

FOUNDATION YEAR PROGRAM

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.

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.

For further enquiries:

Prof. Carla Bagna (Rector's Delegate for International Relations): bagna@unistrasi.it
relazioni.internazionali@unistrasi.it

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