

UNIVERSITY FOR FOREIGNERS OF SIENA (ITALY)



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



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LOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR FOREIGNERS OF SIENA

How to join Siena

Distance from international
airports:

Florence (50 min.)

Pisa (1 hour 30 min.)

Perugia (1 hour 30 min.)

Bologna (2 hours)

Rome (3 hours)



OUR MISSION

The University for Foreigners of Siena (in Italian *Università per Stranieri di Siena*) is a state University specialized in:

Teaching Italian as a foreign/second language

Training of linguistic and cultural mediators

Training and continuing education of teachers of Italian for foreigners

Research activities concerning the diffusion of Italian language and culture all over the world

The University has been awarded with the “European Label for Languages” 11 times for the best projects for language diffusion



FACTS AND FIGURES

1 Department of Human Studies

15 Research Centers

230 Faculty and Staff Members

1,700 Undergraduate and Graduate students

21,8% of international degree-seeking students

6,000 students enrolled in the monthly Italian Language and Culture Courses (info available for the a.y. 2024/2025)



AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

International students

21,8% of international students enrolled in the B.A. and M.A. programs

6,000 students from 100 countries (in particular from China, Turkey, Brazil, Argentina, USA, Europe) enrolled in the monthly Italian Language & Culture courses

International cooperation

150 bilateral agreements

110 Erasmus+ agreements for study and traineeship

12 Double Degree programs with Albania, China, France, Germany, Republic of Korea, Spain and Vietnam



AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

International Agreements between Unistrasi and Brazilian Universities

Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul

Universidade de Brasília

Universidade de Ribeirão Preto – UNAERP

Universidade de São Paulo

Universidade Estadual de Maringá

Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso

Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina

Universidade Federal de Uberlândia

Universidade Federal Fluminense



100 YEARS OF TEACHING ITALIAN TO FOREIGNERS

In 2017 the University celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the “Italian Language School for Foreigners” (1917–2017), one of the eldest institutions for the teaching of Italian to foreigners and the original unit of the University itself.

1917: beginning of Italian language classes

1992: with the Institutional Law 204/1992, the School gives birth to the present University for Foreigners of Siena



STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN STUDIES (DISU)

| BACHELOR PROGRAMS | MASTER PROGRAMS |
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| Linguistic and Cultural Mediation | Linguistic Sciences and Intercultural Communication |
| Plurilingualism, Translation and Interpretation | Languages, cooperation and diversity |
| Italian Language and Culture | Textual skills for publishing, teaching, and tourism promotion |
| NEW: CULTURAL HERITAGE: ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART HISTORY OF THE WORLD | NEW: ARCHAEOLOGIES AND ARTS HISTORIES |

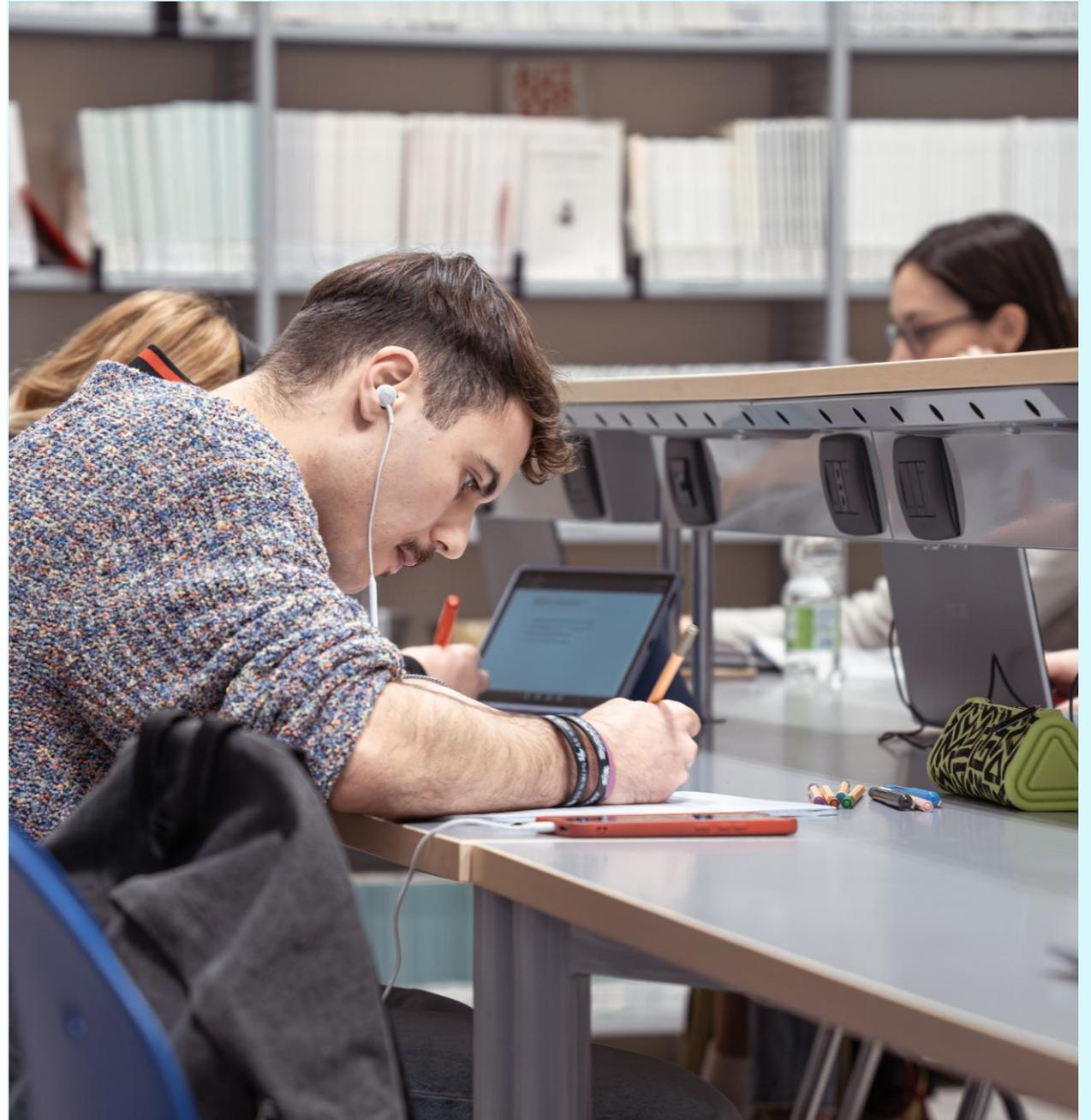
Courses of Arabic, Catalan, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish and Ukrainian languages and cultures are also available as major or elective subjects

100% courses are given in Italian. Exchange students are allowed to take classes from all the different degrees. In order to attend our bachelor programs, international students are required to have a B2 level

PHD PROGRAMS (3 YEARS)

Historical Linguistics, Educational
Linguistics

Translation Studies



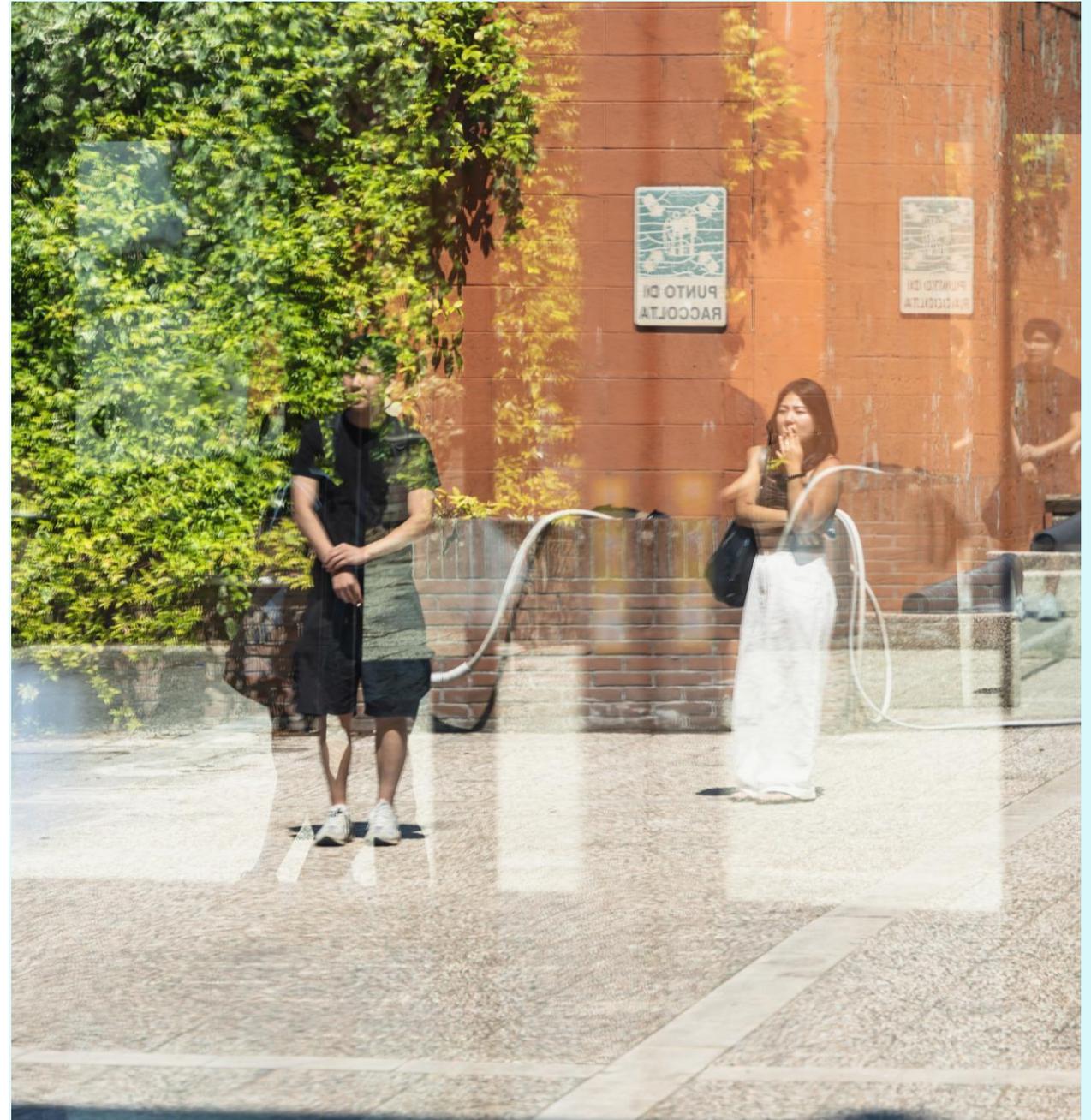
MONTHLY ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Duration: 80 hours / 60 hours / 40 h. per month

When: all year long

Available levels: from A1 to C2 of ECFR

Unistrasi Language Centre (Cluss) is an accredited member of EAQUALS since 2015



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMS

B.A. Italian Language and Culture in Global Contexts

- 1) Licence LLCER d'Etudes Italiennes (Université de Normandie – Caen, France)
- 2) Bachelor in Italian (Hanoi University, Vietnam)
- 3) Bachelor in Italian Language and Literature (Jilin International Studies University, China)

B.A. Linguistic and Cultural Mediation

- 4) Bachelor of Arts in Germanistik/Italomaniistik (Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany)
- 5) Licence mention Langues, Littératures, Civilisations Étrangères et Régionales parcours Études Italiennes (Université Paris Nanterre, France)
- 6) Bachelor in Italian Language (Zhejiang International Studies University, China)

M.A. Linguistic Sciences and Intercultural Communication

- 7) Master of Korean Studies/Master of Korean Language Education (Busan University of Foreign Studies, Korea)
- 8) Masterstudiengang Hauptfach Romanistik–Italienisch–Nebenfach Europäische Kulturstudien (Universität des Saarlandes, Germany)
- 9) Master Degree in Italienstudien (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany)
- 10) Master in Education in “Korean Language as a Foreign Language” della Pusan National University (Corea);
- 11) Master in Interpretariato e Traduzione in Lingua Italiana della Jilin International Studies University (Cina) – only incoming

M.A. Publishing, Teaching and Tourism Promotion

- 12) Masterstudiengang Hauptfach Romanistik–Italienisch–Nebenfach Europäische Kulturstudien (Universität des Saarlandes, Germany)

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FOUNDATION YEAR (1 YEAR)

One-year preparatory educational program

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 PLAN:

- 1) Humanities
- 2) Scientific Disciplines
- 3) Musical Disciplines
- 4) Economics
- 5) Food Sciences and Cultures
- 6) Dance

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EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Mobility (incoming and outgoing) for 1 or 2 semesters in our partner Universities

Linguistic exchange with our Italian students

Internship opportunities in Italy and abroad



TNE – TRANSIT PROJECT: TRANSNATIONAL ITALIAN IN HIGHER EDUCATION

TNE-TRANSIT (Transnational Italian in Higher Education) is the title of a project coordinated by the University for Foreigners of Siena, as leader institution, in partnership with the Universities of Cagliari, Macerata, Roma Tre, and the University for Foreigners of Perugia. The project aims to develop transnational educational initiatives in six target countries promoting Italian language and culture through incoming and outgoing international mobility actions.

Target countries: **Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, South Korea, Vietnam.** It focuses on two different and complementary sociocultural environments:

South America: areas where Italian is present in the repertoire of multicultural communities, particularly Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia

Far East: areas where interest in the Italian language and culture has grown in recent decades, namely China, South Korea, and Vietnam.



CILS: CERTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Cils is a language certification issued by the University which attests the level of linguistic and communicative competence in Italian as a foreign language.

The six levels tested correspond to those proposed by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2.

Cils is a member of EALTA (European Association for Language Testing and Assessment) and a founding member of the CLIQ Association (Italian Certification of Quality).



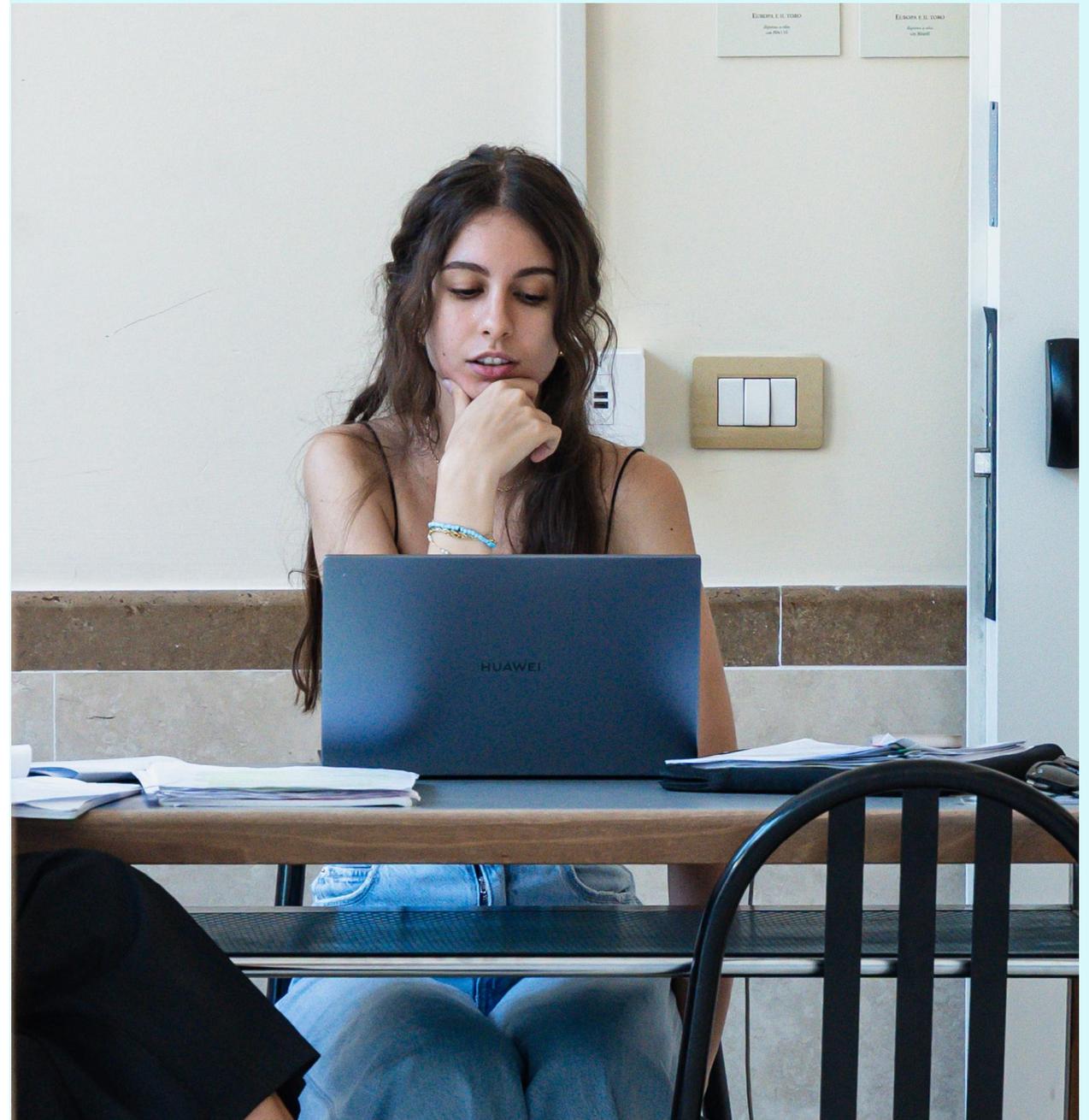
DITALS: CERTIFICATION OF COMPETENCE IN TEACHING ITALIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Ditals: Certification of Competence in Teaching Italian as a Foreign Language

Ditals certification is a cultural qualification issued by the University which certifies the skills of teachers of Italian language to foreigners.

Available levels:

- Ditals Basic
- Ditals I (Level 1)
- Ditals II (Level 2)



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students can apply for a scholarship thanks to the Tuscany Regional Agency «ARDSU Toscana»

<https://www.dsu.toscana.it/fr/borsa-di-studio>

Scholarships include:

- University fees
- Free Accommodation in the University dormitories
- Meals at the University canteens

BORSA DI STUDIO

Publicato il **Bando 2025!**



Gli **studenti universitari in Toscana** possono partecipare per avere:

- ✓ Contributi economici
- ✓ Mensa gratuita
- ✓ Alloggio per fuori sede
- ✓ Altri servizi



AZIENDA REGIONALE PER IL DIRITTO ALLO STUDIO UNIVERSITARIO



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

MAECI scholarships (issued by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation)

<https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/>

The Grants are available for:

- Italian language and culture advanced courses
- Master (two-year) degree courses
- Courses of Higher Education in Arts, Music and Dance (AFAM)
- PhD program
- Research projects under academic supervision (Progetti in co-tutela)



The graphic features the Italian coat of arms and the Italian flag at the top. Below them is the text 'Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale'. The central focus is the 'SI | STUDY in ITALY' logo, where 'SI' is inside a blue square with the Italian flag at the bottom. The text 'STUDY in ITALY' is in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the main announcement reads: 'The call for applications for MAECI Grants 2025-2026 is online!'. At the bottom, it states: 'Deadline for applications is May 16th 2025, 2pm CET'. The graphic is decorated with 3D-style icons of books and a rolled-up diploma with a red seal.

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Key Requirements & Steps for International Students who want to apply

Pre-enrollment (Non-EU only): You must apply for a study course and a study visa via the **Universitaly** portal

Visa Application: submit documents to the Italian Embassy/Consulate in your country:

Completed visa application form.

Passport (valid for at least 3 months after study duration).

Admission letter from the Italian university.

Proof of accommodation in Italy (rental contract or hotel booking).

Financial proof: Proof of sufficient funds for the stay (bank statements, scholarship, etc.).

Health insurance coverage.

Language Proficiency: Italian-taught programs require B2 proficiency (CILS, CELI, PLIDA, CERTIT).



The image shows a screenshot of the Universitaly website. At the top left is the logo, a globe with orbiting lines, and the text 'UNIVERSITALY L'UNIVERSITÀ ITALIANA A PORTATA DI CLICK'. Below the logo are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, with the text 'seguici su:'. The main content area features several interactive buttons: 'Dove Studiare' (Ricerca con la mappa) with a compass icon, 'Cosa Studiare' (Cerca i corsi) with a magnifying glass icon, 'Le Università' (Gli atenei si presentano) with a building icon, 'Quanto costa' (Tasse e contributi) with a piggy bank icon, and 'Corsi in Inglese' (Cerca i corsi in lingua) with a starburst icon. On the right side, there are two photo thumbnails: 'STUDENTI' showing three young women looking at a tablet, and 'FAMIGLIE' showing a woman smiling. Below these is a green banner with the text 'SEI UNO STUDENTE INTERNAZIONALE VUOI VENIRE IN ITALIA?'. Underneath is a blue box with a list of bullet points: 'Scopri la nostra offerta formativa', 'Contatta l'istituzione per tutte le informazioni', 'Svolgi le procedure di ammissione', and 'Verifica se hai bisogno di un visto'. At the bottom of this box is the text 'Hai bisogno di un visto? Allora preiscriviti subito!'.



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