



Call for non-Italian students: admission to the 4th year of the Galilean School of Higher Education, University of Padova, Italy

FOREWORD

The University of Padova has a century-old tradition to promote the excellence of young students whatever their nationality, gender, beliefs, or fields of interest. Furthermore, Padova has been recently evaluated the best of the large Italian Universities for quality of research.

In such tradition, 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.

As in the past years, students will be recruited in the areas of Humanities (*Classe di Scienze Morali*) and Natural Sciences (*Classe di Scienze Naturali*); moreover, from the Academic Year 2014-2015, a third Class will be launched, in the area of Social Sciences (*Classe di Scienze Sociali*), so that a total of 30 students will be recruited for the first year of their academic program.

Again, starting from the Academic Year 2014-2015 and in addition to the 30 regular students, the Galilean School of Higher Education will recruit up to five highly-motivated foreign students, who can either enrol in a [2-year program towards the Master Degree](#) (second cycle, in Italian *Laurea Magistrale*) or at the 4th year of a 5-year [Single Cycle Degree](#) (in Italian, *Laurea a Ciclo Unico*; the 6-year Degree in *Medicine and Surgery* will be treated as a special case).

Several *Laurea Magistrale* programs are entirely taught in English:

- School of Economics and Political Sciences: [Business Administration, Economics and Finance, Human Rights and Multi-level Governance](#);
- School of Engineering: [Environmental Engineering](#);
- School of Medicine: [Medical Biotechnologies](#);
- School of Psychology: [Cognitive Neuroscience and Clinical Neuropsychology](#);
- School of Human and Social Sciences and Cultural Heritage: [Local development](#) and [Historical Sciences](#) are taught in English and French;



- School of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine: [Forest Science](#)

For interested students, joint programs with several non-Italian Universities are available (e.g. Modern Philology – joint degree with the University of Grenoble; Philosophy – joint degree with the University of Jena “F. Schiller”).

Many other *Laurea Magistrale* or *Ciclo Unico* degrees, although not entirely taught in English, have several courses delivered in English. For details, you can check the [lists](#).

At any rate, the School can help foreign students who follow courses held in Italian with a proper support.

Most of the internal courses of the School are delivered in English. Moreover, the School will provide a dedicated course for learning Italian and give support for learning other languages.

ACADEMIC DUTIES AND RIGHTS

The admitted non-Italian students will share all the obligations, duties and rights of the other Galilean students. In particular:

- They must choose and enrol in the 1st year of a *Laurea Magistrale* or in the 4th year of a *Laurea a ciclo unico* (the program in *Medicine and Surgery* will be treated as a special case) of the University of Padova (information on the enrolment procedure are available [here](#)).
- They must attend the regular courses and seminars of their chosen program, and are expected to 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.
- In addition, they must attend the courses and seminars given by the Galilean School and are expected to 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.
- Within one year after obtaining their Master degree, they will write an additional, final *Galilean thesis*, 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 a *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 if they wish, at their own expenses.
- Students have the possibility to claim partial or total exemption from tuition fees and taxes, as explained [here](#).
- 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, stationery, and miscellaneous documented expenses of educational nature, within reasonable limits.



- The School will provide free lodging and board in the University student houses and cafeterias.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

- 1) Applicants must fill in an on-line application form, which can be accessed [here](#).
- 2) After filling the on-line application, applicants must send an e-mail to galilean.school@unipd.it, including the following attachments:
 - a certified copy (on headed paper, signed and stamped by the awarding Institution) of their academic transcripts in English language;
 - a document describing the grade scale used at the awarding institution. If the institution uses the **ECTS** credits and grading scale, please mention it in the document;
 - a Curriculum Vitae (CV) in English (it can be uploaded [here](#));
 - a copy of their passport (or identity card for EU nationals).
- 3) At least 2 signed reference letters, written in English and on headed university paper, **must be sent directly by Faculty members of the awarding institution** to galilean.school@unipd.it, specifying "*Reference Letter (Name, Surname of the applicant)*" in the subject of the e-mail. The letters may be preferably written, following the enclosed [suggestions](#).

Additional documentation can be provided, if so desired, for a better appreciation of the candidate's qualification.

The deadline for sending the on-line application, the attachments and the reference letters is June 6th, 2014.

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.

Applicants will be notified about the outcome of their application by June 30th, 2014, with an announcement on the website of the School. Selected applicants must confirm their firm commitment within ten days by e-mail, to Galilean.school@unipd.it. If no confirmation is received from a selected applicant within ten days, the applicant will be removed from the list and replaced by the first applicant in the reserve list.

To finalize their admission to the Galilean School, the selected applicants must conclude the registration procedure to the chosen Master program (more information can be accessed [here](#)). Once enrolled as regular students of the University, the 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 website.



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The Academic Year at the University of Padova starts on October 1st, so the accepted students must commit to arrive at the Galilean School before that date. Upon request, free lodging and board can start from September 8th.

FINAL PROVISIONS

The relevant data protection regulations will be respected.

For any information omitted from this Call, refer to the current Italian legislation.

Padova, May 9, 2014

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