Universities & Academic Institutions in Italy

A Reference Guide for International Students

This document lists the principal higher education institutions in Milan, Rome, Florence and Bologna, with direct links to their official websites. Click any link to visit the institution's page.

Note: URLs verified as of May 2026. Some institution websites may have changed. Always confirm directly with the institution.

Milan

Institution	Type	Focus Area	Official Website
Università degli Studi di Milano (UniMi)	Public	Multidisciplinary	www.unimi.it
Politecnico di Milano	Public	Engineering, Architecture, Design	www.polimi.it
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore	Private	Multidisciplinary	www.unicatt.it
Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi	Private	Economics, Business, Law	www.unibocconi.it
Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca	Public	Sciences, Economics, Psychology	www.unimib.it
IULM – Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione	Private	Languages, Communication, Arts	www.iulm.it
IED Milano (Istituto Europeo di Design)	Private	Design, Fashion, Visual Arts	www.ied.it/milano
Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera	Public / AFAM	Fine Arts	www.accademiadibrera.milano.it
Domus Academy	Private	Design, Fashion, Management	www.domusacademy.com
SPD – Scuola Politecnica di Design	Private	Design, Communication	www.scuoladesign.com
Conservatorio Giuseppe Verdi di Milano	Public / AFAM	Music	www.consmilano.it

Rome

Institution	Type	Focus Area	Official Website
Sapienza Università di Roma	Public	Multidisciplinary	www.uniroma1.it
Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata	Public	Sciences, Engineering, Medicine	www.uniroma2.it
Università degli Studi Roma Tre	Public	Architecture, Economics, Law	www.uniroma3.it
LUISS Guido Carli	Private	Economics, Law, Political Science	www.luiss.it
Università Cattolica – Campus Roma (Gemelli)	Private	Medicine, Psychology	www.unicatt.it

Institution	Type	Focus Area	Official Website
John Cabot University	International	Liberal Arts (English-taught)	www.johncabot.edu
American University of Rome	International	Business, Arts, Liberal Arts	www.aur.edu
Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma	Public / AFAM	Fine Arts	www.abaroma.it
IED Roma	Private	Fashion, Design, Visual Arts	www.ied.it/roma
Accademia Naz. d'Arte Drammatica Silvio D'Amico	Public / AFAM	Performing Arts	www.accademiadrammatica.it

Florence

Institution	Type	Focus Area	Official Website
Università degli Studi di Firenze (UniFI)	Public	Multidisciplinary	www.unifi.it
Scuola Normale Superiore – Florence Campus	Public	Humanities, Sciences	www.sns.it
European University Institute (EUI)	International	Social Sciences, Law, History	www.eui.eu
Accademia di Belle Arti di Firenze	Public / AFAM	Fine Arts	www.accademia.firenze.it
Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM)	International	Arts, Design, Culinary Arts	www.ldminstitute.com
Polimoda	Private	Fashion Management & Design	www.polimoda.com
Istituto Marangoni Firenze	Private	Fashion, Design	www.istitutomarangoni.com
Syracuse University in Florence	International	Liberal Arts, Architecture	florence.syr.edu
SACI – Studio Arts Centers International	International	Studio Arts, Conservation	www.saci-florence.eu
Conservatorio Luigi Cherubini	Public / AFAM	Music	www.conservatorio.firenze.it

Bologna

Institution	Type	Focus Area	Official Website
Università di Bologna (Unibo)	Public	Multidisciplinary	www.unibo.it
Unibo – Campus Rimini	Public	Tourism, Economics, Sustainability	www.unibo.it/it/campus-rimini
Unibo – Campus Forlì	Public	Political Science,	www.unibo.it/it/

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		International Relations	campus-forli
Bologna Business School (BBS)	Private	Business, Management	www.bbs.unibo.eu
Accademia di Belle Arti di Bologna	Public / AFAM	Fine Arts, Design	www.ababo.it
IAAD Bologna	Private	Design, Fashion, Communication	https://bologna.iaad.it/
Conservatorio G.B. Martini di Bologna	Public / AFAM	Music	www.conservatoriobologna.it
DAMS (Unibo) – Arts, Music & Performance	Public	Performing Arts, Cinema, Media	corsi.unibo.it/laurea/DAMS
Fondazione Scuola di Musica di Fiesole	Private	Music Performance & Masterclasses	www.scuolamusica.fiesole.fi.it

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