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Dear students,

I would like to warmly welcome you to the family of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, a university that has always placed the future of the new generations at the heart of its mission, relying on the power of education and culture.

For over a century, our university has had faith in young people. Father Gemelli, our founder, used to firmly repeat this in his speeches. In particular, I like to recall this passage from his speech at the inauguration ceremony of the 1951/52 academic year: 'I am convinced [...] that we must trust the young, we must help them, we must follow them, understand them'.

A trust, therefore, that requires us to provide you with a university experience capable of accompanying you in your professional, cultural and personal growth. One of the aims of the programmes we offer - the quality of which is internationally recognised - is to educate you to adopt a long and integral view. In fact, the degree programmes are characterised not only by the solidity of the contents, but also by an implicit innovativeness, which takes into account the continuous transformations of both society and the world of work, thanks above all to an interdisciplinary approach.

Our activities are carried out with the priority of caring for each enrolled student and enhancing their experience in beautiful, hospitable, functional and technologically-advanced spaces. The historic campuses have recently been joined by the Polo San Francesco in Milan. An area that once housed a barracks from the Napoleonic era, itself built on an old Franciscan convent from the 14th century, is now available to students. It is an investment in the future, in your future.

Every day, we professors and lecturers are called upon to impart knowledge, skills and methods to you - often dealing with frontier issues - in the wake of a century-old tradition that emphasises ethical aspects, develops critical thinking and takes care of the relational dimension. The educational objective we propose is geared towards bringing into dialogue multiple intelligences - those of the head, heart and hands - to allow you to cultivate your talents in the best possible way. Attention to the person, the alliance between generations, and the desire to devise new paradigms to understand the changes taking place are the fundamental components of our identity, which we intend to preserve, nurture and renew.

In particular, this is at the heart of the Strategic Plan of Università Cattolica for the three-year period 2026–2028 (www.unicatt.it/ateneo/universita-cattolica/piano-strategico.html) whose guiding principle are: enhancing our identity as a non-profit Catholic university; promoting full integration between the roles of educational community and research university, whilst placing students at the heart of university life; creating a place not merely for knowledge transmission but rather for knowledge experience.

Università Cattolica is an educating community open to continuous confrontation with the reality that surrounds it. This also requires a direct commitment on your part, because to understand what is happening in the world, classroom lectures are not enough. We are able to offer you internships, study abroad periods and volunteer work experiences. These are all enriching opportunities. And so are the experiences in representative bodies, in the work of student associations, in the organisation of meetings and initiatives. The active participation of students in the life of the university is a hallmark that we want to preserve and strengthen.

The guide you are currently consulting provides you with the necessary information relating to the degree programme you have enrolled in. Course syllabi and updates on the University's initiatives can be found on the website: <https://brescia.unicatt.it/facolta/scienze-matematiche-fisiche-e-naturali>

To make you feel myself even closer to you, I would like to reiterate my availability to receive and meet on a regular basis with those who want to have a moment of dialogue and confrontation with the aim of grasping and interpreting your needs and proposals.

I hope that your university journey will be full of enthusiasm and satisfaction, urging all of you not to stop in the face of difficulties but to move forward with the confidence, hope, commitment and effort necessary for the coming goals.

Be proud to be part of the great family of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and to contribute to writing its history.

Rector
(Elena Beccalli)

AIMS AND STRUCTURE OF UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE

CHARACTER AND AIMS

The character and aims of Università Cattolica, which gained legal recognition through R.D. no.1661 on 2 October 1924, are set out in art. 1 of the Statute, approved by Rectoral Decree on 24 October 1996, the second paragraph of which reads as follows:

«Università Cattolica» is an academic community that contributes to the development of the studies, scientific research and preparation of young people for roles in research, teaching, public and private office and the liberal professions. Università Cattolica fulfils this role by providing appropriate higher education that is also informed by the principles of Christianity, respecting the autonomy proper to every form of knowledge, and according to the view that science should serve the human being and civil coexistence, in accordance with the principles of Catholic doctrine and consistently with the universal nature of Catholicism and its noble and specific demands of freedom».

The “Catholic” element in our name and loyalty to the Catholic Church represent, for Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, an indispensable condition and opportunity to take a scientifically rigorous and intellectually open approach both to research and teaching in all fields of knowledge and, in particular, with regard to the great questions of our time.

Scientific research is interpreted and experienced through its connection with anthropology and ethics, in the light of the Christian faith; this has allowed and continues to allow Università Cattolica to consolidate itself as a natural place for sincere dialogue and passionate engagement with all other cultures.

All those who freely wish and accept to be part of Università Cattolica must be aware of its scientific, formative and pedagogical aims, and be committed to respecting and enhancing them. To ensure that this awareness is also expressed through personal action, in a spirit of loyal collaboration between all members of the university, Università Cattolica approved its Code of Ethics in October 2013. The Code aims to embody both the “pride of belonging” and to reinforce certain values that - with reference also to the individuality of lecturers, students, technical-administrative and welfare staff - have been translated into a set of rules and guidelines which, in turn, have always characterised the work and conduct of those who work and study at our University. Compliance with the Code of Ethics, which may be consulted on the university website <https://www.unicatt.it/ateneo/universita-cattolica/codice-etico-e-modello-di-organizzazione--gestione-e-controllo.html>, is an essential part of Università Cattolica’s mission, prestige and reputation.

ACADEMIC STRUCTURES AND BODIES

Rector

The Rector is the highest academic authority, legally represents Università Cattolica, summons and chairs the Board of Directors, the Steering Committee, the Academic Senate and the University Council. The Rector promotes the convergence of the work of all components of the university community in order to achieve Università Cattolica's goals. The Rector may appoint one or more Pro-rectors, one of whom may have vicarious functions. The Rector may delegate specific roles to the Pro-rectors.

The Rector remains in office for four academic years and may be reinstated for no more than two consecutive terms.

The Rector in office is Prof. Elena Beccalli Professor of Financial Intermediaries at the Faculty of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences.

Pro-Rector

The Pro-Rector in charge is Prof.ssa Anna Maria Fellegara, full professor in the Faculty of Economics and Law, to whom deputy powers have been attributed.

Academic Senate

Composed of the Rector, who presides over it, and the Deans of Faculty, this is a collegial body that deliberates on topics related to didactic and scientific questions of general interest for the university. The Academic Senate is responsible for all the duties related to the organising, planning and coordinating of teaching and research activities.

Dean of Faculty

The Dean is elected from among the full professors and is appointed by the Rector. The Dean is elected by the full and associate professors, remains in office for four academic years and can be re-elected for no more than two consecutive terms.

The Dean of the Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences is Prof. Claudio Giannetti.

The Dean of the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance is Prof. Giovanni Petrella.

Faculty Council

The Faculty Council is composed of all the full and associate tenured professors and of representatives of university researchers, lecturers and students.

The Faculty Council plans the development of the teaching activity, organises and coordinates its operation and proposes the changes to be made to the teaching system, as provided for in the Articles of Association.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND BODIES

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has the widest powers, both ordinary and extraordinary, to govern the university. The Board of Directors is composed of eighteen members: the Rector, who presides over it; ten members appointed by the Istituto Giuseppe Toniolo di Studi Superiori charitable trust; a representative of the Holy See; a representative of the Italian Episcopal Conference; a representative of the Government; a representative of Azione Cattolica Italiana; and three members elected by the full and associate professors of the various university campuses.

General Director

The General Director is in charge of the university's offices and services and directs and coordinates their activities. The Administrative Director is responsible for generally guiding, directing and managing administrative and technical staff. The General Director is responsible for compliance with the university's laws and regulations, and implements the resolutions of the collegiate bodies in line with the Articles of Association.

The General Director is appointed by the Board of Directors, upon proposal by the Rector.

The General Director is Prof. Carlo Maria Gallucci Calabrese.

Campus Director

The Campus Director is responsible for the performance of local management and for achieving the objectives laid down by the guidelines and general coordination incumbent upon the administrative director and for implementing the decisions of the Board of Directors.

The Campus Director is appointed by the Rector after deliberation by the Board of Directors, upon proposal by the General Director.

The Campus Director for Brescia is Dr. Giuseppe Bonelli.

PASTORAL STRUCTURES AND BODIES

General Ecclesiastical Assistant

The General Ecclesiastical Assistant coordinates spiritual and pastoral activities within the university community with the help of the pastoral assistants present on the various university campuses.

The General Ecclesiastical Assistant is also responsible for coordinating the activities of the University Pastoral Council and organising the Theology courses.

The General Ecclesiastical Assistant in office is S. E. Mons. Claudio Giuliadori.

Pastoral Council

A consultative pastoral structure, the Pastoral Council is ecclesiastically involved to fulfil the university's pastoral objectives.

Its members include representatives of the various components of the university, it is an important expression of the *communitas studentium et docentium*.

Pastoral Centres

Pastoral Centres are found on each of the university campuses and base their educational approach on serving the Christian person and vision. They are responsible for celebrating Liturgy and are places of welcome, conversation, prayer and education. The pastoral assistants are available for meetings with students and dialogue to promote human and spiritual growth. They cooperate with the Pastoral Centres, ecclesiastical associations and movements, prayer groups and volunteer groups, each using their own charisma to strengthen the shared commitment to education, testimony and evangelical mission.

BOARD OF THEOLOGY LECTURERS

Chaired by the Rector and coordinated by the General Ecclesiastical Assistant, the Board of Theology Lecturers brings together all the university's Theology lecturers and is responsible for optimising the teaching proposal of the Theology courses - unique to Università Cattolica - which, by their nature, play a particularly important role in the pursuit of synthesis with the other areas of knowledge cultivated at the university and in promoting the dialogue between faith and reason.

In order to coordinate the work of the Board of Lecturers of Theology, the Council of Theology Lecturers is established, consisting of the twelve lecturers taking part in the faculty councils, assisted by a secretary.

**PRESENTATION OF THE FACULTY
AND OF THE SCHOOL**

The Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences
The School of Banking, Finance and Insurance
and their development

MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND NATURAL SCIENCES

Students enrolled in the Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences at Università Cattolica do not merely want to observe the world: they want to truly understand it to the core, and experience a fascinating scientific path. Curiosity, passion for knowledge and a desire to look beyond appearances are the characteristics that distinguish our students, who are ready to embark on a journey rich in stimulation, opportunities and satisfaction. Founded in 1971 with the aim of training teachers, the Faculty has progressively broadened its horizons, now offering an educational programme with an international outlook and the chance to undertake study and research placements at some of the best universities in Europe and beyond.

The strong bond with the worlds of research and work make the Faculty's programme even more stimulating: it is designed for those who not only love numbers, formulas and theorems, but also wish to understand – as did Niccolò Tartaglia, the great 16th-century mathematician from Brescia – how mathematics, physics and computer science can become a powerful tool for interpreting the reality around us.

Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science are not merely theoretical disciplines: since ancient times, they have contributed to human progress and continue today to generate innovation and practical applications in an ever-widening range of fields – from medicine to biology, from economics to environmental protection – thanks in part to the extraordinary advances in artificial intelligence. Understanding them means possessing a key to interpreting the world, developing logical and analytical thinking, and acquiring a mindset capable of tackling problems in a rational and creative way, with the right tools to solve them.

- The Faculty's educational offer aims to:
- – maintain a high standard of basic education, covering all levels of university education up to the Doctoral Programme, in order to attract students seeking an education of excellence;
- – identify a number of vocational training programmes that are in keeping with the Faculty's tradition and also open the door to the diverse applications of science to the needs of today's society.

The Faculty currently offers an undergraduate degree programme in **Mathematics** with curricula in Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, a graduate degree programme in **Mathematics** with curricula in Mathematics and Mathematics for Economic, Financial And Business Applications, and a graduate degree programme, taught in English, in **Physics** with four different curricula in Theoretical Physics and Complex Systems, Condensed Matter Physics and Quantum Technologies, Physics for Sustainable Innovation and Finance, and Climate Change and Management of Environmental Risk.

From the academic year 2026/2027, in collaboration with the Faculty of Banking, Finance and Insurance, the Faculty has also launched a graduate degree programme in **Artificial Intelligence for Banking and Finance**¹.

Moreover, since the academic year 2019/20, the Faculty has launched the following inter-faculty graduate degree programmes:

- **Innovation and Technology Management**, taught in English, in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics (Milan Campus).

- **Data Analytics for Business**, taught in English, in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics (Milan Campus).

The Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore remains true to its original mission of training secondary school teachers. This is achieved, in particular, through the Faculty's collaboration with the **Scientific Degrees Plan** and through specific initiatives aimed at teachers at all levels.

The Faculty has also offered the **Active Training Placement** (TFA) and Special Qualification Pathway (PAS) courses and, in recent years, the **Training Pathways (60 ECTS – 30 ECTS – 36 ECTS)** for obtaining a teaching qualification for secondary schools.

In the field of research, the Faculty, drawing on an excellent foundation of transdisciplinary expertise, is part of an international network that promotes the results of the cutting-edge research carried out by its lecturers and researchers. Through research collaborations and participation in international projects, the Faculty serves as a point of reference in the scientific fields in which it operates.

¹ The name of the programme is currently awaiting approval by the relevant bodies.

THE SCHOOL OF BANKING, FINANCE AND INSURANCE

Promoting teaching and research as tools to train well-rounded individuals and professionals in the field of financial management: these are the educational objectives of the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance at Università Cattolica, which places graduates at the centre of the national financial community and enables them to develop international-level research topics and learn the operational practices developed by the major financial institutions.

This programme offers solid training in the basic disciplines and provides specialist skills in the fields of economics of financial intermediaries and markets, insurance and pension companies, and statistical and actuarial sciences.

The multidisciplinary context of the university allows students to acquire knowledge, skills, experiences and relationships that foster the achievement of their development potential.

For the academic year 2026/2027, the School offers an undergraduate degree programme: **Financial Markets and Institutions**, which belongs to the degree class L-18 Economics and Business Management.

The undergraduate degree programme is divided into five curricula:

- Economics of financial markets and intermediaries;
- Economics of financial markets and intermediaries (in agreement with the Order of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts of Milan);
- Financial and Insurance Consultant;
- Quantitative Methods for Finance and Insurance;
- Finance (entirely in English).

In addition, the School also offers, with the participation of the Faculty of Economics and Law, Piacenza campus, the undergraduate degree programme in: **Business and Finance**, which belongs to the L-18 Economics and Business Management degree class. This degree programme is entirely taught in English and lectures will be held at the Brescia University campus.

In the academic year 2026/2027, the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance, activates the following graduate degree programmes:

- Financial Markets and Institutions, which relates to the degree class LM-77 Economics and Business Sciences. The degree programme offers combinations

of subjects that allow the acquisition of credits in relation to the following professional profiles: Banking and Insurance Management, Finance and Finance - Corporate advisory (in agreement with the Order of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts of Milan).

- Banking and Finance, which belongs to the degree class LM-77 Economic and Business Sciences. Graduate degree programme delivered in English.
- Actuarial sciences, risk and data analysis, which belongs to the degree class LM-83 Actuarial and Financial Statistics. Graduate degree programme delivered in English.

In cooperation with the Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Languages (Università Cattolica) and the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society of the Università della Svizzera italiana - Lugano, a graduate degree programme is offered in:

- European studies in investor relations and financial communication which belongs to the degree class LM-90 European Studies. Graduate degree programme delivered in English.

In collaboration with the Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences, another graduate degree programme is also offered in:

- **Artificial intelligence for banking and finance**, which belongs to the degree class LM-91 Techniques and methods for the information society. Graduate degree programme delivered in English.

Up-to-date information on study plans and on the School in general can be found at <https://milano.unicatt.it/facolta/scienze-bancarie-finanziarie-e-assicurative>.

THE INTER-FACULTY GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME

The Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences and the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance are contributing their teaching, organisational and research resources to the launch of the following degree programme:

Graduate degree programme in **Artificial Intelligence for Banking and Finance**¹ (Second-level graduate degree programme, under class LM-91: Techniques and Methods for the Information Society).

¹ The name of the degree programme is currently awaiting approval by the relevant bodies. Graduate degree programme taught in English.

STUDY PLANS

GRADUATE PROGRAMME

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR BANKING AND FINANCE

*(Second-cycle graduate degree programme under class LM-91:
Techniques and methods for the information society)*

Coordinator of the Inter-faculty degree programme: Prof. Giovanni Guastella

Contact person for the *School of Banking, Finance and Insurance* at the Brescia campus: Prof. Alessandro Sbuelz.

The Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences, together with the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance, contributes its teaching, organisational and research resources to the delivery of this inter-faculty graduate degree programme.

Key learning outcomes

The graduate degree programme in Artificial Intelligence for Banking and Finance aims to train professionals capable of tackling the challenges of innovation by drawing on interdisciplinary skills.

To this end, the programme is structured around three interdependent areas of study: the technical-scientific area, designed to equip students with Computer Science skills and tools for statistical data analysis; the business-organisational area, for developing the ability to analyse business contexts; and the economic-financial area, to develop specific analytical skills in the sectors targeted by the programme.

In particular, graduates from the Artificial Intelligence for Banking and Finance programme are able to collaborate in support of other organisational functions in defining strategic business decisions, particularly within the banking and financial intermediation sector, using data analysis techniques and tools.

Furthermore, graduates from the Artificial Intelligence for Banking and Finance programme are able to collaborate in the development of algorithmic strategies for financial investment, risk measurement and management through the analysis and interpretation of large volumes of information and data, and in the formulation of predictive systems for the economic and financial variables upon which the decision-making processes of key players in financial intermediation and securities markets are based.

After graduation

The degree programme prepares students for careers as:

Business Analyst

The professional role is that of a business analyst, who collects, processes and presents, in a concise manner, the data supporting the company's strategic decisions. The role of business analyst may be carried out independently within the organisational context or, more commonly, in conjunction with other functions within the organisation (purchasing, sales, finance, marketing, internal control, etc.) to which decision-making support is provided.

Graduates will be able to manage the entire data analysis process, from the preliminary analysis of information requirements to the acquisition of data within the organisation or from external sources, through to its processing and presentation. Thanks to the skills acquired: technical (data retrieval, management and analysis), relational (synthesis and communication of key results) and strategic (analysis of information needs to define business strategies), they will be able to identify the areas of data analysis most relevant to business objectives and with the greatest potential, manage and analyse databases, design research experiments to support strategic decisions, and interact with other business functions.

Business consultant specialising in data analysis, with the possibility of joining companies offering a range of consultancy services:

Business analyst supporting purchasing, sales and marketing functions within companies operating in the retail sector.

Manager of internal auditing in large organisations operating in the financial intermediation services sector. Corporate financial analyst.

Financial Data Scientist

This professional role acts as a liaison and provides analytical and interpretative support for the decision-making processes typical of banking and financial intermediaries involved in investment decisions, capital allocation, valuation, credit granting and financial hedging, all informed by very large datasets. Graduates will possess the technical (data retrieval, management and analysis) and methodological (ability to plan and organise data management activities) skills required to undertake tasks of a high professional standard relating to management decisions within banking and financial intermediation firms, within the field of business finance and in government and supervisory bodies, as well as to provide professional consultancy services across all areas of banking and finance.

Financial data scientists are highly sought-after professionals by companies and investment funds, financial consultancy firms (particularly in the FinTech sector), banks, securities firms, asset management companies, pension funds and government agencies. They may also work as independent quantitative financial analysts or practise as freelance consultants.

Graduate Programme Examination and Guidelines for the Dissertation

The final exam for the graduate programme consists of the preparation of a thesis, written independently by the student under the supervision of a supervisor and defended before the graduate programme examination board. Work on the graduate programme thesis begins during the second year.

The thesis, the length of which is proportionate to the number of ECTS awarded (corresponding to 18), must demonstrate the student's maturity in relation to the core learning outcomes of the graduate degree programme and their ability to critically explore a subject relevant to the curriculum, covering both theoretical and methodological aspects, as well as any practical applications.

The preparation of the dissertation is a very important stage in the graduate programme, as evidenced by the high number of ECTS allocated. Its significance relates to the scientific and technical methodology applied to a research topic within the dissertation, the level of theoretical depth, and the technical and professional value, which may guide the student in their future career choices. Under the supervision of the professor, students are required to submit an original research proposal and outline their research plan. The dissertation must meet the requirements of originality and independence. Two main characteristics will be assessed:

- the ability to work independently in developing a research project conceptualised through research questions;
- the structure of a research project that highlights:
 - a) the correct use of sources, data and methodologies;
 - b) the student's ability to develop models for analysing and discussing the results;
 - c) the evaluation of the results in terms of their implications and contributions to the development of academic literature.

The subject of the final exam must relate to a course included in the study plan and the title must be agreed with the supervising lecturer. To obtain approval of the subject, the student must contact the lecturer. The application for approval of the thesis subject must be submitted to the Student Services Centre (in accordance with the procedures on the University website www.unicatt.it) at least 6 months before the scheduled date of the final test.

In order to ensure effective supervision of the thesis, the supervisor may refuse to accept more than a certain number of final-year students, but will refer them to other supervisors within the same subject area or field. The thesis must be written in English.

Having examined the thesis, heard the presentation and assessed the outcome of the discussion, the Examination Board decides on the final assessment and awards the mark for the graduate programme, taking into account the average of the marks obtained in the exams, any honours awarded and any supplementary examinations.

The final mark is expressed out of 110, with honours where applicable, taking into account the student’s overall academic record.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Exchange programmes for international students are currently available. For further details, please refer to the information published on the relevant pages: <https://international.unicatt.it>

Theology courses: the study plan for the two-year graduate programme will be supplemented by a six-month course, comprising 30 hours, delivered in the form of seminars and/or single-subject courses on a topic relevant to the curriculum, in accordance with the decisions taken by the Theology Department. (For further information, please refer to the chapter ‘Theology courses’ in this guide).

Study plan

Students are required to submit an individual study plan, detailing the activities as stipulated in the Academic Regulations. The study plan is subject to approval by the Faculty Council, which assesses its consistency with the educational objectives of the degree programme. The study plan approved by the Faculty is as follows:

STUDY PLAN FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE FIRST YEAR IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

PROFILE FINANCIAL DATA ANALYSIS

YEAR I

		ECTS
ECON-06/A	Analytics accounting	6
IINF-05/A	Foundations of coding for artificial intelligence	12
IINF-05/A	Data science	6
ECON-09/A	Finance and banking	12
STAT-01/A	Foundations of mathematics and statistics for artificial intelligence	6
<i>12 Ects credits to be chosen from:</i>		
ECON-01/A	Applied financial econometrics	6
ECON-01/A	Financial economics	6
ECON-04/A	Data-driven decision making	6
ECON-04/A	Sustainable finance	6

GIUR-02/A	Data protection, AI and cyber security regulation ¹	6
	<i>One elective course among:</i>	6
	Italian for foreign students ²	
	English for business	
	Laboratory of data analytics	
	<i>One elective course³</i>	6

YEAR 2

		ECTS
ECON-09/B	Laboratory of data analytics for banking and insurance	6
ECON-09/B	Laboratory of data analytics for investment	6
IINF-05/A	Artificial intelligence and machine learning applications	6
	<i>One elective course among:</i>	
MATH-04/A	Dynamical systems in finance	6
STAT-04/A	Quantitative finance	6
	<i>One elective course⁴</i>	6
	<i>One elective course (specify) among:</i>	6
	Laboratory of data analytics	
	Stage ⁵	
	Final dissertation	18

¹ Not available in the academic year 2026/2027.

² The course is compulsory for international students who do not have a full command of the Italian language; constant class attendance is strongly recommended.

³ All courses in the Faculty's Master's degree course, not already taken, are considered as elective courses. The Faculty advises students to include the following courses among their elective courses: Cloud computing technologies (6 cfu); Deep reinforcement learning (6 cfu) (available if Laboratory of artificial intelligence (12 cfu) has not been already chosen); Machine learning methods for time series forecasting (6 cfu); Data protection, AI and cyber security regulation (6 cfu; not available in the academic year 2026/2027); Dynamical systems in finance (6 cfu); Operational research (6 cfu); Applied financial econometrics (6 cfu); Financial economics (6 cfu); Data-driven decision making (6 cfu); Sustainable finance (6 cfu); Quantitative finance (6 cfu).

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⁵ For more details refer to p. 30.

**STUDY PLAN FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE FIRST YEAR
IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027**

**PROFILE
DATA SCIENCE**

YEAR I

		<i>ECTS</i>
IINF-05/A	Coding for artificial intelligence	6
IINF-05/A	Data science	6
STAT-01/A	Foundations of mathematics and statistics for artificial intelligence	6
ECON-09/A	Finance and banking	12
ECON-06/A	Analytics accounting	6
	<i>12 Ects credits to be chosen from:</i>	
ECON-01/A	Applied financial econometrics	6
ECON-04/A	Data-driven decision making	6
ECON-01/A	Financial economics	6
ECON-04/A	Sustainable finance	6
GIUR-02/A	Data protection, AI and cyber security regulation ¹	6
	<i>One elective course among:</i>	6
	Italian for foreign students ²	
	English for business	
	Laboratory of data analytics	
	<i>One elective course³</i>	6

¹ Not available in the academic year 2026/2027.

² The course is compulsory for international students who do not have a full command of the Italian language; constant class attendance is strongly recommended.

³ All courses in the Faculty's Master's degree course, not already taken, are considered as elective courses. The Deep Reinforcement Learning course can only be chosen if the Laboratory of Artificial Intelligence (12 cfu) is not included in the study plan. The Faculty advises students to include the following courses among their elective courses: Cloud computing technologies (6 cfu); Machine learning methods for time series forecasting (6 cfu); Data protection, AI and cyber security regulation (6 cfu; not available in the academic year 2026/2027); Dynamical systems in finance (6 cfu); Operational research (6 cfu); Applied financial econometrics (6 cfu); Financial economics (6 cfu); Data-driven decision making (6 cfu); Sustainable finance (6 cfu); Quantitative finance (6 cfu); Laboratory of data analytics for banking and insurance (6 cfu); Laboratory of data analytics for investment (6 cfu).

YEAR 2

		<i>ECTS</i>
IINF-05/A	Laboratory of artificial intelligence	12
	<i>One elective course (specify) among:</i>	6
IINF-05/A	Machine learning methods for time series forecasting	
INFO-01/A	Cloud computing technologies	
	<i>Two elective course (12 ects) among:</i>	12
ECON-09/B	Laboratory of data analytics for banking and insurance	
ECON-09/B	Laboratory of data analytics for investment	
STAT-04/A	Quantitative finance	
MATH-04/A	Dynamical systems in finance	
	<i>One elective course¹</i>	6
	<i>One elective course (specify) among:</i>	6
	Laboratory of data analytics	
	Stage ²	
	Final dissertation	18

¹ All courses in the Faculty's Master's degree course, not already taken, are considered as elective courses. The Faculty advises students to include the following courses among their elective courses: Cloud computing technologies (6 cfu); Deep reinforcement learning (6 cfu) (available if Laboratory of artificial intelligence (12 cfu) has not been already chosen); Machine learning methods for time series forecasting (6 cfu); Data protection, AI and cyber security regulation (6 cfu; not available in the academic year 2026/2027); Dynamical systems in finance (6 cfu); Operational research (6 cfu); Applied financial econometrics (6 cfu); Financial economics (6 cfu); Data-driven decision making (6 cfu); Sustainable finance (6 cfu); Quantitative finance (6 cfu); Laboratory of data analytics for banking and insurance (6 cfu); Laboratory of data analytics for investment (6 cfu).

² For more details refer to p. 30.

Alphabetical list of Master's degree courses with the relative subject sector code

The subject sectors were created in response to the need for clarification and simplification, leading to (with numerous legislative interventions) the grouping of all the subjects taught in Italian universities into sectors and the attribution of a code and title to each. The titles derive from the most representative subject in the sector (e.g. *Italian Literature*, *History of Law*), with all other similar subjects and courses grouped under the same category.

With Ministerial Decree 639 of 2 May 2024, scientific disciplines were reclassified and grouped into macro-areas of reference. The new groupings also led to the identification of new acronyms.

The list below associates the courses with the new scientific disciplinary sectors identified by Ministerial Decree 639, which will apply to students enrolled from the 2026/2027 academic year onwards. Students enrolled before that academic year should refer to the previous regulations and to the Faculty Guides for their academic year of enrolment.

For more information on the correspondence between the sectors indicated in the current regulations and those provided for in the previous regulations, please consult the text of Ministerial Decree 639 with its annexes at the following link: <https://www.mur.gov.it/it/atti-e-normativa/decreto-ministeriale-n-639-del-02-05-2024>

The knowledge of the subject sector which the programmes relate to can be useful to students who wish to check whether credits from one particular programme will be valid in another, for example.

<i>Courses</i>	<i>ECTS</i>	<i>SSD</i>
Analytics accounting	6	ECON-06/A
Applied financial econometrics	6	ECON-01/A
Artificial intelligence and machine learning applications	6	IINF-05/A
Cloud computing technologies	6	INFO-01/A
Coding for AI (artificial intelligence)	6	IINF-05/A

Data-driven decision making	6	ECON-04/A
Data science	6	IINF-05/A
Data protection, AI and cyber security regulation	6	GIUR-02/A
Deep reinforcement learning	6	IINF-05/A
Dynamical systems in finance	6	MATH-04/A
English for business	6	ANGL-01/C
Financial economics	6	ECON-01/A
Finance and banking	12	ECON-09/A
Foundations of mathematics and statistics for AI	6	STAT-01/A
Italian for foreign students	6	LIFI-01/A
Foundations of coding for AI	12	IINF-05/A
Laboratory of data analytics for banking and insurance	6	ECON-09/B
Laboratory of data analytics for investment	6	ECON-09/B
Laboratory of artificial intelligence	12	IINF-05/A
Machine learning methods for time series forecasting	6	IINF-05/A
Operational research	6	MATH-06/A
Quantitative finance	6	13/STAT-04
Sustainable finance	6	ECON-04/A

List of borrowed courses

<i>Course</i>	<i>Borrowed from</i>
Laboratory of artificial intelligence (12 cfu)	Artificial intelligence and machine learning applications (6 cfu) + Deep reinforcement learning (6 cfu)
Coding for AI (6 cfu)	Foundations of coding for AI (12 cfu)

List of Bachelor's degree courses in Mathematics included in the Faculty's LM curricula:

Courses

Operational research (6 cfu) MATH-06/A

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR BANKING AND FINANCE

STAGE

In order to set up an internship, the student must contact the relevant supervisor in good time (for contact details and office hours, see: “Internship supervisor contacts”). It may be the student him/herself who proposes an internship activity.

The Faculty invites students to consult the ST&P portal (<https://step.unicatt.it>), which is the web tool for contacts between interested companies and students or recent graduates from all the campuses of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. Students will be able to carry out a targeted online search for profiles corresponding to specific recruiting needs and respond to advertisements, preparing their own motivational letter and curriculum vitae accordingly.

What is an internship?

A curricular internship with ECTS, also in the form of a traineeship, is an educational and professional training experience carried out in a working context (school, company, laboratory) with defined and agreed training objectives. The internship is therefore a key to accessing the world of work, enabling students to test the notions they have learnt in the field.

Internship details

The duration of an internship is normally 150 hours.

The internship is compulsory and may also be carried out abroad (Internship). See for further information: Course details - international experience - Internship.

The Internship requires compulsory attendance and can be “approved” if the student:

1. has attended the required hours;
2. has obtained a positive evaluation from the company supervisor;
3. has submitted an adequate final report on the internship.

The credits accrued (6 ECTS) will be registered as “Internship”.

Study plan code:
MG1512 <i>Internship</i>

Internship activation procedure

The organisation is chosen on the basis of a proposal made by the student,

after ascertaining its congruity with the training objectives established by the Faculty.

Before starting the internship, the student must explain to the Internship Supervisor the timing, methods, contents and tasks envisaged. Once confirmation has been received from the Supervisor, it will be possible to start the activation procedure by asking the company to fill in the training project on the portal <https://step.unicatt.it>.

Work experience

If the student carries out work experiences that are relevant to the training course undertaken, the Faculty may recognise them as equivalent to internship activities. This experience must have been carried out during the period of university studies, must not have been subject to previous requests for recognition and must not have been carried out in the employment of parents or a relative.

Recognition procedure

The student must submit the following documents to the work experience supervisor:

- a) written report by the student on the experience
- b) a letter on company letterhead (signed by the owner) indicating the duration of the work experience and the tasks carried out.

The credits gained (6 ECTS) will be registered as “Internship”.

Reference teacher for Internship

Prof. Giovanni Guastella

Email: giovanni.guastella@unicatt.it

Internship supervisor contacts

Dott.ssa Elisa Zanardini

Email: elisa.zanardini@unicatt.it

COURSE SYLLABI

Courses syllabi can be consulted by accessing the following section of
Università Cattolica website:

<http://programmideicorsi-brescia.unicatt.it>

TEACHING LIST AND RELATED LECTURERS APPOINTED

The lists of courses for the academic year 2026/2027, with the names of the lecturers in charge, can be found, updated in real time, on the UCSC web pages <https://brescia.unicatt.it/polo-studenti-e-didattica-programmi-dei-corsi-orari-delle-lezioni>; it is also possible, on your personal iCatt page, in the 'Courses' section, once you have defined your study plan, to view the list of courses associated with the lecturer's name.

THEOLOGY COURSES

Nature and Aims

Theology courses are a distinctive feature of Università Cattolica; they aim to provide a well-founded, reasoned and systematic understanding of Revelation and Christian life, thereby equipping students with the theoretical tools to critically understand the experience of faith.

The results of the Theology examinations form an integral part of the student's curriculum and will be taken into account by the examination board when determining the final degree mark.

Degrees

The study plan for *undergraduate degree programmes* requires students enrolled at Università Cattolica to attend Theology courses.

Programmes

For the first, second and third years of the course, a single programme is offered on a semester basis (12 weeks of classes per year, at 3 hours per week).

The subjects are:

Theology 1 – Fundamental issues: Christological faith and Sacred Scripture;

Theology 2 – Issues in theological anthropology and ecclesiology;

Theology 3 – Theological issues in Christian ethics and morality.

Graduate programmes

For the second year of the *graduate programme*, a semester-long course is offered, taught by Prof. Danilo Bessi and lasting 30 hours, in the form of a seminar and/or a single-subject course on topics related to the *curriculum* being studied, in accordance with the titles established by the Theology Department.

The course concludes with a test set by the lecturer.

Lecturers and syllabi

For information on theology courses and lecturers, please visit the website:

<https://www.unicatt.it/ateneo/governance-e-organi-dell-ateneo/collegio-dei-docenti-di-teologia/corsi-e-docenti-di-teologia.html>

The syllabi for the Theology courses can be viewed by visiting the relevant section of Università Cattolica's website <http://programmideicorsi-brescia.unicatt.it>.

UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE SERVICE (SELDA)

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, through the Servizio Linguistico di Ateneo (SeLdA, University Language Service), offers students from all faculties the opportunity to assess or acquire the basic and advanced language skills required for their degree programmes.

Organisation of basic language courses

To help students prepare for the proficiency test, the University Language Service organises semester-long and annual courses.

For French, Spanish and German, only beginner-level classes are available.

The aim of the courses is to enable students to achieve the levels of language proficiency determined by the resolutions of the individual faculties, following the framework proposed by the 'Common European Framework of Reference'.

Course timetable:

First semester: 5 October -15 December 2026

Second semester: 1 March -15 May 2027

English for Business

The Servizio Linguistico di Ateneo organises an annual advanced English Language course (C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference). The aim of the 60-hour course is to consolidate and enhance language skills in Business English, with a particular focus on the Financial sector.

Course schedule

The English for Business course follows the SeLdA academic calendar.

Italian for foreign students

The Servizio Linguistico di Ateneo organises an annual advanced course in Italian for Foreign Students (level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference). The aim of the 60-hour course is to consolidate and enhance the language skills needed to successfully undertake university studies as a whole.

Course schedule

The Italian for Foreign Students course follows the SeLdA academic calendar.

Syllabi

The syllabi for the foreign language courses offered by SeLdA can be viewed by visiting the relevant section of Università Cattolica website:

<http://programmideicorsi-brescia.unicatt.it>.

Recognition of language certificates

Certain international language certificates are recognised as substitutes only for the proficiency test if submitted to the SeLdA Secretariat within two years of the year in which they were obtained, subject to verification that language courses are included in the study plan for the current Academic Year. On the following SeLdA webpage: [servizio-linguistico-di-ateneo-selda-certificazioni-internazionali-riconosciute](https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/servizio-linguistico-di-ateneo-selda-certificazioni-internazionali-riconosciute), in the section dedicated to Brescia, a list of recognised certificates and their corresponding levels is available.

For the academic year 2026–2027, certificates obtained from 2024 onwards will be accepted¹.

Independent Learning Centre

This is an online language learning resource centre that offers materials and activities tailored to the needs and competences of its users for autonomous and continuous training. All resources are available through a dedicated Blackboard page.

In particular, the Centre offers students a **language consultancy service** to identify study objectives and draw up a personalised learning pathway, and **language coaching** to solve problems related to a specific language. Both services are available in presence and online.

To access the service, you must make a reservation by sending an email to the language consultants as indicated on the website (<https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/servizio-linguistico-di-ateneo-selda-cap-centro-per-l-autoapprendimento>).

To access the online resources, you need to add the “ Autoapprendimento “ course to your Blackboard courses.

Useful links for the Self-Study Centre:

e-mail: cap.selda-bs@unicatt.it

website: <https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/servizio-linguistico-di-ateneo-selda-cap-centro-per-l-autoapprendimento>

Useful links:

Brescia Campus: Student Services Centre (Via Trieste, 17 – 25121 Brescia)

You can contact SeLdA via the relevant function in iCatt:

app – section: “request info” – select University Language Service;

website – section: communications for you – “request information” – select Servizio Linguistico di Ateneo

<https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/servizi-e-campus-life-selda-brescia>

¹ For certificates dated 2024, the deadline for submission is December 2026.

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES (ILAB)

The Centre for Innovation in Educational Technologies (ILAB) of the University promotes and implements initiatives and projects aimed at the enhancement and development of teaching technologies.

Among other things, the Centre is responsible for managing and supporting the use of Blackboard, the platform chosen by Università Cattolica as the main tool for managing online teaching, and promoting its more advanced use through ad hoc presentations and training initiatives.

In line with the University's educational objectives, ILAB provides courses in '**ICT and Information Society**' for the understanding of the main developments in technological innovation and the attainment of basic IT skills.

Course syllabi

The **ICT and Information Society** course syllabi can be consulted by accessing the following section of the University website:

<https://brescia.unicatt.it/polo-studenti-e-didattica-programmi-dei-corsi-orari-delle-lezioni#/programmi/BS>

Useful links:

Centro per l'Innovazione e lo Sviluppo delle Attività didattiche e tecnologiche d'Ateneo (ILAB)

Via Trieste, 17 - 25121 Brescia

E-mail: ilab-bs@unicatt.it

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Semester abroad programme

Include four types of proposals that allow students to attend a semester or an academic year abroad, take exams agreed with UCSC teachers and obtain recognition upon their return:

- **Exchange (Erasmus+ & Overseas)**, with Erasmus destinations in the EU and Overseas destinations outside the EU, which students can access through a competition without having to pay any enrolment/attendance fees abroad, only travel, board and lodging and incidental expenses);
- **ISEP – International Student Exchange Program**, with over 200 destinations worldwide, which students can access through a competition, bearing the costs for the semester including on-campus accommodation.;
- **Study Abroad Programme**, fee-paying semester at prestigious foreign universities;
- **Free mover** (fee-paying semester at the partner universities of the students' Faculty as part of the Exchange programme, if not admitted through the Exchange ranking, only for faculties that provide for it).

Summer Programmes give students the opportunity to spend a period of 2 to 8 weeks abroad during the summer at partner universities, to take exams for which they can obtain university credits.

Programme LATE - LANGUAGE COURSES ABROAD offers intensive language courses abroad, for both beginners and advanced students, aimed at improving or certifying language skills: the proposal includes all the languages taught at Università Cattolica, with destinations all over the world and the possibility of departing throughout the whole year.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES ABROAD include work experience and internship programmes abroad, which may or may not be part of the curriculum depending on the degree programme students are enrolled in or the type and duration of the experience.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMMES offer all students, regardless of their degree programme, the opportunity to volunteer in different countries around the world.

Programmes promoted by **ISTITUTO CONFUCIO** include medium-long stays in China, supported by scholarships from the institute itself, aimed at attending language courses or academic courses for a semester, with the possibility of recognition in the degree curriculum.

DOUBLE DEGREE programmes offer study paths designed and promoted by individual faculties, at the end of which the student obtains both a degree from Università Cattolica and a degree from the partner university.

The ‘**Thesis Abroad**’ programme offers scholarships to undergraduate and graduate degree candidates from all faculties who have independently identified an opportunity to conduct international research for the writing of their thesis.

FACULTY LED (short-term international experiences, promoted by the Faculties / individual teachers, with a close connection to the topics covered in a specific course).

COIL (Collaborative Online Interactive Learning) programs are online learning activities that foster dialogue and collaboration between students from different countries. They can be integrated into university courses or offered as electives, with the goal of creating a global, accessible, and inclusive learning environment.

For further information please visit:

<https://goabroad.unicatt.it/>.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

ENROLMENT RULES

1. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Pursuant to Art. 6 of Ministerial Decree No. 270/2004, the following may enrol in the degree programmes opened at Università Cattolica:

- State upper secondary school graduates (five-year or four-year: final diplomas in education programmes of study).
- holders of a foreign degree, recognised as suitable for admission to Italian universities according to the provisions issued for each academic year by the Ministry of University and Research in agreement with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Interior.

Concurrent enrolment at the university and in highly specialised artistic and musical educational programmes (AFAM)

It is permitted to simultaneously enrol in two programmes of study at the same University or at different Italian or foreign Universities, or where one of the programmes is at a University and one at the Higher Institutes of Musical and Choral Studies, in compliance with the provisions of Law No. 33 of 12 April 2022 subsequent ministerial implementing decrees and related ministerial FAQs.

The simultaneous enrolment in two programmes of study is allowed provided that the aforementioned programmes do not relate to the same ministerial degree class and that they differ in at least two-thirds of the educational activities in terms of academic teaching credits.

Students interested in concurrent enrolment are required to give prior notice to the Student Centre of the relevant campus using the appropriate forms.

2. MODALITIES

Students who intend to enrol for the first time at Università Cattolica (Milan, Brescia, Piacenza-Cremona) must first read the specific notices “Admission procedures” on the University website (www.unicatt.it).

The registration application must be completed and submitted online (the submission is necessary since the application, in some parts, must be manually completed and it is also necessary to acquire the handwritten signature of the student or parent, if the student is a minor) using the *Registration Portal*,

available on the University website.

In addition to filling out the registration form, it will be necessary to pay the 1st instalment of the tuition fees and university contributions, and upload all of the required documentation:

Once registration has been completed, the University, in accordance with the procedures in force, will provide the Carta Ateneo badge.

When submitting their registration application, priests and other religious figures must submit the declaration by which the Bishop or Superiors authorise them to enrol in the University (written authorisation will be approved by the General Ecclesiastical Assistant of Università Cattolica or by a delegate).

Regarding the presentation of income documentation, the appropriate online procedure must be used, available in the *Registration Portal* or on the student's personal *iCatt* webpage.

A student who has been successfully enrolled for a year of university studies is not entitled to a refund of fees and contributions paid.

Registration on a part-time basis

Students who do not have full-time availability due to work, family, health or other justified personal reasons, may opt – at the time of registration or renewal of their current enrolment – for a study path that permits them to carry out 50% of the annual educational activities envisaged for the programme. Minor deviations can be determined by the competent Faculty Councils, taking into account the unique features of each programme of study.

A student who intends to register on a part-time basis must first express this intention, with justifications for their request, by filling in the appropriate form at the Student Centre of their campus.

This declaration of interest will be submitted to the competent educational bodies for approval and, once this is received, the student may submit a formal request for registration on a part-time basis.

All information relating to the modalities, timings and economic aspects can be found at the Student Centre of the respective campuses.

3. VERIFICATION OF THE INITIAL PREPARATION OF STUDENTS (VPI) – ADDITIONAL LEARNING OBLIGATIONS (OFA)

To better cope with their chosen university programmes, those who enrol in the first year of the degree programmes and single-cycle graduate degree programmes will be evaluated on their level of initial preparation; an exception is made for those who enrolled in programmes of study for which there are alternative ways of fulfilling the VPI or that provide for a specific admission test.

The VPI is a test on predefined subject areas (for example, knowledge of the Italian language and understanding of text and mathematics), diversified according to the chosen Faculty, covering the knowledge that is expected, irrespective of the diploma they obtained at their upper secondary school.

All information relating to the methods for taking the VPI for each study programme, as well as that relating to the OFA assigned to applicants who obtain an insufficient result on their VPI – which will, in any case, have to be covered by the end of the 1st year – are reported on the website www.unicatt.it as well as on the student's personal *iCatt*.

4. RULES FOR STUDENTS WITH FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

The admission of students holding foreign degrees is regulated by specific ministerial legislation, downloadable from the following link: <https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>. Interested students are invited to request the relevant information from the International Admissions Office of each campus.

The specific admission procedure is available on the website:

<https://international.unicatt.it>.

5. METHODS OF ADMISSION TO GRADUATE DEGREES

For admission to a graduate degree programme, one must have an undergraduate degree and meet certain curricular requirements (ECTS in specific scientific disciplinary sectors (SSD) and/or specific courses). For each degree programme, the admission procedures are established:

- Chronological order with an interview or degree curriculum evaluation, if required: the reservation of a place is done in chronological order, following payment of the first instalment of the university contributions, until all envisaged places are filled, and once any necessary interview or degree curriculum evaluation has been completed

- Chronological order with a compulsory interview: the reservation of a place is done in chronological order following an interview, once payment of the first instalment of the university contributions has been made, until all envisaged places are filled
- Chronological order according to a minimum mark average: the reservation of a place is done in chronological order, following payment of the first instalment of the university contributions, but is conditioned by certain curricular requirements
- Grading by merit: the reservation of a place is conditioned by a ranking drawn up on the basis of certain requirements
- Admission test: the reservation of a place occurs once an admission test has been passed.

Admission to some degree programmes may include more than one of the aforementioned modalities, therefore it is necessary to refer to the specific “Admission procedures” notices, available on the University website.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

COMPLIANCE WITH DEADLINES FOR ENROLMENT IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS

Subject to the following instructions, students who intend to enrol in the new academic year are required to make payment within the deadline indicated in the *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions* in force and usually reported on the iCatt personal webpage.

If payment has been made within the terms indicated, *the student will be automatically placed for the new academic year of the programme year (or as “fuori corso”, supplementary year student, i.e. students who have not managed to complete the scheduled exams in the time frame established by a given university programme) in the REGULAR position.* If the student intends to vary the proposed enrolment (for example, from “fuori corso” (supplementary year student) to “ripetente” (repeat students, i.e. students who have not achieved the necessary credits to move on to the following year or who have expressly requested to be able to enrol in the previous year), or request to change to another degree programme) *they must necessarily contact the Student Centre.*

If a student enrolls for a year subsequent to the first year and payment was made late, the student will be placed in the ‘in corso’ position, *in debt for late payment* (downloadable online from the student’s personal iCatt webpage). N.B. In case enrolment is renewed after the deadline for submission of the degree curriculum, an unalterable *ex-officio* degree curriculum will be assigned.

REPEAT STUDENTS

Students who have followed the programme of study, for which they are enrolled, for its entire duration without having enrolled in all the courses envisaged in the degree curriculum, or without having obtained the relevant attendance certificates where such attendance is expressly requested, must register as repeat students for the courses lacking enrolment or attendance.

Students who, despite having completed the normal duration of the programme of study, intend to modify their degree curriculum by adding new courses in which they have never enrolled, must register as repeat students.

Registration as a repeat student will only be allowed if the degree programme is still active. and in any case within the final deadline for the submission of the degree curriculum, in compliance with the deadlines set by the respective Faculties.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED UNIVERSITY EXAMS WITHIN THE SET TIME PERIOD (“FUORI CORSO” (SUPPLEMENTARY YEAR STUDENT))

Students who have been enrolled and have attended all the courses required for the entire study programme are enrolled as “fuori corso” (supplementary year) students until they obtain their academic title, except in the case of alternative provisions set by the individual educational systems.

ENROLMENT IN A PROGRAMME/REPEAT PROGRAMME YEAR SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST YEAR

The enrolment procedure is digital. Students who wish to enrol as repeat students must submit the appropriate application form to the Student Centre of the relevant campus.

Any student already registered with Università Cattolica and regularly enrolled must pay the first instalment proposing enrolment in the new academic year and can download the *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions*.

In order to be enrolled in the following year, students must pay the first instalment: payment of the first instalment constitutes a definitive expression of willingness to enrol in the new academic year.

Updating of the computer database takes place as soon as the University receives news of the payment through the banking circuit. Therefore, it may take a few days after the payment before a student's enrolment is registered for the academic year.

N.B. given that the payment of the first instalment immediately completes the

registration process, it is non-refundable under any circumstances – (Article 4, paragraph 8, Title I “General Rules” of the Teaching Regulations of Università Cattolica and Article 27 of the Student Regulations, approved by Royal Decree 4 June 1938, No. 1269).

Only one fulfilment remains to be met by students enrolled in degree programmes that are subject to income-dependant university contributions: they must present their income documentation using the online application on the student’s personal *iCatt* webpage, which is indicated in the *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions* in force and usually reported on the personal *iCatt* webpage. After this date, late payment is incurred for late delivery of administrative documents.

SUSPENSION OF STUDIES

Students have the right to suspend the studies undertaken in the cases provided for in the current rules and regulations. At the end of the suspension, students can resume the interrupted programme of study provided that the programme itself is still active.

TRANSFER AND WITHDRAWAL FROM STUDIES

Students have the right to transfer or withdraw from the studies undertaken with the obligation to pay any outstanding contributions at the time of submitting their application.

DEGREE CURRICULUM

The deadline for students to submit their individual degree curriculum is set within the deadlines published on the website. For delays falling within seven days of the deadline, the degree curriculum may be submitted upon payment of the expected late payment fee (for the amount see “Secretariat Fees, Late Payments and Reimbursements of Miscellaneous Expenses” in the *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions*). In the event of a longer delay, an unmodifiable degree curriculum will be assigned.

EXAMINATIONS

Generals Rules

Students are required to know the rules relating to the degree curriculum of their degree programme and are, therefore, responsible for cancellation of any exams taken in violation of said rules.

In order to avoid the cancellation of exams taken, students are reminded that the prepared order of exams set between the individual years of a multi-year

course or between the preparatory and the advanced or higher exam, is rigid and compulsory.

Any infringement of the exam provisions will result in the cancellation of the examination. The cancelled exam must be repeated.

The mark assigned by the examining committee, once recorded, cannot be subsequently modified: the mark is final, unless expressly waived by the student. A recorded examination with a pass mark cannot be repeated (pursuant to Art. 6 paragraph 6, Title I “General Rules” of the University Teaching Regulations). Students are only allowed to take the examinations if they have: a) presented their degree curriculum; b) paid the contributions; and c) registered for the exams in the manner indicated below.

Non-EU students must also have a valid residence permit deposited at the Student Centre.

How to Register for Exams

Registration takes place online via the student’s personal iCatt webpage and must be made no later than the fourth calendar day preceding the exam date.

Simultaneous registration for the same exam on several exam dates is not allowed.

A registration may be cancelled until the day before the first day of the exam date.

Transferring the registration for an exam from one exam date to a later date can only take place once registration in the exam date one intends to abandon has been cancelled.

If the deadline for registering for an exam date has passed, it is no longer possible to cancel any registrations made and one must wait till the day after the expired exam date before registering for the next one.

N.B.: The following students will not be allowed to sit the exam:

- those who have failed to register for the exam date within the deadline;
- those who, despite registering for the exam date, did not sit the exam with a university badge and a valid identity document;
- those who have not regularised their administrative position.

FINAL EXAM FOR THE AWARDING OF A DEGREE

The didactic system of each degree programme offers several possible ways to take the graduation exam. The competent teaching structure defines the method to be adopted for each programme of study (see in this regard the indications on the webpages of the University website and those contained in the Guide).

The procedure remains currently similar to that described for graduate degree programmes *with the following differences:*

1. it is a paper on a topic normally agreed with a lecturer of reference;
2. the commitment required for this paper is lower than that required for a traditional degree thesis (the commitment is proportional to the number of university credits attributed to the final exam in the educational system of one's degree programme). Consequently, the document will have a limited extension;
3. the subject title of the final paper must be obtained according to the procedures established by the Faculty Council (*direct assignment by the lecturer, acquisition through the thesis desk in one of the various forms available, or other*) in time for the development and completion of the paper within the deadline set for submitting an application to take the final exam for the awarding of the degree. This deadline will be published on the webpage of each Faculty for each reference session;
4. The application to take the final exam for the awarding of the degree must be submitted no less than 45 days from the beginning of the chosen session. The aforementioned application may be submitted provided that the outstanding number of exams and/or credits is not greater than that established by each Faculty;
5. 5. the final paper, in pdf format, must be sent to the lecturer of reference via the personal *iCatt* webpage in the section "Online Secretariat – Final Exam – Send Final Exam" according to the methods and deadlines provided and published on the webpage of each Faculty. The deadline for uploading the document cannot be extended. The lecturer of reference may request a hard copy.

FINAL EXAM FOR THE AWARDING OF A GRADUATE DEGREE

The final exam for the awarding of the graduate degree involves the development and discussion of a written dissertation carried out on a subject previously agreed upon with the subject professor.

To be admitted to the final exam, students must fulfil the following requirements in order:

- a. choose and present a topic verifying the expected curricular/temporal requirements;
 - b. submit the application for admission to the final exam by verifying the expected curricular/temporal requirements;
 - c. deliver the final paper.
1. In order to present *the topic of their degree thesis*, students must respect:
 - the deadlines for submission;
 - the curricular requirements

The subject of the final exam must be related to a course included in the degree curriculum, and the title must be agreed with the lecturer of reference. To obtain approval for the subject, it is necessary to contact the lecturer, in the manner provided for by each Faculty. The subject must then be inserted into the personal *iCatt* webpage (Online Secretariat – Final Exam) within the deadline indicated in the section “Four-year and Graduate Degree Exam Dates” on the University Internet pages.

Any delay will result in the thesis being postponed to the next exam date.

2. In order to submit *an application for admission to the final examination*, the following must be complied with:
 - the deadlines for submission;
 - the curricular requirements
3. To submit *the application for admission to the final exam* it is necessary to follow the procedures provided for by each Faculty and published on their webpages.

Any changes to the title of the final paper, approved by the lecturer, must be made at the time the application is submitted. The title that is submitted must, therefore, be definitive since no changes can be accepted.

4. Students will be invited to take the final exam exclusively through their personal *iCatt* webpage, in good time and certainly no later than the tenth day prior to the graduation date.

Notes

1. No graduating student may be admitted to the graduation exam if they have not complied with the deadline dates published on the webpage of each Faculty.
2. *Graduating students must have taken and recorded all exams at least one week before the start of the graduation session.*
3. Graduating students are obliged to promptly notify their thesis supervisor if, for any reason, they are unable to graduate on the exam date for which they have applied, and, in such cases, must subsequently resubmit a new application for admission to the graduation exam.

GRADUATION EXAMS RELATING TO PROGRAMMES PRIOR TO THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF MINISTERIAL DECREE NO. 509 OF 3 NOVEMBER 1999

The procedure is substantially similar to that described for the final exam for the awarding of a graduate degree, unless different instructions are published in the Guide. For the graduation exams of the four-year/five-year programmes too, prior to the regulation referred to in Ministerial Decree 509/99, application for admission to the final exam may be submitted provided that the number of outstanding exams is not higher than that established by each Faculty.

LOSS OF STUDENT STATUS BY THOSE ENROLLED IN A STUDY PROGRAMME FOLLOWING THE UNIVERSITY REFORM PURSUANT TO MINISTERIAL DECREE 509/1999

Students who have not regularly enrolled for five consecutive academic years or students who, after the normal duration of their study programme, have not passed exams for five consecutive academic years, may not enrol in a new academic year and, therefore, **lose their student status**. The aforementioned provision does not apply to students who only have to take the graduation exam or who have obtained all the credits except those covered in the final exam.

Students who, despite having passed all the exams in their degree curriculum, have not renewed their enrolment for at least 5 consecutive academic years, are exclusively outstanding on their final paper or thesis, yet complete their studies within the academic year 2026/2027, are required to make, at the same time and no later than 31 December 2026, the following payments:

- the recognition contribution relating to 5 academic years regardless of the number of academic years of non-renewal;
- the first instalment to fully cover university tuition fees for the academic year 2026/2027 (thus exempting the second and third instalments).

They are also required to pay the graduation fee for the exam date of the relevant graduation session.

LOSS OF STUDENT STATUS BY THOSE ENROLLED IN A STUDY PROGRAMME PRIOR TO THE UNIVERSITY REFORM PURSUANT TO MINISTERIAL DECREE 509/1999

Students who have not taken exams for eight consecutive years may not enrol in a new academic year and, therefore, **lose their student status**. The aforementioned provision does not apply to students who only have to take the graduation exam or who have completed all the exams except those covered in the final exam..

Students who, despite having passed all the exams in their degree curriculum, have not renewed their enrolment for at least 8 consecutive academic years, are

exclusively outstanding on their thesis, yet complete their studies within the academic year 2026/2027, are required to make, at the same time and no later than 31 December 2026, the following payments:

- the recognition contribution relating to 8 academic years regardless of the number of academic years of non-renewal;
- the first instalment to fully cover university tuition fees for the academic year 2026/2027 (thus exempting the second and third instalments).

They are also required to pay the graduation fee for the exam date of the relevant graduation session.

WITHDRAWAL FROM STUDIES

Students have the right **to withdraw from the studies undertaken** with the obligation to pay any outstanding contributions at the time of submitting their application for withdrawal from studies. This is done by printing the withdrawal application from their personal *iCatt* webpage in duplicate, affixing the stamp mark according to the current value and submitting the application for withdrawal to the Student Centre of the relevant campus, the registration booklet (if received) and the badge (in the case of a Carta Ateneo + provided that the banking services have not been activated).

Their withdrawal must be written in a clear and explicit way, without affixing any conditions, terms and clauses that limit its effectiveness. Those who have withdrawn from their studies, upon request, may be issued certificates relating to the academic career previously pursued under conditions of administrative regularity.

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DEGREE PROGRAMME

Regularly enrolled students who intend to transfer to another degree programme within the same or another Faculty of Università Cattolica must use the online procedure on their personal *iCatt* webpage.

The students concerned are also invited to consult the notices published on the University website to check the deadlines for uploading the necessary documentation on the *Registration Portal*.

TRANSFERS

Transfers to another University

The regularly enrolled student can transfer to another University, **after consulting its study regulations, from 15 July to 31 October of each year (unless the final deadline in the provisions of the destination University is before 31 October), by submitting a specific application to the Student Centre.**

Students who request a transfer to another University beyond the deadline set by the regulations and certainly no later than 31 December are required to pay an operational contribution directly proportional to the delay in submitting the application. However, the transfer cannot take place without authorisation from the University of destination.

In order to obtain the transfer, the student must follow the procedures and not have outstanding university contributions at the time of submitting their application.

As from the date of submission of the transfer application, no further examination shall be allowed. Any exams taken and not yet recorded on the aforementioned date will not enter the student's career record.

Students who obtain authorisation to return to Università Cattolica are admitted to the programme year corresponding to the exams passed, regardless of the registration previously obtained. They will also be required to pass any additional supplementary tests deemed necessary by the competent Faculty Council to bring them in line with the students of Università Cattolica.

Transfers from another University

Students already enrolled at another University who intend to enrol at Università Cattolica are required to use the *Registration Portal*. The students concerned are also invited to consult the University website to check how and when to submit the necessary documentation.

Students are, in any case, required to submit a transfer request to the University of origin.

REGISTRATION “EX NOVO” WITH ANY SHORTENED COURSE (CAREER RECOVERY)

Students who withdrew from their studies or who lost their student status may request to enrol “ex novo” in the study programmes provided for by the new regulations.

The competent teaching structures establish which credits acquired in the previous university career may be recognised.

Single Course Enrolment

Pursuant to Art. 11 of the University Teaching Regulations and subject to authorisation from the competent teaching structure, the following students may register for individual courses and take the exams for these courses on the exam dates of their respective academic year of attendance:

- a. students enrolled in other universities authorised by the University to which they belong and, if foreign citizens, in compliance with current legislation and procedures;
- b. graduates interested in completing the training curriculum followed;
- c. other interested parties, previously authorised by the Council of the competent teaching structure, provided that they hold the necessary qualifications for enrolment in the study programme to which the individual courses refer.

A tuition fee plus a contribution is due for each course (see *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions*).

The students mentioned above can enrol in individual courses corresponding to a number of university credits established by the Council of the competent teaching structure and, as a rule, no more than 30 per academic year, for no more than two academic years; any exceptions will be considered, upon motivated request, by the Council of the competent teaching structure.

The application for registration may be submitted, only once per academic year and with reference to courses belonging to (or shared with) the same Faculty, to the Student Centre within the following dates: if one or more courses begin/s in the first semester, by 6 October 2026; if the course or courses of interest begin/s in the second semester, by 9 February 2027.

NOTES REGARDING SECRETARIAL DUTIES

Unless otherwise stipulated, students are reminded that, in order to protect personal data, *they must present themselves in person* at the relevant offices to carry out any administrative procedures.

Please note that some administrative procedures may be done online on the student's personal *iCatt* webpage.

Students are recommended not to wait until the last days before the deadlines to complete the procedures for the various requirements.

STUDENT CENTRE OPENING HOURS

The Student Centre is open to the public on weekdays (Saturdays excluded) according to the times indicated on the website (www.unicatt.it).

The Student Centre will be closed on the feast of the Sacred Heart, from 24 to 31 December, for two consecutive weeks in August, and on Good Friday. Students will be advised of any additional closure days with appropriate notice via notices on the website.

STUDENT CONTACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

It is essential that both the residence and contact details, in case of subsequent changes, be updated promptly: this update must be carried out directly by the student online using the appropriate function via their personal [iCatt](#) webpage.

CERTIFICATES

Certificates relating to students' academic careers are normally issued on request, except in the cases indicated by current legislation in which the exemption or substitute declaration of certification (self-certification) is expressly provided for.

Via the self-service, students can produce certificates digital format (pdf) and in signed digital format.

ISSUANCE OF DEGREE CERTIFICATES AND REQUESTED DUPLICATES

To receive the original degree certificate, students must follow the instructions contained in the invitation letter to the graduation exam.

Should the original degree certificate be lost, the interested party may – by way of a specific application, subject to stamp duty and accompanied by the documents proving the loss (a competent judicial authority report) – request from the Rector a duplicate of the certificate after paying the associated issuance fee.

The original certificates are delivered to the interested party to the address on the records held in administration at the time of applying for the graduation examination.

UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Information on university contributions as well as financial benefits can be consulted through the website of Università Cattolica and from the student's

personal *iCatt* webpage.

Students who are not in good standing with the payment of contributions and with the prescribed documents cannot:

- be enrolled in any course year, either as a repeat or “fuori corso” (supplementary year) student;
- be admitted to examinations;
- obtain transfer to another degree/diploma programme;
- transfer to another university;
- obtain registration certificates;
- withdraw from the study programme in which they are enrolled..

Students who resume their studies after having interrupted them without a formal withdrawal, or having suspended them for one or more academic years are required to pay the contributions of the academic year in which they resume their studies, while for the years related to the period of interruption or suspension, they need only pay a recognition fee. Students who, on resuming their studies at the beginning of the academic year, ask to be able to take exams during the extraordinary session between January and April, normally scheduled for those who attended the previous academic year, are also required to pay an additional contribution.

As a rule, payment of all instalments must be made via the student’s personal *iCatt* webpage.

Students who enrol in the first year of a programme or who enrol in admission tests to degree programmes will have to make the payment from the Registration Portal; moreover, solely in these cases, it is also possible to pay the first instalment and the contribution of the admission test by credit card via the website of Università Cattolica.

Bank transfer is not allowed as a means of payment.

Already registered students will have to access their personal *iCatt* webpage to pay the first and subsequent instalments.

Arrears are due for late payment of university contributions to the extent annually established in the General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions.

For the purposes of any future feedback, students should retain all receipts of payments made until the end of their studies.

RULES OF CONDUCT

According to the provisions of the University regulations and the Code of Ethics of Università Cattolica, students are required to conduct themselves in a manner that is not detrimental to dignity and honour and does not conflict with the spirit of Università Cattolica.

In case of non-compliance, the University regulations provide for the possibility of disciplinary sanctions of various entities in relation to the seriousness of the infractions (see Art. 18 bis - *Disciplinary Powers Regarding Students*, Title I “General Rules” of the University Teaching Regulations).

The possible imposition of sanctions is ordered by the competent academic bodies on the basis of procedures that ensure the right of defence of the interested parties in keeping with the general principles in force in this matter.

RULES FOR MAINTAINING SAFETY AT THE UNIVERSITY: SAFETY, HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

With regard to Safety, Health and the Environment, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore has as its strategic objective the protection of employees, lecturers and non-lecturers, researchers, doctoral students, trainees, scholarship holders, students and visitors, as well as the protection of the environments and assets used for the performance of its institutional activities in accordance with the provisions of its mission.

The task of all, lecturers, students and administrative staff, is to collaborate in the pursuit of the aforementioned objective, constantly verifying that the conditions necessary for the maintenance of health and safety in the workplace are met and that the procedures are known and constantly applied; alternatively, it is the task of everyone to report potentially dangerous situations, collaborating with the services responsible for the continuous improvement of the practices and procedures for carrying out institutional activities.

Students can also contribute to the improvement of safety (in compliance with current regulations) by conducting themselves in the following way:

- a. observing the provisions and instructions given for the purposes of collective and individual protection;
- b. using machinery, equipment, tools, substances and safety devices correctly;
- c. using protective equipment made available to them in an appropriate manner;
- d. immediately notifying the personnel in charge of any defects in vehicles and/or devices, as well as any other dangerous conditions of which they become aware, making direct efforts in an emergency, within the scope of their competences and possibilities, to eliminate or reduce these defects or dangers;
- e. not removing or modifying any safety, warning or monitoring devices without authorisation;
- f. not carrying out on their own initiative any operations or manoeuvres that are not within their competence or that may compromise their own or other people's safety;
- g. undergoing any required health checks for the tasks identified by the competent doctor in the health plan;
- h. contributing to the fulfilment of all the obligations imposed by the competent authority or, in any case, necessary to protect safety and health at the University;
- i. avoiding behaviour that is dangerous to oneself and others.

Some examples to help maintain safety conditions:

- in corridors, staircases and hallways
do not run; do not deposit items that may obstruct the passage; leave the passageways and emergency exits free;
- in institutes/departments, in laboratories and in the library
scrupulously follow the indications of the staff in charge; before using any appliance, equipment or other device, read the rules of use, instructions and safety directives; do not use one's own equipment without specific authorisation from the personnel in charge; do not carry out different activities to those that are educational or authorised;
- in the places indicated
do not smoke or light uncovered flames;
do not access those places with a no entry sign;
- in case of emergency
remain calm;
report the ongoing emergency immediately to the staff present and/or on the phone numbers indicated;
use the firefighting safety equipment to extinguish a fire only if reasonably confident to do so (small fires) and ensure to always have a feasible and safe escape route;

- in case of evacuation
(announced via a broadcast audio message
or by a continuous, uninterrupted
sound of the end-of-lecture bell)

follow the instructions provided by the emergency team personnel; do not use the lifts; get to open-air places as soon as possible following the displayed signage; go to the nearest meeting point (indicated in the charts displayed in the building); verify that all persons who were present have been able to reach a place of safety; report the case of a possible missing person to the emergency team personnel; re-enter the building only and exclusively after receiving explicit communication permitting it from the emergency team staff.

During an earthquake

- Take cover under a desk;
- shelter under the jamb of a door;
- stay away from bookshelves or furniture that may fall on you;
- stay away from windows or glass doors;
- stay inside the room until the shock wave has passed;
- if you are outdoors, get away from buildings, trees and power lines..

PEOPLE UNABLE TO LEAVE THE BUILDING OR IN DIFFICULTY DURING THE EMERGENCY

Make sure that everyone has correctly received the evacuation message and is aware of what is happening; accompany, or have accompanied, people with reduced motor or sensory abilities outside the building; if it is not possible to reach the outside of the building, transport them, while waiting for help, to a suitable place (*quiet space or safe place*), indicated on the emergency

charts, or to locations not directly affected by the current emergency; report to EMERGENCY NUMBER 499 (Campus di via Trieste) 500 (Campus di via Garzetta) and/or to the emergency manager of the meeting point the presence of people with particular difficulties, or if it has not been possible to reach the meeting point, report their location or presence inside the building.

RESTRICTIONS

The smoking ban applies in all offices of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, within the limits and in the manner established by the relevant legislation.

STUDENT COLLABORATION

If you have initiated a collaboration contract with the University, carry out the online safety training using the credentials you were provided with, take care of your safety and that of the other people present in the workplace, and always follow the instructions received from your activity points of reference.

If you think you have any health problems that may also be indirectly caused by the work activity you are carrying out, ask to arrange a meeting with the competent university doctor.

Emergency Numbers

For safety alerts use the following emergency numbers:

Internal Emergency	499 Campus di via Trieste 17
Relief	(030/2406499 from outside U.C. or mobile phone).
	500 Campus di via Garzetta 48
	(030/2406500 from outside U.C. or mobile phone).
Vigilanza	499 Campus di via Trieste 17
	(030/2406499 from outside U.C. or mobile phone).
	500 Campus di via Garzetta 48
	(030/2406500 from outside U.C. or mobile phone).

For clarification or further information, please contact::

Servizio Prevenzione e Protezione: prevenzione.protezione-bs@unicatt.it

UNIQUE EMERGENCY NUMBER TO ACTIVATE AN EXTERNAL RESCUE: 112

IMPORTANT!

After calling or during the call to the unique emergency number, inform the internal rescue team to the numbers 499 (for the Via Trieste Campus) and 500 (for the Via Garzetta Campus) in order to coordinate and access the external rescue.

UNIVERSITY STAFF

The staff of Università Cattolica are at the service of the students and users of the University. The staff is committed to ensuring the best conditions so that all users can take advantage of the services and facilities of the University in the most profitable way.

The Secretarial, Library and Logistics staff, in exercising their duties within the University premises, are authorised to enforce the provisions underlying the use of university spaces and facilities.

According to Art. 47 of Royal Decree 1269/1938, all personnel – and in particular the Supervisory, Janitorial and Concierge employees – may act to prevent and inhibit any disturbance of the University's internal order. In exercising such actions, they draw up a report that also has external relevance and can be equated to the reports drawn up by officers and agents of the Police Force.

RULES GUARANTEEING THE FUNCTIONING OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES

(Rules governing the exercising of rights to strike in an essential public service and the protection of constitutionally protected personal rights – Laws no. 146/1990, no. 83/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions)

Within the context of a university's educational essential services, the continuity of the following essential services must be guaranteed to ensure respect for the constitutionally protected values and rights:

- registration for and enrolment in university programmes;
- final exams, graduation and state exams;
- final exams of the annual and/or semi-annual educational cycles;
- certification for participation in competitions in cases of documented urgency due to the expiry of deadlines.

UNIVERSITY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

In addition to the quality and seriousness of its courses, the University – in line with its tradition of attention to the person – offers a wide range of services alongside cultural and recreational initiatives, under continuous development and improvement. This is in order to help students carry out their activities and ensure adequate assistance, particularly during the most demanding moments of their career.

STUDENT CENTRE

The Student Service Centre (via Trieste 17, Brescia) handles the administrative management of students' careers until graduation. It is the reference structure to turn to for:

- Tuition and University fees
- Exams and graduation
- Degree curriculum
- Transfers, transfers to another course, interruption and suspension of studies.
- Certificates.

iCatt

Among the services offered by the University we would like to highlight iCatt, the student's personal webpage; in this virtual space, students can find important information for their university careers and access the services offered by the University. Via the personal iCatt webpage, students can present their degree curriculum, contact the Student Centre, and access Blackboard, the virtual space from where they can retrieve the course materials uploaded directly by the lecturers.

iCatt is also mobile

iCatt Mobile is the free app that Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC) has developed for its students in Milan, Brescia and Piacenza. It enriches the University's offer of advanced and remote services and can be downloaded from the App Store.

iCatt Mobile consists of multiple functions. Information regarding its use and functions is available on the University's website(www.unicatt.it).

On the University's website (www.unicatt.it), each service has a substantial dedicated section for useful consultation.

These include, in brief:

- Orientation and Tutoring
- Library
- Internships and Placements
- UCSC International (international mobility programmes for students)
- ILAB - Centre for the Innovation and Development of the University's Educational and Technological Activities (Blackboard and ICT courses)
- SeLdA - University Language Service (foreign language courses)
- EDUCatt - Body for the right to university study of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (health care, catering services, housing solutions, book loans)
- Inclusion Services, aimed at students with disabilities, with specific learning disabilities (SLD), as well as with special educational needs (SEN)
- Pastoral Centre
- Part-time collaboration of students
- “Vita e Pensiero” library
- Cultural, musical, recreational and sports activities
- Public Relations Office (PRO)

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