Non-EU citizens residing abroad

For these citizens, every study programme sets an annual quota of places available for non-EU students. To request pre-enrolment for a programme, citizens should contact the Italian Embassy-Consulate in the student's country of residence, they cannot apply for a degree course (either for a first or a second cycle degree) directly to the University of Catania. Application deadline is established annually by the Italian Education Ministry.

The list of Italian consulates and embassies is available at: http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Home.htm?LANG=EN

At the Italian embassy or consulate, applicants fill a pre-registration request form. They can choose only one degree course.

The following documents need to be brought to the Italian Embassy-Consulate offices:

1ST CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND ONE-LONG CYCLE 2ND DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Secondary school diploma (original copy) obtained after at least 12 years of schooling; the diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- Declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- Certificate assessing the student's passing of the academic admission/proficiency test (where required), if provided for the access to home country university.
- Any university study certificate or non-university post-secondary study certificate (exams passed and exam programmes) for the obtainment of the enrolment to an academic year after the first one (shortening of the programme time limits) or for the completing of the 12-year schooling required for the access to the Italian universities;
- Any certification of Italian language knowledge.

SECOND-CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Secondary school diploma (original copy) obtained after at least 12 years of schooling; the diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- Declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- First cycle degree obtained at any University the diploma must be translated and duly validated;
• Declaration of value for the degree to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the university belongs to;
• Certificate released by the relevant academic institution - translated and duly validated - assessing the passed exams as well as the detailed programmes and time plan devoted to the teaching and laboratory activities provided for each subject area;
• Any certification of Italian language knowledge.

The Italian embassy or consulate will transmit the form to the University along with all the required documents and it will be informed about the approval of the student's request. Only Italian embassies and consulates can grant an entry visa for Italy. In order to be granted a visa, applicants must provide the Italian embassy or consulate with all the required documentation. **Tourist visa is not accepted for enrolment in a degree course.**

The documents written in a foreign language must be handed in the original copy together with the official translation into Italian; the translation is a responsibility of the applicant and must be certified by the relevant Italian diplomatic representation abroad. The translation may also be carried out in Italy by official translators or by the diplomatic representation operating in Italy of the Country where the document has been released.

The documentation handed in by the applicant does not allow for a direct access/admission to a degree programme cause to be admitted to a programme a student must pass an Italian language test and an admissions test to programmes with a limited number of places as well as other tests required for Italian citizens. For **second-cycle degree** programmes the University must also assess if the degree/diploma/certificate owned by the applicant can qualify for the application. At the University of Catania the assessment of the degree qualification is assigned to the relevant Degree Programme Boards, which apply the same criteria (curricular requisites and evaluation of the personal preparation) provided for the holders of the equivalent Italian academic degree. For applicants having a foreign degree/diploma/certificate, the assessment of the curricular requisites shall include the evaluation of the programmes of the exams passed abroad, which have been attached to the pre-enrolment application.
ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEST

Students with the following qualifications are exempt from taking the Italian language test:
- second level secondary school qualification obtained following four or five years of study at Italian schools abroad, or one of the secondary school final qualifications described in annex 2 of the provisions of the MIUR Memorandum.
- certificate obtained in conjunction with a school diploma from Argentina that certifies that the programme included an Italian language course for at least 5 years
- diploma in Italian language and culture from the University for foreigners of Perugia and Siena, obtained after a course of at least one academic year
- Italian language proficiency certificates equivalent to levels C1 and C2 of the Council of Europe issued by the III University of Rome and by the University for foreigners of Perugia and Siena, also issued in agreement with Italian cultural institutes abroad;

Students with the following certificates are exempt from the Italian language test, however admission in this case is determined by the number of places assigned for foreign citizens:
- Italian language proficiency certificates equivalent to levels not lower that B2 of the Council of Europe.

Every year the date of the test (usually in early September) is set before the beginning of the academic year.

The failing of the test will prevent students from being admitted to any degree course in any Italian university; that’s why so an adequate knowledge of Italian language is very important. Eventually, enrolment will be completed only after all the tests will be passed (Italian language test and entrance test).

For any further information please see Circular n° 658 of March 21, 2005: [http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/](http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/) or contact the Foreign Students Office of the University of Catania: sestat@unict.it.