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## Admission guidelines booklet – Degree seeking

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Students applying to a 1<sup>st</sup> level Specializing Master

- You need to hold an undergraduate degree, obtained after a minimum of 3 years of study (180 ECTS), preferably relevant to the chosen degree course
- UCSC will evaluate your academic and personal background and decide if you meet the specific conditions for admission to the graduate program of your choice.
- You must obtain your UG degree before the start of the program.

#### Students applying to a 2<sup>nd</sup> level Specializing Master

- You must hold a suitable Graduate degree that allows access to a Ph.D. program in the awarding country of the degree.
- UCSC will evaluate your academic and personal background and decide if you meet the specific conditions for admission to the graduate program of your choice.
- You must obtain your Graduate degree before the start of the program.

### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants whose first language is not English will need to:

- have met the required IELTS or TOEFL minimum scores (check language requirements on [our brochure](#)); or
- have successfully completed a degree program taught in English.

### ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Each graduate program has a limited amount of places. Students can expect a response in regards to their admissibility no later than 4 to 6 weeks after the first two deadlines. Applications received after the second deadline will be processed and reviewed in the order they have been received. Some programs may require an oral interview before reaching a decision.

1. Apply Online
2. Follow carefully the application instructions.
3. Make sure you upload or send all the requested information. At this stage, documents do not require Italian translation if they are issued in English, French, Spanish or Italian.
4. Pay the application fee of 75 €, non-refundable (where applicable).

Only after receiving the payment, UCSC will process your application. Students admitted to a Specializing Master before the third deadline will have to pay the deposit of EUR 500 to confirm their participation; they will find the invoice in the summary of their applications in the Self Service Center portal.

They will be asked to pay the rest of the first installment approximately 3 months before the start of the program.



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Students admitted after the third deadline will be asked to pay the deposit and the first installment (it may vary according to the chosen program) with a single payment.

### General documents required:

- Passport
- The official UCSC letter of confirmed admission to the chosen program
- The original copy of your undergraduate/graduate degree (if you have already graduated), properly legalized and officially translated into Italian (in some cases English may be accepted too; please verify with your local Italian Representation). N.B.: Some local Italian Representations will require a Dichiarazione di Valore (see below).
- Evidence of money to cover your expenses for the duration of your stay in Italy. As a general guideline, the circular letter no. 10 issued by the Italian Ministry of Education on 2 February 2012, stipulates you will need to provide evidence of having funds of at least 429 € a month.
- Evidence of Medical Insurance.

Please note that documentation required may vary country to country; please ensure you check with your local Italian Representation.

You can find your closest Italian Representation by visiting the following website:

<http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/laretediplomatica/ambasciate/default.html>

### About the Dichiarazione di Valore:

The Dichiarazione di Valore (DV) is an official document which provides a short description of your qualification, its validity in the awarding country to academic and/or professional ends, and the legal status of the awarding institution. In order to obtain the DV, you have to turn to the Italian Embassy/Consulate of the country that awarded the qualification.

PLEASE NOTE: The DV is issued by the Embassy of the country educational system that awarded the qualification. For example, if you live in Ghana but you have studied in a British school, you should refer to the Italian Embassy in the UK.

### Remember that:

In some countries, your schooling qualifications have to be legalized by the competent authorities before you go to the Italian Embassy to request the DV. If your country signed the La Haye Convention of 05/10/1961, the competent authorities will issue the Apostille on your qualification. If you studied in Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Germany or Austria legalization of documents is not required according to international agreements.