

FAQ – Call for applications I cycle

Frequently asked questions about the Call for applications for the I cycle.

ADMISSION AND TEST

Who can apply for admission to the Ordinary Programmes of the Collegio Superiore (I cycle)?

Italian and international students enrolling for the first time to university and feel highly motivated and prepared.

I have attended a year in another university, but I did not like it. Starting from this year I will attend a new Degree Programme at the University of Bologna. Can I apply for admission to the Collegio Superiore?

No, in order to apply to the Collegio Superiore the matriculation at university must be the first one. Transfers from other universities and withdrawals from studies will not be considered valid.

Does the admission process for the Ordinary Courses of the Collegio Superiore take into account the high school graduation grade?

No, the high school graduation grade is not considered in the admission process.

Does the admission process for the Ordinary Courses of the Collegio Superiore take into account income?

The selection is exclusively based on merit. However, in the case of ex-aequo in final rankings, the candidate with a less favorable financial condition will be given priority.

Do I have to attach the ISEE declaration to my application?

No, only after composing the final rankings and in the case of ex-aequo you will be asked to send your ISEE declaration to the Administration Office of the Collegio Superiore within 48 hours. We suggest requesting your ISEE certification in advance as obtaining it may require a long time.

Additionally, remember that the ISEE certification is useful for calculating the amount of financial contribution that will be paid to the Collegiates. In this case, the deadline for submitting the certification is October 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Those who do not submit the documentation within the specified deadlines and methods will receive a financial contribution equal to the minimum amount provided.

What are the tests that must be taken for admission to the Ordinary Programmes of the Collegio Superiore?

The admission procedure consists of:

- a preselection test with TOLC-I and/or TOLC-SU;
- a written exam;
- an oral exam for selected candidates.

Does the TOLC I choose to take for the preselection test have to be the same that is required for admission to the Degree Programme I want to enroll in?

No, the choice to participate in the preselection with TOLC-I and/or TOLC-SU does not depend on the Degree Programme you will enroll in. You should choose the TOLC in which you feel you are better prepared, or you can even choose both.

The TOLC will only be considered for the purpose of composing the rankings of the Competition according to the following scheme:

- TOLC-SU for the rankings for the places in the Ordinary Programme in the Humanistic-Social Area;
- TOLC-I for the rankings for the places of the Ordinary Programme in the Scientific-Technological Area.

If you have participated in both preselections and you are a winner in both, you will be selected for the Disciplinary Area associated with the TOLC in which you have obtained the highest score; in case of equal score in both TOLCs, you will have to choose the Area to compete for.

Are TOLC tests carried out remotely (TOLC@HOME) considered valid?

TOLCs carried out remotely (TOLC@HOME) will be considered valid if taken in 2023.

TOLC@HOME tests taken between January 1 and June 13, 2024, will be considered valid only for non-EU students with residency abroad.

I have already taken the TOLC-I/TOLC-SU to apply for other Competitions. Do I have to retake the TOLC test?

If you have already taken the TOLC-I or TOLC-SU to apply for other Competitions, it is not necessary to retake it to apply for the Preselection for the Ordinary Programmes of the Collegio Superiore. Please note that we will only consider the last TOLC taken by the deadline of June 13, 2024. Attention: The ENGLISH TOLC-I is not a suitable test to participate in the preselection of this Call.

I took a TOLC@HOME TEST IN 2023 and another one in 2024. Which one of them is considered valid for the preselection test?

Only TOLC@HOME tests taken in 2023 are considered valid for the preselection test. Therefore, the one you took in 2023 will be considered.

TOLC@HOME tests taken between January 1 and June 13, 2024, are only valid for non-EU students with residency abroad.

If I enroll in a Degree Programme within the humanistic-social area, can I take the TOLC-I for the preselection at the Collegio Superiore for the scientific-technological area?

Yes. The preselection test with TOLC can be taken in the area that most fits your skills and is independent from the disciplinary area of the Degree Programme you wish to enroll in.

What were the minimum scores for TOLC-I and TOLC-SU to pass the preselection test in the past years?

There is no fixed minimum score: the data varies and much depends on the preparation of the candidates who participate in the preselection in a specific year. For statistical purposes only, the data for the last few years is reported below.

For admission to the Collegio Superiore for the academic year 2020/2021, the preselection test was passed by candidates who scored above 39/50 for TOLC-I and 35/50 for TOLC-SU.

For admission to the academic year 2021/2022, the preselection test was passed by candidates who scored above 41.25/50 for TOLC-I and 40.25/50 for TOLC-SU.

For admission to the academic year 2022/2023, the preselection test was passed by candidates who scored above 35.25/50 for TOLC-I and 40.50/50 for TOLC-SU.

For admission to the academic year 2023/2024, the preselection test was passed by candidates who scored above 41.25/50 for TOLC-I and 38.75/50 for TOLC-SU.

Do I have to take the TOLC before I can register for the Preselection of the Collegio Superiore?

No, the two processes are separate, and we encourage you to proceed in parallel. Please, remember that, to avoid exclusion, you must have taken the TOLC-I (in Italian) and/or the TOLC-SU by June 13, 2024.

Do I have to pay anything to register for admission to the Collegio Superiore?

There is a registration fee for each TOLC that must be paid to the CISIA Consortium. There is no specific payment to the University of Bologna required to participate in the Call for Applications of the Collegio Superiore.

Is there a list of texts to prepare for the admission tests?

No, there are no suggested manuals to prepare for the test.

After the preselection test, if I am a winner, do I need to make a second registration on Studenti Online?

Yes, after the publication of the two rankings of the preselection test, if you are a winner, you must make a second registration on Studenti Online following the procedure illustrated in the Call to access the admission tests of the Collegio Superiore.

Will the admission tests for the Ordinary Courses of the Collegio Superiore be held in person?

The written exam will be exclusively held in person in Bologna on July 9, 2024. Starting from June 21, the address of the location (city center in Bologna) where you will have to go to take the test will be published on Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it), in the page of the admission request (“Application details”), along with the ranking.

The oral test, instead, will take place from July 22 to 25 remotely through the Microsoft Teams platform. The procedures for participating in the tests are indicated in the Call.

ENROLLMENT IN THE DEGREE COURSE

Do I have to already be enrolled at the University to participate in the admission test?

No, it is not mandatory. However, remember to enroll within the deadlines for most students (October 29, 2024) and to take the admission and knowledge assessment tests according to the terms set by the study course.

Are students admitted to the Collegio Superiore exempted from taking and passing any entrance tests for the study course they wish to enroll in?

No. Students who are admitted to the Collegio Superiore are not exempted from taking and passing any entrance tests required for the degree course they wish to enroll in.

I want to enroll in a restricted-access degree course: does the admission competition of the Collegio Superiore replace the entrance test for the degree course?

No, you must follow the procedural steps like all other students to enroll in a degree course. In the case of courses with a limited number of places and entrance tests, you must also take and pass those tests. Admission to the degree course is independent of admission to the Collegio Superiore.

Do I have to take the knowledge assessment tests required by the degree course calls as a requirement for enrollment (such as TOLC, OFA, ...)?

Absolutely yes. You must follow the enrollment procedure required by the study course like all other students, so you must also take the knowledge assessment tests according to the schedule set by the specific calls. Admission to the degree course is independent of admission to the Collegio Superiore.

Can I be admitted to the Collegio Superiore without enrolling in a degree course at the University of Bologna?

No, Collegiates must enroll in a Degree Programme at the University of Bologna.

Can I enroll in any degree course at the Alma Mater Studiorum?

Yes, including courses held at the Campuses of the Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna.

If I do not pass the admission competition for the Ordinary Courses of the Collegio Superiore, am I still required to enroll at the University of Bologna?

No, there is no obligation.

If you have any further doubts, you can send an email to segreteria.collegio@unibo.it.