level degree by the date of enrolment at the IUSS School, admission to the Ordinary Courses will be granted subject to conditions, and the IUSS School will verify compliance with the above deadline for the degree, failing which the place on the Ordinary Courses will be forfeited.

Art. 14

Admission requirements

For places on the two-year second-cycle degree programme, those who, regardless of their nationality, meet the following requirements are eligible to apply:

- have successfully completed a first-cycle degree, or undertake to do so by no later than 31 December 2026;
- have passed the examinations required by their three-year study programme with an average mark of at least 27/30 for each year and have obtained a mark of at least 24/30 in each examination;
- if not already college students, be eligible to apply for admission to the chosen colleges in accordance with the relevant calls for applications;
- not be enrolled for the 2025–2026 academic year on Master's degree programmes relating to the Class and Field for which they are applying.

Those who turn twenty-six or older during 2026 are not eligible for the competition.

The IUSS School may, at any time and by reasoned decision, exclude candidates for failure to meet the required criteria.

Art. 15

Application for admission and deadline

Applications for admission to the two-year second-cycle Ordinary degree programmes must be submitted exclusively *online* via the School's website (www.iusspavia.it), from **Monday 18 May 2026** and no later than **12:00 noon on Friday 28 August 2026**. Participation in the selection process is free of charge.

Failure to submit the application for admission *online* will exclude candidates from the IUSS School's selection process.

On **the registration form**, candidates must specify:

1. first name, surname, gender, nationality, place and date of birth, tax reference number;
2. details of their identity document;
3. residence and address for service for the competition (if different);
4. email address and mobile phone number.

Once the login details have been received at the email address provided, candidates must access the 'Secretariat – Applications' section via the Menu and select the 'Competition' option under the chosen field and cycle.

In the **application form**, candidates must attach a copy of their identity document and declare:

1. any request for assistance, in particular:
 - a. **candidates with disabilities**, pursuant to Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, as amended and supplemented, must upload, in the designated upload section of the competition application, a reasoned request, accompanied by appropriate certification, in which they indicate, in relation to their specific condition, the assistance required to undertake the competition, as well as any need for additional time, in accordance with the guidelines provided on the School's website **under the menu item 'Training – Ordinary Courses – Admission – Competition for admission to Ordinary Courses for the 2026/27 academic year – Useful information for candidates with disabilities and SLDs'**. The Committee will assess the provision of aids and additional time in relation to the specific disability, based on the documentation received, and the relevant offices will promptly notify the admitted candidate.
 - b. **Candidates diagnosed with specific learning difficulties (SLD)**, in accordance with Law No. 170 of 2010 and subsequent amendments and additions, must upload, in the designated upload section of the competition application, a reasoned request, accompanied by appropriate certification, stating their wish to make use of additional time and **the necessary compensatory measures**, in accordance with the guidelines provided on the School's website **by accessing the menu item 'Training – Ordinary Courses – Admission – Competition for admission to Ordinary Courses for the academic year 2026/27' - Useful information for candidates with disabilities and SLDs**. The Selection Committee will assess the granting of compensatory measures and additional time based on the documentation received, and the relevant offices will promptly notify the admitted candidate.
2. the qualification held (bachelor's degree or equivalent foreign qualification, university where it was obtained, location, year, grade achieved). Candidates who have not yet obtained their bachelor's degree must declare that they will do so by 31 December 2026 at the latest;
3. the names and email addresses of two referees whom the School will contact to obtain an assessment of the candidate, which the **selection** committee will evaluate alongside the other qualifications, provided these are received **by 12:00 on Friday 28 August 2026. It is the candidate's responsibility to complete the application in good time to allow the referees to submit their assessments by the aforementioned deadline.** Please note that the referees indicated in the application process will receive an automatic email regarding the request for reference letters only after the application has been submitted and therefore cannot upload the letters before the application deadline. Please be aware that letters submitted close to the deadline for the procedure may not be uploaded by the system;
4. that they have passed the exams required by their three-year degree programme with an average

mark of at least 27 out of 30 for each year and have obtained a mark of at least 24 out of 30 in each exam;

5. that they have no criminal convictions and are not subject to any ongoing criminal proceedings;
6. that they are not enrolled, for the 2025–2026 academic year, on master's degree programmes relating to the Class and Field for which they are applying .

Once you have completed your application, you must click the “SUBMIT APPLICATION” button. You will then receive an automatic email from noreply with the subject line “Competition registration”, confirming (with the date and time) that your registration for the competition has been successful.

Applications must, on pain of exclusion, include the following attachment:

- a personal statement, in which the candidate outlines their academic interests and motivations and demonstrates their potential for cultural and professional development (max. 5 pages, 2,500 words).
- curriculum vitae and academic record;
- an abstract of the thesis, if already defended, or a description of the thesis project;

Candidates may also apply for admission to the open competition at the University of Milan, but only for a single Class and a single Field.

Candidates who have applied simultaneously to the competition for the University of Milan and the competition for the University of Pavia will be assessed on the basis of the same evaluation of qualifications and the same interview.

All communications between the School and candidates will take place via the email address provided by the candidates in their application.

Art. 16

Selection Committee

The Selection Panel for the competition for the University of Milan and for the competition for the University of Pavia is a single body, appointed by the Rector of the School, upon a joint proposal by the Heads of the Classes, and is composed of at least four members of the School's teaching staff.

The Committee collectively awards marks for academic qualifications and the interview in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 above.

Only candidates who, in the assessment of qualifications, have achieved a score of at least 45 will be admitted to the interview for admission to the two-year second-cycle Ordinary ‘ ’ courses.

The list of those admitted to the interview will be published in the ‘Competitions, calls and selections –

Calls for students' section of the School's website by **Wednesday 16 September 2026**. Candidates will be identified by their application ID (the application number found in the first line of the 'Personal details' section of the application form).

Those admitted to the interview will be notified of the date and time of the interview.

Should candidates wish to withdraw from the competition, they must promptly notify the IUSS School and the College by email.

Art. 17

Type and schedule of the interview

The interview will take place in person. If a candidate is unable to travel to Pavia, they may submit a reasoned request to the selection panel by writing to concorsoco@iusspavia.it to take the interview *online*. The interview schedules will be published in the Competitions, Calls and Selections – Calls for Students section of the School's website and communicated via email to candidates.

During the interview, the candidate's motivation will be assessed and the qualifications submitted for admission may also be examined.

At the end of the interview, the Committee will award a mark out of twenty.

Art. 18

Publication of rankings and appointment of successful candidates

The Rector of the IUSS School approves the ranking list for each class, divided into the two fields, and appoints the successful candidates by means of specific decisions.

Successful candidates, i.e. those who have obtained a minimum score of **57/80**, are admitted in the order of the admission ranking until all available places are filled.

The final rankings will be published on the School's noticeboard and in the 'Competitions, Calls for Applications and Selection Processes – Calls for Students' section of the School's website by **Wednesday 23 September 2026**.

Successful candidates must confirm their acceptance of the place in accordance with the terms and procedures communicated by the offices, stating the degree programme at the University of Pavia they have chosen and the relevant college. Should a candidate also be successful in the ranking for the University of Milan, they must choose one of the two places.

For the allocation of places, it is mandatory, on pain of forfeiture, that successful candidates who are not ' ' (students with a residence permit) and do not already reside in a hall of residence enrol in a hall of residence in accordance with the results of the respective selection procedures, with freedom of

choice in the event of being awarded a place at more than one merit-based hall of residence.

To enrol on the Ordinary Courses, successful candidates must submit, by **Monday 28 September 2026** in accordance with the procedures communicated by the relevant offices, the documents referred to in Article 19 below.

In the event of a *tie* in the overall score (assessment of qualifications plus interview), the ranking list shall be drawn up by ordering candidates according to the score awarded in the assessment of qualifications and, in the event of a further tie, according to the order in which the online application for the competition was submitted.

For the allocation of places, it is mandatory, on pain of forfeiture, that successful candidates enrol in one of the Colleges of Merit.

In the event of a higher than expected number of applications and/or technical issues resulting in a delay in the completion of the tests, the School reserves the right to extend the deadlines set out in the call for applications for the publication of the results and the competition rankings.

Should the allocation of places within a specific stream of a class not be completed, the School will proceed to move down the ranking list for that class, allocating the unfilled places to candidates from the other stream of the same class in accordance with their ranking order. Should this second review also fail to allow for the completion of the allocation of places as per the call for applications, the School reserves the right to review the ranking list for the other Class, subject to an assessment of the organisational requirements of the courses.

Part III

ENROLMENT AND FINAL RULES

Art. 19

Documents for enrolment in Ordinary Courses

Enrolment in Ordinary Courses takes place through the registration procedure, in accordance with the procedures communicated by the offices, and requires the submission of a passport-sized photograph (max 5 MB), a self-certification of enrolment in the first year of a bachelor's degree, single-cycle master's degree or master's degree programme, and a self-certification of enrolment in a College.

The degree programme in which the applicant is enrolled must relate to the Class and Field for which the successful candidate is applying for enrolment, failing which they will be removed from the IUSS School's ranking list.

The School reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all self-certified information provided in the application for admission and enrolment.

Art. 20

Possible relevance of the competition for admission to merit-based colleges

The competition for admission may also be relevant to the competitive admission procedures for Merit-based Colleges, depending on the provisions set out by the Colleges themselves in their calls for applications.

Art. 21

Person responsible for the competitive selection process

Pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, as amended, the person responsible for the selection procedure referred to in this call for applications is Dr Giovanna Spinelli – Palazzo del Broletto, Piazza della Vittoria 15 – 27100 Pavia – telephone no. 0382/375811 – giovanna.spinelli@iusspavia.it.

Art. 22

Processing of personal data and anti-corruption measures

Data processing: In accordance with the legislation on the protection of personal data (Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the IUSS University School, in the person of the Rector, acting as Data Controller (with registered office at Piazza della Vittoria, 15, 27100 Pavia PV – certified email direzione@pec-iusspavia.it) hereby informs you that the processing of personal data collected by the administrative offices of the IUSS School is intended for the purposes of conducting the competition and any subsequent procedures relating to the academic career management of the successful candidates; This will take place in compliance with the conditions of lawfulness set out in Regulation (EU) 2016/679, by authorised staff, using procedures including computerised ones, in the manner and within the limits necessary to achieve the aforementioned purposes. The data will be processed in accordance with the principle of necessity of processing and will be retained in accordance with the rules on the retention of administrative records. The provision of such data is necessary to assess eligibility requirements and the possession of qualifications, and failure to provide them may preclude such assessment, resulting in exclusion from the procedure. The rankings will be published in accordance with current legislation. The data may be disclosed to public administrations directly concerned with the legal and financial status of the successfully assessed candidate and to all those public bodies to which, where the relevant conditions are met, disclosure is mandatory. Data subjects have the right to obtain from the IUSS University School, in the cases provided for, access to personal data and the rectification or erasure of such data, or the restriction of processing concerning them, or to object to the processing (Articles 15 et seq. of the Regulation). The relevant request must be submitted to the Data Controller. Further

information is available at the following link: <http://www.iusspavia.it//protezione-dati-personale>

Remote examination procedures: as with in-person examinations, in order for the candidate to sit the examination, it will be necessary to view the video feed and listen to the audio. By way of example, the following data may be processed during the examination: email address, connection IP address, images of the surrounding environment and the conduct of the examination. The tools will be configured to minimise the personal data processed, activating only the services necessary for the conduct of the examination. The IUSS School will adopt the solution best suited to its needs in compliance with EU Regulation 2016/679.

Transparent administration: The IUSS School operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (Law 190/2012), applying the measures set out in the Integrated Plan published in the 'Transparency' section of the institutional website at: <http://www.iusspavia.it>