



COMPETITION FOR STUDENT PLACES ACADEMIC YEAR 2019–2020

Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena (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 Education, University and Research (MIUR) as institutions of educational excellence. As indicated in the statute of the Institute for Advanced Studies of Pavia (IUSS), which is recognised by MIUR 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.

Situated in the historic heart of Pavia, just a short walk from the University, it provides single accommodation for 75 female students, Italian and foreign, enrolled or enrolling at the University of Pavia, who show particular ability and commitment to their studies.

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.

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. Individual programmes are drawn up, and upon completion of these College studies, a College Diploma is issued certifying that the established targets have been reached.

Each year, free places, grants (also for stays abroad) and special reductions are reserved for deserving students from lower income backgrounds.

The College has an agreement with Italian National Social Security Institute (INPS) to provide study grants for students who are the daughters of living, retired or deceased public servants (i.e. employees of INPS, now also incorporating the former INPDAP, iPost and ENAM).

For the academic year 2019–2020, Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena is offering AT LEAST FOURTEEN PLACES for female students, Italian or foreign, enrolled or enrolling, at the University of Pavia (including FOUR reserved for students enrolling in the first year of degree courses in: Medicine and Surgery - Italian language course; Dentistry and Prosthodontics; Medicine and Surgery - English language course).

- TWO FREE PLACES, renewable, referred to as MINTAS Foundation places, to be assigned to successful applicants enrolling on degree courses in the biomedical area;
- TWO FREE PLACES for one year, referred to as a MINTAS Foundation place, to be assigned to other students enrolling in the first year of a degree course in the biomedical area;
- ONE FREE PLACE for one year, referred to as professor Rosanna E. E. Garbarini place, to be assigned to a student enrolling on degree courses not in the biomedical area.
- ONE FREE PLACE, renewable in subsequent years, called the PAOLO VI place, to be assigned to a student from a lower income bracket enrolling on a non-biomedical degree course;
- ONE FREE PLACE, renewable, referred to as the Professor Carla Raina place, will be assigned, on the basis of the ranking list, to the first qualified African student enrolling on a Medicine and Surgery course.
- ONE FREE PLACE for one year: referred to as the ENRICO MAGENES place, this will be assigned, irrespective of income, to the student highest placed in the ranking list, providing she has not already been awarded a free place; in the event of a tie between two or more students, the Magenes place will be awarded to the student with the lowest ISEEU score.
- FURTHER places are reserved for students who, under the terms of articles 8 and 14 of the competition for admission to IUSS courses, 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.

The following may apply:

a) female students enrolling in the first year of a first-level (three-year) Bachelor's degree course or a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico). Applicants need to possess an Italian High School diploma with a final mark of at least 80/100, or a foreign equivalent.

b) female students enrolling in the first year of a second-level (two-year) Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale) course (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 2019; 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, a long-cycle Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico), or a second-level (two-year) Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale) course (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).

Applicants will be evaluated orally on two subjects relevant to their chosen faculty. These tests will begin on Thursday 5th September 2019. Students awarded college places may also be able to enrol on undergraduate courses at IUSS, in accordance with the rules of the relative call for applications (available at: www.iusspavia.it).

The call for applications to the College is published on the website: www.collegiosantacaterina.it. For further information, contact: Segreteria didattica, via S. Martino 17/B - 27100 Pavia, Italy - tel. + 39 0382 375087 – 0382 375099; fax 038224108 - e-mail: didattica@collegiosantacaterina.it.