

## Requirements – Bachelor's Degrees

### Validity of the academic qualification

The academic qualification must be earned by 31st December 2021. In order to be considered valid it is necessary that the qualification

1. is awarded after at least 12 years of schooling overall
2. grants access to Universities belonging to the education system of the country which issued the qualification.

### Please note:

Candidates must provide a valid secondary school diploma suitable for access to the first cycle degree in the educational system to which the final diploma refers. The final diploma must always be provided in the original language.

All the secondary school diplomas allow the continuation of studies in Italian higher education institutions if they were awarded on the basis of **at least the last two years of attendance** with a positive result in the foreign education system. Diplomas obtained after only one year of attendance will not be considered valid for enrolment.

Where it is necessary to evaluate qualifications obtained at the end of a school education of less than 12 years, higher education institutions may alternatively request:

1. the academic transcripts certifying the passing of all the exams foreseen for the first year of university studies in the case of the eleven-year local school system;
2. the academic transcripts certifying the passing of all the exams scheduled for the first two academic years in the case of a ten-year local school system.

The pre-school year may be taken into consideration, where applicable and officially recognised as an integral part of the education path at a national level, on the condition that the attendance of this year is compulsory and an integral part of the curriculum and that the programme foresees the teaching of reading and writing of the language of the country, and the initial notions of arithmetic.

### Qualifying national exam

Please note that if the national system of education requires a qualifying national exam for university admission candidates must pass this exam in order to enrol in Italian universities (a minimum grade is not required). These exams are usually requested by the Italian Authorities (Embassy/Consulate/Italian Cultural Institute) in order to issue Declarations of Value and student visas.

Some examples:

- *Selectividad* in Spain;
- *Veveossi Prosvassis* in Greece;
- *Vestibular* in Brazil;
- *Gao Kao* in China;
- *YKS (TYT and LYS)* in Turkey.

## **Academic qualifications with special requirements**

### **Diploma of the International Baccalaureate**

The Diploma of the International Baccalaureate is accepted provided that a study plan which includes the Italian language and the following general requirements are met:

- at least 24 points in six subjects of choice, 12 of which must be obtained at "Higher Level";

- pass awarded in the three principal subjects: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) e Extended Essay (EE).

IB courses alone, IB Diploma Program Course Results certification, a Migration Certificate, or other certification issued independently by the educational institution which does not belong to the national reference system are not final qualifications and therefore will not be considered suitable for access to higher education.

### **UNITED STATES HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**

Students holding a High School Diploma who have passed **at least three US "Advanced Placements" (APs) with a score from 3 to 5**, in three different subjects can be enrolled in the first academic year. The holding of an "AP" in Italian will be a mandatory requirement only for students with foreign citizenship. An "AP" in Italian will not be acceptable in the case of students with Italian citizenship or in the case of enrolment in courses taught entirely in English. These qualifications allow the continuation of studies in Italian higher education institutions if they have been awarded on the basis of **at least the last two years of attendance**, with a positive outcome, in the foreign education system.

Students in possession of a High School Diploma which is followed and supplemented by two full years of a further "College" course (Associate degree) can also be enrolled.

### **CANADA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**

For all the students with a Canadian secondary school diploma, a valid Declaration of Value is compulsory.

Moreover, all the students with a Canadian High School Diploma must have completed **at least 2 full years of the Canadian path of studies**.

### **UNITED KINGDOM QUALIFICATIONS**

The final qualifications called General Certificate of Education (GCE) and International General Certificate of Education (IGCE), issued by official certification bodies of the United Kingdom, allow enrolment if they certify that **at least three subjects have been passed at an advanced level (A level)**. The presence of an A level in Italian will be required only for students with foreign citizenship, therefore it cannot be counted as part of the three A levels required in the case of students with Italian citizenship or in the case of enrolment in courses taught entirely in English. A combination of 3 different subjects can also be evaluated between A level and Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects. The Cambridge Pre-U Diploma, composed of 3 Principal Subjects + Global Perspective and Research, can be evaluated by institutions of higher education as an alternative to the 3 "A levels" for access to first cycle degrees.

Reference: [Circolare pubblicata dal Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca e concordata con i Ministeri degli Affari Esteri e dell'Interno.](#)