

## **FAQ – Competition for admission to the Ordinary Courses of the Collegio Superiore for first-year students of a Bachelor's or Single-Cycle Master's Degree Course (1st cycle)**

Frequently asked questions

### **ADMISSION AND TEST**

#### **Who can apply for admission to the Ordinary Courses (First Cycle)?**

Italian and international students who are about to enroll in university for the first time and feel particularly motivated and prepared.

#### **I spent a year at another university, but I didn't like it. This year, I'm applying for a new degree program in Bologna: can I retake the admission test?**

No, enrollment at the university must be the first time. Therefore, transfers from another university or withdrawals from studies are not considered.

#### **Does admission to the Ordinary Courses of the Collegio Superiore take into account the high school diploma grade?**

No, admission does not take into account the high school diploma exam result.

#### **Does admission to the Ordinary Courses of the Collegio Superiore also take income into account?**

Selection is based exclusively on merit; only in the event of a tie in the final rankings the priority will be given to the candidate with the less favorable financial situation.

#### **Do I have to attach the ISEE certificate to my application?**

No, only after the final rankings have been established, and in the event of a tie, the Collegio Superiore Office will ask you to submit the certificate within 48 hours. It is recommended that you request it as early as possible, as it can take a long time to obtain.

Also, remember that the ISEE certificate is used to calculate the financial contribution that will be paid to students. In this case, the deadline for submitting the certificate is October 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Anyone who has not submitted the documentation within the required timeframe will be awarded the financial contribution equal to the minimum required amount.

#### **What tests are required to be admitted to the Collegio Superiore's Ordinary Courses?**

The admission procedure includes:

- a pre-selection test using the TOLC-SU/TOLC-E/TOLC-I/TOLC-F test;
- a written test;
- An oral test.

**Must the TOLC I choose for the pre-selection test be the one for the degree program area in which I would like to enroll?**

No, the choice to participate in the pre-selection with the TOLC-SU/TOLC-E for the Humanities and Social Sciences area and the TOLC-I/TOLC-F for the Science and Technology area is independent of the degree program you enroll in. Choose the TOLC for which you feel best prepared.

The TOLC will be taken into account ONLY for the purposes of compiling the competition rankings based on the following scheme:

- TOLC-SU and TOLC-E for the rankings for places in the Ordinary Program in the Humanities and Social Sciences area;
- TOLC-I and TOLC-F for the rankings for places in the Ordinary Programs in the Science and Technology area.

If you have taken multiple pre-selection tests using the TOLC-SU/TOLC-E for the Humanities and Social Sciences Area and/or the TOLC-I/TOLC-F for the Science and Technology Area and are a winner in multiple rankings, you will compete for the available places in the subject area associated with the TOLC in which you achieved the highest ranking. If you hold the same position in multiple rankings, you will compete for the available places in the subject area associated with the TOLC in which you achieved the highest score.

**Are TOLCs taken remotely (TOLC@CASA) considered valid?**

Remote TOLCs (TOLC@CASA) are permitted only for candidates who declare themselves to be "non-EU citizens residing abroad."

The only TOLC tests accepted are those taken in person starting January 1, 2025.

**If I have already taken one of the following TOLC tests: TOLC-SU/TOLC-E/TOLC-I/TOLC-F to apply for other competitions, do I need to take it again?**

If you have already taken one of the following TOLC tests: TOLC-SU/TOLC-E/TOLC-I/TOLC-F to apply for other competitions, it is not necessary to take it again to apply for the pre-selection for the Collegio Superiore's Ordinary Courses. Please note that for each type of TOLC accepted, we will only consider the last TOLC taken by June 11, 2026. Please note: the ENGLISH TOLC-E/TOLC-I/TOLC-F or the CEnT are not eligible for the pre-selection for this Call.

**If I enroll in a degree program in the humanities and social sciences, can I take the TOLC-I or TOLC-F for the pre-selection to the Collegio Superiore for the scientific-technological area?**

Yes. The pre-selection test with TOLC can be taken in the area that best suits your skills and is independent of the subject area of the degree program in which you intend to enroll.

**What was the minimum score to pass the pre-selection test in previous years?**

There is no fixed minimum score: the figure varies and depends greatly on the preparation of the candidates participating in the pre-selection that specific year. Furthermore, a comparison with previous years is not possible because starting this year, the type of TOLCs admitted has increased.

**Do I have to take the TOLC before I can register for the Collegio Superiore pre-selection?**

No, the two activities are separate, and we encourage you to proceed in parallel. Please note that, under penalty of exclusion, you must have taken one of the admitted TOLCs by June 11, 2026.

**When registering for the pre-selection, do I have to indicate the TOLC score?**

No. The TOLC results of those who have registered for the pre-selection will be automatically acquired by the College Office. However, we encourage you to check the list of applications not automatically received on the Studenti Online homepage, in the "Requests in Progress" section, in the days immediately following the pre-selection deadline. In this case, you will have only one day to send us the TOLC required for the selection process you took.

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

There is a registration fee for each TOLC test, payable to the CISIA Consortium. However, there is no specific payment to the University of Bologna to participate in the Collegio Superiore admission test.

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

No, there are no recommended textbooks to prepare for the test.

**After the pre-selection test, if I win, do I have to register again on Studenti Online?**

Yes, after the two pre-selection test rankings are published, if you win, you must register again on Studenti Online following the procedure described in the Call for Applications to be admitted to the Collegio Superiore admission tests.

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

The written exam will be held exclusively in person in Bologna on July 10, 2026. Starting June 19, the address of the location (Bologna city center) where you must go to take the exam will be published on Studenti Online ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)), on the application page (under "Request Details"), along with the ranking.

The oral exam, however, will be held from July 27 to 30, also in person and in Bologna. In this case too, by July 20, the address of the location (Bologna city center) where you must go to take the exam will be published on Studenti Online ([www.studenti.unibo.it](http://www.studenti.unibo.it)), on the application page (under "Request Details"), along with the ranking.

The exam procedures and the exam participation requirements are outlined in the Call for Applications.

**What does the written exam consist of?**

The written exam consists of two essays (maximum 3,000 characters each, including spaces), one on a humanistic-social science topic and one on a scientific-technological topic. You are required to complete both. Additionally, you will be required to answer three open-ended questions (maximum 1,000 characters each, including spaces) on general knowledge, scientific, literary, political-institutional, and legal-economic topics.

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE DEGREE COURSE**

### **Do I need to be enrolled in the University to participate in the admissions process?**

No, it is not mandatory. However, remember to enroll by the deadlines set for all students and to take the admissions and knowledge tests according to the terms and conditions set by the Degree Program.

### **Are students admitted to the Collegio Superiore exempt from taking and passing any entrance tests for the Degree Program they wish to enroll in?**

No. Students admitted to the Collegio Superiore are not exempt from taking and passing any entrance tests for the Degree Program they wish to enroll in.

### **I want to enroll in a Degree Program with limited places: does the Collegio Superiore admissions process replace the entrance test for the Degree Program?**

No, you must follow the same procedures as all other students to enroll in a Degree Program. In the case of limited-placement courses and entrance tests, you must also take and pass those tests. Admission to the Degree Program is independent of admission to the Collegio Superiore.

### **Must I take the knowledge assessment tests required by the degree program announcements as a requirement for enrollment (such as TOLC, OFA, etc.)?**

Absolutely yes. You must follow the degree program's enrollment procedure like all other students, so you must also take the knowledge assessment tests according to the calendar set forth in the specific announcements. Admission to the degree program is independent of admission to the Collegio Superiore.

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

No, students must enroll in a degree program at the University of Bologna.

### **Can I enroll in any degree program at the Alma Mater Studiorum?**

Yes, including courses held on the campuses of the Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna.

### **I was ranked among the eligible candidates in the final ranking of the Collegio Superiore competition. How can I find out if I will be admitted again following the rankings update?**

If the rankings are updated, the Secretariat will contact the eligible candidate, setting a mandatory deadline for acceptance. A prerequisite for admission is enrollment in a degree program at the University of Bologna. The deadline for updating the rankings is February 1, 2027. After this date, the rankings will no longer be updated.

**If I fail the admission exam for the Ordinary Courses of the Collegio Superiore, am I still required to enroll at the University of Bologna?**

No, there are no restrictions.

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND ISEE CERTIFICATION**

**I passed the admission test and entered the College. When will I receive the contribution and how should I treat it from a tax perspective?**

The contribution will be paid in advance at the beginning of the academic year. From a tax perspective, the contribution is treated as income from employment, subject to the applicable tax regulations, pursuant to Article 50, letter c) of Presidential Decree 917/86.

**I am not an Italian citizen and therefore cannot submit the ISEE certification. Does this mean I will only be entitled to the minimum contribution amount?**

Not necessarily. For non-Italian citizens, there are other useful certifications provided by the University to assess their family's financial situation, which must also be submitted by the deadline. Please see the instructions in Annex 2 of the announcement.

**What do I need to do to submit the ISEE documentation?**

You must log in to the "Online Services" section of the ER.GO website (<https://servizionline.er-go.it/domande2/>) with your SPID credentials and complete the "Personal Data" and "Financial Data" sections by the indicated deadline. In the "Financial Data" section, enter the INPS protocol number for the Single Substitute Declaration (DSU), which is required to obtain the ISEE.

**What should I do if I don't yet have the INPS protocol number for the Single Substitute Declaration (DSU)?**

Up to two days before the deadline for submitting the data, you must enter the INPS protocol (e.g., INPS-ISEE-202X-00000000C-00). You will then have to wait for INPS to issue the certification and the related protocol.

On the day of the deadline and the day before, in the financial data section, you will find a question "Do you have the INPS protocol?" Answer "NO" to this question and enter the protocol found on the receipt issued to you by the CAF (e.g., CAF000- PG0000-202X-N0000000). This way, you can close the financial data section and complete the application form.

**If I have income or assets outside of Italy, what should I do?**

Anyone whose household has, in whole or in part, income and/or assets outside of Italy, in addition to completing the "Personal Data" and "Economic Data" sections on the ER.GO website, including any INPS ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) protocol, must submit appropriate documentation, strictly adhering to the instructions in Annex 2 of the call for applications. All documents must be submitted to ER.GO by the indicated deadlines by connecting to the User Dossier (<https://dossier.er-go.it/>) in the section "Correspondence and Protocol > Send Documentation > Foreign Income Documentation".

If you have any further questions, please email [segreteria.collegio@unibo.it](mailto:segreteria.collegio@unibo.it).