## 1. I am an EU citizen. What do I need to do to study at UNIPI?

If you are an EU citizen, you must respect the same deadlines and the same enrollment procedure which apply to Italian citizens.

If you choose to enroll in a Bachelor's degree with open access (laurea triennale ad accesso libero), you must:

- a. **Sign up** through the <u>Alice portal</u> by entering personal data and uploading: a passport size photo, a scanned copy of a valid ID card. Select the Degree Programmes and follow instructions. Finally, print the enrollment form "FORIM";
- b. **Submit** the 'FORIM' form plus <u>all the requested documentation</u> necessary for enrollment to the WIS! (Welcome International Students!) helpdesk, Via Buonarroti 4, Building E, Pisa.

If you choose to enroll in a Bachelor's degree programme with limited placements, you must:

- a. **connect** to the <u>Matricolandosi website</u> (which is UNIPI's Enrollment center) and follow the instructions to sign up to the admission exam. Remember you can do this from abroad;
- b. **pay** for the admission exam fee (which ranges from 40 to 60 euros for each of the chosen exams) and follow the instructions <u>indicated online</u>;
- c. take the exam on the scheduled date, as indicated on the public announcement (Decreto Ministeriale);
- d. if you pass the exam, you must **enroll** at UNIPI: for this step, you must bring the following documents to the WIS! (Welcome International Students!) helpdesk, at Matricolandosi (the Enrollment center), via Buonarroti, 4, Building E, Pisa:
- the original diploma of the degree obtained abroad and its photocopy;
- official translation into Italian of the Diploma, legalised (or with an "apostille") and validated by the Italian diplomatic authorities in their home country with the Declaration of Value (DV) of High School Diploma (Dichiarazione di Valore) issued by the Italian diplomatic authorities in their home country and verifying that 12 years of schooling have been already attended. Alternatively, the ENIC-NARIC certificate is accepted (in Italian or in English Language). Please include photocopies of all documents;
- the printed enrollment form 'FORIM';
- one passport-sized photograph;
- a valid identity document (your passport or an Italian identity card which you get after registering at the City Hall and is issued by the Italian government) and its photocopy;
- the receipt of payment through the MAV for the first installment of tuition fees (356 euros) or the application to a DSU scholarship, in case you are eligible.

# 2. Which are the Bachelor's degree programmes with limited placements?

The Bachelor's degree programmes with a limited number of placements, for which you must take an admission exam, are:

- Biotechnology-Biological Sciences (single test)
- Chemistry
- Chemistry for industry and environment
- Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology
- Biomedical, Telecommunications, Electronic and Computer Engineering
- Architecture and Building Engineering
- Foreign Languages and Literatures

- Management for Business and Economics
- Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry and Dental Prosthodontics (single test)
- Veterinary Medicine
- Healthcare Professions (Nursing, Physiotherapy...). Please note that in this case no minimum admission score is required
- Government and Administration of the Sea, Maritime & Naval Science, Law (single test), at the Naval Academy of Livorno
- Tourism Sciences
- Sciences for Primary Education
- Clinical and Health Psychology
- Animal Production Science and Technology, Animal Breeding Techniques And Dog Training (single test)
- Sports and Physical Education.

### 3. I am a non-EU citizen. What do I need to do to study at the University of Pisa (UNIPI)?

If you stably reside in Italy and already have a Residency permit - permesso di soggiorno - (due to self-employment, family reasons, political asylum, humanitarian asylum, religious reasons) then your enrollment request does not fall into the category of the reserved places for non-EU students who reside abroad. The number of places is established every year by a special ministerial order.

To enroll you must therefore:

- a. Sign up through the <u>Alice portal</u> by entering personal data and uploading: a passport size photo, a scanned copy of a valid ID card. Select the Degree Programmes and follow instructions. Finally, print the enrollment form "FORIM"
- b. Submit the 'FORIM' form, already filled out, plus <u>all the requested documentation necessary for enrollment</u> to the WIS! (Welcome International Students!) helpdesk, via Buonarroti, 4, Building E, Pisa

Furthermore, you must respect the same deadlines and the same enrollment procedure that apply to Italian citizens.

**If you live abroad**, your enrollment request may fall into the category of available places reserved for **non-EU students living abroad**. You may fall into this category even if you:

- a. come from an international school;
- b. are the recipient of a grant from the Italian government (Min. of Foreign Affairs, **M**inistero degli **A**ffari **E**steri, MAE in Italian);
- c. have an Italian language certificate of at least a B2 level, issued by a recognized institution (for example, CELI, CILS, PLIDA, ecc.).

### 4. I am a non-EU citizen and live in a non-EU country. What do I need to do to study at the University of Pisa (UNIPI)?

In order to enroll at UNIPI you need to:

- a. submit a pre-enrollment request to the <u>competent Italian diplomatic authorities responsible for your area</u>. This needs to be done within the deadline established each academic year according <u>to orders from the Ministry of Education</u>.
- b. if the pre-registration request is accepted, you will then be issued an entry visa for study reasons. This visa will allow you to come to Italy to take an obligatory Italian language test. For the a.y. 2018/2019, the date to take the Italian language test will be **31 August 2018**. After having passed the Italian language test, you can:

- c. sign up through the <u>Alice portal</u> by entering personal data and uploading: a passport size photo, a scanned copy of a valid ID card. Select the Degree Programmes and follow instructions. Finally, print the enrollment form "FORIM"
- d. submit the 'FORIM' form, already filled out, plus <u>all the requested documentation necessary for enrollment</u> to the WIS! (Welcome International Students!) helpdesk, via Buonarroti, 4, Building E, Pisa.

#### 5. If I am a non-EU citizen, which documents do I need to show at the moment I enroll?

When you come to the WIS! (Welcome International Students!) helpdesk, via Buonarroti, 4, Building E, Pisa), you must bring the following documents:

- the filled out enrollment form 'FORIM';
- the original diploma of the degree obtained abroad and its photocopy;
- Official translation into Italian of the Diploma, legalised (or with an "apostille") and validated by the Italian diplomatic authorities in their home country with the Declaration of Value (DV) of High School Diploma (Dichiarazione di Valore) issued by the Italian diplomatic authorities in their home country and verifying that 12 years of schooling have been already attended. Alternatively, the ENIC-NARIC certificate is accepted (in Italian or in English Language). Please include photocopies of all documents;
- one passport-sized photograph;
- photocopy of your passport or identification card issued by the Italian authorities (you must bring the original passport or ID card to show);
- the original document of the Residency permit (permesso di soggiorno) if you are a non-EU citizen stably residing in Italy OR the post office receipt of the payment made for its issuance along with a photocopy -if you are a non-EU citizen residing in a non-European country.

The receipt of payment through the MAV (payment by notice) for the first installment of tuition fees or the receipt for the submission of the DSU grant request, in case you are eligible.

## 6. Do I need to take an Italian language test in order to enroll?

You must take the obligatory Italian language test only if you are a **non-EU citizen who resides in a non-EU country** and have presented a pre-registration request to the University through the Italian diplomatic mission responsible for the area in which you reside.

You are exempt of this test only if:

- a. you already have an Italian language certificate of a B2 level (or higher) issued by the University for Foreigners of Perugia and Siena, from the Third University of Rome or by the Dante Alighieri Society. It may also be a certificate issued abroad under an agreement with the Italian Cultural Institutes;
- b. you ask to register to a degree programme in English;
- c. you belong to one of the categories specified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### 7. Where can I take an Italian course?

The Linguistic Centre (CLI, Centro Linguistico Interdipartimentale), of UNIPI organizes Italian courses of different levels for its international students. For more information, you may visit the <a href="CLI's portal">CLI's portal</a>.

#### 8. How many years of education do I need to have in order to enroll at UNIPI?

You can enroll in the <u>Bachelor's and Long single cycle degree programmes</u> only if you have had at least 12 years of education.

In some countries, the educational cycle finishes after 10 or 11 years: in these cases, you can enroll in UNIPI if you can prove that you have attended a University and passed all the requested exams for the first year (if you have an education of 11 years) or for the first two years (if you have an education of 10 years), or if you have a post-secondary degree from a higher-education (non-University) Institute.

For further information regarding the validity of degrees obtained abroad, you can visit the indicated <u>Ministry of Education's website</u> in particular <u>attachment 1</u> and <u>attachment 2</u> (in Italian only).

### 9. Which degrees do I need to have in order to access a two-year degree programme (i.e.: Master's degree)?

In order to register to a 2-year degree programme (i.e.: Master's degree), you must already have a Bachelor's degree. Furthermore, you must have the approval from the Board of the corresponding Degree programme which will evaluate:

- a. Your degree: you must have obtained it at a University or it has to be a post-secondary degree obtained at a higher-education (non-University) Institute. In either case, your degree must allow you to continue to the next University level in the country where you obtained it. Furthermore, you have to bring: Official translation of the academic qualification into Italian, legalised (or with an "apostille") and validated by the Italian diplomatic authorities in their home country with the Declaration of Value (DV) (Dichiarazione di Valore) of the Bachelor's Degree issued by the Italian diplomatic authorities in their home country. Alternatively, the ENIC-NARIC certificate is accepted (in Italian or English language). Alternatively, the Diploma Supplement is accepted;
- b. The certificate issued by the University or the Institute you attended duly confirmed by the corresponding Italian diplomatic authorities of your area with the list of exams passed and with their respective programs. Post-secondary studies (exams and credits) taken outside of Italy can also be certified by the "diploma supplement", if it is available.

### 10. I am already attending a University abroad. Can I continue my studies at UNIPI?

Yes, you can transfer to our University. Keep in mind that when you enroll, you must have all the requested documents (see question n. 3 and <u>link</u>) as well as:

- a. Original certificate of exams taken issued by the University you have attended and officially translated into italian if requested by the course of study;
- b. A detailed programme which describes the content of the exams you have passed and is issued by the University you have attended, on the University's stationary or with the University's seal. The programmes' description must be officially translated into italian if requested by the course of study.

#### 11. What is the Declaration of Value?

The Declaration of Value is an official document, written in Italian, which gives information about a specific degree programme obtained in another country. It may contain a statement regarding the validity of degrees issued by the Institution where you studied, the entry requirements and the duration of the degree programme, the years of education that were needed to achieve it, and so on.

The Declaration of Value is issued by the <u>corresponding Italian diplomatic authority abroad</u> (embassies/consulates) which give information also on the documents needed in order to obtain it. When we say 'corresponding' we mean the Italian authority that is geographically closest to the Institution or University where you studied.

### 12. How can I ensure the official translation of the required documents for enrollment?

If you live abroad, you can have the documents translated by a sworn translator and have the translation certified by the corresponding Italian authority. If instead you are in Italy, you may go to your local Court (Tribunale) and have them translated there.

#### 13. How much does it cost to study at UNIPI?

For the academic year 2018/2019, UNIPI's tuition fees were equal to 2,452 euros plus the regional tax of € 140 and € 6 fee for the co-financing of sports activities at the University's Sports Centre (CUS).

Many students, however, manage to obtain a reduction to these fees either through merit (up to a maximum amount of 267 euros) or through income (up to a maximum of 1,902 euros).

Furthermore, international students who come from developing countries known to have serious poverty problems, obtain the highest reduction of the contribution due to economic circumstances, as well as any reductions due to merit. In order to assess the economic condition, only income and assets held in Italy are taken into account for those students who are recognized as political refugees and stateless persons.

All the information related to University fees and reductions is available at the following web page: <u>Tasse e diritto allo studio</u> (in Italian only).

### 14. Can I obtain a scholarship?

All of UNIPI's students including international ones can benefit from economic contributions assigned by the DSU Toscana - Regional Institute for the Right to Education to deserving candidates who are, however, under conditions of economic hardship.

To obtain a scholarship you must participate in a contest. The announcement to this contest is published every year in the month of July.

All information is available in the portal of the DSU Toscana.

# 15. When do the degree programmes start?

The academic year is divided into two semesters. The lessons of the first semester usually start during the last week of September and end during the second week of December; those of the second semester start during the third week of February and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.

The exams of the first semester take place in January and at the beginning of February, those of the second between the 1st of June and the 25th of July.

Each department publishes its own calendar at the beginning of the academic year.