
ANNEX I

Foreign study qualifications valid for access to higher education institutions

1. TITLES AWARDED AT THE END OF A SCHOOL PERIOD OF AT LEAST 12 YEARS

These qualifications are valid for the admission to degree programmes and single-cycle master's degree programmes at Italian Universities and at first-level Academic Diploma courses at AFAM institutions, as long as they allow access to the universities and to a course that is similar to the one required in Italy. These titles allow the continuation of studies in the Italian higher education, if they have been achieved on the basis of at least the last two years of attendance with a positive outcome in the foreign training system. Institutions of higher education will be responsible for carrying out this assessment by taking into account the whole training course, in line with current national and international regulations. Italian higher education institutions will still be allowed to request additional requirements for admission, in line with its own regulations and with the chosen course of study. In the calculation of the twelve years it must be considered, if it occurs and is officially recognized as a part an integral part of the national curriculum, **the preschool year** provided that the frequency of this year is mandatory and an integral part of the curriculum and that the programme provides the teaching of reading and writing and the first elements of arithmetic calculation in the language of the Country.

2. TITLES AWARDED AT THE END OF A SCHOOL PERIOD WHICH IS LOWER THAN ONE YEAR/LOWER THAN 12 YEARS

In order to compensate for the missing school years, in case of qualifications for a school term that is less than 12 years, higher education institutions may alternatively request:

1. The academic certification attesting that all the exams scheduled for the first year of university studies have been passed in case of an eleven-year local school system, or the academic certification attesting that all the examinations scheduled for the first two years have been passed in case of a ten-year local school system.
2. An official Italian or foreign qualification of post-secondary studies at a non-vocational college with a relevant subject, respectively of one year in case of an eleven-year local school system, or two years in case of a ten-year local school system.
3. Certifications from other Italian universities related to passing preparatory courses (*foundation courses*), which compensate for the missing school years.
4. Certifications related to passing preparatory courses (*foundation courses*), also for periods of less than one academic year, which confer the appropriate knowledge, skills and competences in order to attend the chosen course of study within the same institution.

The cited additional and complementary certifications for secondary school qualifications obtained with less than twelve years of schooling, only allow for the enrolment in Italy in the first academic year and cannot be further evaluated for entries with abbreviation of course, in order to

avoid double assessment of the same qualifications.

3. TITLES ISSUED BY UNIVERSITY INSTITUTES OF ECCLESIASTIC STUDIES WITH SEAT IN ITALY APPROVED BY THE HOLY SEE

These titles must be endorsed only by the competent ecclesiastical authorities and duly legalized by the Prefettura di Roma (Ufficio Bollo).

Candidates in possession of the titles thus endorsed and legalized, submit to the University or to the Competent representation the photocopy of the same title and produce the original after the admission tests, upon registration.

4. HIGH-SCHOOL STATUS

Students holding the title of *High School Diploma (HSD)* who have passed at least three US "*Advanced Placements*" (APs) with a score of 3 to 5, in three different subjects and related to the university course for which registration is required are allowed to enrol in the first year of course. The presence of an "AP" in Italian will be compulsory only for students with foreign citizenship. The "AP" will not be considered for this purpose in Italian, in the case of students with Italian citizenship or in the case of enrolment in courses provided entirely in English. These titles allow the continuation of the studies in the Italian higher education, provided that they have been achieved during at least the last two years of attendance, with a positive result, in the foreign training system. It will be the responsibility of the higher education institutions to evaluate the qualifications by taking into account the whole training path, in line with current national and international regulations.

Students with a *High School Diploma* qualification may also be enrolled, provided that it is followed and integrated by two complete years of further course of "College" (*Associate degree*), or a full year of the further course of "College" with the attained qualification for the transition to the second year and the passing of four "*Advanced Placements*" (APs) different from each other as long as they are obtained in subjects relevant to the university course required.

This matriculation will be possible even if the attendance of the training path following the attainment of the *High School Diploma* title takes place at university institutions of a Third country. In this case, the competent academic bodies of Italian higher education institutions evaluate the whole congruity of the path, which cannot however have a duration which is less than one year.

5. TITLES AWARDED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM

British titles allow for registration if they certify the passing of at least three subjects at an advanced level (*A level*) which is relevant to the required course of study. The presence of an *A level* in the Italian language will be required only for students with foreign citizenship, so it cannot be considered among the three *A level* required in the case of students with Italian citizenship or in the case of enrolment in courses provided entirely in English.

A combination of 3 different subjects can also be evaluated between *A level* and *Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects*. The *Cambridge Pre-U Diploma*, composed of 3 *Principal Subjects* + *Global Perspective and Research*, can be evaluated

by higher education institutions in alternative to the 3 "A level" for access to the first cycle. It is understood that the presence of an *A level* or a *Pre-U Principal Subject* in Italian will be required only for students with foreign citizenship, therefore cannot be considered among those required in case of students with Italian citizenship or in case of enrolment in courses provided entirely in English.

The final Diplomas awarded at the British Schools listed in Annex 2 - point 3 are valid for enrolment in Italian universities in accordance with the specific conditions set out in the agreements between Italy and Great Britain.

Scottish titles allow the matriculation if they attest to the passing of at least three *Advanced Highers* or, alternatively, 2 *Advanced Highers* and at least 4 *Highers* .

6. GREEK TITLES - "APOLITYRION"

These qualifications allow for enrolment only if they are obtained with a minimum average grade of 10 out of 20 points (*sufficient*). Candidates must also have obtained a certificate of academic qualification called "VEVEOSSI PROSVASSIS".

Only those who prove that they have achieved *Apolityrion* before 1999 and can document that they had been resident in Italy during the 1999/2001 triennium can be exempt from this attestation of suitability. This three-year period coincides with the transitional period established by the recent Greek legislation for the achievement of the aforementioned certificate by way of amnesty.