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ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES 2026 SELECTIVE ENTRANCE TEST PREPARATORY COURSES

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Rome > **January 19th, 2026 - June 6th, 2026**
20 weeks extensive course (400 lessons)

> **June 22nd, 2026 - July 18th, 2026**
4 weeks intensive course (140 lessons)

> **September, 14th, 2026 - June, 6th, 2027**
Foundation year - Long term course (880 lessons)

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What is Foundation year?

In Italy, a **Foundation year** (also known as "*Anno propedeutico*") is a **preparatory year** designed to provide students with a **solid foundation in the subjects** required for their chosen field of study to successfully enter a University degree program in Italy.

Depending on the specific discipline they intend to pursue at the University, the curriculum may include subjects such as mathematics, sciences, language studies, logic, etc.

You will enhance your language skills, ensuring you are proficient enough to comprehend lectures, engage in discussions, and produce academic work. Throughout the program, you will receive expert guidance from experienced educators who understand the unique challenges international students face.

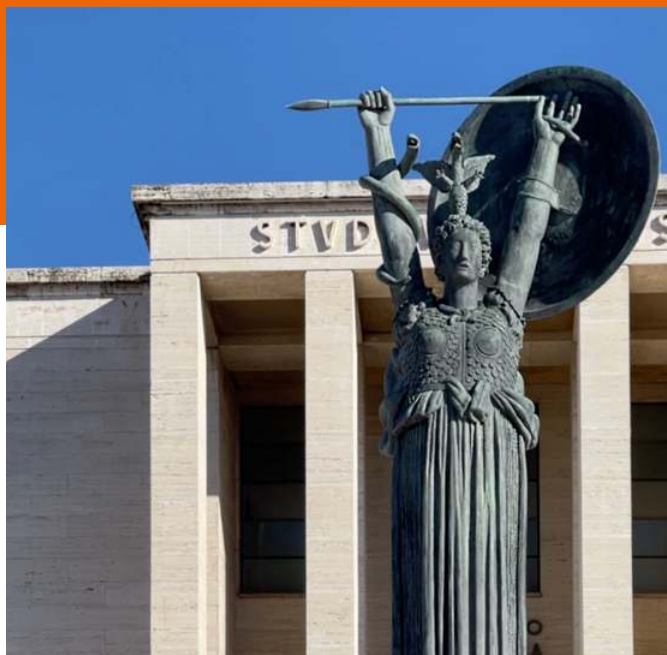
Why enroll in a Foundation year program?

Due to the high demand for Italian university courses, entrance exams and requirements are becoming increasingly selective. In this highly competitive academic environment, it is crucial to prepare in advance and do everything in your power to boost your chances of success. Some topics are shared across our FOUNDATION YEAR courses, which will facilitate your preparation for other entrance exams.

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci® offers specific preparatory courses for the entrance exams of Italian universities with limited enrollment, including the **TOLC** (managed by the CISIA platform), the **TEST ARCHED**, the **MEDICINE ADMISSION SEMESTER**.

What is included in our Foundation year program?

- **Intensive Italian language course**
- General curriculum classes to acquire crucial **academic**



skills like **oral communication, presentation skills, reading comprehension, logic, and general culture.**

- **Specific University preparation classes** tailored to the chosen program (Medicine, Architecture, Design, Economics etc.). These include plenty of practice on mock tests and past entry exam papers next to a solid theoretical basis, to ensure a thorough preparation needed not only to pass the selective entry test but also to tackle all academic challenges.

What is the TOLC?

The TOLC is an admission test developed by the CISIA consortium and widely adopted by numerous universities.

- **Starting from the second-to-last year of high school, the TOLC serves as a valuable tool to guide you in choosing your academic path.**
- **Evaluate students' preexisting knowledge** before enrollment.
- **Determine admission** for degree courses with restricted access (limited placements).

Additional information

- The TOLC can be taken at any participating university, even if it's not the university where you plan to enroll.
- The test is conducted several times throughout the year.
- **The test can be retaken:** You can take the TOLC every 30 days (Only your **highest score** will be considered)
- If you are uncertain about your choice, you can take different tests simultaneously (e.g., TOLC F, TOLC E, TOLC I, etc.) to assess your specialized skills across various academic fields. This allows you to evaluate your eligibility for different faculties. For example, you can take the TOLC I test for admission to the Faculty of Engineering while also taking the TOLC F test for admission to the Faculty of Pharmacy.



TOLC Test Types

There are various types of TOLC tests, each aimed at specific faculties. Our courses cover the main ones:

- **TOLC-I** (Engineering)
- **TOLC-E** (Economics and Statistics)
- **TOLC-F** (Pharmacy and Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies)
- **TOLC-S** (Science)
- **TOLC-B** (Biology)
- **TOLC-C** (Chemistry)
- **TOLC LP** (Laurea professionalizzante)
- **TOLC PSI** (Psicologia)
- **TOLC SU** (Humanities)

Course Structure

Our courses are designed to simultaneously improve specialized knowledge and logical reasoning skills. The preparation is divided into three main areas:

- **Logical reasoning** and reading comprehension
- **General knowledge**
- **Specific knowledge** related to the chosen degree program

The courses are structured to prepare students for both the centralized CISIA TOLC tests and the specific admission tests of individual universities.

Other tests

ARCHED, Medical Degree Programs (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary medicine) **Admission Semester**.

What is the ARCHED TEST?

The ARCHED TEST is the admission test for degree programs in Architecture and Building Engineering - Architecture. The structure of the ARCHED TEST is outlined annually in the Ministerial Decree issued by the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR).

The ARCHED TEST can be taken in two formats:

- **TEST@HOME**: remotely
- **TEST@UNI**: in the university's computer labs

The test dates are determined by individual faculties and are held once or twice a year, typically in July and September, depending on the availability of seats.

What is the ADMISSION SEMESTER or FILTER SEMESTER?

Medical Degree Programs (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary medicine) admission test

Following a ministerial decree issued in June 2025, admission into Medical Degree Programs (**MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VETERINARY MEDICINE**), in Italy is through an **Admission Semester** (filter semester) running from September 1st to November 30th. At the end of the term, students must pass three mandatory exams in **Biology, Chemistry, and Physics** at the end of the term.

Methodology Teaching and assessment

Our methodology combines both **theoretical and practical** approaches, incorporating entrance exams, periodic assessments, and weekly mock tests. Lessons are delivered in a traditional classroom setting, utilizing both **deductive and inductive** teaching methods. While classes are primarily conducted in person, they can, when necessary, be offered online through a **hybrid** model, including **synchronous** and **asynchronous** formats.

All teaching materials - **excluding subject-specific textbooks** - such as bibliographic references, diagrams, concept maps, synoptic tables, and guided summaries, will be provided by the instructor.

Tutoring

Our students will have access to a dedicated tutor who will provide comprehensive support throughout the entire admissions process. This includes helping students identify suitable universities, assisting with registration for entrance exams, and guiding them through the enrollment process at their chosen institution.

Lessons are delivered by experienced and qualified instructors.

UPON REQUEST, students can access personalized instruction: a tutor will be available for additional recovery and enrichment lessons.

Why study at University IN Rome?

Rome, a city that seamlessly blends history, art, and culture, offers a unique academic and personal experience. Known for its ancient heritage and modern vibrancy, Rome is home to some of the most prestigious public and private universities in Italy. It is a global hub for education, attracting students from around the world who seek both academic excellence and the opportunity to live in one of the most fascinating cities on earth.



Public Universities in Rome

Rome hosts several renowned public universities, each offering a wide range of programs and a reputation for excellence:

1. La Sapienza University of Rome

The most prestigious and historic university in the city, La Sapienza is organized into 11 faculties, including Architecture, Economics, Humanities, Medicine, and Engineering.

2. Tor Vergata University

As one of Italy's top research universities, Tor Vergata offers 6 faculties: Economics, Law, Engineering, Humanities, Medicine, and Natural Sciences.

3. Roma Tre University

Roma Tre is a modern and dynamic university with 12 departments, covering fields such as Architecture, Economics, Humanities, Law, Engineering, Education, and Political Science.

4. University of Rome "Foro Italico"

Specializing in sports sciences, Foro Italico is the only university in Italy dedicated to the study of motor and sports sciences and one of the few in Europe.

Why Choose La Sapienza University of Rome?

La Sapienza University of Rome stands out as one of Italy's most prestigious institutions and is a top choice for international students.

- **Historical Significance:** Founded in 1303, it is the oldest public university in Rome and the largest in Europe.
- **Global Recognition:** Ranked as the second-best university in Italy (after the Politecnico di Milano) and 134th worldwide according to the QS World University Rankings 2024.



Sant'Ivo alla Sapienza,
"La Sapienza" University
historical birthplace

- **Distinguished Alumni:** La Sapienza has educated some of Italy's most influential figures, including Nobel Prize-winning physicist Enrico Fermi, educator Maria Montessori, and former European Central Bank President Mario Draghi.
- **Unparalleled Resources:** The university's campus offers 18 museums, over 40 libraries, and 24/7 study spaces, ensuring students have access to world-class facilities.
- **Ideal Location:** Situated in the heart of Rome, La Sapienza provides a truly immersive academic experience. For students in fields like art, archaeology, or history, studying in Rome adds incredible depth to their education.

Private Universities in Rome

In addition to its public institutions, Rome is home to several prestigious private universities offering specialized programs:

1. LUISS (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali)

Specializing in Economics, Law, Business and Management, and Political Science, LUISS also features 4 advanced schools for education and research.

2. LUMSA (Libera Università Maria Santissima Assunta)

LUMSA offers programs in Law, Economics, Politics, Modern Languages, and Humanities.

3. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

This institution focuses on two main fields of study: Economics and Medicine.

4. Campus Bio-Medico University

Campus Bio-Medico specializes in Medicine, Surgery, and Engineering, and includes a university hospital affiliated with the National Health Service.

5. UNINT (Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma)

UNINT offers programs in Economics, Interpreting and Translation, and Political Science. It is particularly attractive to international students due to its English-taught courses.

Cost of Studying in Rome

Studying in Rome is more affordable than many expect, even at prestigious institutions like La Sapienza:

- **Tuition Fees:** Average around € 2,000 per year, with opportunities for scholarships, tuition waivers, and financial aid.
- **Living Costs:**
 - **Renting a student room costs approximately € 500 - 600 per month.**
 - **A monthly public transportation pass is just € 35 - 50.**

Rome provides an exceptional combination of affordable education, cultural immersion, and world-class academic opportunities, making it an ideal destination for students seeking a transformative university experience.



Course Contents

1. LOGICAL REASONING AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1.1 Logical reasoning and reading comprehension:

During the course we work on materials derived from admission tests of previous years. The lessons aim to develop and exercise the ability to synthesize and reason from texts and, at the same time, the ability to identify assumptions and identify trials and errors in logical processes. Students practice on three different types of tasks: selecting specific information in order to find a solution to a posed problem; finding the best and most effective ways to reach a solution; and recognizing relationships of similarity and difference, numerical sequences, relations between sets of elements, semantic relationships at word level.

1.2 General cultural knowledge

In this section, lessons focus on the main topics concerning modern and contemporary history, literary culture and international institutions.

2. SPECIFIC SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

In the lessons dedicated to specific scientific sectors, in addition to the contents, particular attention is paid to the specialized lexicon, since it is essential to have a good knowledge of such vocabulary in order to best face the exam section dedicated to these topics.

2.1. DEPARTMENTS WITH COMPETITIVE (LIMITED ACCESS) PROGRAMS

a) Medicine and Dentistry

Physics (fluid mechanics; dynamics; kinematics; thermology and thermodynamics; electrostatics and electrodynamics; measurements; optics and acoustics)

Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)

Chemistry (physical chemistry; electrochemistry; inorganic chemistry; organic chemistry; gas laws)

Biology (cells; organic chemistry; bioenergetics; bacteria, viruses, fungi and major pathogens; reproduction and heredity; anatomy and physiology of animals and humans; food chains; biogeochemical cycles)

b) Architecture

History of Art and Architecture

Industrial Design

Technical Design

Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)

Physics (fluid mechanics; dynamics; kinematics; thermology and thermodynamics; electrostatics and electrodynamics; measurements; optics and acoustics)

2.2. OTHER DEPARTMENTS

a) Engineering – TOLC-I

Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)

Engineering (civil engineering; environmental engineering; engineering management; materials engineering)

Physics (fluid mechanics; dynamics; kinematics; thermology and thermodynamics; electrostatics and electrodynamics; measurements; optics and acoustics)

Chemistry (physical chemistry; electrochemistry; inorganic chemistry; organic chemistry; gas laws)

English

b) Economics – TOLC-E

Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)

Economics (business economics; political economics; science of finance; international economics)

Law (private law; public law)

English

c) Science – TOLC-S

Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)

Physics (fluid mechanics; dynamics; kinematics; thermology and thermodynamics; electrostatics and electrodynamics; measurements; optics and acoustics)

Chemistry (physical chemistry; electrochemistry; inorganic chemistry; organic chemistry; gas laws)

English

d) Biology – TOLC-B

Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)

Physics (fluid mechanics; dynamics; kinematics; thermology and thermodynamics; electrostatics and electrodynamics; measurements; optics and acoustics)

Chemistry (physical chemistry; electrochemistry; inorganic



Study in Roma: elegant courtyards, surrounded by ancient architecture.





chemistry; organic chemistry; gas laws)
Biology (cells; organic chemistry; bioenergetics; bacteria, viruses, fungi and major pathogens; reproduction and heredity; anatomy and physiology of animals and humans; food chains; biogeochemical cycles)
English

e) Pharmacy – TOLC-F

Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)
Physics (fluid mechanics; dynamics; kinematics; thermology and thermodynamics; electrostatics and electrodynamics; measurements; optics and acoustics)
Chemistry (physical chemistry; electrochemistry; inorganic chemistry; organic chemistry; gas laws)
Biology (cells; organic chemistry; bioenergetics; bacteria, viruses, fungi and major pathogens; reproduction and heredity; anatomy and physiology of animals and humans; food chains; biogeochemical cycles)
English

f) Humanities – TOLC-SU

History
Literary culture
Artistic culture
English

g) Agriculture and Veterinary – TOLC-AV

Physics (fluid mechanics; dynamics; kinematics; thermology and thermodynamics; electrostatics and electrodynamics; measurements; optics and acoustics)
Chemistry (physical chemistry; electrochemistry; inorganic

chemistry; organic chemistry; gas laws)
Biology (cells; organic chemistry; bioenergetics; bacteria, viruses, fungi and major pathogens; reproduction and heredity; anatomy and physiology of animals and humans; food chains; biogeochemical cycles)
English

h) Law

Law (private law; public law; constitutional law)
Economics (political economics; history)

i) Psychology

Biology (cells; organic chemistry; bioenergetics; bacteria, viruses, fungi and major pathogens; reproduction and heredity; anatomy and physiology of animals and humans; food chains; biogeochemical cycles)
Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)

l) Health Professions

Mathematics (functions; set theory and algebra; geometry)
Physics (fluid mechanics; dynamics; kinematics; thermology and thermodynamics; electrostatics and electrodynamics; measurements; optics and acoustics)
Practice and Health Care Regulation

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