



## **Call for applications for international students with less than 12 years of schooling Foundation Programme “Foundation Course on Social Sciences” (60 FC)**

### **1. General rules**

This call for application includes provisions managing the organization of Luiss Foundation Programme “Foundation Course on Social Sciences”’s academic activities, the admission to the Programme and the enrollment procedures.

The Programme, totally held in English, is open to international students who need to acquire an additional year of schooling to fulfill the prerequisites for pursuing a Bachelor or a Single-Cycle Degree Program in Italy.

Students enrolled in the Foundation Programme will have the opportunity to attend introductory courses in economics, law, and socio-political studies, aiming at completing their basic education prior admission to Italian universities. Through the proposed classes, students will have the opportunity to complete their linguistic and subject preparation, and to become familiar with the technical language of each subject.

The duration of the Programme is of one year. Students who successfully complete Luiss Foundation Programme will be awarded with a certificate and will be entitled to be admitted to the first cycle of Luiss Undergraduate Programs and Single-Cycle Degree Programs, upon successfully passing one of Luiss admission selection’s procedures for the academic year 2024/2025.

### **2. Organization of academic activities**

For the academic year 2023/2024, the Foundation Programme is delivered via online synchronous classes, and it is characterized by continuous assessment by Professors.

The study plan allows students to earn 60 Foundation Credits (FC) divided as follows:

- Introduction to the Social Sciences:
  - Introduction to Social Sciences (3 FC)
  - Introduction to critical thinking and methodologies (3 FC)
- Introduction to Macro and Microeconomics (6 FC)
- Introduction to Public law (6 FC)
- Introduction to Social and Political Analysis (6 FC)
- Introduction to Private Law (6 FC)



- Fundamentals of Management (6 FC)
- Fundamentals of Investing (6 FC)

Language courses:

- Italian Language (9 FC)
- English Language (9 FC)

Classroom activities' attendance is compulsory for at least 80% of each course. For exams validation, only 20% absence for each course is allowed.

The first semester will start on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, while the second semester will start on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. At the end of the second semester, students who wish to take part to orientation sessions on Undergraduate or Single-Cycle Degree Programs are invited on campus to discover more about Luiss and Rome's life.

### **3. Admission requirements**

The admission procedure is open to students holding either EU or non-EU citizenship, wherever resident, meeting the following requirements:

- possessing a secondary education leaving qualification obtained after at least 11 years of schooling;
- possessing an English language proficiency equivalent at least to CEFR level B2, to be proven with an official certification. List available [here](#).

### **4. Application procedures, deadline and required documents**

Students shall submit their application online via the [following link](#) from April 2023 to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Documents required for the admission are the following:

- Copy of High School Diploma or equivalent;
  - In case of students still enrolled in their last year of high school, copy of the most recent transcript of records;
- Copy of an English language proficiency level equivalent to at least B2;
- Copy of passport front page or ID document.



Applicants who are not yet in possession of their high school diploma nor leaving transcript of record may submit in their place a certificate from their school, duly stamped and signed, attesting their status, and expected date of graduation.

Applicants who are not in possession of an English level certificate can request to schedule an interview with Luiss International Orientation Office to assess their English level's proficiency in the form of application.

All documents shall be transmitted in either Italian or English.

## **5. Enrollment**

Students can complete the enrollment procedure upon authorization to proceed by the International Orientation, having checked the correct submission of all requested documents and the suitability of applicants according to the criteria above mentioned.

## **6. Tuition fees**

The tuition fee for Luiss Foundation Programme amounts to 6500 EUR, to be paid in two installments upon completion of the admission procedure and confirmation of the International Orientation to proceed with the enrollment. The two instalments are divided accordingly:

- 2500 EUR to pay to complete the enrollment procedure by August-September;
- 4000 EUR to pay during the first semester of the Programme (January-February, exact date to be communicated).

Luiss offers a number of scholarships for international students. Notice of competition can be found on the dedicated Luiss' website page.

For Foundation Programme's students deciding to enroll in one of the first cycle of Luiss Undergraduate Programs and Single-Cycle Degree Programs, the University offers an exemption equal to 4000 EUR on the last installment to be paid at the end of the Undergraduate and Single-Cycle Degree Programs to students who graduate on track.

## **7. Award of qualification**

Students will be awarded the final qualification of successful completion of Luiss Foundation Programme at the end of the Programme once all criteria for successful passing of all courses are met.

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The qualification will certify the achievement of knowledge and competences required for students to join any Luiss' Undergraduate Programs and Single-Cycle Degree Programs.

Luiss Foundation Programme leaving qualification is issued by Luiss University of Rome only after successful evaluation of students in compliance with all administrative regulations.

### **8. Information and clarification**

Any requests for further information or clarification on the application can be addressed to the International Orientation Office by e-mailing [foundation@luiss.it](mailto:foundation@luiss.it).

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