

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Selection of 20 students for the Ca' Foscari – Harvard Summer School, 17th Edition, 2025

Art. 1 – Presentation

Ca' Foscari University of Venice has established a Joint International Summer School in collaboration with Harvard University so as to offer its students English-taught courses of excellence in an international context which allow for credit recognition at both Universities. Selected students can benefit from the Ca' Foscari – Harvard Summer School:

- a. to complete their studies at Ca' Foscari University through recognition of the credits acquired;
- b. to access postgraduate studies at Harvard University, or at any other tertiary education institution;
- c. to develop their curriculum vitae in preparation for entering the workforce;
- d. to come into contact with different teaching methods and styles;
- e. to enrich their personal development through an academic experience set within an intercultural context.

Art. 2 – Ca' Foscari – Harvard Summer School: courses, structure and credit recognition

1. A total of 40 students will be accepted for the Ca' Foscari – Harvard Summer School (CFHSS) in 2025, of which 20 from Ca' Foscari and 20 from Harvard.
2. Courses are taught by instructors from both Harvard and Ca' Foscari Universities, and are held in English (the official language of the programme).
3. Students attending the CFHSS can participate in supplementary extra-curricular activities such as creative workshops, guided visits, sporting and recreational activities.
4. In 2025 the CFHSS will hold the following courses:
 - a. **Shakespeare's Venice: Jews, Blacks, Muslims and Christians at the Origin of the Modern World**
Shaul Bassi – Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, Ca' Foscari University
Stephen Greenblatt - John Cogan University Professor of the Humanities, Harvard University
 - b. **Race and Global Migration**
Glenda Carpio – Professor of African and African American Studies and English, Harvard University
 - c. **Introduction to Financial Markets**
Paolo Pellizzari – Professor of Mathematics for Economics and Social Sciences, Ca' Foscari University
 - d. **Digital Geographies and Global Sustainability**
Giorgio Pirina - Research Fellow in Sociology, Ca' Foscari University
Giulia Dal Maso - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Ca' Foscari University
 - e. **Venetian Art and the Bible**
Gordon Teskey – Professor of English, Harvard University
5. The programme runs for 6 weeks, from June 23rd until August 1st. Classes are held in classrooms at Ca' Foscari University in the Venice city centre.

6. All courses run for a total of 30 hours. **Attendance is mandatory**. If a student is unable to attend any of the teaching activities (classes, field trips), the course instructor, and the CFHSS office must all be notified, and valid motivation must be provided. All courses will assign a percentage of the total grade to participation and any unjustified absence will affect the student's final grade. If valid motivation is not provided, or if a student accumulates too many absences, the student may be required to withdraw from the course (see also art. 2.17).
7. Classes are not expected to be held online in any circumstance. Should force majeure affect the program in any way, class instructors will evaluate how best to provide students with class materials (class recordings, online tutorials, homework through online learning platforms, additional readings, and so on).
8. Students are expected to meet the prerequisites for each course as listed on the programme website, and to take them into consideration when selecting their courses.
9. The programme dates are as follows:

June 23 rd :	Orientation Meeting for all students
June 23 rd :	Opening Ceremony
June 24 th -25 th :	Classes start
July 28 th - July 31 st :	Final week of classes including exams
July 31 st :	Closing event
10. Students enrol in two courses and must indicate a total of four courses they are interested in, ranked in order of preference. It is not always possible to assign the first two preferences to every student. **Students cannot take one course only**.
11. The CFHSS Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel any course which does not reach the minimum number of course enrolments.
12. Upon successful completion of each course, students will obtain 6 credits (CFU) per course in accordance with the indications provided by the Head of Studies for their respective degree programmes ("Collegio didattico"). Further information will be available on the website.
13. Selected students will be required to enrol at the Harvard Summer School also. In doing so, they will receive a PIN through which they can access the electronic resources at Harvard University.
14. Final grades will be accessed exclusively through the PIN provided by the Harvard Summer School.
15. Credits are mandatorily recognised at both institutions; hence students **cannot refuse their grade** (see also art. 8).
16. Students wishing to withdraw from their courses during the CFHSS must withdraw officially in accordance with Harvard University policies. Refunds are not provided under any circumstances.
17. If a student does not respect the program rules and regulations (in particular in terms of attendance and ethical behaviour), a disciplinary meeting will be called with the Program Directors to allow the student the opportunity to defend his/her actions. The student may be required to withdraw from one or both courses, at the discretion of the Program Directors. Credits will not be awarded to withdrawn students.
18. For all information on courses, schedule, extra-curricular activities and credit recognition students can visit the CFHSS website: www.unive.it/cafoscar-harvard.
19. An information session will be held on March 5th, 11am in Sala Berengo at Ca' Foscari's main building.

Art. 3 – Admission Requirements

1. To apply for the CFHSS, students must be regularly enrolled at Ca' Foscari for the 2024/2025 academic year in the first, second or third year of an undergraduate degree (Bachelor's / "corso di laurea") as of January 31st, 2025.
2. Students 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 30th, 2024. This does not apply to first year students.
3. 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 easily interact and engage with their peers and instructors. All applicants are required to sit and pass an assessment of their language and communication skills in English in the form of an interview at the School for International Education.
4. 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.
5. Students who are graduating in the 2024/2025 summer session are not eligible for selection.
6. Exchange students are not eligible for selection.
7. Students who have attended previous editions of the CFHSS are not eligible to apply a second time.

Art. 4 –Applications

1. The application form is available online here: <https://forms.gle/FGg4nKgPqLXdh7eN9>
2. Applicants must include the following documents in their application:
 - a. Curriculum vitae in English in Europass format with photo in colour (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>);
 - b. Declaration of Value (for students with international qualifications only)
3. Applications may be rejected for any of the following reasons:
 - a. received after the deadline;
 - b. incomplete or incorrect;
 - c. missing documents;
 - d. false information;
4. The application deadline is **March 27th, 2025**.

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, and will consist of two stages:
 - i. academic evaluation
 - ii. quality of communication and language skills (in the form of a brief interview with the Selection Committee)
2. During the first stage of selection, students will be ranked based on their **academic performance** as follows:
 - i. For students enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree: final grade for the high school finishing exam ("maturità")
 - ii. For students enrolled in their second or third years of an undergraduate degree: arithmetic average (GPA) (see art. 3.2);
3. The School for International Education will verify the above criteria in each student's academic record.
4. Each student's academic performance will be converted to a grade out of 50.
5. Only the first 40 students in the ranking will be admitted to the second stage of selection.

6. The interview schedule will be posted online following the first stage of selection. Interviews are expected to take place from the 2nd to the 4th of April. Interviews will be held in person in Venice. Students who are abroad for a study/traineeship period can request to attend the interview online by filling out the dedicated section in the application form.
7. Students who have attended the interview, will pass the assessment with a minimum grade of 34/50.
8. The final ranking will be available within 7 days of the end of the selection process.
9. Should two or more students attain an equal placing in the ranking, precedence will be given to the younger student.
10. Students who are ranked within the top 20 places in the ranking will be admitted on condition they accept their place within the specified time frame (see art. 6).
11. Students who are ranked lower than the number of places reserved for each programme will be placed on a waitlist.
12. Students on the waitlist will be contacted following the final admission deadline (see art. 6) should a place come available.

Art. 6 – Final admission, fees and payment

1. Selected students must confirm their place within 7 days following the publication of the overall rankings (final admission deadline) by:
 - a. Filling out the online acceptance form
 - b. Paying the full programme cost
2. Fees are € 240.00 per course.
3. Should a student not confirm their place by the specified final admission deadline, students on the waitlist will be contacted.
4. All payments are to be made through PagoPA. Selected students will receive a link by which they can make the payment. All further information will be sent to students by email once the rankings have been published.

Art. 7 – Fee waiver

1. The four highest ranking students selected for the Ca' Foscari – Harvard Summer School will be provided a fee waiver for both courses (€480.00).
2. Students receiving a fee waiver who withdraw from the programme (see also art. 2.17) are required to repay the cost of the fee waiver within 14 days of officially withdrawing and in any case no later than the final date of the programme.
3. Students receiving a fee waiver who fail one or two courses are required to repay the cost of the fee waiver within 14 days of the final date of the programme.

Art. 8 – Credit recognition at Ca' Foscari

1. Course credit will be added to the students' online record book (*libretto*) following successful completion of evaluation. Students may also receive bonus points towards their final grade upon graduation in compliance with current University regulation.
2. Admitted students are required to submit a request for credit recognition to the Summer School office. The credit recognition form will be made available via email.

Art. 9 – Information on Personal Data Processing

1. The Data Controller, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, informs you that your personal data will be collected and processed to allow you take part in the selection process. You must provide your personal data to take part in the selection procedure, if you fail to do so you will not be able to participate in it. You can find further information on the processing of your personal data, your rights and the Data Protection Officer contact details at: <https://www.unive.it/pag/36610/>.

2. Personal data of admitted students will be shared with Harvard University to allow them to take part in the Summer School. By sharing the personal data with Harvard University, it will be transferred to the United States, which has a different data protection legislation from the one in Europe. The transfer is necessary to allow the students to take part in this important educational experience and therefore this processing activity is carried out for an important reason of public interest as set forth article 2-sexies, bb) in the Italian Privacy Code (D. lgs 196/2003). Admitted students can find more detailed information on the processing of students' personal data from the University here and about the processing carried out by Harvard in the "Additional Privacy Disclosures under Non-US Law for Individuals Located Outside the United States".