Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

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Course Guide 2020/2021
OPEN TO THE WORLD SINCE 1868

Last year was an important milestone for Ca’ Foscari University of Venice because it marked the institution’s 150th anniversary. The university was founded in 1868 as the Scuola Regia Superiore di Commercio (Advanced School for Commerce) by a group of innovative and learned scholars who introduced trade and foreign language studies to Italy, and it continues to be characterised by the same innovative spirit and openness to the world today.

Located in the very heart of the inspiring city of Venice, with its beautiful canals and rich cultural heritage, our university offers a uniquely stimulating and enriching academic environment. You can choose from a wide range of undergraduate and post-graduate degree programmes in either the humanities or the sciences, and we are world-ranked for our teaching and research in economics, management, modern languages, history, environmental science, chemistry, linguistics, accounting and finance, computer science, and geography. The education we offer encourages interdisciplinarity and exploits innovative teaching methodologies. To further enrich your university experience, you can also broaden your horizons by adding a minor to your undergraduate degree or by taking advantage of special extracurricular learning and training opportunities. Our Active Learning Lab workshops, for instance, refine your soft skills to make you more attractive to employers.

Ca’ Foscari also provides you with a host of ways to grow thanks to our emphasis on international education. Not only do we offer many degree programmes entirely taught in English, but we also have a vast network of global partnerships that allow you to earn a joint degree with or carry out an exchange experience at other top-ranked universities in both Europe and around the world. Since your life outside the classroom should be rewarding, too, we have a rich calendar of cultural and social events to keep you stimulated and help you become an active part of our community.

Ca’ Foscari and I hope to welcome you to Venice soon!

Michele Bugliesi
Rector
Discover Ca’ Foscari

Established in 1868 as the first business school in Italy, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice is a modern research university with over 23,000 students. It offers a varied array of undergraduate and graduate degrees in both the sciences and the humanities, a significant number of which are taught entirely in English, and it is recognized as one of the world’s top 150 universities for Modern Languages, top 200 for History and top 250 for Linguistics and Economics.

The university’s study offer ranges across seven study areas: economics and management, languages and cultures, science and technology, the arts and humanities, public governance and social change, international studies and globalization, and the preservation and management of cultural heritage. Ca’ Foscari also offers a significant number of joint and double degrees, hundreds of exchange programmes with partner institutions from around the world and an ever-growing community of foreign students, all of which gives the university a markedly international character.

Discover Venice

Choosing to study at Ca’ Foscari means deciding to live in Venice. The city is a place like no other, one where the past meets innovation, and where inspiration can be found around every corner. Venice stretches across 120 small islands in the Venetian lagoon along the Adriatic Sea in northeast Italy. Once known as La Serenissima Repubblica, or the Most Serene Republic, the city boasts an extraordinary historical heritage as a cultural and commercial crossroads, so living in Venice means being exposed to stimulating teaching and research while being immersed in a world of stunning art and architecture. It also entails an environmentally conscious lifestyle and endless opportunities for discovering different traditions and cultures thanks to its vibrant local and international communities.
Ca’ Foscari at a glance

PEOPLE
23,000 students, including 1,300 international students
1,300 professors, lecturers and administrative staff, as well as 100 visiting professors each year

DEGREE PROGRAMMES
17 bachelor’s degrees (3 years)
30 master’s degrees (2 years)
16 doctoral degrees (3+ years)
25+ professional master’s degree programmes (1 year)

OPPORTUNITIES
10,000+ internship agreements in Italy and abroad
700+ student exchange agreements
25+ double and joint degrees
2 Summer Schools in partnership with Harvard University (USA) and Columbia University (USA)
2 International Seminar Programmes in partnership with the British Columbia Institute of Technology (Canada) and the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Switzerland)

ORGANISATION
8 Departments
• Department of Asian and North African Studies www.unive.it/dep.dsaam
• Department of Economics www.unive.it/dep.economics
• Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics www.unive.it/dep.dais
• Department of Humanities www.unive.it/dep.humanities
• Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies www.unive.it/dep.dlscc
• Department of Management www.unive.it/dep.management
• Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems www.unive.it/dep.dsmn
• Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage www.unive.it/dep.fbc

3 Schools
• Ca’ Foscari School for International Education
• Ca’ Foscari School of Economics, Languages and Entrepreneurship
• Ca’ Foscari Challenge School

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Ca’ Foscari offers two university preparatory year programmes through the School for International Education that are aimed at international students: the Foundation Year taught in English and the Bridge Year taught in Italian.

The Foundation Year is right for you if:
• upon completing high school you will have fewer than the 12 years of schooling required to enrol in a bachelor’s degree in Italy
• you want to improve your English language skills before beginning an English-taught undergraduate degree at an Italian university
• you studied in the American school system and will not have the three Advanced Placement exams required to enrol in university in Italy
• you studied in the British school system and will not have the three A-levels required to enrol in university in Italy

The Bridge Year is right for you if:
• you want to improve your Italian language skills before beginning an Italian-taught bachelor’s degree at a university in Italy
• you want to strengthen your background knowledge in the discipline you are planning to study at university
• you plan on enrolling at Ca’ Foscari University but will not have the required 12 years of schooling when you graduate from high school

The descriptions that follow give you more information about how each of these programmes are organised and what they offer. To obtain more information, you can contact the School for International Education by writing to cfsie@unive.it.

**BRIDGE YEAR**
Language of instruction: IT

The Ca’ Foscari Bridge Year aims to improve the study experience of international students at Italian universities by helping them achieve an adequate mastery of the Italian language and acquire a solid background knowledge of the main disciplines of future study.

The programme will run for 10 months from November 2019 until August 2020. The Bridge Year offers you two blocks of courses:

**Block 1: Italian language course**
10 months (October–August)
This block consists of 800 hours of intensive Italian language study. At the end of the programme you should achieve an upper intermediate knowledge of Italian (B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

**Entry language level:** Any
**Extra feature:** CILS exam (Italian language certification) included

**Block 2: Study track of 4 introductory Italian-taught courses**
7 months (February–August)
The study tracks will run for 7 months from February 2020 until August 2020. Each study track has 4 courses for a total of 120 hours. Study tracks will only be activated if the minimum number of enrolments is reached.

**Study tracks available:** Economics and Science; Humanities; Architecture and Design

Cost: € 5,000
The Ca’ Foscari Foundation Year is a propedeutic year-long programme designed to prepare international students for enrolling in an English-taught degree programme at an Italian university. The Foundation Year runs for 8 months from October 2019 until June 2020. The programme lets you choose between two main study tracks of 150 hours and also includes an additional 230 hours of general preparation for university study that focus on modern European history, the English language and basic Italian.

The two study tracks available are:

- **Economics and Science Track:** For students wishing to apply for a degree course taught in English in the fields of economics, management or science. The four courses offered are: Mathematics, Introduction to Law, Critical Thinking, and Computer Science

- **Arts and Humanities Track:** For students wishing to apply for a degree course taught in English in the humanities, especially literature, languages, linguistics or art history. The four courses offered are: Italian Literature, History of Italian Art, Philosophy, and Introduction to Classics

**Entry language level:** B2 in English (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

Cost: € 5,000
To be sure about which test you would need to take, please write to welcome@unive.it.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING REQUIREMENTS
Ca’ Foscari’s pre-evaluation process makes sure that you will be properly prepared to carry out your university studies. If you are missing some of your programme’s entry requirements, you will be asked to fulfil Additional Learning Requirements (obblighi formativi aggiuntivi, or OFA) by taking the appropriate remedial courses. OFAs have no impact on the number of credits that you are required to obtain during your studies or on your grade point average – they are pass/fail only.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
All of Ca’ Foscari’s undergraduate programmes require you to have a certified minimum B2-level of knowledge (as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or CEFR) of your programme’s language of instruction. If you are a native speaker or have already studied in the relevant language, you do not need a certificate. If you are interested in an Italian-taught programme, you must demonstrate a certified minimum B1-level knowledge of English. To prove your level of Italian, if you are not an EU citizen and you reside outside Italy, you must demonstrate your level in Italian either by obtaining one of the certificates recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) or by taking the Italian language test that Ca’ Foscari arranges in Venice shortly before the beginning of the academic year. You can find more information about language requirements at www.unive.it.

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Business Administration – Business Administration and Management Curriculum
This programme combines courses about management and economics (theory, methods and models) with others about law, mathematics and statistics.
www.unive.it/degree/et11

Digital Management
This programme trains highly motivated students to develop the skills required to drive digital transformation in a variety of fields and contexts, especially the business world.
www.unive.it/degree/et7

Economics and Business – Economics, Markets and Finance Curriculum
This programme equips students with a varied and well-rounded education that provides them with a complex understanding of economic phenomena.
www.unive.it/degree/et4

Philosophy, International and Economic Studies
This programme offers a stimulating multi-disciplinary education by interweaving the study and analysis of international, social, political and economic concepts and issues.
www.unive.it/pise-en

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ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS
In order to enrol in a master’s degree programme, you must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree involving at least three years of university study. If you obtained your degree outside Italy – whether you are Italian, an EU citizen or a non-EU citizen – you must undergo an online pre-evaluation of your credentials in order to confirm that you are eligible for admission to your chosen programme of study.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
Most master’s programmes require you to have a certified minimum B2-level of knowledge (as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or CEFR) of your programme’s language of instruction if you are not a native speaker, and Italian-taught programmes generally also require a certified minimum B2-level knowledge of English. To prove your level of Italian, If you are not an EU citizen and you reside outside Italy, you must obtain one of the certificates recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) or take the Italian language test that Ca’ Foscari arranges in Venice shortly before the beginning of the academic year. You can find more information about language requirements on the specific web page of the programme that interests you.

ADMISSION
In order to ensure that you are prepared for graduate studies, a Teaching Committee must assess your educational background and personal experience by evaluating your undergraduate transcript of records and your curriculum vitae. To provide these documents, you simply upload them to Ca’ Foscari’s online application platform at apply.unive.it. If the Teaching Committee’s assessment is positive, applicants to programmes without an admission cap can proceed directly with the enrolment process while those applying to a programme with limited enrolment must take part in a pre-enrolment selection process by taking an entry test:

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The entry tests yield a ranked list of eligible applicants for each programme. For further details on the specific entrance requirements of the degree programme that interests you, please visit the programme’s web page.
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**Language Sciences – Language Sciences Curriculum**
This programme combines the study of language and its evolution while incorporating the analysis of language-teaching techniques and language disorder and deafness.
[www.unive.it/degree/lm5](http://www.unive.it/degree/lm5)

**Management – Accounting and Finance Curriculum, International Management Curriculum or Innovation and Marketing Curriculum**
This programme offers three distinct curricula in the field of management studies, each focusing on a different area of knowledge and expertise. The Accounting and Finance Curriculum trains experts in accounting data, planning management control systems, finance strategies and auditing business risk. The International Management Curriculum equips students with the knowledge and skills needed for managing businesses, particularly those connected to the Italian economy with a special focus on the “Made in Italy” phenomenon and sustainability issues. The third curriculum, entitled Innovation and Marketing, provides students with the tools they need to plan and manage marketing and communications activities, including branding, print and online advertising, and public relations.
[www.unive.it/degree/em13](http://www.unive.it/degree/em13)

**Computer Science – Data Management and Analytics Curriculum or Software Dependability and Cyber Security Curriculum**
This programme produces experts capable of working in the fields of software construction or data analysis, preparing its graduates for the growing field of informatics.
[www.unive.it/degree/cm9](http://www.unive.it/degree/cm9)

**Conservation Science and Technology for Cultural Heritage**
This programme provides the scientific, methodological and operational knowledge and skills required to work in the emerging field of conservation science.
[www.unive.it/degree/cm60](http://www.unive.it/degree/cm60)

**Economics and Finance – Economics (QEM) Curriculum and Finance Curriculum**
This programme provides a specific knowledge of the main areas of economics and finance while also building a strong foundation in theoretical and quantitative studies.
[www.unive.it/degree/em20](http://www.unive.it/degree/em20)

**Global Development and Entrepreneurship – Global Markets Curriculum or Entrepreneurship Curriculum**
This programme trains experts in the analysis of the globalization of markets and the international economy who are equipped to envision and facilitate entrepreneurial growth.
[www.unive.it/degree/em13](http://www.unive.it/degree/em13)

**Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials**
This programme provides a multi-disciplinary education in physics, chemistry and biology, as well as the ability to hold positions of high responsibility in complex process management.
[www.unive.it/degree/cm32](http://www.unive.it/degree/cm32)
GETTING STARTED

WELCOME UNIT
The Welcome Unit manages the online application procedure you must complete in order to be accepted for enrolment into your chosen degree programme. Then after you arrive it helps you settle in by providing information about and assistance with various administrative processes and university services. It also coordinates the Buddy Programme, which pairs international students like yourself with experienced students dedicated to welcoming you to the city and to the university.

www.unive.it/welcome
welcome@unive.it

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
The Financial Aid Office provides you with information about tuition fees and offers opportunities for grants, loans and fee reductions.

www.unive.it/fees

HOUSING OFFICE
The Housing Office assists you in finding housing in Venice or on the mainland, whether you are looking for a room in a student residence or a space in a shared apartment.

www.unive.it/housing-en

LEARNING CENTRES

UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE CENTRE
The University Language Centre (Centro Linguistico di Ateneo) offers you foreign language courses in English, French, Russian, Spanish and German at various levels. If you are enrolled in a degree programme at Ca’ Foscari, you are entitled to a 75% discount on the cost.

www.unive.it/cla

SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
The School for International Education offers you the opportunity to improve your Italian and to learn about Italy’s history and culture. It also organizes summer programmes in collaboration with prestigious international partners. The school’s Italian language courses are offered at all skill levels and are open to everyone. The teachers are native-tongue instructors and classes are held in rooms with full multimedia access. If you enrol in an English-taught degree but are interested in beginning to learn Italian or improving your current knowledge of the language, the school offers you a 75% discount on the cost.

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Fees and living expenses

Ca’ Foscari’s tuition fees are remarkably low. This is a result of both heavy subsidising by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, which covers approximately 70% of the actual cost, and Ca’ Foscari’s belief in the need to make university affordable to all. The most you as an international student will pay for your studies is virtually the same as – or in some cases, less than – an Italian student pays. In addition, Ca’ Foscari offers a variety of forms of financial aid, including scholarships, exemption from and reduction of fees, student loans and awards for outstanding theses. For more information, visit www.unive.it/financialaid.

### Students from Italy and EU countries

| Yearly tuition fees for bachelor’s degrees | € 1,844 |
| Yearly tuition fees for master’s degrees | € 2,061 |

1. The Digital Management programme is an exception.
2. The Crossing the Mediterranean programme is an exception.
3. The list of developing countries is determined by the Italian Ministry of Education, Research and Universities each year and can be downloaded at www.unive.it/fees-developing-countries.

### Students from non-EU OECD countries

| Yearly tuition fees for bachelor’s degrees | € 1,900 |
| Yearly tuition fees for master’s degrees | € 2,100 |

### Students from developing countries

| Yearly tuition fees for bachelor’s degrees | € 700 |
| Yearly tuition fees for master’s degrees | € 700 |

### Students from all other countries

| Yearly tuition fees for bachelor’s degrees | € 1,200 |
| Yearly tuition fees for master’s degrees | € 1,200 |

### Estimated living costs

**Accommodation**

- **Historic centre of Venice:**
  - Around € 450 per month for a single room, excluding utilities
  - Around € 300 per month for a shared room, excluding utilities
- **Mainland Venice:**
  - Around € 250 per month for a single room, excluding utilities
  - Around € 150 per month for a shared room, excluding utilities

**Other living costs**

- **Food:** € 50–80 per week
- **Public transport:** vaporetto/bus tickets cost € 1.50 each or € 25 for a month-long pass
Financial aid and how to apply

In order to make the choice of studying at Ca’ Foscari more affordable, the university offers high-achieving students the following forms of financial assistance:

- renewable fee waivers
- one-time scholarships of €5,000

For the 2019/20 academic year, 100 fee waivers and 90 scholarships were available. If you choose to apply for one or both options, you will be compared to other applicants and ranked according to various factors, including your overall academic average. For more information, and to see the calls for applications once they are posted, visit Ca’ Foscari’s online application system at apply.unive.it.

Once enrolled, students from low-income families can also request financial aid from the regional government.

There are multiple calls each year for admission to begin a bachelor’s or master’s degree in the following academic year. The university begins accepting applications in November and stops in late spring. For the precise dates of each call, which are determined at the beginning of the academic year, visit apply.unive.it.

STEP 1 – Preliminary online evaluation
If you have carried out your preparatory studies outside of Italy, you must begin the application process by requesting a preliminary online evaluation of your qualifications at apply.unive.it. You need to register an account and then upload high-quality colour scans of the required documents. If your chosen programme of study is taught in English, you must demonstrate your possession of a B2-level knowledge of this language (e.g., IELTS, minimum 5.5; TOEFL IBT, minimum 72). For more information about the application procedure and deadlines, visit www.unive.it/evaluation, and to learn more about language requirements, visit www.unive.it/language-requirements.

STEP 2 – Entry test for limited admission programmes
After you have passed the preliminary evaluation stage, if you are applying to a programme with limited admission, you will be required to pass an entry test. EU students must take a written test in Venice or at one of Ca’ Foscari’s registered international test centres while non-EU students must take an oral exam via Skype.
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Department of Economics
Department of Humanities
Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies
Department of Management
Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage
School for International Education
University Language Centre

MESTRE
Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics
Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems

MARGHERA
Challenge School

TREVISOSchool of Economics, Languages and Entrepreneurship

RONCADE
H-Farm Campus for Digital Management
CA' FOSCARI BUILDINGS IN VENICE

1. Aula Barbarigo
2. Aule San Trovaso
3. Ca’ Bernardo
4. Ca’ Bottacin
5. Ca’ Cappello
6. Ca’ Dolfin – Saoneria
7. Ca’ Foscari
8. Ca’ Foscari
9. Malcantone Marcorà
10. Palazzina Briati
11. Palazzo Cosulich
12. Palazzo Minich
13. Palazzo Moro
14. Palazzo Vendramin
15. Rio Nuovo
16. San Basilio
17. San Giobbe
18. San Sebastiano
19. San Servolo
20. Santa Marta
21. Teatro Ca’ Foscari
22. Zattere CFZ

STUDENT RESIDENCES

23. Casa Studentesca Domus Giustinian
24. Casa Studentesca Santa Fosca
25. Casa Studentesca We_Crociferi
26. CCH Redentore
27. Collegio Universitario dei Gesuiti a Venezia
28. Collegio Universitario San Pietro
29. Domus Civica
30. ESU Venezia
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