

FOUNDATION YEAR (ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019)

The University for Foreigners of Siena has launched a one-year preparatory educational program named “Foundation Year”.

Such a preparatory course aims at representing an ideal bridge in order to facilitate students with different educational backgrounds who wish to enroll in Italian Universities and Academies. Thanks to this program, international students will have the opportunity to improve their language and communicative competence, as well as to familiarize with pedagogical and study methods traditionally belonging to European contexts.

WHO ARE THE TARGET STUDENTS?

- International students with an educational background of less than 12 years who aim at enrolling in Bachelor Degree courses within an Italian University;
- All the students who need to integrate and enrich their own study program with the purpose of joining Italian universities.

STUDY PROGRAM

The Foundation Year aims at offering students a solid preparation in Linguistics, Pedagogy, Philology and Literature, History and Art Studies. Taking into consideration learners’ prospective studies, specific study programs based on macro-disciplinary contents might be additionally planned and implemented:

STUDENTS OF HUMANITIES	
TOPICS	ECTS CREDITS
Italian Language and Culture Courses	32
Academic Writing workshop	3
Contemporary History	6
CILS Language Certification (B2 level)	5
Specific programs, up to students’ choice, depending on the students’ prospective studies (eg. Italian Literature, Grammar, Italian Linguistics, History of Arts, etc.)	12
Final test	2
ECTS CREDITS (TOTAL)	60

STUDENTS OF SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES	
TOPICS	ECTS CREDITS
Italian Language and Culture Courses	32
Academic Writing workshop	3
CILS Language Certification (B2 level)	5
Specific programs, up to students’ choice, depending on the students’ prospective studies (eg. Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, etc.)	18
Final test	2
ECTS CREDITS (TOTAL)	60

STUDENTS OF MUSICAL DISCIPLINES	
TOPICS	ECTS CREDITS
Italian Language and Culture Courses	32
Academic Writing workshop	3
Contemporary History	6
CILS Language Certification (B2 level)	5
Specific programs, up to students’ choice, depending on the students’ prospective studies (eg. Theory, Solfeggio and Musical Dictation, main instrument, etc.)	12
Final test	2
ECTS CREDITS (TOTAL)	60

STUDENTS OF ECONOMIC DISCIPLINES	
TOPICS	ECTS CREDITS
Italian Language and Culture Courses	32
Academic Writing workshop	3
Economic History	6
CILS Language Certification (B2 level)	5
Specific programs, up to students’ choice, depending on the students’ prospective studies (eg. Economic area: Mathematics, Economic History etc.)	12
Final test	2
ECTS CREDITS (TOTAL)	60

**In order to implement programs including disciplines that are not contemplated within the teachings proposed by the University for Foreigners of Siena, some supplementary activities might be organized in collaboration with other Universities/AFAM institutions.*

ECTS CREDITS

At the end of the Foundation Year students will obtain **60 ECTS** (European Credit Transfer System) credits aiming at integrating their study program and allowing them to join the Degree courses. Such ECTS credits, however, will not allow students to reduce the total number of credits they will have to obtain during their Degree courses.

COURSE TIMETABLE

I semester:	October 1st 2018 – January 11th 2019
II semester	February 18th 2019 – May 31st 2019

EXAMS SCHEDULE

Winter Session	January 14th – February 15th 2019
Summer Session	June 3rd– July 31st 2019

BASIC LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS AND REQUIRED LANGUAGE LEVEL FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS

Students might join the Foundation Year with at least B1-level (CEFR) incoming language competence in Italian .

At the end of the Foundation Year an outgoing **B2-level (CEFR)** competence in Italian will be assured. This corresponds to the level required by Italian Universities for admission in a Degree course.

FEES

In order to take part in the Foundation Year a study fee of **€ 4.700,00** is required for each student.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Students are required to send to the University for Foreigners of Siena a [Declaration of Interest in the Foundation Year](#), together with the Declaration of Legal Value of their last Diploma/Degree and a copy of their Passport, by **August 31st 2018**.

The University for Foreigners of Siena reserves its right to verify the language and education level of students through preliminary tests that might be carried out before admission to the program. The program will be activated with a minimum of 10 students, until full capacity.

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[Rules for the admission of foreign students to higher education courses in Italy](#)