



**Call for foreign students: admission to the 4th year
of the Galilean School of Higher Education, University of Padova, Italy
(deadline: 22 May 2017)**

FOREWORD

The University of Padova, one of the most ancient universities in the world, has a long tradition in the promotion of excellence of its students, regardless their nationality, gender, beliefs, or interests.

Accordingly, every year the University of Padova promotes a program of excellence, *the Galilean School of Higher Education*.

The school is named in honor of Galileo Galilei, the founder of modern Physics and Astronomy, who came to Padova in 1592, when he was 28 years old; the college where the School is hosted, *Collegio Morgagni*, takes its name from Giovanni Battista Morgagni, one of the founders of modern Medicine, who came to Padova in 1711, when he was 29 years old. Both men shared a great passion for all activities of the human mind, across a broad range of disciplines including literature, music, natural sciences. Such passion for excellence and a broad vision have deeply been rooted in the University of Padova throughout its history.

At the Galilean School of Higher Education, students are recruited in the areas of Humanities (*Classe di Scienze Morali*), Natural Sciences (*Classe di Scienze Naturali*) and Social Sciences (*Classe di Scienze Sociali*).

In addition to the regular students, the Galilean School of Higher Education recruits up to **four** highly-motivated foreign students, who can enrol in a [2-years program towards the Master Degree](#) (Second Cycle Degree, *Laurea Magistrale*).

Several Second Cycle Degrees (*Laurea Magistrale*) programs are entirely taught in English: please visit the webpage [here](#) for the list.

Many other Second Cycle Degrees, although not entirely taught in English, have several courses delivered in English. For details, you can check this [list](#) (slight changes can be expected for the academic year 2017-2018).

Also, several internal courses of the School are delivered in English. At any rate, the School can provide a dedicated course for learning Italian and give support for learning other languages.

ACADEMIC DUTIES AND RIGHTS

The admitted foreign students will share all obligations, duties and rights of the other Galilean students. In particular, they must:

1. choose and enrol in the 1st year of a Second Cycle Degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) of the University of Padova. Information on the enrolment procedure are available [here](#) (please, pay attention to the deadlines given for each *Laurea Magistrale* because they may differ);

2. attend the regular courses and seminars of their chosen program, and pass the relevant exams at the required dates, with scores not less than 24/30 in any single exam and an average score not less than 27/30;
 3. attend the courses and seminars given by the Galilean School, and pass the relevant exams with the same scores as above. They will share their experience and ideas with the other Galilean students, and will adhere to the disciplinary rules of the College where they are hosted;
 4. write an additional, final *Galilean thesis*, within one year after obtaining their Master Degree, under the supervision of an advisor of their choice but approved by the School, on a subject different from that of the Master thesis. Following the successful defence of the Galilean thesis, the student will receive the *Galilean Diploma*.
- At the end of the first academic year, if not complying with the above requirements and regulations, students will lose their status of Galilean students and the associated privileges, but will be allowed to continue their regular Master program, at their own expenses.
 - The School will reimburse one round trip ticket from/to the country of origin (economy class) up to 1.500,00 Euros for each Academic Year, and cover the cost of books and miscellaneous documented expenses of educational nature, authorized and within reasonable limits.
 - The School will provide free room and board in the University student houses and canteens.
 - The School reserves the right to assign a grant up to 5.000,00 Euros to the admitted students, as a contribution towards personal living expenses; this grant is subjected to the economic availability of the School and to the evaluation by a specific committee; no other scholarships will be compatible with this grant.

REQUIREMENTS, APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

This call is reserved to non-Italian citizens, residing outside Italy.

Applicants:

1. must be eligible for enrolling in the 1st year of a Second Cycle Degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) of the University of Padova (for details on the pre-requisites, please check this [link](#) and, in particular, the [admission notices](#));
2. must hold a Bachelor degree and **not be older than 26** at the time of application;
3. must complete the online application **between 23 March 2017, 1.00 pm (GMT+2) and 22 May 2017, 1.00 pm (GMT+2)**, at: https://uniweb.unipd.it/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng. (instructions for filling the application form are available [here](#))

The on-line procedure requires the uploading of the following documents:

1. a copy of the passport (or identity card only for EU nationals);
2. a certified copy (on headed paper, signed and stamped by the awarding Institution) of the academic transcript of records **in English** with the indication of ECTS credits or the indication of the grading scale used by the Institution, if ECTS grading is not available. The transcript may be replaced by the *Diploma Supplement*, if available;

3. a copy of the First Level University Diploma (Bachelor Degree). If a Bachelor Degree hasn't been obtained yet before the application deadline, the applicant must attach an official letter of the Home Institution, stating that the candidate is registered as a Bachelor student and that he will earn his/her Bachelor degree **before July 31, 2017** (the date of graduation would be appreciated);
4. Curriculum Vitae in English (a template can be downloaded [here](#)). **Please, indicate a valid skype address in the CV.**

After the deadline of **22 May 2017, 1.00 pm (GMT+2)**, the link to the application form will be disabled. Incomplete submissions will be rejected automatically. Services might be subject to temporary suspensions for technical updates.

Problems related to the online application can be reported by email (imma.uniweb@unipd.it) or by phone to the **University's Call Centre from Monday to Friday (9 am through 5 pm – GMT+2) +39-0498273131**.

In addition to the on-line application, **two reference letters** are needed from experienced scientists/mentors who know the applicant. The letters must be written on headed paper of the referee's Institution; they must be **signed and sent personally by the referee**, as a pdf file, to the Galilean School (galilean.school@unipd.it), specifying "Reference Letter (Name, Surname and **date of birth** of the applicant)" in the e-mail subject. A few suggestions for filling the letter can be downloaded [here](#).

The deadline for sending the reference letters is the same as that of the online application (22 May 2017).

Disabled students or students suffering from dyslexia can refer to the [Disability and Dyslexia Office](#) to point out particular needs and to request information on the support services available to attend the courses, as well as financial aid.

The School reserves the right to interview the students (e.g. remote interview via skype) as part of the selection process. Applicants will be notified about the interview by e-mail. Fluency in English is required; knowledge of the Italian language is not required, but it will be taken into consideration for the evaluation. A selection committee will evaluate the applications and draw up a ranked preliminary list of qualified candidates.

Selected candidates will be notified within June 1st, 2017 with an announcement on the School website. They must accept the admission to the School by e-mail (galilean.school@unipd.it) within ten days after the publication of the list of selected candidates. If a selected candidate does not respond to the School within ten days after being notified, his place in the competition will be forfeited and the School Commission will be entitled to select another candidate from a reserve list, in accordance with the process described above.

To finalize their admission to the Galilean School, selected applicants must also conclude the registration procedure to their chosen Second Cycle Degree (*Laurea Magistrale*), after applying for it and being admitted. More information can be accessed at this [link](#); please refer to the admission notice/ admission bulletin of your chosen Second Cycle Degree for the application procedure and pay particular attention to the deadlines, as they are **26 April 2017 for most English-taught Second Cycle Degrees**.

Once enrolled as regular students of the University¹, selected applicants will be admitted to the 4th year of the Galilean School of Higher Education. The enrolment procedures to the Galilean School are further clarified in the School website.

¹ Enrolling at the University of Padua implies the payment of a fee. Students have the possibility to claim a (partial or total) refund of tuition fees and to obtain some scholarships, as explained [here](#) (these benefits are not automatic, one

The Academic Year at the University of Padova starts on October 1st, so accepted students must commit to arrive at the Galilean School before that date. Upon request, free room and board can start from September 4th.

FINAL PROVISIONS

The relevant data protection regulations will be respected, with reference to the provisions of Legislative Decree no. 196 of the 30th of June 2003 "*Codice in materia di protezione dei dati personali*".

Any amendments or additions to the contents of this call will be made public on the [Galilean School's website](#).

In the event that the documents presented by candidates are false, without prejudice to the sanctions set out in the specific legislation on the matter (articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000), the candidate's application will be automatically cancelled.

For any information omitted from this admission notice, please refer to current legislation.

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has to apply for them). For more information: *Servizio Diritto allo Studio e Tutorato, Tuition fees, exemptions, scholarships, part-time collaborations*, via Portello, 31 - 35129 Padova, Tel.: +39 049 827 3131 (Call Centre) - fax +39 049 827 5030, e-mail: service.studenti@unipd.it

The University of Padova also offers full **tuition fee-waivers** to students enrolling in one of its degree courses completely held in English (Application deadline: 26 April 2017, see [here](#) for further information)