UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA del Sacro Cuore

MEDICINE & SURGERY PROGRAMME

6-YEAR ENGLISH-TAUGHT SINGLE CYCLE DEGREE

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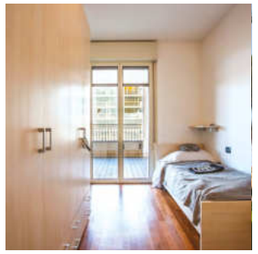

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Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

"EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN PERSON, EVERYTHING NECESSARY FROM REMOTE"

Envisioning life after COVID-19 on-campus is the desire to see our University come alive again, to welcome smiling faces in lecture halls and our corridors, to wish you a smooth start to a new academic year.

In 2020 institutions across the globe, including Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, were compelled to remodel the educational environment. In a short time, COVID-19 radically changed the way students received their education and together with their professors they were forced to adapt to alternative learning methods. Despite the challenges, Università Cattolica's response from our community was very positive and different learning methods paved the way for extensive study and new work opportunities. And we value this.

However, we foresee a return to campus in person, in full compliance with COVID-19 preventive and safety measures. Your safety comes first. We are optimistic about getting closer to university life, fostered by sharing ideas and experiences. We are excited to see the rush of students on their way to class or eagerly waving at friends passing by on campus.

With passion and perseverance, Università Cattolica is putting in an endless effort every day to inspire all its members into creating a safe, responsible and educational haven for welcoming our students on-campus.

We look forward to meeting you.

Location highlights

ROME

1 MILANO | 2 BRESCIA | 3 PIACENZA | 4 CREMONA | 5 ROMA

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

FACULTIES
Economics, Medicine and Surgery

The School is
AFFILIATED with the
POLICLINICO GEMELLI UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
which opened in 1964

The
INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED SCHOOL
of Medicine and Surgery at Università Cattolica started teaching medicine in
NOVEMBER 1961

43 FACULTY MEMBERS
are listed among the
TOP ITALIAN SCIENTISTS

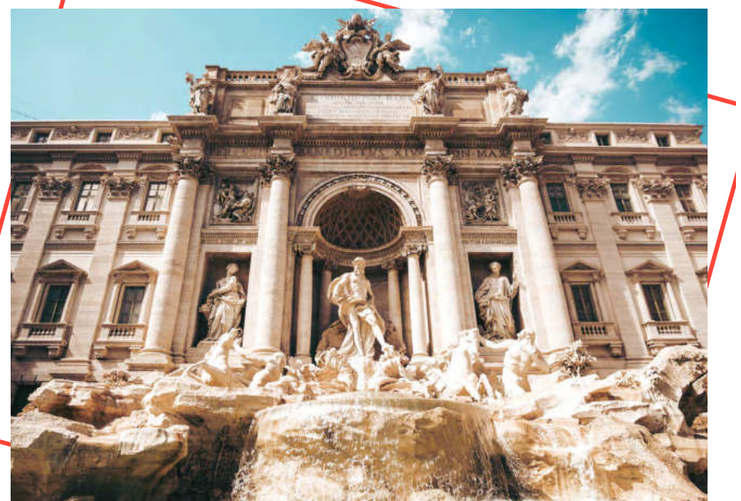
Università Cattolica Policlinico Gemelli University Hospital is the
BEST HOSPITAL IN ITALY
and the
TOP 50
worldwide based on the
WORLD'S BEST HOSPITAL 2021 RANKING by Newsweek

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A true cultural capital.
THE ETERNAL CITY
and cradle of western civilisation

AN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM:
picturesque and historic bliss, containing many of the World's most
BREATHTAKING MASTERPIECES

A popular set of
ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING MOVIES:
The Great Beauty, La Dolce Vita, and Roman Holiday among others



DID YOU KNOW?

According to the legend, tossing one coin into Fontana di Trevi means you will return to The Eternal City, tossing two coins means you will return and fall in love, and tossing three coins means you will return, find love, and marry. Luck or no luck, the proceeds are donated to a good cause!

Università Cattolica

Founded in 1921

FACTS AND FIGURES

40,000
overall number of students
25,000 FTE students*
*Full time equivalent

#2
in Italy for student-faculty ratio

7,600
overall number of faculty staff

12 SCHOOLS

EN

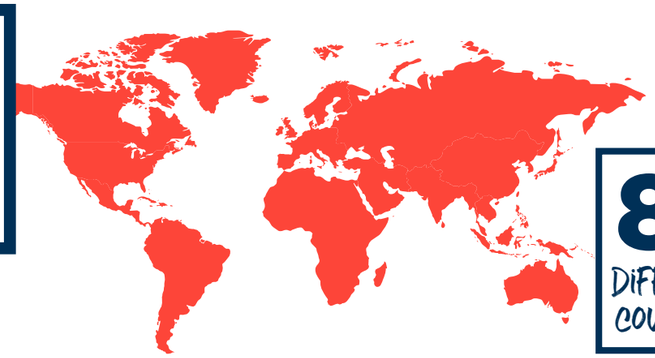
40+
English-taught programmes

87
research centres

IT

200+
Italian-taught programmes

580+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



82 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020

#121-130
overall

#1
in Italy

TOP 10
in Europe

for employer-student connections

14 Subjects in the TOP 300

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021

The QS World University Rankings features 1,300 universities from around the world. Università Cattolica is ranked in the top 43% of the universities worldwide and stands out in 14 different subjects for its quality in research as well as academic and employer reputation.

International students

EXCHANGE AND DEGREE-SEEKING

(Students enrolled in a BSc/MSc/Specialising Master)

4,803 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

168 DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES

+59%
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENROLMENTS IN 6 YEARS

YOUR DEGREE MAY BE THE TICKET

BUT YOU NEED TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT DESTINATION

Medicine and Surgery

SINGLE-CYCLE DEGREE IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Campus	School	Programme Duration	Next Intake	Total ECTS	Edition n.
Rome, Italy	Medicine and Surgery	6 years	September 2022	360	10

Single-cycle Degree in Medicine and Surgery
The programme will provide a comprehensive preparation, both theoretical and practical, with regards to the medical profession and its articulate methodology. By the end of the 6-year cycle, students will have acquired solid decision-making skills as well as a high level of operational independence, enabling them to competently face and address all sorts of health-related issues from the preventive, diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic points of view.

Learning objectives
The programme will provide complete integration of learning objectives of European and US curricula. The curriculum is designed also to help students prepare for international medical qualifications such as the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and Step 2. Students will benefit from high quality teaching and learning designed to encourage active participation and support independent thinking. They will acquire the ability to identify the state of health or illness of individuals on the basis of the knowledge of bio-pathology and pathophysiology. In addition they will develop skills and general experience in the field of Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Pediatrics and Obstetrics, as well as Medical and Surgical specialties.

Curriculum

In order to achieve formative goals, the Medicine and Surgery programme is organised to offer a total number of 360 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), spread over a 6-year course. 60 credits consist of activities aimed at acquiring specific professional skills. Each ECTS corresponds to 12 hours of teaching. In case of professional training, each credit corresponds to 17 hours.

FIRST YEAR
- Basic sciences
- Biomedical sciences I
- Biomedical sciences II
- Organic and functional systems I: bones and muscles
- First aid and nursing practice I
- Residency in health centre
- Introduction to Christology and scriptures
- Optional project I
- Vertical domain I/Electives I
- Italian language

SECOND YEAR
- Organic and functional systems II
- First aid and nursing practice II
- Methodology of research I
- Organic and functional systems III
- Bioethics and medical humanities
- Introduction to theological anthropology and ecclesiology
- Informatics
- Optional project II
- Vertical domain II/Electives II

THIRD YEAR
- Biopathology and introduction to medical therapy I
- Biopathology and introduction to medical therapy II
- Epidemiology and biostatistics
- Public health
- Introduction to clinical medicine
- Methodology of research II
- Introduction to ethics and Christian ethics
- Scientific English
- Italian language
- Optional project III
- Vertical domain III/Electives III

FOURTH YEAR
- Clinical centre residency I
- Medicine residency I
- Maternal and child health residency
- Clinical neurosciences
- From clinical to molecular biology I
- International foundation of medicine (IFOM) test
- Optional project IV
- Theology (seminarial course)
- Vertical domain IV/Electives IV

FIFTH YEAR
- Clinical centre residency II
- Public health residency
- Medicine residency II
- Surgery residency I
- Surgery residency II
- From clinical to molecular biology II
- Optional project V
- Vertical domain V/Electives V

SIXTH YEAR
- Health centre residency - Final training
- From clinical to molecular biology III
- Hospital residencies - Final training
- Practical-evaluation training general medicine
- Optional project - Final project
- Final test

Faculty/Professors
Classes are taught by faculty (professors, lecturers) with a strong academic, research and professional background, most of whom have had teaching and research experience in some of the world's best universities.

Notable alumni
- Ignazio Marino, Transplant Surgeon and former Mayor of Rome
- Giuseppe Fioroni, former Italian Minister of Education
- Prof. Francesco Crucitti, operated on Pope John Paul II
- Prof. Sergio Alfieri, operated on Pope Francis in July 2021

IT

Can I learn Italian while studying?
The Medicine and Surgery curriculum is designed to help students learn Italian, in order to be more confident once they will start interacting with patients during the second half of the degree.

The Italian language course is scheduled to start from the first year course.
- 1st year 24 hours (2 ECTS)
- 3rd year 63 hours (5 ECTS)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Policlinico Gemelli hospital and School of Medicine staff played a leading role in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic. For example the Policlinico Gemelli Foundation transformed its Columbus Hospital into a Regional Covid Hospital, and Programme Director Prof. Luca Richeldi was a member of the Italian government's Technical-Scientific Committee, providing crucial medical consultancy regarding COVID-19.

CAREER PATHS

Cattolica's MD is valid academically in all of the EU and many other countries for residency study or professional activity (students need to monitor local regulations for getting a license to practice) ▪ The programme is designed for students who wish to become qualified medical practitioners. A various range of careers are open to medical graduates. Due to the innovative curriculum, students will be able to start a career in both basic and clinical scientific research.

Entry requirements
See the entry requirements section at page 18 for general requirements for admission to the entrance exam and application timeline.

Student services and facilities

BECAUSE WE CARE

THE HOUSING SOLUTION

On-campus dorms:
The on-campus dorms have shared rooms, shared living room space, and a kitchen on each floor. With easy access to classes, campus facilities and internet access, students benefit from the wonderful living and social environment of a residential campus community.

Off-campus dorms:
EDUcatt also offers a selection of dorms located off campus which are easy to reach from the University.

STUDENT SERVICES

International Students Union
Segretariato Italiano Studenti di Medicina (SISM) is a nonprofit association of medical students founded in 1970; today it is present in 34 Italian universities and is affiliated with the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), an association of medical students that counts members worldwide.

LIBRARY

The Rome campus Library was founded in 1961 in order to fulfill the educational and scientific needs of the new-born Medical School. Today, it holds around 253,560 volumes and 8,450 periodicals (100 of which are current). The total reading area covers 2,600 m^2 and offers more than 400 available seating places distributed in five reading rooms.

SPORT FACILITIES

The campus offers students:
A football field • 3 tennis courts • A volleyball court
A basketball court • A 5-a-side field

Students can enjoy leisure and recreational facilities accessible on campus. Several sport events are held on campus such as football, basketball and volleyball tournaments between teams made up of University students, doctors and staff.

STUDY & WORK ABROAD

Università Cattolica gives you the opportunity to enhance your studies by taking part in an international experience during your degree. Students at Università Cattolica can study abroad for 1 or 2 semesters, and can take part into a language course or a volunteer experience abroad.

EDUCATT

What is EDUCatt?
A nonprofit foundation, ensuring that students receive equal access to different services at Cattolica. EDUCatt manages scholarships, financial support, and residency/dormitory accommodation. For details please visit › educatt.unicatt.it
@: info.rm.dsu@educatt.it

HEALTH CENTRE

The Università Cattolica Health Centre provides all enrolled students medical care. Every Monday from 1.30pm to 4.30pm a doctor is available to all students at the Nuovo Joaenneum dorm. Visits are free.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

EU Citizens
If you are a national from either a EU Member State or an EEA country or you are of Swiss nationality, you should have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC, Italian acronym: TeAM) obtained in your home country from your national healthcare authority. The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows you to receive medical treatment in another member state for free, or at a reduced cost. A patient contribution is required for prescriptions, medical examinations, oral and dental care.

Non-EU Citizens
If you are a non-EU citizen, you must take out an International Health Insurance which covers costs related to medical treatment and admission to hospital. If allowed by the Embassy/Consulate, you can also buy an Italian national Health Insurance upon arrival.

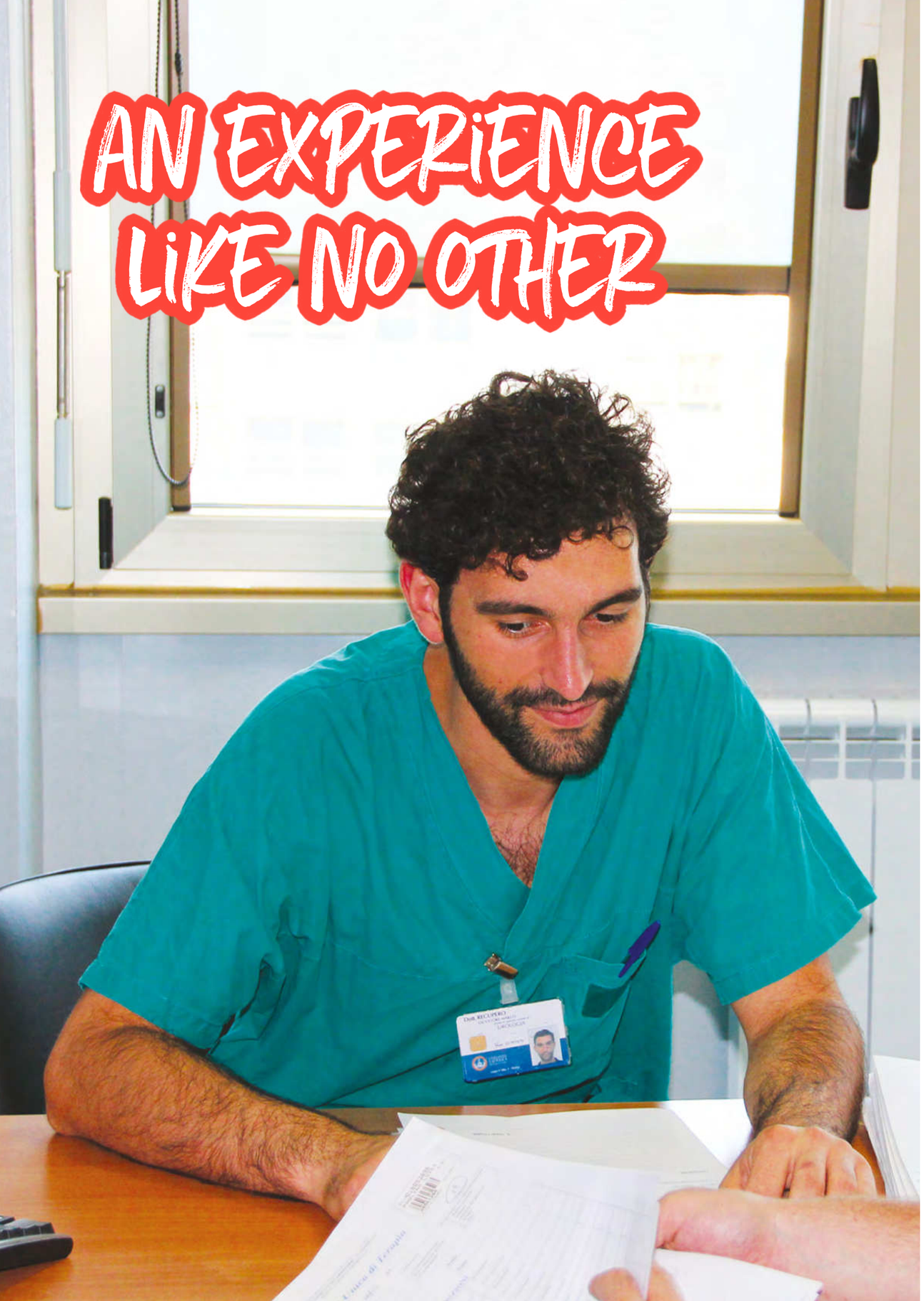
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Getting around Rome is very easy and accessible. The bus network is run by *Azienda per la mobilità* (ATAC).
All tickets can be purchased at newsstands, from the *tabacchi* (tobacconist stores marked with a large "T"), or at the metro stations. The rechargeable transportation pass costs €35 per month.

LIVING EXPENSES PER ANNUM

Accommodation (not including meals)*	From €5,000 to €8,000
Food	From €1,500 to €2,000
Personal Expenses	From €2,400 to €4,800
Books	€600
Local Transportation	€420
Travelling and extracurricular activities	From €1,000 to €2,000

*The cost may vary depending on the area, the kind of room (single or double), utilities etc.



Admission information

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

High School Diploma
The candidate's high school qualification has to:
- Be conferred after min. 12 years of previous global schooling
- Satisfy the requirements for access to university in the awarding country

If in the candidate's home country admission to university-level studies is subject to a special exam (e.g. ENEM/ Vestibular in Brazil, TYT and AYT in Turkey, Gaokao in China, etc.), students must give evidence to have passed such selection with the required scores.

HIGH SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS THAT NEED TO SATISFY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

American High School Diploma (HSD)
Students holding an American HSD must additionally have earned at least 3 Advanced Placements (APs).

British qualifications
The British high school qualification allows access to Italian universities if they certify at least 6 "passes" in different subjects, 3 of which must be A-level.

International Baccalaureate (IB)
Only candidates who obtain an IB full diploma can apply to the Medicine and Surgery programme. Before IB results are released, candidates can request to have their transcript of grades sent to Università Cattolica free of charge.

More information can be found at this webpage
› https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/

In this case, Università Cattolica does not require legalization of diploma by the Italian Embassy in Geneva. The identification code needed for this purpose is 001623.

QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED AFTER 11 OR 10 YEARS OF GLOBAL SCHOOLING

These qualifications do not allow access to Italian universities, unless:
- Students attended one (in case of 11 years) or two (in case of 10 years) years at any university and took all the exams included in the relevant study plan

or
- Students can give evidence that they attended a pre-school year (this usually applies to some Latin American countries). The pre-school year can be taken into consideration only if its syllabus included development of reading and writing skills in the mother tongue

Language requirements
All admitted candidates who have passed the entrance exam are required to provide an English Language Certificate, corresponding to one of the following types and respective minimum scores:
- TOEFL iBT overall score of at least 80

or
- TOEFL Computer Based of at least 213

or
- TOEFL Paper Based of at least 550

or
- Academic IELTS overall score of at least 6.0

or
- Cambridge FCE - First Certificate
  (Minimum score accepted: Grade B)
  Cambridge CAE – Advanced
  Cambridge CPE - Proficiency

or
- A document certifying that they have attended a high school where English is the language of teaching

Other certificates may be taken into consideration. Please verify on › international.unicatt.it

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The competition call
A competition call is the official document that regulates admission to the programme. It is divided into Articles and signed by the Rector, providing all relevant information about the entrance exam (application procedure, dates, deadlines, requirements, documentation, etc.).

The 2022/23 Competition call will be published on international.unicatt.it in October 2021.

ENTRANCE EXAM

Admission to the 6-year programme in Medicine and Surgery is subject to the applicant's performance and subsequent ranking in Cattolica's very own entrance exam.

The programme has a maximum capacity of 80 places divided as follows:

- 30 seats reserved to Italian and E.U citizens residing anywhere and non-E.U citizens legally residing in Italy with permesso di soggiorno/residence permit
- 50 seats reserved to non-EU citizens residing abroad

In the case of students with double nationality, if one is of an EU country, it will prevail for the purpose of the final ranking of the Competition Call (art. 19, comma 2, of L n. 218/1995).

If you have any doubts regarding which ranking you belong to **before submitting your application**, contact
› international.inquiry@unicatt.it

The Rome international admissions office will in any case confirm your assigned ranking upon receipt of the application and the application fee.

Please be aware that the number of places available may change in accordance with the Decree of the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), Law no.264, August 2, 1999. In both final rankings, in case of a tie, the youngest candidate will prevail.

APPLICATION FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM

- Access › international.unicatt.it and read carefully the "Application procedures" following all the instructions for the online application
- Apply online › international.unicatt.it
- After submission, in order to finalise your application, you must pay a non-refundable application fee of €160 (through an online credit card payment). Applications will not be evaluated until the application fee has been received
- You will receive an admission feedback email from the admission office with the direct link to practice on the online simulator

ON THE DAY OF THE ENTRANCE EXAM

- EU students and non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy with valid permesso di soggiorno/residence permit: you will be informed of what documents to prepare and the test centre address. On the day of the test, you must bring your payment receipt and one of the following identification documents:
  - Passport
  - Identity card
  - Driving license
- Non-EU students: you will be able to sit the entrance exam online without the need to refer to a local test centre. Details will be provided in the competition call.
- You will receive further instructions regarding the entrance exam nearer the exam date

ENTRANCE EXAM CONTENT

The written test consists of 65 multiple choice questions divided as follows:

- 18 questions on Biology
- 12 questions on Chemistry
- 8 questions on Physics and Math
- 2 questions on General Knowledge
- 20 questions on psycho-attitudinal subjects (logic, visual space reasoning, text understanding, attention and precision, numerical reasoning, problem solving)
- 5 questions on religious and ethical culture

Candidates have 65 minutes to complete the test.
Evaluation follows the criteria indicated below:

- 1 point for each correct answer
- Minus 0.25 point for each wrong answer
- 0 points for no answer

Please visit › international.unicatt.it for further information about the admission test (including preparation material).

Admitted candidates will be asked to pay the first University fee instalment to secure their place in the programme within 2 weeks from the admission results publication. The aforementioned sum will be deducted from the AY 2022/2023 tuition fees. Should the admitted candidates not pay the deposit by the deadline, their offer will be considered declined and we will move down the respective EU or NON-EU ranking.

MEDICINE AND SURGERY - ALL APPLICANTS	
Publication of the competition Call	October 11, 2021
Opening of the applications	October 11, 2021
Application deadline	March 18, 2022
Entrance exam date	**EU:** April 6-7, 2022
	NON-EU: April 6, 2022
Entrance exam results published	Starting from April 12, 2022

POST ADMISSION STEPS

Requesting a study visa (non-EU students)
Upon receipt of the first Instalment, Università Cattolica will provide you with instructions to submit your pre-enrolment request online on the Universitaly Portal, the preliminary step to apply for a student visa. After the University's approval of the pre-enrolment, you will refer to the Italian Embassy or Consulate for the rest of the visa process.

Scholarships
Students may apply for financial aid and enquire on the availability of scholarships through the EDUCatt institution.
For details please refer to › educatt.unicatt.it
Please visit › international.unicatt.it for further information

Tuition fees*

RESIDENCY	Tuition fees
EU residents (or non-EU residents with an EU generated income)	From €7,000 to €16,000 per annum (varies according to the financial background of the student or student's family if dependent)
Non-EU residents	€15,800 per annum

*Tution fees do not depend on students' citizenship/s but on where they pay taxes.

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