

ATTACHMENT 1

Foreign academic qualifications valid for admission to university

1. QUALIFICATIONS GAINED AFTER A SCHOLASTIC PERIOD OF AT LEAST 12 YEARS

Said qualifications are valid for access to **three year Laurea and single-cycle Laurea Magistrale degree** courses at Italian Universities and for **Diploma accademico di primo livello** courses at AFAM institutions, as long as they permit access to a similar course to that requested in Italy in the Universities of the Country whose education system they refer to. **Said qualifications allow in broad terms the continuation of study in the Italian higher education system**, as long as they have been gained on the basis of at least the last two years with a positive result in the foreign education system.

In cases in which said qualifications were obtained through the attendance of educational processes which lasted less than two years, the admission to Italian higher education courses shall be the responsibility of the Italian institutions at which the request has been made. **It shall be the responsibility of said institutions to reach such a judgement taking into account the entire education path followed, in line with the existing legislation, both national and international.**

The Italian higher education institutions may however request **further admission requirements**, in line with their own statutes and with the study course chosen.

In the calculation of the twelve years, where applicable, **the pre-school year** should be included, as long as attendance is obligatory and an integral part of the curriculum, and the programme includes the teaching of reading and writing of the language of the Country and the first elements of arithmetic.

2. QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED AT THE END OF A SCHOLASTIC PERIOD INFERIOR TO 12 YEARS

In order to bridge the gap of the missing schooling, in cases in which qualifications must be evaluated after a school attendance inferior to twelve years, the higher education institutions may request as an alternative:

1. The academic certification proving the passing of all the exams expected in the first year of university studies in cases where the local education system lasts eleven years, or the academic certification proving the passing of all the exams expected in the first two years of university studies in cases where the local education system lasts ten years.
2. An official Italian or foreign qualification of post-secondary studies obtained from a non-university higher education Institution in a subject related to the chosen course, of one year in length in cases where the local education system is of eleven years, or of two years in length where the local education system is of ten years, respectively.
3. Certification on the part of other Italian universities relating to passing a foundation course which fills the gap of the missing school years.
4. The Institution's own certification of passing a foundation course which supplies the adequate knowledge, competences and abilities in order to attend the chosen study course at said institution.

The aforementioned additional and complementary certifications to the secondary school qualifications obtained after less than twelve years of schooling only allow for enrolment in the first academic year and cannot be evaluated further for registrations with course abridgement, avoiding thereby a double evaluation of the same qualifications.

3. QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED BY UNIVERSITY INSTITUTES OF ECCLESIASTICAL STUDIES LOCATED IN ITALY AND APPROVED BY THE HOLY SEE

Such qualifications shall be authenticated exclusively by the competent ecclesiastical authorities and duly legalised by the Rome Police Headquarters (Stamp Office).

Candidates holding such authenticated and legalised qualifications need only present a photocopy of the said qualification to the University or Mission with jurisdiction, and produce the original documents after the admission tests at the time of the eventual effective enrolment.

4. UNITED STATES HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Students may be enrolled in the first academic year who possess the *High School Diploma (HSD)* qualification and who have gained at least three US “*Advanced Placements*” (APs) with grades from 3 to 5, in three different subjects but relevant to the university study course for which enrolment is requested. **Holding an AP in the Italian language shall only be an obligatory request from students with foreign citizenship.** An “AP” in the Italian language will not count in the three “AP” requirement in those cases where students have Italian citizenship or for enrolment in courses that are held entirely in the English language. The qualifications as above will generally allow the continuation of studies in Italian higher education, **as long as they have been achieved on the basis of at least the last two years of attendance, with a positive result, in the foreign education system.**

In cases where the HSD qualification has been obtained by following education paths of less than two years in length, **admission shall be evaluated on a case by case basis, after checking the whole education process followed, and this shall be the responsibility of the Italian education institutions at which the the request for enrolment has been made;** it shall be the responsibility of said institutions to reach such a judgement in line with the existing legislation, both national and international.

Students may also be enrolled who hold the *High School Diploma* qualification which is supplemented by two complete years of “College” education and the certification to pass into the third year, or by one complete year of “College” education and the certification to pass into the second year, as well as at least four “*Advanced Placements*” (APs) in four different subjects as long as they are relevant to the university study course for which enrolment is requested.

Such enrolment shall be possible even if the attendance of the path subsequent to obtaining the *High School Diploma* qualification took place in university institutions of a third country. In such cases, the competent academic bodies within the Italian higher education institutions shall evaluate the entire adequacy of said path, which in all cases may not have a duration of less than one year.

5. BRITISH QUALIFICATIONS

Such qualifications allow for enrolment as long as they demonstrate obtaining at least three subjects at advanced level (A level) relevant to the study course requested. The presence of an “A level” in the Italian language shall be requested only of a foreign citizen, and cannot therefore be counted in

the requirement of the three “A levels” in the case of students with Italian citizenship or in the case of enrolment in courses held entirely in the English language.

The final diplomas obtained from British schools as outlined in Attachment 2 – point 3, are valid for enrolment in Italian Universities according to the specific terms and conditions determined by the agreements signed between Italy and the United Kingdom.

6. GREEK QUALIFICATIONS – “APOLITYRION”

Such qualifications allow for enrolment only in cases where the minimum average mark is of 10 out of 20. Candidates must also hold the certificate of academic competence called “VEVEOSI PROSVASSIS”.

The need for this certificate of competence is waived solely and exclusively for those who obtained the Apolityrion before 1999 and can document having been resident in Italy during the three years from 1999 to 2001, coinciding with the transitory period fixed by the recent Greek legislation to obtain, in an amnesty, the aforesaid certificate.