

FOUNDATION COURSE · 2026/2027



TOR VERGATA  
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA

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# Your pathway to an Italian university degree.

*A one-year, English-taught preparatory programme for international students.*

# Your bridge to an Italian degree.

*A one-year, English-taught programme designed for international students who want to study at an Italian university — and who want to arrive ready.*

## 250

PLACES  
AVAILABLE

## 60

EQUIVALENT  
CREDITS

## 2

ACADEMIC  
PATHWAYS

## 9

MONTHS  
OF STUDY

## Who is the Foundation Course for?

The programme welcomes applicants in two situations:

### A

#### **You haven't completed the 12-year cycle**

Your school system stops at 11 years, or your final qualification doesn't grant access to university in your home country or in Italy. The Foundation Course bridges the gap.

### B

#### **You meet the requirements but want to be ready**

You'd like to strengthen your Italian, English and academic preparation before starting a Bachelor's programme — with a head start on placement tests.

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#### **What you gain**

Italian and English language skills, subject-specific terminology in your chosen field, and the academic foundation needed to perform well in degree-programme admission tests.

### DELIVERED BY THE IAD SCHOOL

*"A structured, year-long preparation that combines language, academic content and orientation — so that international students arrive at their first day of university already part of the academic conversation."*

# Two pathways, one foundation.

Both pathways share an intensive language semester. In the second semester, you focus on the subjects most relevant to your future degree.

## FIRST SEMESTER · COMMON TO BOTH PATHWAYS

### Intensive Italian and English language preparation

**20**  
ITALIAN  
EC

**10**  
ENGLISH  
EC

## SECOND SEMESTER · CHOOSE YOUR PATHWAY

### PATHWAY A

#### Social Sciences

Italian Literature & Culture	6 EC
Geography & History	6 EC
Principles of Economics	6 EC
Political Institutions	6 EC
Mathematics	6 EC
<b>Total</b>	<b>30 EC</b>

### PATHWAY B

#### Natural Sciences

Biology	6 EC
Chemistry	6 EC
Mathematics	6 EC
Physics	6 EC
Political Institutions	6 EC
<b>Total</b>	<b>30 EC</b>

### LANGUAGE EXEMPTION

Native English speakers, students with English as a second language, and applicants holding a CEFR B2 (or higher) certificate from an accredited body may be exempted from the English module and granted the related credits.

Your choice of pathway is made at enrolment and cannot be changed later. Both pathways prepare effectively for any admission tests set by the University's degree programmes.

# Are you eligible to apply?

*Two requirements must both be met. Read carefully — applications that don't meet them are excluded.*

## ✓ English language proficiency

A CEFR **B1 certificate or higher**, issued by one of the recognised bodies. The requirement is waived for native English speakers and for those whose second language is English, with official documentation.

### ACCEPTED CERTIFYING BODIES

IELTS · TOEFL · CFE · British Institutes · Cambridge University Press & Assessment · Educational Testing Service (ETS) · Pearson Education Limited · Trinity College London

## ✓ Secondary school leaving qualification

The final diploma that completes upper secondary education and that, in your country, grants access to university. Students **still in their final year** may apply by submitting report cards for every preceding year — enrolment will be confirmed once the diploma is awarded.

### NOT ELIGIBLE

Applicants who have not completed the full cycle of secondary education in their school system (for example, 11 years in a system that requires 12 or 13). Higher-level qualifications such as Bachelor's or Master's degrees will also result in exclusion.

## Are you under 18?

You may be admitted on condition that you turn 18 by 31 March 2027 — this means only students born on or before 31 March 2009 may apply. Parents must provide signed consent, appoint a legal guardian residing in Italy, and submit additional documentation. See the official Call for full details.

### REFUGEES & PROTECTED STATUS

Students with refugee status or under temporary protection (Directive 2001/55/EC) are exempt from all three fee instalments, subject to a valid residence permit.

### FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

Applications are reviewed in the order they arrive. With 250 places available, applying early in the first window gives you the best chance of securing a spot.

# Key dates and what it costs.

Two application windows. Three payment instalments. Plan early — places are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

## APPLICATION WINDOWS

### FIRST WINDOW

**29 Apr — 16 Jul 2026**

Outcomes emailed by end of July 2026.  
First instalment due within 10 days of acceptance.

### SECOND WINDOW

**31 Aug — 30 Sep 2026**

Outcomes emailed in the first week of October 2026.  
First instalment due within 10 days of acceptance.

## FEES — THREE INSTALMENTS

### FIRST

**€1,016**

Within 10 days of acceptance  
(includes €16 stamp duty)

### SECOND

**€1,000**

By 4 November 2026

### THIRD

**€2,000**

By 15 March 2027

### TOTAL

**€4,016**

Full programme

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Nov 2026** — Online classes begin (first semester). · **30 Nov 2026** — Visa application deadline (non-EU students). · **Mar 2027** — On-campus classes begin (second semester, in person). · **15 Mar 2027** — Final enrolment and third instalment due. · **Jul 2027** — Programme ends.

**Non-refundable.** The first two instalments must both be paid before enrolment is finalised and online classes are unlocked. Fees are not refunded — including in the event of visa refusal. Missing any payment deadline will result in removal from the programme.

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### FOR NON-EU STUDENTS

A study visa application is required, to be filed via **Universitaly** by **30 November 2026**. We strongly recommend contacting your Italian Embassy or Consulate as early as possible — visa processing times vary by country and the visa must be issued before on-campus teaching begins in March 2027.

# Documents you'll need.

*All documents must be uploaded to the University's online portal. The required set depends on the country where your qualification was awarded.*

## GROUP A

### Lisbon Recognition Convention countries

- Passport
- Final secondary school diploma
- Final-year report card — with official translation into English
- ARDi Certificate of Correspondence (free, online) — *or* Declaration of Value from the Italian Embassy
- CIMEA Statement of Verification — *or* sworn translation + Italian Embassy legalisation (Apostille for Hague Convention countries)
- English certificate at CEFR B1 or above

## GROUP B

### Non-Lisbon Convention countries

- Passport
- Final secondary school diploma
- Final-year report card — translated into English
- CIMEA Statement of Comparability — *or* Declaration of Value from the Italian Embassy
- CIMEA Statement of Verification — *or* sworn translation + Italian Embassy legalisation (Apostille for Hague Convention countries)
- English certificate at CEFR B1 or above

## STILL IN YOUR FINAL YEAR? PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED.

If you haven't received your diploma yet, you can still apply with these provisional documents:

- Certificate of enrolment in the final year (with English translation)
- Report cards for all previous school years (translated into English)
- English certificate at CEFR B1 or above

**The full set of definitive documents must follow by 15 October 2026.**

Applications with missing or incomplete documentation will be rejected outright. The full list of Lisbon Recognition Convention signatory countries is available in the official Call for Applications.

# After the Foundation Course.

*Pass all the exams on your chosen pathway and you'll leave with the credentials and exemptions to start your degree without delay.*

## OUTCOME 01

### Certificate of completion

An official Foundation Course certificate confirming the credits and the pathway you've completed at Tor Vergata University of Rome.

## OUTCOME 02

### Bachelor's & single-cycle Master's entry requirement

You'll meet the minimum entry requirements for Bachelor's programmes and single-cycle Master's programmes at Italian universities.

## OUTCOME 03

### Placement test exemption

You're exempt from placement tests for open-access degree programmes at Tor Vergata. (Restricted-entry programmes still require their admission test.)

## IMPORTANT

### Other Italian universities

Completing the Foundation Course at Tor Vergata does **not** automatically entitle you to a place at any other Italian university. If you're planning to enrol elsewhere, contact that institution's admissions office in advance to find out what they require. No partial certificates are issued for attendance alone or for passing individual examinations.

## ATTENDANCE & EXAMS

Attendance is compulsory for all classes — both online and on campus — and is monitored by the teaching staff. Each module ends with a final examination, open only to students who have attended at least **60%** of that module's classes.

## YOUR NEXT STEP



**Ready to apply? Turn the page for the four steps and the contact details of the International Students Office.**

# Four steps to your application.

## 1

### Register on Delphi

Create your personal account on the University's online portal and save your fiscal code and password.

## 2

### Upload your documents

Provide all the documents required for your country group. Incomplete applications are rejected.

## 3

### Pay the first instalment

Once accepted, pay €1,016 within 10 days. This unlocks self-study Italian courses immediately.

## 4

### Apply for your visa

Non-EU students residing abroad: apply via University by 30 November 2026. Contact your Embassy early.

#### A STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL IS AVAILABLE

A dedicated visual tutorial walks you through every screen of the Delphi application — from registration to final submission. Ask the International Students Office for the current link.

#### GET IN TOUCH

## International Students Office

#### EMAIL

[foundationcourse@uniroma2.it](mailto:foundationcourse@uniroma2.it)

*Reply within 2 working days*

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[scuolaiaad.it](http://scuolaiaad.it)

[web.uniroma2.it/en/percorso/admissions/sezione/foundation-course-in-english](http://web.uniroma2.it/en/percorso/admissions/sezione/foundation-course-in-english)

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