



Ca' Foscari  
University  
of Venice

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Ca' Foscari  
**School for  
International  
Education**

# Ca' Foscari School for International Education Foundation Year

Located in the centre of the unique canal city of Venice, Ca' Foscari University offers a preparatory year of study at its **School for International Education** for international students who are preparing to enrol at a University in Italy or abroad.

**The Ca' Foscari Foundation Year programme** offers a general curriculum for University preparation, as well as 3 different Study Tracks that aim to provide students a basic background in the subjects they are interested in pursuing during their undergraduate studies. Students also choose a language module from the three options offered. All general curriculum courses are taught in English. The language of instruction for the Study Track is English; however, the Humanities and Arts track is also offered in Italian. The programme is offered entirely on campus.

## Is it right for me?

**YES** if you wish to study in Italy but do not hold the formal requirements to apply to an Italian University

**YES** if at the end of high school you have less than 12 years of schooling and hold a full and complete high school diploma, leaving certificate, or equivalent

**YES** if you want to improve your academic English or Italian language skills before beginning your undergraduate degree at a university in Italy

**YES** if you have a B2 level of English language

## Study programme

- General curriculum for university preparation: modern Italian history, critical thinking, academic skills
- Study Track
- Language module

### Duration

October – June

### Cost

€ 5,000 (to be paid in three instalments)

### Scholarships

There are a limited number of scholarships available, awarded through merit and motivation.

## Study Tracks

### A Economics and Management

Mathematics, Financial Literacy, Business Management and Administration, Introduction to Law, Data analysis

### B Humanities and Arts

Italian Literature, Art History, Philosophy, Introduction to Classics

(This track can be taken in either English or Italian. If taken in Italian, students must have a certified level of B1 in Italian, or enrol in the B2 Bridge Option)

### C Science and IT Track

Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer science

## Applications

Applications open in three intakes on the programme website, starting in January. Applicants are advised to check the website for all relevant required documents (e.g., school records, valid ID, original letter of motivation, language certificates, etc.). Underage students can apply but must turn 18 by March 31st of the year of programme completion, and are required to provide additional specific documentation.

## Language Modules

### Bridge Option 1

(Intensive Italian Language)

This language module is aimed at achieving a pre-intermediate B1 level of Italian language, starting from beginner A1 (no prior knowledge required). At the end of the programme, students will be able to apply to Ca' Foscari under a special agreement that allows them to enrol in their chosen degree programme in Italian language, provided they achieve a B2 by the end of their first year.

### Bridge Option 2

(Intensive Italian Language)

This language module is aimed at achieving an intermediate B2 level of Italian language, starting from elementary A2, allowing students direct entry to a degree programme in Italian language. An A1 entry level is required. Students who do not have A1 language certification will have the opportunity to complete a free online beginner course prior to classes starting.

### Native Speaker Option

Personalised option suitable for students who are native speakers of Italian, or who have previously studied Italian at an intermediate level. Students in this category will take extra disciplinary courses in English and Italian language courses where relevant. Students will also take a module that aims to develop and improve their writing skills in Italian, at the end of which will be required to produce a short thesis.

## About us

Ca' Foscari University was founded in 1868 as a prominent Business School and since then has grown to become a world-class university for its expertise in economics, humanities, modern and ancient languages, as well as science and technology.

At the **School for International Education**, We offer courses all year round to students from all over the world, promoting learning in a cross-cultural environment with the aim of providing an international education, and creating a true international community.

### Foundation Admission Office

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