



SAPIENZA  
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

International Admissions

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## FEEL AT ROME

Choosing a university isn't easy. You want a place that can make your dreams come true, educate you and provide you with the life skills and resources that will give you an edge in the world. Sapienza University of Rome is just that place. With over 700 years of history, we have been nurturing students for centuries. Sapienza, which was founded in 1303 as the Studium Urbis, is the university with the largest student population in Europe: over 112,000 students. Merging centuries of knowledge and tradition with cutting-edge research and innovation, Sapienza provides a unique environment, where students are encouraged to exchange ideas and philosophies. And it all takes place in one of the most breath-taking cities in the world: Rome.



## SAPIENZA AT A GLANCE

112,557 students

59 Departments

11 Faculties

275+ degree programmes

54 libraries

18 museums



We are a **large, public and comprehensive Italian university**, specializing in almost **all fields of knowledge at all academic levels** (Bachelors, Masters, and PhD). As a public university, most of our funding comes from the Italian government. This enables us to keep our tuition fees very low, while maintaining **academic freedom, excellent academic and research standards and impressive international rankings** in a wide range of disciplines.

Throughout the course of the year, Sapienza also organises a myriad **cultural, social and sporting activities** to encourage students to conduct a well-rounded social life. These include: The “MuSa” orchestras, choirs and jazz ensembles; Sapienza Theatron - Ancient Theatre Group, the RadioSapienza web-radio station and a wide range of sports facilities.



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## RANKINGS

**CWUR**

Centre for World University Rankings

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**U.S. News**

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**1st worldwide for Classics & Ancient History**

11th for Archaeology

34th for Physics & Astronomy

43rd for Library & Information Management



Sapienza is recognized worldwide as one of the best universities in Italy and globally. It is renowned for its excellence in Classics & Ancient History, Archaeology, Physics and Astronomy, as well as Environmental Studies, Nanotechnology, Cellular and Gene Therapy, Design and Aerospace Engineering and many other disciplines.

- Humanities: second in Italy and 62nd worldwide
- Natural Sciences: first in Italy and 57th worldwide
- Medicine and Life Sciences: fourth in Italy and top-150 worldwide
- Engineering & Technology: third in Italy and top-100 worldwide
- Social Sciences and Management: fourth in Italy and top-125 worldwide.

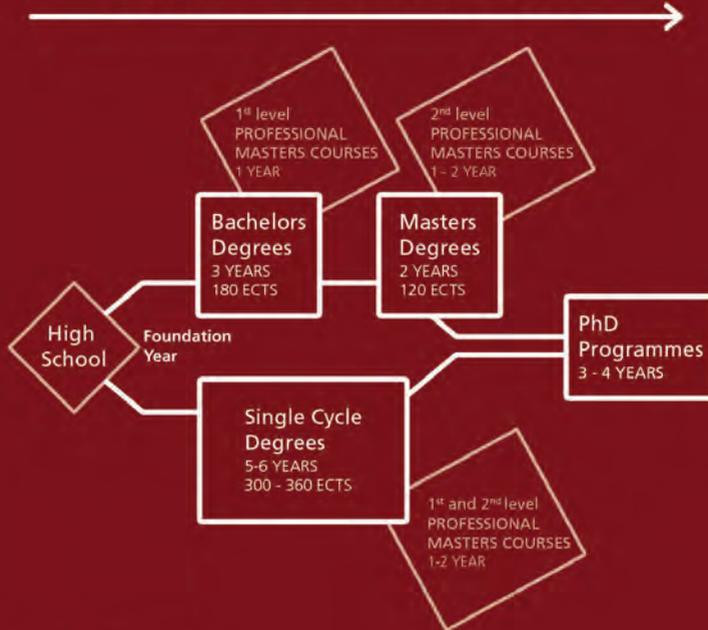
*Source: QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019*



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the web site:  
[www.miur.it/guida/guide.htm](http://www.miur.it/guida/guide.htm)  
[www.cimea.it](http://www.cimea.it)

Italian universities use the ECTS system, also called CFU in Italian (*crediti formativi universitari*). One academic year corresponds to 60 ECTS credits that are normally equivalent to 1500–1800 hours of total workload, regardless of standard or qualification type. 1 ECTS (or CFU) is normally equivalent to a 25-hour workload (classes, individual study, internship, practical training, etc.)



## FOUNDATION YEAR

Our “Foundation Year” programme was conceived for international students who need to complete their basic education in order to pass an admission test at Italian public universities (in a range of disciplines, i.e., Medicine, Architecture, Science, Engineering and Humanities).

The programme is held in English and primarily addresses students who do not meet the minimum schooling requirements to apply for enrolment at Italian universities.

Candidates may apply for the “Foundation Year” Programme even if they already have the 12 years of schooling necessary to enrol but wish to improve their educational or linguistic competences.



## SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOLS

Besides the many degree programmes, Sapienza also offers short and intensive courses in a wide range of subjects such as Classics & Archaeology, Italian Language and Culture, Cultural Heritage in The Near Middle East, Religions and Peaceful Coexistence and many others. Summer & Winter Schools are a great way to get a taste of Sapienza's academic excellence and visit the wonderful city of Rome. Most Summer and Winter Schools also include study trips and field activities.



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## ADMISSIONS

Our University provides over 275 Bachelors and Masters Programmes and 81 PhD Programmes. Moreover, in addition to the many courses held in Italian, Sapienza also provides over 35 programmes held entirely in English.

To be eligible for Italian higher education at the Bachelors level, it is mandatory to have a High School diploma earned after no less than 12 years of studies. If you do not possess this requirement, please see the "Foundation Year" section of this booklet or visit our International Admissions webpage.

To be eligible for Italian higher education at the Masters level, it is mandatory to have a High School diploma and a Bachelors degree earned after no less than 15 years of studies (of which at least 3 must be at university level).

## Pre-selection Application

For most English-taught programmes (and some Italian-taught programmes) students are required to go through an **online pre-selection application**, available at [www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/international-admissions-0](http://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/international-admissions-0)

Non-EU students can submit their applications from November until mid-April or mid-May (depending on the programme). There is only one intake and students are expected to be in Rome by mid-September (or earlier, if they need to take an entrance or language examination for their chosen programme).

**The online application allows perspective students to upload their university or school diploma and transcript, as well as language certificates, reference letters, CV, portfolio, and any other document needed for their academic evaluation.**

For programmes not included in the pre-selection platform, students must follow the procedure described in the call for applications of their chosen programme. The full course catalogue is available at <http://corsidilaurea.uniroma1.it/en>;

## Visa Application

Non-EU students are also required to apply for a study visa through UNIVERSITY.IT. We encourage students to do so as soon as possible. Students applying for programmes offering an online pre-selection must submit their pre-acceptance letter to the Italian Embassy/Consulate in their country of residence.

**APPLY NOW**







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## FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition fees at Sapienza are particularly convenient for international students thanks to public investments by the Italian Ministry of Higher Education. The annual cost for all Bachelors and Masters programmes is €1000 (only tuition fees). Additionally, there are various scholarships available at different levels, awarded on the basis of academic merit and/or family income:

- National scholarships – managed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Inter-national Cooperation (“Study in Italy” grants)
- Regional scholarships – “LazioDISCO scholarship”, managed by the regional government of Lazio
- University scholarship: “Don’t Miss Your Chance”, managed directly by Sapienza University

**Please note that all of the above scholarships require a separate application – for further information: [www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/scholarships](http://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/scholarships)**

Once you become a Sapienza student, you can also apply for a wide range of merit-based scholarships (Erasmus+, on-campus jobs, etc.).



## LIFE IN ROME

Sapienza is located in the heart of **Rome, the capital of Italy**. Rome is a city of a **mesmerizing beauty**, with a long history, a vibrant life style and the highest concentration of historical and architectural riches in the world. **Over 16% of the world's cultural treasures are located in Rome (70% in Italy)**. As a part of Europe, Italy allows international students to travel and study across the Schengen Area, which includes 26 countries.

The average costs for shared accommodation in Rome, which is the option most students choose, range from €300 to €600 per month, while living expenses for books, food, transportation and utilities are roughly €300 a month. Much of course depends on your lifestyle, but overall monthly expenses are in the € 600-900 range for most students. For further information on living in Rome, you can visit [www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/study-sapienza](http://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/study-sapienza) and <https://www.turismoroma.it/en>.

# CONTACTS

For general information, you can write to

- [recruitment@uniroma1.it](mailto:recruitment@uniroma1.it)

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For enquires about a specific programme, please see the contacts details in the Course Catalogue.



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