# 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree programmes: GENERAL RULES

- Do you hold a foreign 1st cycle qualification awarded by a university-level institution?
- Does your qualification grant access to 2nd cycle degree programmes in university-level institutions of the awarding country?

If you may reply adfirmatively to both the above questions, you are eligible for **pre-enrollment** in an Italian 2nd cycle degree course. Take the following steps:

- Select just **one degree programme** out of the 2nd cycle ones for which Italian institutions have reserved a quota;
- Drawn up a pre-enrollment application (go to <u>Application forms</u> to choose the right one);
- Prepare all the necessary documents (go to <u>documents for pre-enrollment in a 2nd cycle degree programme</u>);
- Deliver your dossier (application + documents) to the <u>competent Italian diplomatic</u> <u>authority</u>.

# Application form: FORM A

The "quota" of LM in Bioinformatics: 10 students from abroad + 5 students for marco polo programme

#### **Documents for 2nd cycle degree programmes**

Here is the list of documents normally requested in attachment to a pre-enrollment application for a 2nd cycle degree programme.

First of all, you have to select the **right application form** (go to <u>Application Forms</u>, <u>http://www.study-in-italy.it/studying/pdf/Form A-bis.pdf</u>).

Then get hold of the following documents:

- 1. Certified photocopy of your 1st cycle university / university-level qualification (degree, diploma, title) which allows access to 2nd cycle degree programmes in the awarding country:
- 2. <u>Dichiarazione di valore in loco</u> related to your 1st cycle H.Ed. qualification;
- 3. Transcript, issued by the competent academic authority, which records all the subject courses/exams included in the curriculum of your 1st cycle H.Ed. qualification;
- 4. Syllabi of the individual subject courses covered by your 1st cycle H.Ed. qualification; they should provide details on the number of credits allotted to each discipline and needed for the awarding of the qualification, or of the weekly / yearly hours for all teaching-learning activities (theory and practice);
- 5. 2 passport-size photos, one of which certified;
- 6. Certificate / diploma / other document giving evidence that you are competent in Italian (go to <u>Competence in Italian</u>); such a document may be evaluated by the Italian institution to exempt you from the Italian language exam.

#### Remember

- When you fill out your application form, you must quote the chosen study programme by the same name as recorded in the relevant list.
- If you cannot give documentary evidence of your **competence in Italian**, your enrollment will be subject to the passing of an Italian language exam to be taken in Italy at the host institution (go to <u>Competence in Italian</u>, and read further in this section- the item "**Italian** language exam").
- Check if your degree/diploma must be **legalized** (go to <u>Legalization of Documents</u>, and <u>Consular Formalization of Documents</u>).

- Your degree/diploma -as well as all related documents that are issued by a foreign authority-must be submitted along with a **legal translation** into Italian (go to <u>Legal Translations</u>).
- You must prove that you meet all the conditions required for the issue of a **study visa** in your name (go to <u>study visa</u>).

## **Delivery**

Your pre-enrollment application, independently if addressed to a university or to an Afam institution, and independently of the cycle to which the chosen degree programme belongs, must be delivered to the competent italian diplomatic authority.

# Additional pre-enrollment conditions

The actual enrollment of non-Eu citizens living outside Italy in the chosen Italian H.Ed. programme is subject to a few additional conditions mainly related to public order and social welfare, such as study visa, right to medical assistance, evidence of adequate financial resources, tuition fees, etc.

#### Summing up, you must:

- 1. Get a study visa from the competent italian diplomatic authority.
- 2. Give documentary evidence to be able to support yourself in Italy on the basis of your own financial means or through scholarships, grants or any other financial aid as described under sustenance;
- 3. Choose one of the provisions listed under <u>health insurance</u> (**non-Eu citizens outside Italy**) so as to ensure the right to medical care in Italy.

#### Remember

- Other general conditions for enrollment in Italian H.Ed. programmes (entrance examinations, tuition fees, additional contributions devised for student welfare services, etc.) are equally applied to all Italian and international applicants.
- After completing all procedures for pre-enrollment, you may withdraw your documentation from the Italian diplomatic authorities concerned so as to be able, once in Italy, to deliver it to the H.Ed. institution of your choice when the time for your actual matriculation has come.

## Italian Language Exam

To apply to the LM in Bioinformatics, you don't need to pass any language exam

#### **Actual enrollment**

Candidates who have passed all the required exams and have qualified for placements within the quotas may proceed to matriculate in conformity to the rules decided locally by H. Ed. institutions; information is available from the student secretariats (Segreterie Studenti) of the institutions concerned. Anyhow, definitive matriculation is possible only on condition that candidates submit the necessary <u>stay permit</u>.

#### Remember

- Matriculation of applicants without a stay permit will take place **conditionally** and kept suspended **up to 31 December** of the year of the application delivery.
- In the case of a conditional matriculation, within the **month of February** of the following year, the local police, on request of the institution concerned, **will communicate in writing to the institution itself** if the stay permit has been actually issued or if the request for it has been rejected.