



Dedicated guidelines for transfer from another university, transfer to another degree programme within Università Cattolica, second degree and resumption of career

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1. RULES AND DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE PROGRAMME

Candidates may transfer to Università Cattolica from another university, transfer to a programme within Università Cattolica, enrol in a second degree programme, resume an interrupted university career, by applying for a degree programme at or below the level of the programme of origin, **from 13 January 2025 to 31st October 2025.**

Admission to the **International Relations and Global Affairs** curriculum of the undergraduate degree programme in Political Sciences and International Relations takes place in two ways depending on the year of admission:

- for 1st year admissions: **merit ranking**, after passing an **admission test**;
- for admissions to 2nd or 3rd year: **chronological order** until all available places have been filled.

There are:

- **75 places available in the 1st year, 55 of which are reserved for candidates with foreign qualifications** (considering both first year enrolments and enrolments following transfer from another university, change of programme within Università Cattolica, second degree or resumption of career).

On 10 February 2025, a notice will be published on the [course page](#) showing the number of places available for the 2nd and 3rd year. The number of places for the 2nd and 3rd year is determined on the basis of students enrolled on 31 January 2025. A specific notice in the appropriate [section](#) of the programme page will be released in case of increased availability of places.

In order to enrol for the programme in Political Sciences and International Relations - curriculum in International Relations and Global Affairs, candidates must have an adequate level of English, at least B2.

For more information about the language requirement, please refer to the Programme Admission Procedures at the following [link](#):

<https://www.unicatt.it/corsi/triennale/international-relations-and-global-affairs--irga-milano/admissions-and-enrolment.html>.

Applicants with a foreign qualification and/or foreign academic background should refer to the relevant deadlines and procedures in section 8 APPLICANTS WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDY BACKGROUND.

2. RECOGNITION OF EXAMS AND CONCLUSION OF THE PROCEDURE

For admission to the years following the first, candidates are required to have:

- At least 30 ECTS validated for admission to the 2nd year of the programme;



- At least 60 ECTS validated and the enrolment for at least 2 years as students in a programme for admission to the 3rd year of the programme.

Only exams taken in English are validated.

Candidates admitted to a year subsequent to the first year are obliged to sit all the exams included in the study plan, including any untaken/validated exams relating to years prior to the year of enrolment.

Transfers from another university, programme transfers within Università Cattolica, second degrees or resumption of careers also from **Italian** degree programmes **taught in English** are accepted.

We also inform you that the University's Didactic Regulations require that the Faculty's Didactic Commission recognises the highest possible number of ECTS according to the criteria established by the regulations of the study programmes, possibly also through interviews aimed at verifying the knowledge possessed.

Anyway, in order to obtain the degree, at least 50% of the required ECTS (excluding the final examination) must be earned at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

3. ADMISSION TO THE 1ST YEAR: APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND PLACE RESERVATION

Candidates with validated exams totalling less than 30 ECTS must take an *admission test* and participate in a *ranking list*. They can apply for admission via the Enrolment Portal from **13 January 2025 at 3:00 pm**.

The timeframe for registration for the admission test and for the publication of the ranking list is shown in the table below:

Table 1

SESSION*	PERIOD FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE ADMISSION TEST	ADMISSION TEST SESSION	PUBLICATION DATES OF THE RANKING LIST	PLACE RESERVATION
1 st SESSION	From 15:00 on 13 January 2025 To 23:59 on 5 March 2025	13 March 2025	24 March 2025	30 March 2025
2 nd SESSION	From 15:00 on 23 April 2025 To 23:59 on 13 May 2025	20 May 2025	30 May 2025	4 June 2025
3 rd SESSION	From 15:00 on 21 July 2025 To 23:59 on 10 September 2025	16 September 2025	24 September 2025	29 September 2025

* Admission tests and rankings, in the sessions following the first, are only carried out if there are still places available.



Once the candidate has passed the exam, if he/she is admitted to the degree programme, the competent teaching structure evaluates his/her previous university career for the purpose of recognising exams for the new degree programme.

The place is reserved after making the necessary payments (first instalment and secretarial fees) and when the documentation submitted is validated by the Student Services.

After reserving the place, the Student Services communicate the year of admission and the exams validated with the Letter of Approval in the Enrolment Portal.

NOTE: no further applications can be accepted in the event that places in the 1st year have all been filled.

For more information about the admission test and the ranking list, candidates can refer to the Programme Admission Procedures at the following [link](#):

<https://www.unicatt.it/corsi/triennale/international-relations-and-global-affairs--irga-milano/admissions-and-enrolment.html>.

To find out how to use the Enrolment Portal, please see the Enrolment Portal User Guides at the following links:

- Transfer from another university <https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/studenti-corsi-e-carriera-trasferimenti>
- Transfer to another degree programme within Università Cattolica <https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/studenti-corsi-e-carriera-passaggio-interno-di-corso-di-laurea>
- Second degree and career resumption <https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/studenti-corsi-e-carriera-seconde-lauree-ripresa-carriera>

4. ADMISSION TO 2ND OR 3RD YEAR: APPLICATION AND PLACE RESERVATION

Candidates with validated exams totalling 30 ECTS or more may apply for admission, in *chronological order*, via the Enrolment Portal from **13 January 2025** and no later than **31 October 2025**, subject to availability of places.

The application is assessed by the competent teaching structure, which verifies the previous university career for the purpose of recognising the exams and allocating the year of admission. The application is assessed within a maximum of ten days (excluding August).

The place is reserved after making the necessary payments (first instalment and secretarial fees) and when the documentation submitted is validated by the Student Services.

Applications from candidates eligible for the programme will be accepted until all places have been filled.

After reserving the place, the Student Services communicate the year of admission and the exams validated with the Letter of Approval in the Enrolment Portal.

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5. SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY, PROGRAMME TRANSFER WITHIN UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA AND SECOND DEGREE

Further specific indications for Transfer from another University, Transfer within Università Cattolica and Second-Degree programmes are given below.

5.1. SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

After reserving a place, candidates can sit further exams until the start of the transfer procedure at the university of origin. It is recommended to respect the deadlines set by both universities.

The competent teaching structure will assess the exams taken and recorded only after receiving the Leave of Absence form from the university of origin.

5.2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRANSFER FROM A PROGRAMME WITHIN UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA

After reserving a place, candidates can take other exams in the programme of origin until the start of the transfer procedure, which is done by clicking the '**Proceed with transfer**' button in the Enrolment Portal.

The competent teaching structure will only assess exams that have been taken and recorded up to the start of the Transfer procedure.

5.3. SPECIFICATIONS FOR SECOND DEGREE

To enrol for a second degree, the undergraduate degree and/or graduate degree and 1st and 2nd level specialising Master's must be obtained by **31 December 2025**.

6. CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES OR WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDERS OF LEARNING (SLD)

Candidates who need compensatory measures to take the admission test must file a request via the [Enrolment Portal](#), uploading the certification issued by the competent medical commission in their area, proving the type of disability and/or the degree of recognised handicap and/or specific learning disorder, in the DOCUMENTATION CERTIFYING SEN/SLD/DISABILITY section. This documentation must be uploaded by the deadline for enrolment in the test (see paragraph 3 ADMISSION TO THE 1ST YEAR: APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND PLACE RESERVATION).

The request is examined by an Assessment Committee, which assigns compensatory measures on the basis of the uploaded documentation.



The allocation of compensatory measures is not guaranteed in the case of documentation that is outdated or does not comply with current regulations or is not submitted in accordance with the instructions provided or after the deadline for registration for the test.

For further information, please consult the link: <https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/inclusione-prove-di-ammissione-vpi-e-ofa>

7. VERIFICATION OF INITIAL PREPARATION

Candidates who achieve a score of at least 16/30 in the admission test will pass the Verification of Initial Preparation (VPI).

Candidates who score less than 16/30 in the admission test are given an OFA (Additional Training Obligation) in *English Reading Comprehension and Logic*. The OFA consists of a course with compulsory attendance and a final skills test. The course and the test must be passed within the first year of the programme. In the event of non-attendance of the OFA course or failure of the exam, students will be enrolled in the 1st year as repeating students.

In the case of OFAs, candidates will be notified after enrolment via their personal iCatt page.

Candidates transferring from another university, changing course within Università Cattolica, taking a second degree or resuming their university career are admitted to a year following the first and are considered OFA exempt. They will therefore not be assigned OFAs.

8. CANDIDATES WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY BACKGROUND

Candidates with a **degree** from a **secondary school in Italy** with a **university career** in progress, concluded or interrupted at a **foreign university**, must take the admission test by submitting a request through the Enrolment Portal, according to the deadlines indicated in Table 1.

The evaluation of the foreign career is carried out only in case the admission test is successful. Please write to the International Admissions Office at international.admissions@unicatt.it, within June 30th 2025, enclosing the following documents:

- Official certification of passed exams with indication of marks and related credits, with a legend to interpret the information;
NOTE: the certificate must be updated to the latest version of exams
- The syllabi of courses attended;
- The certificate with indication of the teaching language of the degree programme;

Candidates with a degree from a **foreign secondary school** and with a **university career** in progress, concluded or interrupted at **Università Cattolica** or any other **Italian university**, must follow the above-mentioned procedures using the Enrolment Portal. Within a week from the deadline for registration to the admission test (see Table 1), candidates must send to international.admissions@unicatt.it:

- A copy of the degree obtained;
- The school report card from the last two years of secondary school;



- A copy of the residence permit (for non-EU candidates only).

Candidates with a degree from a **foreign secondary school** and with a **university career** in progress, concluded or interrupted at a **foreign university** are required to follow the procedures described here: <https://international.unicatt.it/>.

9. CONTACTS

For more general information, candidates can refer to the following contacts:

- **iCatt** at <http://icatt.unicatt.it> "Information Request" section, for **candidates from Università Cattolica**.
- <https://www.unicatt.it/richiesta-informazioni-lauree-triennali>, for **candidates from other universities**.
- Candidates who may need support in using the Enrolment Portal can use the "Support service to enrol" button within the same Portal.