



Admission Procedures Graduate Programme

Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Graduate Programme in **Food Science and Technology** (*Classe LM-70*)

Academic Year 2022/2023 - Campus of Piacenza

Profiles

- Food technology
- Food safety (with some courses in English)

Programme in Italian language

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1. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

To enter the graduate programme in Food science and technology **you must meet one of the following requirements:**

- A. An undergraduate programme degree** corresponding to the degree class L-26 Agricultural, agri-food and forestry sciences and technologies (ex-Ministerial Decree 270/04 or class 20 ex M.D. 509/99) obtained or to be obtained within the **last graduation session of the university of origin in the academic year 2021/2022;**
- B. any undergraduate degree** awarded or to be awarded by the **last graduation session of the university of origin in the a.y. 2021/2022** and at least **60 ECTS** in the study plan of the undergraduate degree programme, or as single courses taken, among the fields listed below:

1. **at least 12 ECTS** in the study plan of the undergraduate degree in the following scientific-disciplinary fields below:

- 6 ECTS in AGR/15;
- 6 ECTS in AGR/16;

2. **at least 48 ECTS** in the study plan of the undergraduate degree in the following scientific-disciplinary fields below:

AGR/01, AGR/02, AGR/03, AGR/04, AGR/07, AGR/09, AGR/11, AGR/12, AGR/13, AGR/17, AGR/18, AGR/19, BIO/01, BIO/02, BIO/03, BIO/04, BIO/05, BIO/09, BIO/10, BIO/11, BIO/13, BIO/18, BIO/19, CHIM/01, CHIM/02, CHIM/03, CHIM/06, CHIM/07, CHIM/10, CHIM/11, CHIM/12, FIS/01, FIS/02, FIS/03, FIS/04, FIS/05, FIS/06, FIS/07, FIS/08, INF/01, ING-IND/08, ING-IND/09, ING-IND/10, ING-IND/11, ING-IND/12, ING-IND/22, ING-IND/25, ING-INF/05, ING-INF/06, IUS/03, IUS/14, MAT/01, MAT/02, MAT/03, MAT/04, MAT/05, MAT/06, MAT/07, MAT/08, MAT/09, MED/01, MED/03, MED/07, MED/42, MED/49, MED/50, SECS-P/01, SECS-P/07, SECS-P/08, SECS-P/10, SECS-S/01, SECS-S/02, VET/01, VET/04.

Up to 12 ECTS can be missing from those required under point 1. The programme coordinator reserves the right to assess whether the required teaching content has been included in the course programmes and, if necessary, to draw up an *ad hoc* study plan. Applicants will receive appropriate communication.

The study plan of candidates with an old university degree or a three-year university diploma or a diploma from a three-year school for special purposes in accordance with the pre-Ministerial Decree 509/99 or integrated/graduate from post-Ministerial Decree regulations 509/99 - M.D. 270/04 is assessed by a special Commission appointed by the Faculty.

1.1. KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE - FOOD SAFETY PROFILE

In addition to the above ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, it is mandatory to have an adequate knowledge of English, corresponding to at least level B2. It is therefore necessary to have one of the following **English language certifications obtained on or after 1 January 2020:**

- TOEFL/IBT (score of at least 84);
- Academic IELTS (score of at least 6.0);
- Cambridge English: First - FCE;
- Cambridge English: Advanced - CAE;
- Cambridge English: Proficiency - CPE;
- Cambridge English: Business English Certificate (BEC Vantage and BEC Higher);
- Trinity College London: Integrated Skills in English (from ISE II);
- Pearson PTE Academic (score of at least 65)



or one of the following requirements:

- undergraduate programme obtained or to be obtained in English;
- coming from one of the profiles/programmes taught in English at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and having passed the English language exam (SeLda) with level B2;
- coming from an undergraduate degree programme (ex M.D. 270/04) from the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and having passed the English Language (SeLda) examination.

In case of lack of the indicated certifications or requirements it is necessary to take an *Admission Test* organised by the SELDA Language Service of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. The dates and registration procedure are indicated in the [notice](#).

Only after having obtained the result of the Admission Test achieving at least level B1+, will it be possible to proceed with the booking of the interview to verify the adequacy of personal preparation.

ATTENTION: Applicants who pass the Admission Test at B1+ level or hold one of the following **English language certifications obtained after 1 January 2020:**

- TOEFL/IBT (score of at least 75);
- Academic IELTS (score of at least 5.5);
- Cambridge English: PET with merit;
- Cambridge English: Business English Certificate (BEC Preliminary with merit);
- Trinity College London: Integrated Skills in English;
- Trinity College London: Integrated Skills in English (from ISE B1+);
- Pearson PTE Academic (score of at least 50)

will be assigned a **curricular integration of English language** at the interview.

2. NUMBER OF PLACES

For the graduate degree programme in Food Science and Technology access is free, within the limits of available places.

3. ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

Places on Food science and technology are allocated **with an interview to assess the adequacy of personal preparation**, within the limits of available places.

Applicants with an Italian qualification must use the [Registration Portal](#), for information on the procedure to follow please consult the [Guide to the Registration Portal](#).

Candidates with a foreign qualification must comply with the provisions issued by the Ministry of University and Research, which have been published in a specific note. For information on admission to the graduate programme, please contact the International Admissions Office and read the admission procedures at the link <https://international.unicatt.it>.

3.1. Interview to assess the adequacy of personal preparation.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: from 10 March 2022 to 11 December 2022

Without prejudice to the fulfilment of the admission requirements, all applicants are not directly recognised for the adequacy of their personal preparation and must book **an interview** through the Registration Portal from **10:00 a.m. on 10/03/2022 until 11:59 p.m. on 11/12/2022**.



Candidates whose interview has had a positive outcome can **reserve their place** by paying the first instalment of university tuition fees through the [Registration Portal](#) within 7 days, after which the candidate is considered to have withdrawn and loses priority of access.

Candidates who have been unsuccessful and have therefore not been accepted cannot enrol on the course.

To find out how to book an interview and reserve a place, please consult the [Guide to the Registration Portal](#).

4. INTERVIEW TO ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF PERSONAL PREPARATION

Without prejudice to the fulfilment of the ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, candidates must undergo **an interview** to verify the adequacy of their personal preparation, aimed at ascertaining the possession of basic knowledge and skills, with particular reference to the subject areas that characterise the Graduate degree. It will only be possible to book the interview after obtaining an Admission Test result of at least B1+.

The interview is carried out by the degree programme coordinator, who assesses the candidates' preparation through a careful analysis of the curriculum and assigns any curricular integrations.

The interview is conducted online, through the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

No later than the day before the date of the interview, candidates receive an invitation by e-mail from the coordinating professor/lecturer. During the interview, candidates must show a valid identity document and any documentation deemed useful for the purpose of verifying their study plan (e.g. programmes of courses taken during their Undergraduate degree programme only for candidates from other universities).

Candidates who are admitted following the interview can reserve their place, otherwise they cannot enrol for the course. Those who were absent may book the personal preparation interview again, through the [Registration Portal](#) by selecting one of the available dates.

For information on how to book your interview and reserve your place through the [Registration Portal](#) you can consult the [Guide to the Registration Portal](#).

5. REGISTRATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION

Candidates who have graduated without any curricular integrations, after reserving their place through the payment of the first instalment, must proceed to registration via the [Registration Portal](#).

The "General regulations for determining university fees for the academic year 2022/2023" apply to enrolled students.

Graduated candidates who have been assigned curricular integrations and candidates about to graduate, after reserving their place through the payment of the first instalment, must proceed to pre-registration.

Pre-registration for the Graduate degree programme is conditionally **accepted and is subordinated to**:

- the fulfilment of the assigned curricular integrations, within the timeframe set out below;
- obtaining the qualification within the time limits laid down in the admission procedures.

Pre-registered candidates reserve a place with the right to attend graduate courses from their start. They are required to complete registration immediately after obtaining their degree and/or completing their curricular integrations.



Curricular integration: Candidates who have received curricular integrations, once pre-registered, are required to complete them from the September/October 2022 examination session and by the April 2023 examination session. Failure to pass these exams will prevent registration in the graduate degree programme. Students may attend lectures of the subjects included in the study plan but may not sit the relevant examinations until the integrations have been recorded and the registration completed.

6. CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES OR WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDERS

If you have a disability or a Specific Learning Disorder (SLD), you must upload your disability report or certificate of SLD in the special profile section of the [Portale Iscrizioni](#) and send an email to segreteria.disabili-pc@unicatt.it o segreteria.dsa-pc@unicatt.it **at least 3 days before the date of the interview**, to notify that you have registered for the interview.

Registration for the interview must necessarily be made through the Enrolment Portal. For further information, please contact the secretariat at: segreteria.disabili-pc@unicatt.it; segreteria.dsa-pc@unicatt.it, tel. 0523 599 148.

7. TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY, TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DEGREE PROGRAMME WITHIN UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA, SECOND DEGREE AND RESUMPTION OF CAREER

Candidates wishing to transfer from another university or another degree programme within Università Cattolica, enrol in a second degree programme or resume their university career must meet the ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and comply with the deadlines and procedures set out above using the [Registration Portal](#).

An application for the validation of examinations passed in previous careers may only be submitted after the place has been reserved. In order to do this, you must confirm your place and, before proceeding with registration, submit your application according to the indications contained in the [Registration Portal](#).

8. CONTACTS

For further information and clarification, please use the "[Request for information on graduate programmes](#)" or consult the [FAQ](#).

If you need support in using the Registration Portal, you can use the "Assistance" button in the Registration Portal.

9. FINAL NOTES AND PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

It is forbidden to enrol simultaneously in more than one university programme at Università Cattolica, other universities or other university institutes (pursuant to article 4, paragraph 3 - Title I "General Regulations" - of the University Teaching Regulations of Università Cattolica), except in the cases provided for by the regulations in force.

Students are required to read any additions, changes, updates to these procedures published on the website of Università Cattolica.

In accordance with law no. 241/1990, the person responsible for this admission procedure is Annalisa Castellani (Responsible for the local Student Career Services Management).

Piacenza, 2 March 2022