



Pro Multis Sapientia

COLLEGIO  
UNIVERSITARIO  
S. CATERINA DA SIENA

## COMPETITION FOR STUDENT PLACES ACADEMIC YEAR 2023–2024

### THE COLLEGE

Collegio Universitario S. Caterina (the College) was founded in 1973 by the Diocese of Pavia, in accordance with the wishes of Pope Paul VI. In 1991, it was transformed into a foundation. It is a member of the Association of University Colleges of Merit, which are colleges accredited by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR) as institutions of educational excellence. As indicated in the statute of the University School for Advanced Studies of Pavia (IUSS), which is recognised by MUR as a special-statute School of Advanced Studies, Collegio Universitario S. Caterina has been one of its member colleges from the time of its foundation.

The College is situated in the town centre, which is home to a number of university colleges. It is just a short walk from the University. It has 75 places, which are awarded by a board of academics following a selection procedure based on qualifications and tests.

The students are accommodated in single rooms with private bathrooms, a telephone, free internet access and a weekly cleaning service. The college has a refectory, library, chapel, study rooms, common rooms, computers connected with the University of Pavia computer network, and a garden. Emergency medical care is available.

With the support of tutors, the College promotes the acquisition of excellence in the various disciplines and also complements the students' university curricula with internal educational and cultural initiatives, such as courses, conferences, seminars, meetings, labs/workshops, debates, foreign language courses, art exhibitions and cultural visits. Through its *Progetto Formativo* (Educational Project), the College offers ideas and input to help students enrich their personal abilities. To this end, individual programmes are drawn up and agreed with the College Board at the start of each academic year. Upon completion of these College studies, a College Diploma is issued certifying that the established targets have been reached.

Every year the College awards study grants for stays abroad

### AVAILABLE PLACES

For the academic year 2023–2024, at least **thirty two places** will be available, to be assigned to female students already enrolled or enrolling on any degree course at the University of Pavia.

The selection procedure is based on qualifications and tests, and an interview.

The available places are **divided as follows**:

- a) at least **twenty places** (including 5 reserved for students on degree courses in: Medicine and Surgery - Italian language course; Dentistry and Prosthodontics; Medicine and Surgery - English language course)). Applicants need to possess an Italian High School diploma with a final mark of at least 80/100, or a foreign equivalent;
- b) at least **twelve places** for:
  - female students enrolling in the first year of a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale). At the time of application, these students must have completed their Bachelor's degree within the stipulated three-year time frame, or undertake to have completed it by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023; they also need to have passed the examinations in the three-year study programme with an average annual mark of at least 27/30; **or**
  - female students enrolling in any year except the first of a Bachelor's degree course, a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico), or a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale). At the time of application, these students must have passed all the examinations of the previous year(s) and obtained at least 45 credits in the current year, recording an average mark, considering all the examinations taken, of at least 27/30.

### APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

The application must be submitted by filling in the online form which will be available on the College website ([www.collegiosantacaterina.it](http://www.collegiosantacaterina.it)) from 1<sup>th</sup> June 2023 onwards. Completed forms must be submitted **by 12:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**.

Oral tests will then be held, beginning on 30<sup>rd</sup> August according to the calendar that will be published online on 29<sup>nd</sup> August, otherwise students may call +39 0382 375087 or +39 0382 375099.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents, to be sent by registered mail to Segreteria didattica, Via S. Martino 17/B, 27100 Pavia, Italy (tel. +39 0382 375087– 0382 375099, fax +39 0382 24108) or to be sent by certified email to [didattica.collegiosantacaterina@legalmail.it](mailto:didattica.collegiosantacaterina@legalmail.it) **by 12 noon on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023** (failure to meet this deadline will exclude the applicant from the selection process):

- 1) for students enrolling in the first year of a degree course (first-level degree course, long-cycle Master's degree course): a legal certificate showing that the applicant passed her **High School leaving examination** with an overall mark of **at least 80/100** or, for students enrolling in subsequent years of a degree course (first-level degree course, long-cycle Master's degree course, second-level Master's degree course), a certificate showing that the applicant has an average mark, considering all the examinations taken, of at least 27/30;
- 2) a valid (current) University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (**ISEEU**) certificate, obtainable from the student's municipality of residence, from the local INPS office, or from local public accounting services (CAF), together with the relative *Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica (DSU)*;
- 3) a signed passport-size **photograph** of the applicant.
- 4) any other qualifications or certificates obtained that further illustrate the applicant's education and interests.

The Foundation reserves the right to check, with the appropriate tax offices, the validity of the documents presented and to request additional tax documentation whenever this is considered necessary. Inaccuracies and/or omissions in the declarations regarding income and assets could lead to exclusion from the allocation procedure or the loss of an allocated place.

The documentation referred to in point 2) need not be presented if the applicant declares that she is willing to pay her contribution to college accommodation costs at the ordinary rate.

Foreign applicants must submit documentation equivalent to that referred to above.

**Applicants enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor's degree course, a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico), or a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale)** who wish to attend courses at IUSS must also apply for admission to IUSS in accordance with the rules of the relative call for applications (available at: [www.iusspavia.it](http://www.iusspavia.it)).

Depending on the number of places that may still be available after completion of the allocation procedure, a further deadline will be set for the submission of late applications. This deadline will be the end of November.

### TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

The oral tests, in online mode, will be held starting from **4<sup>th</sup> September 2023** according to the calendar published online on **1 September 2023**.

- a) Students enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor's degree course or a long-cycle Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico). Each applicant's test will take the form of an interview focusing on two subjects, to be chosen by the applicants themselves from the following options:

*for degree courses in the areas of Economics, Law, Politics:*  
Political Economy - Philosophy - Mathematics - History - Law - Italian;

*for degree courses in the areas of Pharmacy, Engineering, Medicine and Surgery, Mathematics, Physical and Natural Sciences:*  
Chemistry - Physics - Natural Sciences (Anatomy, Biology, Human Physiology) – Mathematics - Information Technology;

*for degree courses in the Humanities:*  
Italian - Latin - Greek - History - Philosophy.

Candidates should prepare for the test by revising the most important subjects covered in the curriculum of their final cycle of High School. In preparing for the oral test, they are advised to focus on topics covered during their previous schooling.

The Selection Committee will assess the student's performance during the interview, assigning up to a maximum of **thirty points** for **each** of the two selected subjects.

- b) The assessment of applicants enrolling in the first year of a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale), or in the subsequent years of any other type of degree course, will consist of a preliminary assessment of the **qualifications** they have presented (for which they will be assigned up to **thirty points**), followed by an interview focusing on key topics relevant to the university examinations previously passed. These interviews will be held online, from **29<sup>rd</sup> August** onwards and they will be **marked out of thirty**.

Furthermore, **all** the applicants will be required to introduce themselves during an interview. The Selection Board will assign up to **five points** for this interview.

## RANKING LISTS AND ALLOCATION OF PLACES

Under the terms of the competition for places, two separate ranking lists will be drawn up, one for each type of candidate: **a)** and **b)**. For **every** applicant, there are a further **ten points** available that the College Board may decide to award after taking into account the distance of the student's home from the university, her economic background, and other factors of which it may have been informed, as well as the need to ensure a balance between the various subject areas. The final **score out of seventy-five** will be confirmed by the College Board, which will draw up the ranking lists for the two categories of applicant. Applicants will be deemed eligible for admission to the College, and thus included in the relative ranking list, only if they have attained an overall score of at least **55/75**. In the event of ties, precedence will be given to students with lower incomes. The successful applicants may also, subject to the availability of places and according to their position in the relevant ranking list, be granted places on courses offered by IUSS, to take its diploma. These places will be assigned according to the rules set out in the notice available at: [www.iusspavia.it](http://www.iusspavia.it).

**All** students awarded College places must present the following documents by **18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**:

- 1) certificate of registration at the University of Pavia;
- 2) a declaration in lieu of a criminal record certificate;
- 3) a self-declaration of any other economic benefits and/or study grants that they receive;
- 4) a medical certificate – issued by a district Health (ASST) Officer – declaring that they are healthy and do not require special care or supervision.

The College Board reserves the right to use the competition ranking as the basis for granting any further places that may become available at a later date.

The successful applicants will be renewed for subsequent years until Master's degree is obtained on condition the students continue to meet the necessary requirements.

## FREE PLACES AND GRANTS

The following **free places** are available for type **a)** candidates.

- **One free place**, both renewable. Referred to as **MINTAS Foundation** places, these places are assigned, on the basis of the ranking list, to students enrolling on degree courses in the biomedical area;
- **One free place**, both renewable. Referred to as **MINTAS Foundation** places, these places are assigned, on the basis of the ranking list, to students enrolling on degree courses in the Bachelor's degree in the health area
- **One free place**, renewable. One place, referred to as the **PAOLO VI** place, will be assigned to a successful applicant from a lower income bracket enrolling on a non-biomedical degree course; this place will be renewed for subsequent years on condition the student continues to meet the necessary requirements;

for type **b)** candidates:

- **One free place renewable**. This place, referred to as **BIANCA E MARTA GHEZZI**, will be assigned to a successful applicant from a lower income bracket and of foreign origin enrolling on Law, Politics degree course or on business economic sciences degree course. Having gained experience of volunteering for the protection of human rights, women or the environment will be a preferential title for the assignment of the place.

for type **a and b)** candidates:

- **One free place renewable**, referred to as **GIANNINA SEMPIO**, will be assigned to a student of foreign origin or daughter of foreign parents, of lower income, who enrolls in a three-year degree course or master's degree in the economic-social-legal area or in the biological-natural sciences area. You will have a preferential title for the assignment of the free place if you have gained previous experience, or have a strong motivation to commit yourself, in the field of human rights or environmental protection;

**Further places are reserved for student's type a) and b)** who have been awarded IUSS-funded **free places** at one of Pavia's University Colleges of Merit. Such students are required to transfer the sum of the IUSS grant (€4,000) to the College.

**All students assigned the remaining places** pay their contribution to College accommodation costs at the ordinary rate of **€12.000**. This represents a reduction on the real costs of maintaining their place, and it is granted by the College Board in recognition of their merit in winning admission to the College.

In the case of students **not receiving any other economic benefits** (grants or contributions from public or private bodies), the College Board, taking into account the student's family income and any other relevant documents presented, may grant further reductions, of up to € 7,700, in order to reduce the ordinary contribution to College accommodation costs. the ordinary annual contribution required of female students in relation to their income status for the current academic year is as follows:

zone	I.S.E.E. (€)	
1°	until 23.000,00	4.300
2°	from 23.001 to 80.000	4.300+x
3°	from 80.001 to 100.000	11.500
4°	from 100.001	12.000

$$X = \frac{(I.S.E.E. - 23.000) \times (11.500 - 4.300)}{80.000 - 23.000}$$

(The resulting amount is rounded to the nearest multiple of 10)

The amount of the reduction is decided at the start of each academic year by the College Board.

Completely free or subsidised places are granted subject to compliance with the College rules and *Progetto Formativo*, and they can be withdrawn by the College Board for serious violations of the rules in force.

Applicants interested in free places are required to apply for a scholarship at EDiSU ([www.edisu.pv.it](http://www.edisu.pv.it)) in Pavia, if they meet the requirements. In case of obtaining the EDiSU scholarship or other scholarships, the students assigned free places will have to pay the College a share equal to 2/3 to partially cover the costs of subsistence.

**Applicants who are daughters of public sector employees** (current or retired, living or deceased) are reminded that Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena has an agreement with INPS under which study grants are awarded to students who are daughters of public servants (i.e. employees of INPS, now also incorporating the former INPDAP, iPost and ENAM). Details and the relevant notice are available on the website [www.inps.it](http://www.inps.it) and updates on the College website [www.collegiosantacaterina.it](http://www.collegiosantacaterina.it).

Admission to Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena, since it is a College of Merit recognised by MUR, is an element that would be taken into account should a student apply for grant support from the merit-based fund set up by MUR (Art. 4, Italian Law 240/2010).

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Pavia, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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