



COMPETITION FOR STUDENT PLACES ACADEMIC YEAR 2024–2025

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 2024–2025, at least **eighteen 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 **fourteen places** (including 4 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 **four 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 **31st October 2024**; 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) by **12:00 on 28th August 2024**.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents

- 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).

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 **2nd September 2024** according to the calendar published online on **August 30th August 2024**

- 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 **2nd September** 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.

For all candidates, the Board of Directors has an additional ten points available, which it assigns in consideration of distance from the university site, the family's financial circumstances, and other elements of which it may be informed, as well as criteria of balance between the various disciplinary areas. The Board of Directors

determines the final score and rankings in seventy-fifths for each of the two types of candidates. Candidates are placed in the respective eligibility ranking for admission to the College if they achieve the minimum overall grade of 55/75. In the event of a tie, preference is given to those who are less well off financially.

RANKING LISTS AND ALLOCATION OF PLACES

The two rankings for candidate types (a) and (b) will be published on **September 9, 2024**.

The successful candidates must accept the position by **11.59 pm on September 12, 2024**, with the exception of those who also participate in the competition for admission to the IUSS, according to the rules indicated in the relevant announcement available at www.iusspavia.it , and who when filling out the application for the competition in the College have specifically requested to avail themselves of the option to finalize their registration following the publication of the IUSS ranking list. For the latter, the deadline for acceptance of the position in the College is extended to 11:59 p.m. on September 19, 2024.

All students awarded College places must present the following documents by **18th November 2024**:

- 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.

- **Two free places**, 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**, renewable. One place, referred to as the **PAOLO VI** place, will be assigned to a successful applicant from a lower income bracket; 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.

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)

For female students who are also winners of the admission competition to the IUSS, the contribution will be equal to the scholarship award of 5,000 euros, provided by the Graduate School for the benefit of the student(s) for the costs of collegiate residency in accordance with the Call for Admission to the IUSS Ordinary Courses.

Students interested in free places are obliged to apply for the scholarship at EDiSU (www.edisu.pv.it) in Pavia, if they meet the requirements. Should they be awarded the EDiSU scholarship or other scholarships, female students awarded free places must pay 2/3 of it to the College to partially cover their living expenses. 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) 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.

Notice is hereby given to all candidates who:

- are daughters or orphans of employees or retirees of the Public Administration that the Collegio S. Caterina has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with INPS (former separate managements INPDAP, iPOST and ENAM) for the purpose of granting grants according to parameters set in the relevant notice issued by the Social Security Institute (details and notice on the website www.inps.it and updates on the College website <http://www.collegiosantacaterina.it>). Admission to the St. Catherine of Siena College, as a University College of Merit recognized by the MUR, constitutes an assessable qualification for the preparation of the rankings for the granting of contributions from the merit fund established by the MUR (Art. 4 Law 240/2010).

- are daughters of ENPAM members, that the College is among those affiliated for the purpose of obtaining subsidies related to the tuition fees of University Colleges of Merit (<https://www.enpam.it/comefareper/chiedere-un-aiuto-economico/borse-di-studio/collegidimerito/>)

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