

GLOSSARY FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Appello d'esame/ Examination registration

This is the date when an exam can be taken. The list of scheduled dates, times and places (called examination calendar) can be found on the StudyCourse Notice-board and on UNIMC web site.

Associazione studentesca/ Student Union

This is a group of students (not less than 50) with Articles of Association

Ateneo/ Athenaeum

This is a synonym for 'University'

Classi di studio/ Study Sectors

These group the various bachelor and specialist course degrees that share common features. They define the educational aims of degree courses common to all universities. Universities are free to decide the name of their degree courses and courses of study in the syllabuses for each sector.

Corsi ad accesso libero/ Courses with unrestricted number of places

Degree courses not requiring students to sit an entrance examination.

Corsi ad accesso programmato/ Courses with limited number of places

Some degree courses have a limited number of places and require pre-enrolment. To enrol, students must sit an entrance examination.

Corso di specializzazione/ Course of Specialization

This is a post-bachelor or post-specialization degree course providing the practical tools for specific professions. The course length is at least two years. At the end of the course the student attains a Diploma di Specializzazione

Crediti formativi/ Credits

Credits are a measure of the amount of work required to pass an exam. Credits are not a substitute for the exam mark. They represent the quantity of knowledge contained in the subject matter of the course taught. As a rule, one credit corresponds to 25 hours of 'work' (attendance at lectures, individual study, exercises, laboratories). Each instruction activity corresponds to a number of credits calculated on the basis of the time required to prepare for (and pass) the exam on that subject matter.

Diritto allo studio/ Study Facility Rights

This states the right of students to use the university facilities and services. Services include: study rooms, scholarships based on Merit and Income, exemption from fees, opportunities for part-time work (150 hours), training and introduction courses for the job market.

Domanda di valutazione curriculum e riconoscimento crediti/ Application for curriculum vitae evaluation and for recognition of credits

Students wishing to re-enrol at the university and students wishing to resume their studies after a break can apply to the Student Registry to have examinations already taken converted into credits.

Dottorato di ricerca (DR)/ Doctoral Degree

The Doctor of Philosophy course represents the highest level of tertiary education. It lasts 3 to 4 years and is open only to those who have completed the specialization degree. The Courses have a limited number of places and admission is by exam.

LLP/ ERASMUS Student Mobility

This programme allows students to spend a period of study (from 3 to 12 months) at European Universities that have signed a bilateral agreement with this University, guaranteeing the student the opportunity of following courses, using university facilities and having exams passed successfully recognized by appropriate credits (ECTS system).

ERSU Ente Regionale per il diritto allo studio universitario/ ERSU Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education

This agency principally offers scholarships, lodging in university halls and catering service in university canteens

Esame/ Examination

This is the (written or oral) test held at the completion of a study course.

Immatricolazione / Enrolment

Immatricolazione (enrolment) means the Registration for the first year of a degree course. Each student is assigned a student number (numero di matricola), a student record book, a magnetic swipe card for accessing university canteens and other facilities, plus a personal email address.

Indicatore ISEE/ ISEE indicator

The ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) is a tool that measures the economic status of families in Italy. It takes into account income, assets and characteristics of a household.

Pre-immatricolazione/ Pre-enrolment

Students wishing to sit for entrance examinations to a degree course must apply for pre-enrolment and pay a pre-enrolment fee.

Laurea specialistica (LS) o magistrale (LM)/ Specialist (LS) or Master (LM) Degree

This is attained at the end of a course of two years study and requires a final thesis. It is open to those already in the possession of a first Level Degree. This course prepares the student for specific professions which require a higher level of training.

Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico/ One tier master degree

With the introduction of the combined degrees system, the traditional four or five year degrees are disappearing. Exceptions are degrees in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies - and, recently, Jurisprudence - as regulated by the European Union. Students can enroll directly after the school diploma, without first getting a Bachelor Degree. These course last five or six years. There is a final thesis.

Laurea di I livello (o triennale)/ Bachelor Degree

This is the first degree offered by the university and it is attained after a three year course (180 credits). It is made up of a defined number of teaching subjects and of other educational activities including training, workshops and so on. The Bachelor Degree course provides a basic theoretical understanding of the subject matter and is designed for an easy entry into the job market.

Libretto universitario/ Student record book

This booklet is held by the student for the duration of the University course. The booklet records the student number (see below), enrolment year, and the exams that have been passed together with the mark.

Manager didattico/ Didactic Manager

The didactic manager oversees the processes and organisation of the 'academic course' but not its teaching contents. MD assists students throughout the curriculum, provides general information on study courses organization, on training and internship , n all the educational and support services available in the university.

Master/ University Master

These are specialist courses that can be taken by those in possession of a Bachelor degree (first level Degree) or of a Specialist Degree (second level Degree). They provide training for the professions and are also open to practicing professionals

Matricola/ First year student

This expression refers to students who are enrolled for the first time at University.

Numero di matricola/ Student Identity Number

This is a personal identity number that each student receives at first enrolment

Piano di studio/ Study plan

This is the course design you choose to follow to attain the Bachelor Degree or Specialization Degree. It includes compulsory and elective examinable material together with language training and computer skills.

Test di ammissione/ Assessment Test

Student wishing to enrol in a degree course where the number of places is limited must pass an entrance examination. This assesses the level of preparation of each student.

Ricevimento studenti/ Student consultation hours

Each university teacher sets aside at least two hours per week for meeting students to discuss all the subject matter important in understanding and for making successful progress in the course.

Segreteria Studenti/ Student Registry

This provides services and information regarding enrolment, certificates, fees, transfer applications from the faculties, applications for course-changes, study plans and graduation.

Semestre/ Semester

The academic year is divided into two semesters, i.e. two teaching periods. Courses are conducted during the First Semester (from October to January with final exams in February-March), and during the Second Semester (from March to May with final exams in June-July).

Sessione d'esame/ Examination session

The academic year is sub-divided into periods during which examinations may be taken. Each period is called a sessione. During each sessione, students may chose the date for sitting the examination (appello).

Tutor

Tutors are certain people able to give advice and teaching support to students.

Voto/ Mark

The 'Credit' does not replace the exam mark. While credits that are acquired by the passing of an exam represent a 'sufficient' level of knowledge of the subject matter, the mark (expressed out of thirty) indicates by how much the student has exceeded the 'sufficient' level. 18/30 indicates a 'pass' while 30/30 indicates 'perfect preparation'.