

ITALIAN UNIVERSITY ENTRY WITH AN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

General academic and documentation guidelines for ICA of CATCH students

Important: These are general guidelines. Each Italian university and degree program sets its own admission requirements. Students should confirm the current requirements directly with the university before applying.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Valid High School Diploma:** The student must have a valid American High School Diploma or equivalent qualification. Italian universities evaluate the diploma together with the student's complete educational history to determine whether the applicable 12-year schooling requirement has been met. Depending on the student's pathway and the university's rules, qualifying Advanced Placement (AP) examinations or other additional academic evidence may be required. The exact number, subjects, and minimum scores should be confirmed with the university.
- 2. Translation and Legalization:** The American High School Diploma and supporting academic documents, including transcripts, may need to be officially translated into Italian. Depending on the application, documents may also require an apostille, legalization, or other authentication.
- 3. Entrance or Admission Exam:** Some Italian universities or degree programs require an entrance examination, admission test, or selection procedure. This is especially relevant for regulated or competitive programs.
- 4. Italian Language Proficiency:** Students applying to an Italian-taught degree program may be required to demonstrate Italian-language proficiency through an accepted certification or university assessment. English-taught programs may have separate English-language requirements.
- 5. Recognition and Verification:** The university may request documentation verifying the foreign qualification. Depending on the institution and application route, this may include a *Dichiarazione di Valore* (Declaration of Value) or another accepted statement of verification/comparability.
- 6. University-Specific Requirements:** Each university and degree program may establish additional requirements. Students should carefully review the official admissions notice for the specific course they intend to enter.
- 7. Additional Documentation:** Depending on the student's circumstances, additional documents may include proof of identity or citizenship, residency or visa documentation, health insurance, and proof of financial means.

ICA of CATCH encourages students and families to verify university-entry requirements well before graduation. Requirements may vary according to the university, degree program, nationality, academic record, and the exact foreign qualification presented.

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