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ITALY FOR YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION



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TRADITION



The first universities, music conservatories and academies of fine arts were established in Italy, in the 11th century.

Among the 10 oldest universities in the world, 5 are Italian. More than 10 academies and conservatories are among the most ancient.

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INNOVATION



Italy has always been home to creativity and innovation. From Marco Polo to Matteo Ricci, from Leonardo da Vinci and Galileo Galilei to great contemporaries, like Olivetti, Pininfarina, and Valentino, outstanding Italians have always connected creativity and innovation with beauty.

Today 14 business incubators and 22 scientific parks foster innovation in both arts and technology in partnership with the Higher Education System.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Italy's business system offers excellent opportunities for fruitful internship and work experiences. So do schools and hospitals (Bloomberg rates Italy as the 3rd best country in the world).

The Italian manufacturing industry is the 2nd largest in Europe and the 7th in the world. Italian industry is known for its excellence around the world, and Italian companies participate actively in forming high quality human capital, providing apprenticeships and job-training opportunities for graduates and PhDs.

WHY ITALY?



HOSPITALITY

Italian Higher Education Institutions have welcomed foreign students and researchers for centuries. The friendliness of the people is matched by Italy's pleasant climate and excellent food.

Italy is the 10th destination in the global flow of higher-education students (UNESCO). Last year more than 20,000 European Erasmus students have chosen Italy for their studies or internships.

CULTURE



Italy is the leading country in the world for cultural influence, according to "U.S. News".

Italy is the country with the highest concentration of UNESCO cultural heritage sites: 53 at present.

ITALY OFFERS PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES:



- 67 STATE UNIVERSITIES
- 19 NON-STATE LEGALLY RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES
- 11 OPEN UNIVERSITIES
- 59 STATE MUSIC CONSERVATORIES
- 18 NON-STATE RECOGNIZED MUSIC INSTITUTIONS
- 20 STATE ACADEMIES OF FINE ARTS
- 18 NON-STATE LEGALLY RECOGNISED ACADEMIES OF FINE ARTS
- 1 NATIONAL DANCE ACADEMY
- 1 NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DRAMA
- 5 HIGHER SCHOOLS OF DESIGN (ISIA)
- 22 INSTITUTIONS OFFERING ACCREDITED COURSES



COURSES

University: **4,400**

PhD: **910**

AFAM: **4,900**

TOTAL: 10,210



239 Higher Education Institutions



Students: **1,720,000**

Of which foreigners: **82,000**

1st year enrolled students: **280,000**

Graduates: **320,000**

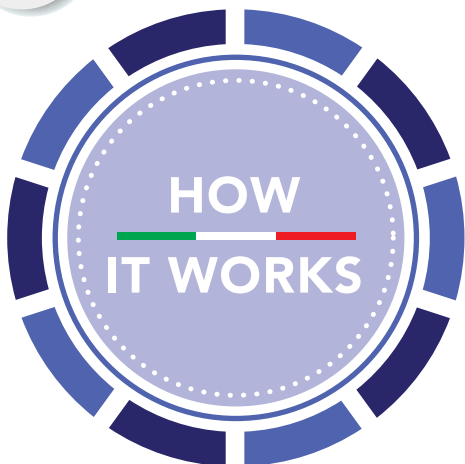


Academic Staff:

84,500

Administrative staff:

58,000



The Italian HE System is organized in **three cycles**, according to the principles of the **European Higher Education Area** (EHEA). Specific qualifications are associated with each cycle, allowing students to progress with their studies, participate in public recruitment competitions, take part in all European mobility programs, enter the labour market and develop professional careers.

HE study and degree courses are structured in credits. A **credit** (CFU for Universities, CFA for AFAM) is equivalent to about 25 hours of student workload, including individual study. Conventionally the average workload of a full-time student in one academic year corresponds to 60 credits. The CFU/CFA system is based on the ECTS system adopted by the EHEA.

Italy has a policy of support for **outstanding students** coming from all over the world, who can apply for grants, accommodation and financial support.



THE THREE CYCLES FOR UNIVERSITIES AND FOR ARTS AND MUSIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (AFAM)

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- **1st cycle** (Bachelor level):
Corso di Laurea and Corso di Diploma Accademico di I livello
(180 credits; 3 years)
- **2nd cycle** (Master level):
Corso di Laurea Magistrale and Corso di Diploma Accademico di II livello
(120 credits; 2 years)
Corso di Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico
(single-cycle course: from 300 to 360 credits; from 5 to 6 years)
- **3rd cycle** (PhD level):
Corso di Dottorato di Ricerca (3-4 years)
Specialization Course (variable duration)

A first cycle degree gives access to:

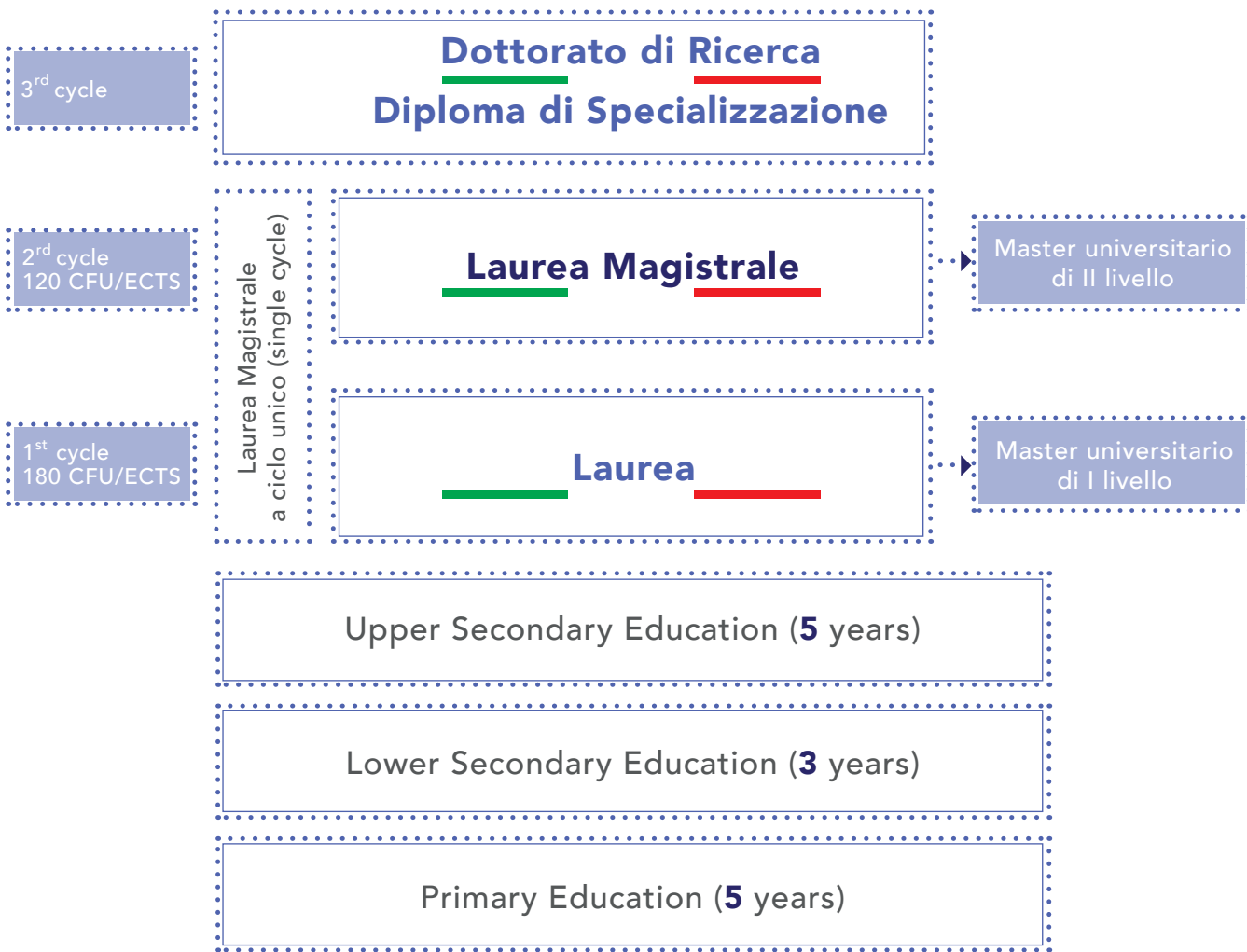
- Corso di Laurea Magistrale, Corso di Diploma Accademico di II livello or
- Master Universitario di I livello
(professionally-oriented post-graduate course - I level), or
- Diploma di Specializzazione di I livello (Specialization Degree – I level)

A second cycle degree gives access to:

- Corso di Dottorato di Ricerca, or
- Master Universitario di II livello
(professionally-oriented post-graduate course - II level)
- Specialization Course
- Diploma di Specializzazione di II livello
(Specialization Degree – II level)

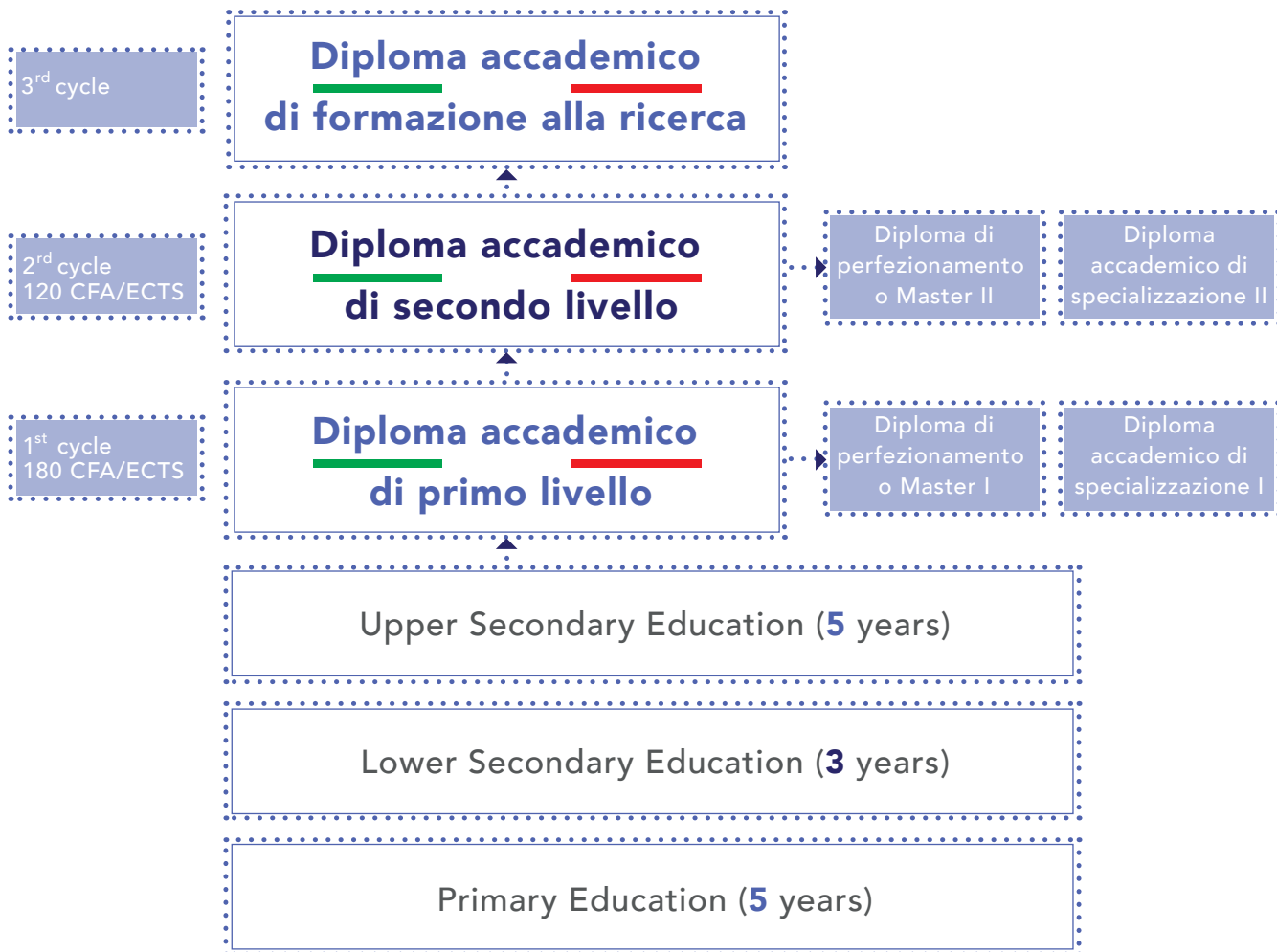


THE ITALIAN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM





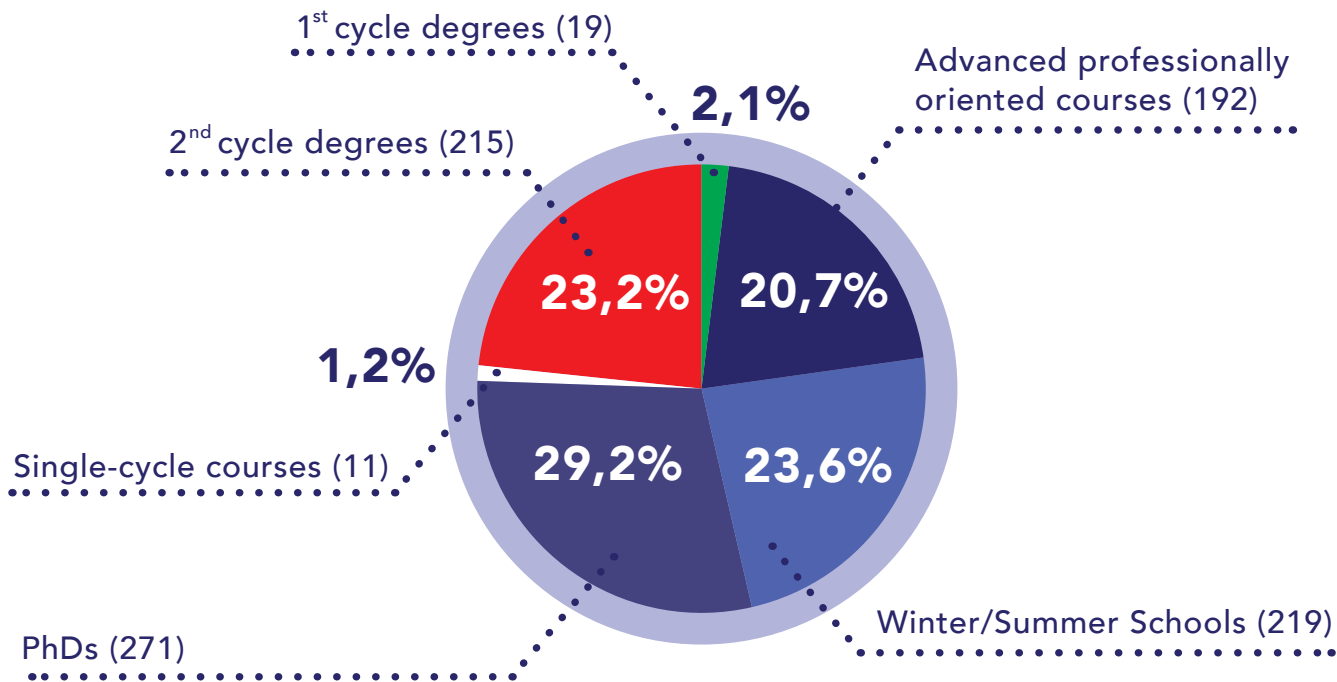
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THE WORLD WITHIN OUR BORDERS

927 University courses completely taught in English





HOW TO BE ONE OF US

If you are a non-EU student you need an **entry visa** (before leaving your country) and a residency permit (upon your arrival) for study purposes. Unless you apply for a programme taught in English, you will also need to know Italian in order to enrol.

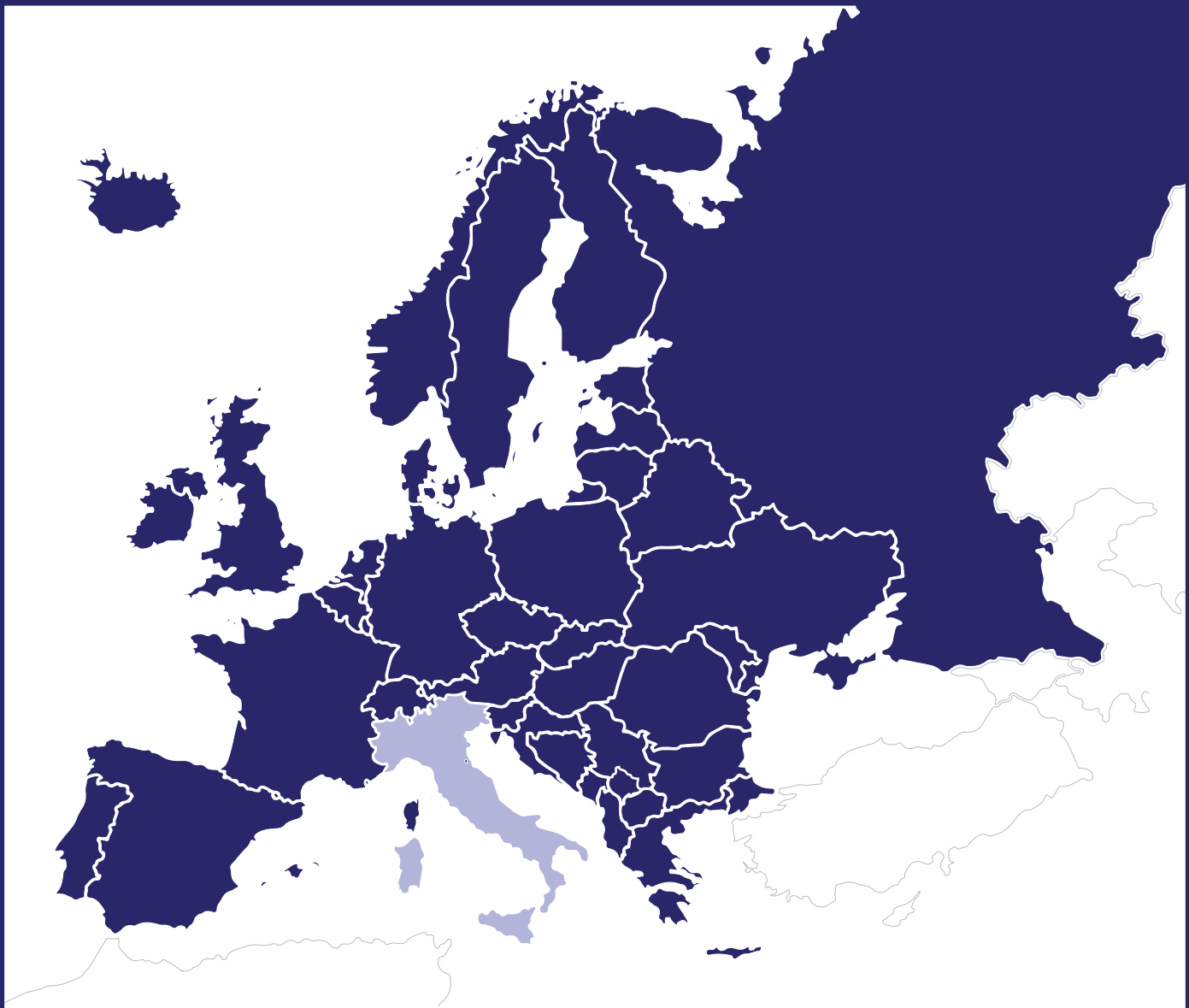
The Italian Diplomatic-Consular Missions can provide all the information you will need on the procedure.

- The network of the Italian Cultural Institutes (IIC)
(www.esteri.it/mae/en/politica_estera/cultura/reteiic.html)
- Uni-Italia centres abroad (www.uni-italia.it/en)

Pre-enrolment steps:

- **choose** the study programme and the Higher Education Institution you prefer from the University website (www.university.it);
- **verify** any entry requirements, costs and services (residence, aid to outstanding and economically disadvantaged students, language courses, etc.) directly with the chosen Institution or on its website;
- **collect** all the documentation required;
- **submit** your school/academic qualification to the chosen institution for the necessary evaluation;
- **apply** for a visa at the Diplomatic-Consular Missions in your home country, and submit your request formally.

For detailed information on the whole pre-enrolment procedure visit the website of the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Missions.



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YOUR EDUCATION IN EUROPE



Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation



Ministry of Education, Universities and Research



Conference of Italian University Rectors



CONFINDUSTRIA
Confederation of Italian Industries

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Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence



Centre for the Academic Promotion
and Orientation of Study in Italy