FOUNDATION COURSE

Study at a World Class University and Build the Foundation for Success
About the Foundation Course
The Foundation Course is a programme offered by the University of Pisa primarily taught in English and specifically designed for students who do not have the minimum 12 years of schooling required for University admission in Italy.

Through this programme, students have access to a range of courses concentrated in either Science or Humanities, as well as the opportunity to improve their Italian before enrolling in University.

What Does This Course Offer?
- A direct entry route to studying in Italy at a world class University. Upon successful completion, students are exempt from taking the entrance exam normally required for Non-EU students.
- The opportunity to fill any knowledge gaps before beginning an undergraduate course.

Entry Requirements
- Proficiency in English (At least a B2 level)
- A secondary school qualification obtained after 10 or 11 years of schooling
- American High School Diploma without 3 advanced placement courses (APs); OR 2 complete years of college (Associate Degree)

Services
Advising:
- The international office is equipped to help with visa processes as well as other logistic and bureaucratic challenges of studying in Italy

One on One Meetings:
- Each semester students have the opportunity to talk about their experience and ask any questions

Cultural Excursions and Events
- Organized trips to explore Italy
- Weekly conversation classes and social events (Italian breakfast, cinema-pizza) with Italian native speaking students

Scholarships
- The top two students at the end of the Programme will be awarded with a fee waiver for the first year of study in any bachelor's degree at the University of Pisa.
Study Options

Foundation Course Science
- Basic Mathematical Language, Modelling and Reasoning (12 CFC)
- Physics (9 CFC)
- Chemistry (6 CFC)
- Biology (6 CFC)
- Principles of Economics and Management (3 CFC)

Foundation Course Humanities
- Italian Literature: an introduction (12CFC)
- Greek and Roman Archaeology (6 CFC)
- Modern European History (9 CFC)
- History of Art: an introduction (6 CFC)
- Introduction to philosophical thought (3 CFC)

10 Years of Schooling: Students with 10 years of schooling have the option to take 96 Foundation Course Credits (up to 120) from the Humanities and Sciences courses

Native Italian Speakers: Native Italian speakers (level C1) can enroll in 60 credits from both the Humanities and Science programmes if they do not have the required 12 years of schooling required for University access

Free Choice Modules: Modules from main study options can be taken separately for any students who wish to supplement knowledge of a subject before entering the main University course

Tuition Fees
- Humanities Path: € 5,000
- Science Path: € 5,000
- 10 Year Programme: € 7,500 - €10,000
- Native Italian Speakers: € 5,000
- Free Choice Modules: € 85 per credit

The Humanities and Science options will have 320 hours of Italian classes over the course of the academic year; along with an added 80+ hours of conversation classes with native Italian speaking students.
For more information about our course offerings and services please visit our website or contact us for more information:

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