

University of Insubria



# MSc in Hospitality for Sustainable Tourism Development

Department of Law, Economics and Cultures

**2025 October Intake**

[Link to course website](#)

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# **Minimum Admission Requirements**

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# Minimum admission requirements

1. **Economics and Business Management Background** (at least 10 ECTS in economics or business management) - **MANDATORY**
2. **At least B2 level in English** (certified or evidenced by degree instructed in English) - **MANDATORY**;
3. **At least B2 level in a recognized second language** (**only**: German, Spanish, French, Chinese, Russian, or Italian) – also **mandatory**, but:
  - **Alternative Option**: enroll in our Italian course and complete the language exam by January 2026 to meet the requirement.
  - Once you choose your second language, you will have to pass an official B2 exam in June 2027 as part of your degree program.

# Alternative to requirement n. 3: Italian language

## **courses**

We offer two free Italian courses **ONLY** to students who pre-enroll on Esse3 and pass the assessment interview (a.k.a. Step 4 and Step 5):

- *Online Course: October 2025*
- *In-Person Course: November 2025 to January 2026*

The final oral exam will be held **in presence** at the end of January 2026. Upon passing the exam, you will be officially enrolled. Additionally, as part of your study plan, you will be required to take an official and mandatory Italian B2 exam in June 2027.

If you prefer to learn a language other than Italian, you may choose from the list of accepted languages. However, please note that we do not provide courses for languages other than Italian. The steps and timeline for enrolment and exams remain the same.

Don't worry! We help students in every step, and we are proud to say that no student has failed our exam so far.

# Assessment interview

Candidates may only be admitted after an oral interview to design a personalized self-study program.

- These interviews are designed to be motivational in nature (this is **not** an exam).
- We will discuss your current academic background and motivation. This will help us determine any supplementary course of foreign language or management to assign before the official enrollment.
- There is no maximum or minimum age requirement.
- There is no maximum or minimum GPA requirement.



# Required Documents

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# Required documents: Declaration of Value **or** CIMEA Statement of Comparability

- You may submit DoV **after** you apply on University but must be presented BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL IN ITALY;
- Cimea is obtainable from <https://cimea-diplome.it/sito/page-comparability-service>;
  - This cost will be reimbursed upon enrolment by subtracting the amount from your fees; if you are a scholarship recipient, you will not receive a refund as you do not pay any fees.
- ARDI Statement of Correspondence (<https://ardi.cimea.it/en>) **must be** paired with CIMEA Statement of verification.

**We reserve the right to request a CIMEA statement of comparability as a supplement to the DoV in cases at our discretion.**

# Required documents

- Original and **legalized** copy of Bachelor's degree (apostille or CIMEA Verification)
  - Legal translation in English or Italian;
- Full transcript of records with course names and credit hours (in English/French/Spanish or legally translated if otherwise)
  - **Note**: Legalization of the transcript is highly recommended;
- Language proficiency certificates (if any) and medium of instruction letter;
- Europass CV;
- Valid passport (and subsequent study visa **by November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**).



# Required documents

We recommend that you gather all the necessary documents well in advance and apply on Universitaly as soon as the portal reopens in March 2025. You will be notified of its opening if you fill in this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5Gd0qq6soOobZXwmai54yeysY6MpOYEQGSwzneHJyH6SODg/viewform>

This will allow us to process your application more efficiently and enable you to request a visa appointment at an earlier date.

**Please note that the deadline for presenting your visa and legalized documents is the end of November 2025.**

*Your enrolment will be cancelled if you do not present all the listed documents before then, and no exceptions will be made.*





# **Application Steps and Deadlines**

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# Step-by-step timeline

*To facilitate the application process, here's a step-by-step timeline. Please follow each step in order and submit all required documents by their respective deadlines to avoid delays.*

**Note:** Extra-UE students that already meet all requirements before September 2025 can skip step 6 and 9 (language course) and pay the fees before the end of September.

**Note:** Italian citizens, other UE citizens, or Extra-UE candidates who already possess an Italian study or family visa can skip step 2 and 3 (University), as well as 6 and 9 (language course) if they meet all requirements, and pay the fees before the end of September.

Fees: <https://www.uninsubria.eu/services/uninsubria-living/enrollment-procedures>



# Step-by-step timeline (1)

(optional) **Step 1: Pre-evaluation** (open until June 25th), to be requested at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5Gd0qq6soOobZXwmai54yeysY6MpOYEQGSwzneHJyH6SODg/viewform>

**Step 2: Pre-enrolment University** - if the pre-evaluation is positive or you already know you meet the requirements, upload all required documents and we will forward your summary to your preferred embassy (open until June 30th) → <https://www.universitaly.it/>

**Note:** *you do **not** need a letter of admission before applying on University. You can request one AFTER your summary has already been forwarded.*

**Step 3: Visa request** to be arranged through your preferred embassy.

**Note:** *We do not assist with embassy communications.*



## Step-by-step timeline (2)

### Step 4: Pre-enrolment Esse3

Register on our Esse3 platform (<https://uninsubria.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>), as well as apply for the assessment test you can find in the side menu (opens July 2025 until the end of October 2025).

**Note:** Register for the assessment test before the end of October 2025 to avoid disqualification.

**Step 5: Assessment interview** in September/October 2025 with course coordinator.

**Step 6: Apply for the online language course** held in October 2025.

## Step-by-step timeline (3)

### **Step 7: Classes start in October 2025.**

Classes online *can* be set up until the end of October, as long as you can show us proof that your embassy appointment is scheduled for a date before the end of October.

**Step 8: Last document submission** - hand in DoV (and if requested, CIMEA) and visa before November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Step 9: Pass the language exam** by January 2026.

**Step 10: Enrolment Finalization & Fee Payment** - Finalize by January 2026.

# Fees (1)

The tuition fee consists of two parts:

- Enrollment fee € 156,00;
- Tuition fee.

The tuition fee must be paid in two steps:

- Deposit by December;
- Balance by May.

To finalize the enrollment, students are required to pay a registration fee of 156 euros to be paid by September 30th. The tuition fees, in two installments in December and May, are calculated depending on the country of origin.

## Fees (2)

Here are the fees divided by country groups:

Country of Origin	Flat rate	Program K	tuition fees
GROUP 1	200	1	200
GROUP 2	700	1	700
GROUP 3	3300	1	3300

[Link to country groups](#)

Group = Tabella



## Fees (3)

**Note:** you will not be able to pay any fee until you meet all requirements, i.e., pass the assessment interview, acquire second language knowledge, and submit all documents.

This will produce a message (“The candidate is not in a useful position to complete this task”) on the Esse3 platform. All offices are already informed.

You will still be given access to our resources, as well as an institutional student email, once you complete your assessment interview.

<https://www.uninsubria.eu/services/uninsubria-living/enrollment-procedures>





# **Additional Information**

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After filling in the pre-evaluation form and receiving a positive evaluation, **extra-UE students without a visa must upload the documents on [www.universitaly.it](http://www.universitaly.it).**

A committee will further evaluate your requirements. University is open from April to the end of June 2025.

*These deadlines remain firm and cannot be extended under any circumstances.*

Should your application expire (e.g., you miss deadlines, do not provide necessary documents, you do not pass the language exam), you will need to repeat the entire process from scratch next year. We do not offer deferrals or reserve spots.



# Useful links

- [Right to Study and Support Services](#)
- [Enrolment Procedures and Fees](#)
- [Student Information Service \(InfoStudenti\)](#)
- [Accommodation Finder](#)
- [Right to Study Scholarship Information](#)

Information on fees, scholarships, and accommodation can be requested **exclusively** from the Right to Study office through [InfoStudenti](#).

***Note:** accommodation will be assigned in September already. Although we try our best to accommodate everyone, we cannot guarantee you will receive a spot in our residences.*





# Frequently Asked Questions

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## F.A.Qs (1)

**Q:** If the course is taught in English, why do I need to know a second language?

**A:** Although the course is taught entirely in English, our goal is to fully prepare you for a successful career. In the tourism sector, having additional language skills is an invaluable advantage.

**Q:** Why do you accept only German, Spanish, French, Chinese, Russian, or Italian?

**A:** For our degree course, we currently accept the most attractive languages for the international tourism market, i.e., German, Spanish, French, Chinese, Russian, or Italian.

**Q:** My embassy does not accept conditional letters of admission. Can the requirement be omitted?

**A:** We cannot remove the requirement from the letter. You are bound by all three requirements.

## F.A.Qs (2)

**Q: Can I request a letter of admission?**

**A:** Of course! You can request one [here](#) as soon as your University summary has been forwarded.

**Q: You requested CIMEA from me, but it's expensive. Do you accept DoV?**

**A:** We can accept DoV until you obtain your visa. Once you have your visa, you must turn in your CIMEA comparability to enroll if our office explicitly requested it.

**Q: Why do I need to hand in the CIMEA certification before my arrival in Italy?**

**A:** We decide if you can enroll based on the outcome of the CIMEA. If your degree is not considered enough to access our course, you cannot enroll. It is in your best interest that you do this from home.

**Q: Do I need to legalize my documents? What if I already have CIMEA comparability or ARDI?**

**A:** Yes and yes. You can do so through CIMEA Statement of Verification or apostille.



## F.A.Qs (3)

**Q:** When are you going to forward my University summary?

**A:** Soon. We try our best, but we are still unfortunately human. Give us at least 10 business days.

**Q:** I didn't get my visa in time. Can you defer my application?

**A:** We do not offer deferrals.

**Q:** Can you reserve Uni accommodation for me?

**A:** No. Places in our student dormitories are first come first serve.

**Q:** I want more information on scholarships and accommodation. Who can I contact?

**A:** Information on scholarships and accommodation can be requested **exclusively** from the Right to Study office through [InfoStudenti](#).





## F.A.Qs (4)

**Q:** I want to change my embassy. Can you do that?

**A:** Only if we have not processed your application yet. If your summary has already been forwarded, you must contact the embassy and request a transfer.

**Q:** Can I apply for a scholarship of Excellence?

**A:** Unfortunately, we do not offer this particular scholarship this year.

**Q:** University closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. What if I am late?

**A:** If you received a positive pre-evaluation before the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, we will open the portal again. If you did not contact the university or request a pre-evaluation before then, your application will not be processed.





**We look forward to your future  
application and to welcoming you to the  
HoSTDe program!**

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