

# Specific Qualifications / Programmes

The present section gives the list of a number of qualifications the acceptance of which for admission to the bachelor courses in each Italian university is subject to specific conditions. Check if your case falls within one of the following categories. If so, you have to meet the admission requirements stated for the qualification/programme concerned.

You have to consider that the Italian system is made up of a global schooling of 13 years; anyway higher education institutions accept foreign secondary qualifications awarded after 12 years.

## 1) School leaving qualifications awarded after 10/11 school years

A) Do you hold a secondary qualification awarded after 10 or 11 years of global schooling?  
If so, you have:

either to give evidence that you have also completed 2 years or 1 year, respectively, of university studies in the system of reference;

It deserves mentioning that the additional study period completed after secondary education is accepted only for matriculation in the 1st year of the Italian course of your choice.

Example: do you hold a 10-year secondary qualification and have also completed 3 years of university studies in your home country?

If so, the host Italian institution may operate as follows:

- **a)** accept 2 years of your university studies to fill in the gap in your secondary education up to the general requirement of 12 years;
- **b)** evaluate the remaining 1 year towards a reduction in length of the Italian programme you have requested (recognition of some credits).

The same type of evaluation is applied to 11-year secondary qualifications accompanied by a 2/3-year period of university studies.

B) Do you hold a secondary qualification shorter than the required 12 years? And have you also attended a **post-secondary professional institution** in your home country?

Your post-secondary studies may be accepted to fill in the gap in your secondary education on condition that you have already been awarded the corresponding post-secondary diploma.

## 2) US High School Diploma (HSD)

Holders of the HSD must:

- either have also successfully completed 2 years of college education and hold the promotion to the 3rd year;
- or hold the promotion to the 2nd year of college and have earned 4 Advanced Placements (APs) in as many subjects related to the Italian programmes of their choice; an AP in Italian is valid for admission to any programme, independently of its subject field.

### **3) British Secondary Qualifications**

The British secondary qualifications normally accepted consist of 6 passes in different subjects, at least 3 of which must rank at advanced level.

The 3 A-levels must be related to the chosen Italian programme (course requirements). An A-level in Italian is valid for admission to any programme, independently of its subject field.

### **4) Greek Qualifications - "Apolityrion"**

The Greek qualifications acceptable for matriculation purposes in Italian university-level institutions are:

- either the Apolityrion along with the Veveossi Prosvassis (certificate of academic suitability); the Apolityrion grade must be 10/20 at least (the minimum grade needed for promotion in Greece),
- or just the Apolityrion, when conferred before 1999 to students who may give documentary evidence that they lived in Italy in the years 1999-2001 (that is in the transition period fixed by the Greek legislation to obtain the certificate of academic suitability).

### **5) Diplomas from border schools in Croatia, Slovenia, and Switzerland**

Final qualifications awarded by those border schools in the quoted countries that offer Italian as official tuition language are accepted for admission to university-level studies in Italy, but limitedly to those subject fields for which they are valid in the respective High Education systems.

### **6) European High School Licence (Law No. 102 of 3.01.1960 and Law No. 577 of 19.05.1965)**

The final qualifications awarded by the European Schools in Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands have all legal validity for admission to university-level institutions in Italy.

### **7) Diplomas from Foreign Schools in Italy**

In Italy operate some foreign schools offering courses of primary and secondary education. The final qualifications awarded by a few of them -belonging to France, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, and Switzerland- have been recognised for enrollment at Italian universities under specific conditions. Such conditions are clearly stated in the agreements signed by Italy with the respective countries of reference.

### **8) International Baccalaureate**

The IB conferred by a number of schools worldwide is recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education (Miur) as equivalent to the Italian school leaving diploma, provided the curriculum corresponds to the one attached to the recognition decree of that particular IB programme. A general condition required by MIUR is that IB holders were admitted to the respective IB programmes after obtaining the promotion to the last form but one of global schooling in the system of reference (i.e. the 11th or 12th form, if the school system consists of 12 or 13 years of global schooling, respectively).

## **11) Diplomas from Italian sections at foreign schools abroad**

The school leaving qualifications from Italian sections opened within foreign schools abroad are accepted for matriculation only to those Italian 1st cycle programmes that are similar to the courses they grant admission to in the respective foreign countries.