



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE IN FOOD SCIENCES AND CULTURES 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION (SUA CdS - A3.a RAD)

The Undergraduate Degree Course in Gastronomic Sciences and Cultures has restricted admission and has an application process designed to select the best candidates based on the following criteria:

1. Basic scientific and cultural knowledge, an aptitude for gastronomic studies and the ability to establish coherent logical connections between the candidate's previous academic or professional background and the studies they intend to pursue.
2. Understanding of the rules and forms of proper oral expression in Italian and English, demonstrating mastery of methods of reflection and reasoning.
3. Language skills applicable to the discussion of topics related to gastronomic sciences and cultures from a multidisciplinary perspective, in Italian and English.
4. Cultural background, assessed through the quality of the candidate's educational career and their extracurricular experiences (such as work experience relevant to gastronomic sciences and cultures, volunteer activities, study or work periods abroad and language certifications).

To apply for the Undergraduate Degree Course in Gastronomic Sciences and Cultures, candidates must hold a secondary/high school diploma or another equivalent qualification, recognized as valid if obtained outside of Italy.

The regulations for the degree course establish the evaluation system for the different tests, including their respective thresholds.

The degree course does not require specific prior disciplinary knowledge, but a minimum level of English language proficiency is essential, as set out in the academic regulations for the degree course. If a candidate is admitted without meeting this proficiency level during the application process, they will be assigned additional learning requirements (in Italian *obblighi formativi aggiuntivi*, O.F.A.), such as readings or other exercises aimed at improving their English-language skills. These must be fulfilled within the first year of the program to address any gaps identified during the application process.

A detailed description of the required knowledge for admission and the assessment methods is set out in the regulations for the degree course.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- **Italian high-school graduates** – upper secondary school diploma obtained in Italy.
- **Italian students about to graduate** – self-certification indicating the expected date of completion in 2026 of their upper secondary school diploma in Italy.
- **International high-school graduates** – a qualification obtained outside Italy that is eligible for university enrollment according to the recognition document (Declaration of Value, Statement of Comparability, diploma verification, authenticated transcripts).
Students with qualifications from within the EU may contact the Registrar's Office to request case-by-case verification.
- **International students about to graduate** – certificate of exams taken and indication of the expected date of diploma completion.



Important information for applicants with a US high-school diploma: According to the regulations for foreign students' access to university programs in the 2026-2027 academic year, US candidates must possess one of the following:

- (1) A US high-school diploma and at least three successfully completed Advanced Placement exams passed during the last two years of attendance.
- (2) A US high-school diploma and a full year of subsequent university-level academic studies, in the US or another country.

Important information for applicants with a UK high-school diploma: According to the regulations for foreign students' access to university programs in the 2026-2027 academic year, UK candidates must hold at least three passing A-level examination grades in different subjects.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The language requirements are vitally important, as classes are taught primarily in English during the first year and in Italian during the second and third years.

Candidates whose native language is not English:

- Must demonstrate **English language proficiency at B2 level** (as defined by the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#) – CEFR), certified by an official document.*

Alternatively, candidates may take an English language test with a native-speaking instructor from the University of Gastronomic Sciences, who will certify whether their proficiency level corresponds to the required standard.

*The following qualifications are considered valid:

- A high-school diploma obtained in English.

or

- One of the following international English language certificates in original form. The following list provides examples of accepted certifications (but is not exhaustive):

Certification	Institution	Minimum score required
BEC Higher Business English Certificate Higher	Cambridge Assessment English	173
BEC Vantage Business English Certificate Vantage	Cambridge Assessment English	Grade B or 173
CAE Certificate in Advanced English	Cambridge Assessment English	173



CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English	Cambridge Assessment English	180
FCE First Certificate in English	Cambridge Assessment English	Grade B or 173
IELTS Academic International English Language Testing System	British Council — Cambridge English Language Assessment	6.5 and above with at least 6 in every section
TOEFL IBT * Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet-Based Test	(ETS) Educational Testing Service	88 and above
Duolingo English Test (online)	Duolingo	110 and above

Candidates whose native language is not Italian:

- **Knowledge of the Italian language** (with particular emphasis on oral expression skills) at **A1/A2 level** (as defined by the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#) – CEFR), to be verified during the final interview.

It is recommended that candidates begin studying Italian independently before enrollment, even though the first-year curriculum includes basic and advanced Italian-language courses. The course level will be determined by a placement test taken at the university.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM

- 1) Enter your personal information, creating a username and password to access our university web portal through the page <https://unisg.esse3.cineca.it/Start.do>
- 2) From the MENU (top right), select *Registration*.
- 3) Complete the entire online registration process.
- 4) At the end of the registration, please return to this page https://unisg.esse3.cineca.it/Start.do?cod_lingua=eng, on the top right of the MENU select *Login*
- 5) Enter the username and password you created during registration to access the reserved area.
- 6) In the MENU (top right), select *Student Office – Pre-enrollment*
- 7) Choose the **Undergraduate Degree in Gastronomic Sciences and Cultures** admission process and proceed.



APPLICATION STAGES

FIRST STAGE

Dossier upload
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-certification of qualification and graduation grade or average grade of last two years at high school (obligatory)• CV in European format in English (obligatory)• English-language certification or other qualification (obligatory)• Any other relevant certifications (optional)
Maximum score: 30

SECOND STAGE

Final interview
<p>The interview, which each candidate will take with a committee of at least two university lecturers, is intended to assess the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Basic scientific and cultural knowledge, an aptitude for gastronomic studies and the ability to establish coherent logical connections between the candidate's previous academic or professional background and the studies they intend to pursue.2. Understanding of the rules and forms of correct oral expression in Italian and English, demonstrating mastery of methods of reflection and reasoning.3. Language skills applicable to the discussion of topics related to gastronomic sciences and cultures from a multidisciplinary perspective, in Italian and in English.4. Cultural background, assessed through the quality of the candidate's educational career and their extracurricular experiences (such as work experience relevant to gastronomic sciences and cultures, volunteer activities, study or work periods abroad and language certifications). <p>For candidates whose native language is not Italian, a basic oral knowledge of Italian will be verified.</p>
Maximum score: 70

IMPORTANT DATES

If the candidate intends to **apply for a UNISG fee exemption**, they must complete the entrance exam **no later than May 26, 2026**. Please check the UNISG fee-exemption notices and deadlines, available on the university's website.

	FIRST SESSION	SECOND SESSION	THIRD SESSION
Deadline for completing the exam	March 20, 2026	May 26, 2026	July 21, 2026
Results published online in candidate's personal profile	No later than March 27, 2026	No later than June 4, 2026	No later than July 28, 2026
Deadline for payment to confirm enrollment	Within a week of the communication of the result		
Deadline for scholarship candidates to take the entrance exam: May 26, 2026			



ADMISSION CRITERIA

The maximum number of students who will be admitted to the **Undergraduate Degree in Gastronomic Sciences and Cultures** for the 2026/2027 academic year is set at 110.

Admission to the program is based on the scores assigned to the two stages of the entrance exam, for a total of 100 points, as follows:

- **DIRECTLY ADMITTED** – a score equal to or higher than 70 points, which grants direct enrollment in the degree program upon payment of the required deposit.
 - **NOT DIRECTLY ADMITTED** – a score between 50 and 69.5 points, which allows the candidate to either:
 1. Keep their result for inclusion in the final ranking.
- or**
2. Retake the final interview once in one of the subsequent sessions, maintaining the same dossier score. These candidates will be contacted to arrange a possible retake of the test.

A score below 50 points results in direct **EXCLUSION** from the admission process.

ENROLLMENT

Results will be published online in the candidate's personal profile, accessible by logging in at <https://unisg.esse3.cineca.it/Start.do>.

To confirm the place, a deposit of €2,000 must be paid within one week of the communication of the result.

Deposit payment

By bank transfer

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Banca Intesa Sanpaolo spa

IBAN: IT 05 K 03069 09606 100000101172

SWIFT/BIC: BCITITMM

Description: Candidate's last name, Ammissione LT_2026/2027

OR

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Banca: UNICREDIT BANCA

Branch address: C.SO GARIBALDI Corso Garibaldi, 66-68 - 12042 Bra

IBAN: IT 48 V 02008 46041 000041352940

SWIFT/BIC: UNCRITM1R34

Description: Candidate's last name, Ammissione LT

Via Pago PA (only for holders of an Italian current account)

Access via personal profile on unisg.it, then from the "Pre-enrollment summary" page click directly on the **PAYMENTS** link at the bottom of the page.



Enrollment can be finalized by paying the first instalment of the tuition fee within the specified deadline (as outlined in the tuition fee payment guidelines available at www.unisg.it).

STUDENTS ENROLLED OR REGISTERED AT OTHER ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Candidates who are already enrolled in or registered on courses at other Italian universities must follow the procedure for applying for double enrollment by completing the [appropriate form](#).

If they have already passed any exams, they may request recognition of these exams by submitting the relevant application **no later than December 31, 2026**.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR NON-EU STUDENTS

- All non-EU candidates must pre-enroll through the Italian consulate in their country, a procedure that must be completed online via the [University](#) portal, in order to later apply for a student visa.
- Since appointments are limited, these students should book an appointment with the relevant consular representative before being admitted to the program, so that they can complete the pre-enrollment and visa application procedures within the required timeframe. Students from all countries are eligible to apply.
- Detailed information is available in the “Apply for a study visa and legalize academic titles” section of the [International Student Start Point](#) page on our website. Candidates from Colombia and India should pay particular attention to the “Special Cases” section, as visa-issuing procedures in both countries have recently proven to be particularly long and complex.