

FAQ – Call for applications for the admission to the Ordinary Programmes of the Collegio Superiore for students enrolling to the first year of a Master’s Degree (II cycle)

Frequently Asked Questions

ADMISSION

Who can apply?

Italian and international students enrolling for the first time to the first year of a Master’s Degree 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 Master’s Degree at the University of Bologna. Can I apply for admission to the Collegio Superiore?

No, in order to apply for admission to the Collegio Superiore the matriculation in a Master’s Degree must be the first one. Transfers from other universities and withdrawals from studies will not be considered valid.

I have registered in a Master’s Degree in another university in the a.y. 2024/25. Can I apply for admission to the Collegio Superiore?

Yes. If you win the selection for the admission to the Ordinary Programmes of the Collegio Superiore and you decide to accept your place, you must matriculate in a Master’s Degree at the University of Bologna by the deadline indicated in the Call for Applications.

What are the requirements to participate in the call for applications?

You must have registered to a First Cycle Degree from the a.y. 2020/21 and obtained your First Cycle Degree with a high average (at least 28/30). Alternatively, you can graduate within the deadlines indicated in the Call for Applications, but you must have already obtained at least 130 ECTS with a high average (at least 28/30).

By “average” do you mean arithmetic average or weighted average?

Weighted average, which is computed multiplying each grade by its corresponding number of credits (without considering pass/fail exams), doing the sum of all the products obtained, and dividing this result by the total amount of credits (credits of the exams that attribute a grade), without considering honours. Roundings will not be made. In addition, only the credits obtained and registered by 15th April 2024 will be taken into account.

Do I have to pay in order to participate in the Call for Applications?

No. No payment is required.

Does the admission to the Collegio Superiore also account for income?

No, admission is exclusively based on merit.

Does the system save information entered in the “Declarations” module during the application procedure on Studenti online?

We advise you to check the number of characters of the texts entered in the declarations sections “Personal interests” (maximum 500 characters) and “Motivations” (maximum 2000 characters), because

the system does not save texts longer than the maximum allowed. We advise you to write your texts before on a spreadsheet provided with the calculation of characters (e.g. Word).

I have been selected for the oral exam: is there a bibliography to prepare the exam?

No, the oral exam is meant to ascertain that you have a broad and qualified culture, and the ability to undertake the studies at the Collegio Superiore. For this reason, no bibliography has been indicated.

REFERENCE LETTERS AND ONLINE PROCEDURE

Who can write a reference letter for me?

Italian or international university professors (full professors, associate professors, researchers) that do not belong to the Commission.

Is it necessary to indicate the professor's institutional e-mail address?

Yes, it is essential for us to contact the professor and ask information. You will not need to send us the reference letter, the professor will directly handle the process.

Can I send the reference letter from my e-mail address?

No, it is not possible to send a reference letter from your e-mail address. If your referent is having technical issues, he can contact the Help desk. In the open practice on Studenti Online, it is possible to change your referent's e-mail address.

Do professors need to prepare a reference letter?

Yes, the professors you have indicated will need to fill in a standardised online presentation form that will be sent to them by the University.

Do I have to complete the procedure in one session?

It is not necessary to complete the procedure in one go. You can return to the page with your credentials and finalize the procedure over time. However, remember to complete it within the deadline, because only applications containing all the documentation submitted by the deadline will be evaluated.

Remember to pay attention to the character limit indicated in the fields of some statements of the online procedure because if you exceed this limit, the text will NOT be saved and will appear as not inserted.

ENROLLMENT IN THE DEGREE COURSE

Do I need to be enrolled in a Degree Course at the University of Bologna to participate in the call for applications to the Collegio Superiore?

No, it is not mandatory. However, remember to enroll in a Degree Programme within the deadlines set for most students and to take admission tests and knowledge verification tests according to the terms set by the Degree Programme. Students admitted to the Collegio Superiore are NOT exempted from taking and passing any entrance tests for the Degree Course they want to enroll in.

I want to enroll in a Degree Course with a restricted number of places: does the admission competition for the Ordinary Programmes of the Collegio Superiore replace the entrance test for the study course?

No, you need to follow the procedure like all other students to enroll in a Degree Course. In the case of courses with a restricted number of places and entrance tests, you also need to take those tests.

Do I need to take the knowledge verification tests required by the calls or notices of the Degree Courses as a requirement for enrollment?

Absolutely yes, you need to follow the enrollment procedure provided by the Degree Course like all other students, so you also need to take the knowledge evaluation tests according to the schedule provided by the calls or specific notices. 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 also be students of the Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna: the Collegio Superiore is part of the University of Bologna.

To enter the Collegio Superiore, 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 Programmes of the Collegio Superiore, am I still required to enroll at the University of Bologna?

No, there are no constraints.

If you have further questions, please send an e-mail to this address: segreteria.collegio@unibo.it.