

Catalogue of Italian degrees

toward the *Italian Qualifications Framework - IQF*

CIMEA

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Cycle	Degrees	
<i>EHEA</i>	<i>University H.Ed. institutions</i>	<i>H.Ed. institutions for the Arts and Music (AFAM)</i>
1°	Laurea	Diploma accademico di primo livello
2°	Laurea Magistrale Laurea Specialistica	Diploma accademico di secondo livello
3°	Dottorato di Ricerca	Diploma accademico di formazione alla ricerca

OTHER DEGREES

University H.Ed. institutions

Diploma di Laurea
 Diploma di perfezionamento/di Corso di perfezionamento
 Diploma di Specializzazione
 Diploma Universitario
 Master Universitario di primo livello
 Master Universitario di secondo livello

H.Ed. institutions for the Arts and Music (AFAM)

Diploma accademico di specializzazione
 Diploma dell'Accademia nazionale di arte drammatica*
 Diploma dell'Accademia nazionale di danza*
 Diploma di Conservatorio*
 Diploma di Istituto musicale pareggiato*
 Diploma di Istituto superiore per le industrie artistiche (ISIA)
 Diploma di perfezionamento o Master
 Licenza dell'Accademia di belle arti

* = the qualifications conferred by AFAM institutions under their old regulations, when accompanied by the Italian school leaving qualification – e.g. Diploma di Maturità (or a foreign comparable one), are equivalent to the new *Diploma accademico di primo livello* and to the new 3-year *Laurea (L)* to the end of: i) study prosecution both at AFAM institutions and universities; ii) admission to public competitions for posts within the civil service.

DESCRIPTORS OF CYCLES

Dublin descriptors	1° Cycle
<p>Qualifications that signify completion of the first cycle are awarded to students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have demonstrated knowledge and understanding in a field of study that builds upon their general secondary education, and is typically at a level that, whilst supported by advanced textbooks, includes some aspects that will be informed by knowledge of the forefront of their field of study; • can apply their knowledge and understanding in a manner that indicates a professional approach to their work or vocation, and have competences typically demonstrated through devising and sustaining arguments and solving problems within their field of study; • have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their field of study) to inform judgments that include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues; • can communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences; • have developed those learning skills that are necessary for them to continue to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy. 	

Dublin descriptors	2° Cycle
<p>Qualifications that signify completion of the second cycle are awarded to students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have demonstrated knowledge and understanding that is founded upon and extends and/or enhances that typically associated with the first cycle, and that provides a basis or opportunity for originality in developing and/or applying ideas, often within a research context; • can apply their knowledge and understanding, and problem solving abilities in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their field of study; • have the ability to integrate knowledge and handle complexity, and formulate judgments with incomplete or limited information, but that include reflecting on social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgments; • can communicate their conclusions, and the knowledge and rationale underpinning these, to specialist and non-specialist audiences clearly and unambiguously; • have the learning skills to allow them to continue to study in a manner that may be largely self-directed or autonomous. 	

Dublin descriptors	3° Cycle
<p>Qualifications that signify completion of the third cycle are awarded to students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have demonstrated a systematic understanding of a field of study and mastery of the skills and methods of research associated with that field; • have demonstrated the ability to conceive, design, implement and adapt a substantial process of research with scholarly integrity; • have made a contribution through original research that extends the frontier of knowledge by developing a substantial body of work, some of which merits national or international refereed publication; • are capable of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas; • can communicate with their peers, the larger scholarly community and with society in general about their areas of expertise; • can be expected to be able to promote, within academic and professional contexts, technological, social or cultural advancement in a knowledge based society. 	

DESCRIPTORS OF UNIVERSITY DEGREES

Laurea

Aim: provide undergraduates with adequate knowledge of general scientific principles, mastery of related methods, and specific professional skills

Classification: 1st cycle university degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one

Workload: 180 ECTS credits

Length: 3 years full time.

Title: Dottore

Further studies: admission to 2nd level studies (Laurea Specialistica; Laurea Magistrale; Master universitario di primo livello)

Laurea Magistrale - Laurea Specialistica

Aim: provide graduates with advanced education for highly qualified professions in specific sectors as well as with adequate training for advanced independent research

Classification: 2nd cycle university degree (7th level EQF qualification)

Access: by a related Laurea, three-years Diploma Universitario, or a comparable foreign degree

Workload: 120 ECTS credits

Length: 2 years full time.

Title: Dottore Magistrale

Further university studies: admission to 3rd level studies (Dottorato di Ricerca; Diploma di Specializzazione; Master universitario di secondo livello)

Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica (one-block)

Aim: provide graduates with advanced education for highly qualified professions in specific sectors as well as with adequate training for advanced independent research

Classification: 2nd cycle university degree (7th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one. Admission by entrance tests

Workload: from 300 to 360 ECTS credits

Length: from 5 to 6 years full time

Title: Dottore Magistrale

Further university studies: admission to 3rd level studies (Dottorato di Ricerca; Diploma di Specializzazione; Master universitario di secondo livello)

On-block Laurea Magistrale classes of degrees: LMG/01 Giurisprudenza (Law); LM - 4

Architettura e ingegneria edile – architettura (Architecture and construction engineering); LM - 13

Farmacia e farmacia industriale (Pharmacy); LM - 41 Medicina e chirurgia (Medicine and surgery);

LM - 42 Medicina veterinaria (Veterinary Medicine); LM - 46 Odontoiatria e protesi dentaria

(Dentistry and orthodontics)

Dottorato di Ricerca

Aim: provide postgraduates with training for highly specialised research

Classification: 3rd cycle university degree (8th level EQF qualification)

Access: by a Laurea Specialistica, Laurea Magistrale or a comparable foreign degree

Admission: by public competition, organised locally by individual universities

Length: min. 3 years, depending on subject fields

Degree: Dottorato di Ricerca

Title: Dottore di Ricerca

Further university studies: participation in post-doctoral research projects

Diploma di Laurea

pre-Bologna system degree

Aim: provide students with adequate knowledge of cultural and scientific fields at an advanced degree of theoretical complexity; besides, supply them with research methods so that they may subsequently take up significant professional responsibilities, up to the highest managerial positions

Classification: 2nd cycle university degree (7th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification (or a foreign comparable one) or by a related 1st degree (Diploma Universitario); in the second case applicants may obtain a reduction in the length of the chosen Laurea course amounting to max. 2 years (Diploma Universitario)

Length: from 4 to 6 years full time

Title: Dottore Magistrale (ex Dottore)

Further university studies: admission to 3rd level studies (Dottorato di Ricerca; Diploma di Specializzazione)

Diploma di Perfezionamento/di Corso di Perfezionamento

Italian universities may set up advanced scientific courses as well as higher continuing education programmes which generally last for a few months. Access may take place by a Laurea or Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica or a comparable foreign degree; course structure is defined autonomously by each institution in its Regolamento Didattico di Ateneo (general teaching regulations). On course completion, either statements of attendance are issued, or LLL qualifications are awarded which may be named differently by individual universities; the most common names are "Attestati" or "Diplomi" (di perfezionamento, di aggiornamento, ecc.)

Diploma di Specializzazione

Aim: provide postgraduates with knowledge and skills for a few specific professions; DS programmes may be set up exclusively on the basis of specific national laws or EU Directives

Classification: 3rd cycle university degree, professionally-oriented (8th level EQF qualification)

Access: by a Laurea Specialistica, Laurea Magistrale or a comparable foreign degree

Admission: by public competition (concorso), due to closed number restrictions

Workload: from 120 to 360 ECTS credits

Length: from 2 to 6 years full time

Title: Specialista in... (the specialisation field follows)

Diploma universitario

pre-Bologna system degree

Aim: provide undergraduates with adequate academic education, scientific contents and methods, and professional training as required from qualified professionals in specific occupational sectors

Classification: 1st cycle university degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one

Admission: by selective procedures, due to numerus clausus limitations

Length: 3 years, full time

Title: Diplomato Universitario (rarely used)

Further university studies: admission to 2nd level programmes, i.e. 4/6-year Laurea courses; max. a 2-year reduction in the length of a related Laurea course is possible

Master universitario di primo livello

Aim: provide graduates either with advanced scientific knowledge in a given field or with further professional education and training for better occupational opportunities

Classification: 2nd cycle university degree (7° livello EQF): it may be either academic in nature or, more often, professionally-oriented

Course structure: curricular articulation is determined autonomously by individual universities

Access: by an Italian 1st degree or a comparable foreign one. Admission often by selective procedures, on the decision of the master programme director

Workload: min. 60 ECTS credits

Length: min. 1 year

Further university studies: it do not give access to Dottorato di Ricerca programmes or other 3rd cycle degree programmes

Master universitario di secondo livello

Aim: provide postgraduates with a higher level of academic education in a given field, or with higher professional education and training for better occupational opportunities

Classification: 3rd cycle university degree (8° livello EQF): it may be either academic in nature or, more often, professionally-oriented

Course structure: curricular articulation is determined autonomously by individual universities

Access: by a Laurea Specialistica, Laurea Magistrale or a comparable foreign degree. Admission often by selective procedures, on the decision of the master programme director

Workload: min. 60 ECTS credits

Length: min. 1 year full time

Further university studies: it do not give access to Dottorato di Ricerca programmes or other 3rd cycle degree programmes

DESCRIPTORS OF AFAM INSTITUTION DEGREES

Diploma accademico di primo livello

Aim: provide students with adequate mastery of artistic methods and techniques as well as with specific professional and disciplinary skills

Classification: 1st cycle degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one. Admission may also require candidates to take an entrance exam to assess an adequate level of knowledge, in accordance with institutional regulations. There may also be preparatory educational activities carried out in collaboration with upper secondary schools. The maximum number of places available is determined by each individual institution

Workload: 180 ECTS credits

Length: 3 years full time

Further studies: admission to 2nd level studies (Diploma accademico di secondo livello; Diploma accademico di specializzazione; Diploma di perfezionamento o Master)

Diploma accademico di secondo livello

Aim: offer students an advanced level of education for complete mastery of artistic methods and techniques as well as a high level of professional competency

Classification: 2nd cycle degree (7th level EQF qualification)

Access: by a related Diploma accademico di primo livello or a comparable foreign degree. There may also be specific requirements as defined by the different institutional regulations

Workload: 120 ECTS credits

Length: 2 years full time

Further studies: admission to 3rd level studies (Diploma accademico di formazione alla ricerca)

Diploma accademico di formazione alla ricerca

Aim: provide the competences to plan and carry out high-level research activities

Classification: 3rd cycle degree (8th level EQF qualification)

Access: by a Diploma accademico di secondo livello or a comparable foreign degree

Diploma accademico di specializzazione

Aim: provide high level professional competences in specific areas

Classification: 2nd cycle degree (7th level EQF qualification)

Access: by a Diploma accademico di primo livello or a comparable foreign degree

Further studies: it do not give access to Diploma accademico di formazione alla ricerca programmes or other 3rd cycle degree programmes

Diploma dell'Accademia nazionale di arte drammatica*

pre-Bologna system degree

Classification: 1st cycle degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one. Admission by an entrance exam

Length: 3 years full time

Degree granting institution: Accademia nazionale di arte drammatica «Silvio D'Amico» di Roma

Diploma dell'Accademia nazionale di danza*

pre-Bologna system degree

Classification: 1st cycle degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one. Admission by an entrance exam

Length: depending on the course

Degree granting institution: Accademia nazionale di danza di Roma

Diploma di Conservatorio*

pre-Bologna system degree

Classification: 1st cycle degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one. Admission by an entrance exam

Length: depending on the course (from 3 to 10 years)

Degree granting institution: Conservatorio di musica

Diploma di Istituto musicale pareggiato*

pre-Bologna system degree

Classification: 1st cycle degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one. Admission by an entrance exam

Length: depending on the course (from 3 to 10 years)

Degree granting institution: Istituto musicale pareggiato

Diploma di Istituto superiore per le industrie artistiche (ISIA)

pre-Bologna system degree

Classification: 1st cycle degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one. Admission by an entrance exam

Length: 4 years

Degree granting institution: Istituto superiore per le industrie artistiche (ISIA)

Diploma di perfezionamento o Master

Aim: provide in-depth study in specific sectors as well as professional development, retraining and continuing education

Classification: 2nd cycle degree (7th level EQF qualification)

Access: by a Diploma accademico di primo livello or a comparable foreign degree. Admissions requirements are determined by institutional regulations

Workload: min. 60 ECTS credits

Length: min. 1 year full time

Further studies: it do not give access to Diploma accademico di formazione alla ricerca programmes or other 3rd cycle degree programmes

Licenza dell'Accademia di belle arti

pre-Bologna system degree

Classification: 1st cycle degree (6th level EQF qualification)

Access: by the Italian school leaving qualification, or a comparable foreign one. Admission by an entrance exam

Length: 4 years

Degree granting institution: Accademia di belle arti; Accademia di belle arti legamente riconosciuta