CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Selection of 10 students for the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme 2017

Art. 1 – Presentation
1. The Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme is a collaboration between Columbia University of New York and Ca’ Foscari University of Venice. The programme offers Ca’ Foscari students English-taught courses of excellence which allow for credit recognition at Ca’ Foscari University. Selected students can use the credits they obtain through the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme:
   a) to access further studies at Columbia University of New York (New York, US), or at any other tertiary education institution;
   b) to complete their studies at Ca’ Foscari University;
   c) to develop and enrich their curriculum vitae in preparation for entering the workforce.

Art. 2 – Courses, structure and credit recognition
1. A total of 45 students will be accepted for the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme (CSP) in 2017, of which 10 from Ca’ Foscari and 35 from Columbia.
2. The courses are taught by instructors from Columbia University of New York in the area of humanities and are held in English or in Italian.
3. Students attending the CSP can participate in a range of supplementary extra-curricular activities which will be organised weekly.
4. In 2017 the CSP will hold the following courses:
   o **Art in Venice**
     *Caroline Wamsler* – University lecturer in Italian Renaissance Art, Columbia University
   o **Venice and Modernity: screening La Serenissima**
     *Elizabeth Leake* – Professor of Italian Studies, Columbia University
   o **Nobility and Civility**
     *Jo Ann Cavallo* – Professor of Italian, Columbia University
   o **Portraiture in Renaissance Venice**
     *Diane Bodart* – Assistant Professor of Southern Renaissance and Baroque Art, Columbia University
   o **Introduction to the Conservation of Venice’s Built Heritage**
     *Mieke van Molle* – Save Venice
   o **Venice and its Musical Identity**
     *Giuseppe Gerbino* – Professor of Music, Historical Musicology, Columbia University
   o **Contemporary Art in the Biennale**
     *Alexander Alberro* – Virginia Bloedel Wright Professor of Art History and Department Chair, Barnard College
5. The programme runs for 6 weeks, from June 9th until July 21st. Classes are held at Polo Didattico di San Basilio.

6. Orientation will be held on June 9th, during which all students will receive a general introduction to the programme, and information on its contents. Classes start on June 12th.

7. Each course runs for a total of 36-42 contact hours. Attendance is mandatory. If a student is unable to attend any of the sessions (classes, tutorials, field trips), the course instructor and the International Summer Schools office must be notified, and valid motivation must be provided.

8. Students can enrol in one or two courses, indicating their preferences and one other option: students taking one course will provide two course preferences; students taking two courses will provide three course preferences. It is not always possible to assign the first preferences to every student.

9. Upon successful completion of each course, students can obtain credits (CFU) in accordance with the regulations outlined by the Head of Studies for their respective degree programme (“Collegio didattico”).

10. If a course does not reach the minimum number of course enrolments Columbia University reserves the right to cancel it.

11. Students who have attended previous editions of the CSP cannot repeat the same courses.

12. For all information on courses, schedule and credit recognition students can visit the CSP webpage: www.unive.it/cafoscaricolumbia.

**Art. 3 – Selection Requirements**

1. To apply for the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme, students must have regularly enrolled at Ca’ Foscari for the 2016/2017 academic year in the first, second or third year of an undergraduate degree (Bachelor’s / “Corso di Laurea”) or in the first or second year of a graduate degree (Master’s / “Magistrale”) by January 31st, 2017 (but see below, 3.5).

2. Applicants must have a good working knowledge of English (a solid B2 is expected). Students are not required to produce certification but must be able to interact with their peers and instructors. All applicants are required to sit and pass an assessment of their English language skills in the form of an interview at the School for International Education.

3. The following minimum requirements for selection apply:
   a. students in their first year of an undergraduate degree (“corso di laurea”) must have obtained 85/100 in the Italian high school finishing exam, “esame di stato”, or the equivalent in a University entrance qualification obtained outside of Italy, as stated on the student’s “dichiarazione di valore” and converted into the Italian evaluation system;
   b. students in their second or third year of an undergraduate degree (“corso di laurea”) must have an arithmetic average (GPA) of no less than 26/30 and must have accumulated a minimum of 40 CFU during their first year (second year
students) or 90 CFU by their second year (third year students); the relevant exams must have been registered by September 30\(^{th}\), 2016;

c. students enrolled in their first year of a graduate degree (“magistrale”) with the Departments of Economics, Management, Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems, and Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics must have obtained a minimum of 100/110 in their Italian undergraduate degree, or the equivalent in an undergraduate educational qualification obtained outside of Italy, as stated on the student’s “dichiarazione di valore” and converted into the Italian evaluation system;

d. students enrolled in their first year of a graduate degree (“magistrale”) with the Departments of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage, Humanities, Linguistics and Cultural Comparative Studies, and Asian and North African Studies must have obtained a minimum of 105/110 in their Italian undergraduate degree, or the equivalent in an undergraduate educational qualification obtained outside of Italy, as stated on the student’s “dichiarazione di valore” and converted into the Italian evaluation system;

e. Students enrolled in their second year of a graduate degree (“magistrale”) must have an arithmetic average (GPA) of no less than 28/30.

4. Students who do not have the minimum requirements may apply nonetheless, but their applications will be considered for admission if there are places available after all students on the waitlist have been contacted. Approval for admission is at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

5. Students who have not completed their studies within the regular period of time specified for their degree programme (i.e., are considered “fuori corso”) are not eligible for selection.

6. Undergraduate students who are graduating in the 2015/2016 Spring graduation session, or in the 2016/2017 summer session are eligible for selection, but the credits obtained will be recognised in the study plan for the following year’s graduate degree at Ca’ Foscari University (also see art. 6.3 below).

7. Students who have attended previous editions of the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme are eligible to apply a second time. Students cannot participate in more than two editions of the same programme.

8. Exchange students are not eligible for selection.

Art. 4 – Applications

1. All applicants must fill out the application form available online (www.unive.it/cafoscari-columbia -- Applications).

2. Applicants must include the following documents in their application:

   a. curriculum vitae in English
   b. passport photo (it can be included directly in the curriculum vitae, but in this case must be printed in colour with a visible resolution).

3. Applications must be handed in directly to the International Summer Schools office at the Ca’ Foscari School for International Education (at San Sebastiano, Dorsoduro 1686, Venice, Italy).
room number 118) from Monday to Thursday between 10am and 1pm, and no later than 1pm on **Thursday May 4th**.

4. Applications may be rejected for any of the following reasons:
   a. received after the deadline;
   b. incomplete or incorrect;
   c. incorrect application form;
   d. missing attachments;
   e. false information.

**Art. 5 – Selection and overall ranking**

1. The selection process will be carried out by a Selection Committee, to be nominated by the Director of the School for International Education. Students will be ranked according to the following criteria:
   a. the overall score will be based on:
      - 40% academic performance as per the students’ i) high school finishing exam, ii) arithmetic average (GPA), or iii) undergraduate degree (depending on which year the student is currently enrolled in, see art. 3.3);
      - 60% oral assessment of English language skills. The interviews are expected to take place on May 8th. Students will pass the assessment with a minimum grade of 40/60.
   b. should two or more students attain an equal placing in the ranking, precedence will be given (in this order) to:
      i) students enrolled at the International College;
      ii) students who attended the Summer Orientation Programme “Choose your future” (“Scegli il tuo futuro”);
      iii) students enrolled in an undergraduate degree “corso di laurea”;
      iv) students applying for the first time.
   c. should the above criteria (see above, 5.1.b) not result in differentiating tied candidates, the younger student will be given precedence.

2. The rankings will be available on the website within 7 days of the end of the selection process (www.unive.it/cafoscari-columbia).

3. Students who are ranked within the top 10 positions are admitted on condition they accept their place within the specified time frame (see art. 7). The number of places may be increased by up to 2 extra places, if the total number of applications received exceeds 25.

4. Students who are ranked in the 11th position and lower, but who have met the admission requirements, will be placed on a waitlist. Students on the waitlist will be contacted should a place come available, following the final admission deadline (see art. 7).
Art. 6 – Fee waiver
1. There are fee waivers for one course (€169) available for the 2 highest ranking students selected for the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme who have also filed an ISEE declaration to Ca’ Foscari University for the 2016/2017 academic year.

2. Students who have filed an ISEE declaration but who exceed €39,999.99, or who are enrolling in one course only, are not eligible for a fee waiver.

3. Students who are graduating in the 2015/2016 spring session or the 2016/2017 summer session are not eligible for a fee waiver.

Art. 7 – Final admission and payment
1. Students who have been selected for the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme must confirm their place within 10 days following the publication of the overall ranking (see art. 5.2). Students must:
   a. fill out the online acceptance form (which will be made available together with the ranking);
   b. send receipt of payment – €169.00 per course and €50.00 application fee – to the International Summer Schools office by email, or take it to the office in person (see art. 8.1).

2. Should a student not confirm their place by the specified deadline, students on the waitlist will be contacted.

Art. 8 – General indications
1. All payments are to be made to:
   
   *Account name:* Ca’ Foscari School for International Education
   
   *Bank name:* Banca Popolare Friuladria
   
   *Bank address:* San Marco 4121 Salizada San Luca, 30124 Venezia
   
   *IBAN:* IT 96 U 05336 02020 000046603825
   
   *Reference:* LAST NAME and NAME of the student – CSP enrolment 2017

2. Course credit for the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme will be added to the students’ online record book following successful completion of evaluation. Students may also receive bonus points towards their total grade upon graduation in compliance with current University regulation.

3. Students admitted to the Ca’ Foscari – Columbia Summer Programme will be required to submit a request for credit recognition to the International Summer Schools office. The credit recognition form will be made available on the website upon publication of the overall rankings (see art. 5.2). Students must read the relevant section of the webpage thoroughly (“Applications -- Credit Recognition) to ascertain the guidelines for credit recognition issued by each Department.

4. Final grades will be provided by the International Summer Schools office prior to August 10, 2017.

5. For further information: www.unive.it/cafoscari-columbia / International Summer Schools office: 041 234 7086 / San Sebastiano, Dorsoduro 1686, room number 118. summerschool.international@unive.it.
Art. 9 – Data protection and access

1. Personal information must be provided by candidates when requested (Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003).

2. In compliance with current legislation (Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003), personal information will be processed on paper or in electronic form, and will be shared with external parties where strictly necessary for carrying out institutional activities.

3. Candidates shall be guaranteed access to the records concerned, in accordance with Italian Law (241/1990) and subsequent amendments.