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Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 FOR THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN

The IUSS Graduate School (hereinafter referred to as IUSS or the 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 educational 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 standard courses offer students advanced and multidisciplinary study programmes. 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 standard 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 those enrolled on single-cycle Master's degree programmes in Medicine and Surgery and Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics, and five years for those enrolled on single-cycle Master's degree programmes in Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, and Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology;
- *a three-year first-cycle degree 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 IUSS School's standard courses may be students of the University of Pavia or students of the University of Milan (the Statale).

Students on the standard courses are also members of university merit colleges legally recognised and accredited by the Ministry of University and Research.

In particular, for students enrolling at the University of Milan, the relevant merit-based college is the College of Milan. The College of Milan accepts the conditions of this Call for Applications for admission

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to the Ordinary Courses and manages its own selection procedure for admission.

The admission competition for the Collegio di Milano is managed directly by the College itself (<https://www.collegiodimilano.it/>).

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

- at the end of the single-cycle degree programme, the *single-cycle bachelor's degree*;
- upon completion of the three-year first-cycle programme, a *three-year first-cycle degree*;
- upon completion 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 the IUSS's regular 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-cycle programme*, and one for admission to *the two-year second-cycle programme* (for students who are not already enrolled in the three-year first-cycle 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 the following places for the 2026-2027 academic year for admission to the first year of the single-cycle or three-year first-level degree programmes of the standard courses:

16 places available for admission to the first year of the single-cycle or three-year first-level degree programmes in the standard courses, divided as follows:

8 places for the Humanities and Life Sciences Class, divided as follows:

- 4 places in the field of Humanities;
- 4 places in the Biomedical Sciences area;

8 places for the Science, Technology and Society Class, broken down as follows:

- 4 places for the field of Science and Technology,
- 4 places for the Social Sciences area.

The relevant faculty is the Faculty of Milan. Admission to this Faculty is a prerequisite for the allocation of a place on the standard degree programmes, as further specified in Article 3 below.

Art. 2

Matching of degree programmes at the University of Milan to Classes and Fields

Students' affiliation to a Class is linked to the undergraduate degree programmes, master's degree programmes and single-cycle degree programmes at the University of Milan in which the candidate is enrolled or intends to enrol, according to the following distribution:

Class of Humanities and Life Sciences:

- *Human Sciences Area*: courses offered by the Faculty of Humanities, the School of Linguistic and Cultural Mediation Sciences, and the Bachelor's degree course in Psychological Sciences of Prevention and Care; Master's degree courses in Cognitive Sciences and Decision-Making Processes, in Health Psychology, and in Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology.
- *Biomedical Sciences*: courses offered by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the School of Sports Sciences, courses in the Biological Sciences and Biotechnology areas, and the Master's degree programme in Food and Human Nutrition.



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Science, Technology and Society:

- *Sciences and Technologies*: courses offered by the Faculty of Sciences and Technologies and the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.
- *Social Sciences*: courses offered by the Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law, and the Master's degree programme in Management of Healthcare Organisations and the Health Sector.

Applicants are required to enrol on courses at the University of Milan in accordance with the University's regulations and, where applicable, to sit any entrance examinations required. Admission to the IUSS School does not constitute preferential treatment for entry to the University of Milan'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 in the competitive examination must, in order to complete their enrolment in the Ordinary Courses, be admitted to the Collegio di Milano. The allocation of an IUSS place is therefore subject to the candidate's admission to the Collegio di Milano. Admission to the Collegio is governed by the relevant selection procedure managed by the Collegio itself.

Admission will be granted to successful candidates who have secured a place as a resident student or a non-resident student (i.e. a student who does not reside at the College but who participates in Cultural Activities and has access to the services offered by the College) at the College in Milan. In particular, the successful candidate in the IUSS competition:

- to obtain a **non-resident student** place at the College, must have met the eligibility criteria as set out in the College's own call for applications;
- to obtain a place as **a resident student** at the College, must have been awarded that place according to the ranking list of the College's competition.

For students awarded a **non-resident student** place at the Milan College, the University of Milan guarantees accommodation by providing a bed in a twin room at a cost of €400 per month (subject to the allocation of student accommodation under the University of Milan's Accommodation Call for the 2026/2027 academic year, currently being issued).

Art. 4

Study grants

The University of Milan grants the successful students:

- full exemption from university fees for the entire duration of their studies;



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- a study grant, the amount of which for the 2026–2027 academic year is €1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred/00).

Subject to the students' full compliance with all their obligations, the exemption from university fees and the study grant are guaranteed for the entire duration of the degree programme.

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 submit a valid application for admission to the College in Milan.

Those who turn twenty-three 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. 6

Application for admission and deadline

With regard to admission to the first year of the single-cycle or three-year first-level degree programmes under the Ordinary Courses, applications 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 selection process is free of charge.

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

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

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



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

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

1. any request for disability support;
 - 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 Committee will assess the provision of assistive measures and additional time in relation to the specific disability, based on the documentation received, and the Ordinary Courses and Undergraduate Teaching Unit 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 'Education – Undergraduate Courses – Admission – Competition for admission to Undergraduate Courses, 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 Ordinary Courses and Undergraduate Teaching Unit will promptly notify the admitted candidate.
2. the qualification held (type of qualification, institution where it was obtained, location, date of award, grade achieved). If the qualification 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 falling within



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the Class and the Field for which you are applying;

5. that they have verified that the degree programme they intend to enrol in corresponds to the academic 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.

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 Pavia, please consult the relevant call for applications published on the institutional website in the section Education – Undergraduate Courses – Admission.

Candidates registered simultaneously for 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.

Failure to submit an application to participate in the admission competition for the College of Milan, or exclusion from the competition by the College itself, will prevent the candidate from participating in the competition.

All communications between the School and candidates will be made via the email address provided by the candidates 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 examinations**

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, 2 – entrance via Via Siro Comi, 55 – Pavia.

The total duration of the written tests must not exceed 5 hours, and papers must not be handed in until at least 1 hour has elapsed.

The written tests, which candidates sit anonymously, consist of two questions chosen by the candidate from those proposed by the Selection Board. Candidates choose their questions on the day of the tests and must adhere to the following rules:

- the first written test will focus on a subject specific to the Class and Field for which the



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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 at 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 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 aimed at assessing the candidate's knowledge.

The oral exams will take place from **Friday 11 September 2026** onwards, in accordance with the schedule to be published in the Competitions, Calls and Selections – Calls for Students section of the School's website.

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 consists of 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 examinations will be admitted to the oral examination.

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 and Selections – Student Calls section 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 test on the 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.

For the allocation of places, it is mandatory, on pain of forfeiture, that successful candidates enrol at



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the Collegio di Milano as resident or non-resident students in accordance with the results of the relevant selection procedure. Successful candidates who, at the time of publication of the ranking list, have not yet attended the suitability interview at the Collegio di Milano may attend a make-up interview organised by the Collegio di Milano itself. The interview will take place on dates to be communicated by the Collegio and will serve exclusively for the purpose of determining suitability as a non-resident student. **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 Milan chosen and their enrolment at the Collegio di Milano.**

Should a candidate be successful in securing a place on the University of Pavia ranking list as well, the candidate must choose one of the two places.

To enrol on standard degree programmes, successful candidates must submit the documents referred to in Article 19 below by **Friday 25 September 2026** to in accordance with the terms and procedures that will be communicated to them by the Offices via the email address provided in their application.

The ranking list may be updated until Friday 16 October 2026. By this deadline, should any successful candidate decline their place for any reason, the ranking list will be updated accordingly. Candidates who have not completed their enrolment at the College will be deemed to have forfeited their place on the ranking list.

In view of the reform of admission to the degree courses in Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics, and Veterinary Medicine, the School reserves the right to proceed with a further review of the ranking list for the Humanities and Life Sciences Class – 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, Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics in Italian, and Veterinary Medicine. 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 order of the ranking list. 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.



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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 the following places for the 2026-2027 academic year for admission to the first year of the two-year second-level study programme of the standard courses:

20 places available for admission to the first year of the two-year second-cycle programme, divided as follows:

10 places for the Humanities and Life Sciences Class, broken down as follows:

- 5 places in the field of Human Sciences;
- 5 places for the Biomedical Sciences area;

10 places for the Science, Technology and Society Class, broken down as follows:

- 5 places for the Science and Technology stream;
- 5 places in the Social Sciences area.

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

The affiliation of degree programmes to the Classes and Fields is the same as that provided for in Article 2 above.

Art. 11

Conditions for the allocation of places

Admission to the first year of the IUSS School's standard degree programmes (two-year second-cycle degree programmes) is granted by passing the national competitive selection process, which consists of an assessment of academic qualifications and an interview, as governed by Article 13.

Successful candidates must be enrolled as either resident or non-resident students or gain admission to the Milan College. Admission to the College is governed by the rules set out in the relevant selection procedure; this means that the allocation of an IUSS place is conditional upon the candidate's enrolment at the Milan College.

Successful candidates will be admitted provided they are already holders of, or have been awarded, a place as a resident or non-resident student at the Collegio di Milano. In particular, the successful candidate in the IUSS competition:

- in order to obtain a **non-resident student** place at the College, must have obtained met the eligibility criteria as set out in the College's call for applications;
- to obtain a place as a **resident student** at the College, must have been awarded that place according to the ranking list of the College's competition.



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For students who have been awarded a non-resident place at the Milan College, the University of Milan guarantees accommodation by providing a bed in a twin room at a cost of €400 per month (subject to the allocation of student accommodation under the University of Milan's Accommodation Call for the 2026/2027 academic year, currently being issued).

Art. 12

Study Grants

The University of Milan grants the successful students:

- full exemption from university fees for the entire duration of the course of study;
- a study grant, the amount of which for the 2026–2027 academic year is €1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred/00).

Subject to the students' full compliance with all obligations, the exemption from university fees and the study grant are guaranteed for the entire duration of the course of study.

Art. 13

Procedure for the competitive selection

Admission to the first year of the two-year second-cycle degree programme is granted through a public competition comprising an assessment of academic 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 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): maximum 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 Bachelor's degree by the date of enrolment at the IUSS School, **admission to the regular 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 regular courses will be forfeited.



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Art. 14

Admission requirements

For places on the two-year second-cycle degree programme, applicants are eligible for the selection process if, regardless of their nationality, they meet the following criteria:

- have successfully completed their first-cycle degree, or undertake to complete it by 31 December 2026 at the latest;
- have passed the exams required by their three-year degree 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 exam;
- be eligible to apply for admission to the College of Milan in accordance with the relevant call for applications;
- 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.

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 upload a copy of their identity document and declare:



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1. any request for 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 available on the School's website under 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 provision of support and additional time in relation to the specific disability, based on the documentation received, and the Ordinary Courses and Undergraduate Teaching Unit 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 **'Education – Undergraduate Courses – Admission – Competition for admission to Undergraduate Courses, 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 Ordinary Courses and Undergraduate Education Unit will promptly notify the admitted candidate.
2. the qualification held (bachelor's degree or equivalent foreign qualification, university where it was obtained, campus, 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 consider 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;



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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 currently subject to any 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 attachments:

- 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 Pavia, 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 be sent 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 academic 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 are admitted to the interview for the purpose of admission to the two-year second-cycle ordinary courses of the IUSS.

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**.



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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 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 committee by writing to concorsoco@iusspavia.it to take the interview *online*. The interview schedules will be published on the School's website, 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 are published on the School's notice board and in the 'Competitions, Calls for Applications and Selections – 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 Milan chosen and their enrolment at the Milan College.

Should a candidate also be successful in the ranking for the University of Pavia, they must choose one of the two places.

To enrol on standard degree programmes, 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



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for the competition was submitted .

For the allocation of places, it is mandatory, on pain of forfeiture, that successful candidates enrol at the College of Milan.

Successful candidates who intend to enrol at the University of Milan and who, at the time of publication of the ranking list, have not yet attended the suitability interview at the Collegio di Milano may attend a make-up interview organised by the Collegio di Milano itself. The interview will take place on dates to be communicated by the Collegio itself and will serve exclusively for the purpose of determining suitability as a non-resident student.

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 scroll down the ranking list for that Class, allocating the unfilled places to candidates from the other Area 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 required for enrolment in standard courses

Enrolment in standard 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 excluded from the IUSS School.

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

Art. 20

Head of the competition procedure

In accordance with the provisions of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, as amended, the person responsible for the competitive selection procedure referred to in this notice is Dr Giovanna Spinelli – Palazzo del Broletto, Piazza della Vittoria 15 – 27100 Pavia – telephone no. 0382/375811 –



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Art. 21

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 Graduate School, in the cases provided for, access to their 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 see their image and hear their voice. By way of example, the following data may be processed: email address, IP address, images of the surrounding environment and the conduct of the examination. The tools will be configured to minimise the personal data processed, with only the services necessary for the conduct of the competition being activated. The IUSS School will adopt the solution best suited to its needs in compliance with EU Regulation 2016/679.

Transparent administration: The IUSS University 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>