



## **ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026**

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN EARTH SCIENCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ministerial degree class L-34 R)**

#### **ARTICLE 1 – SCOPE**

This call regulates admission to the Bachelor's Degree in Earth Sciences for Sustainable Development (ministerial degree class L-34 R) (pending accreditation) for the academic year 2025-2026 and is published in the University Notice Board (<http://www.units.it/ateneo/albo/>).

The course is offered by the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Geosciences pursuant to Italian Ministerial Decree No 270 of 22 October 2004 and lasts three academic years.

This degree course has a limited intake in accordance with Article 2 of Italian Law No 264 of 2 August 1999.

Candidates will be selected for admission based on their performance in the **ENGLISH TOLC-I** test described in Article 4. A selection ranking will be created using the test results and candidates will be admitted according to the order of this ranking, within the limits of the places available.

#### **ARTICLE 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent qualification. Qualifications obtained abroad must be recognised in Italy under current legislation. The candidate must already be in possession of this qualification when they submit their application.

In the case that an applicant has a **foreign entry qualification**, they should upload their documents to <https://apply.units.it/>, following the procedure and deadlines published on the following page: <https://portale.units.it/en/international/destination-units/degree-seekers>.

In addition, applicants should also have at least B2 level of English according to the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*. This is to ensure that applicants are able to participate in educational activities in English.

#### **ARTICLE 3 – INTAKE**

A **total of 50 places** are available for the first year of the course for EU citizens, EU-equivalent citizens and non-EU citizens with their permanent address abroad.

For the purposes of this call for applications, the following shall be treated as EU-equivalent citizens:

- citizens of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Swiss Confederation, the Republic of San Marino and the Holy See;
- non-EU citizens permanently living in Italy.

If an applicant has dual citizenship with a certificate of citizenship in Italy or in another EU country, they shall compete for admission as an EU or EU-equivalent citizen and be treated as such, in accordance with Article 19(2) of Italian Law No 218 of 31 May 1995.

To find out more about entry to and residence in Italy as well as enrolment in Italian university courses as an international student, go to: <https://www.university.it/studenti-stranieri>.

To find out more about the assessment of foreign documents required for enrolment, visit: <https://portale.units.it/en/international/destination-units/degree-seekers>

## ARTICLE 4 – ENGLISH TOLC-I TEST AND PASS MARK

In order to be considered for admission, **candidates must sit the ENGLISH TOLC-I test**, either in person or at home using TOLC@CASA. For deadlines see Article 8.

For the purposes of this call, the ENGLISH TOLC-I test can be sat in person at another university. Results from a test carried out in 2024 will also be accepted.

**After taking the ENGLISH TOLC-I test, candidates must register for the admission selection on the University website**, respecting the deadlines set out in Article 8.

The ENGLISH TOLC-I test is a test promoted and managed by CISIA (inter-university consortium for integrated access systems). A list of Italian universities which belong to this consortium is available [here](#).

The test is made up of 50 multiple choice questions, in English, structured as follows:

SECTION	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	TIME LIMIT
Logic	10	20 minutes
Reading comprehension	10	20 minutes
Mathematics	20	50 minutes
Science	10	20 minutes

The overall score is calculated as follows:

- 1 point for each correct answer
- minus 0.25 points for each incorrect answer
- 0 points for any questions left blank

If the candidate opts to retake the test, the highest score will be used for the admission selection.

To find out more about the rules for the TOLC and TOLC@CASA, go to: <https://www.cisiaonline.it/en/tolc/all-about-tolc/TOLC-rules>.

## ARTICLE 5 – SELECTION RANKING

Once registration for the selection procedure has closed, the University will obtain candidates' scores directly from CISIA. Scores are communicated **using the Italian tax code**. As a result, candidates must ensure they enter their tax code correctly in both the CISIA and the University portal. If a code is entered incorrectly, or the tax codes do not match, it will be impossible to recover the candidates' score, and they will be **excluded from the ranking** as a result.

The **pass mark is 12 out of 50**. Candidates who do not obtain a score of at least 12 in the ENGLISH TOLC-I test will not be included in the ranking.

In the event that two or more candidates receive the same mark on the test, priority will be given to:

- 1) the **highest mark in selected sections** of the test. The sections are listed here according to the relevance attributed to them:
  - Science
  - Mathematics
  - Reading and comprehension
  - Logic
- 2) the youngest candidate

Candidates who have obtained a foreign qualification may be included in the ranking, but their eligibility will be subject to verification of their documentation.

**The ranking will be published** on the University Notice Board (<https://www.units.it/ateneo/albo>) and on the course page (<https://degree.units.it/1-earth-sciences-sustainable-development>). **See Article 9 for the publication date.**

**The publications listed above shall be regarded as official notifications. Results of the selection will not be communicated personally to candidates.**

## ARTICLE 6 – ENROLMENT AND THE RESERVE LIST

Enrolment of eligible applicants shall be accepted according to the official selection ranking, until the places available have been filled. **Under no circumstances shall enrolment in the first year be accepted for applicants who have not registered for the selection as indicated in Article 8, even if they have passed the ENGLISH TOLC-I test.**

**Candidates included in the selection ranking must enrol** online. Enrolment will only be considered complete once they have paid the first instalment of fees **within the deadlines detailed in Article 9**. Failure to do so will result in the loss of right to enrolment.

**In order to ensure all places are filled**, eligible candidates who were included in the selection rankings but were not selected for enrolment **must submit an online application for a place on the reserve list**. This should be submitted within the deadlines set out in the calendar. Failure to do so will mean that they will not be eligible for any places that become available.

## ARTICLE 7 – ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS (OFA)

The ENGLISH TOLC-I test also functions as a placement test for students enrolling in the first year, pursuant to Article 6(1) of Italian Ministerial Decree 270/2004.

Candidates **admitted with a mark of less than 18 points out of 50** in the ENGLISH TOLC-I will be assigned additional educational requirements to be completed in their first year, according to the procedures provided for in the relevant regulation on educational activities.

## ARTICLE 8 – DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

In order to apply to the degree course, applicants must complete the steps below.

- 1) Register on the CISIA website (<https://www.cisiaonline.it/en>) to **sit the ENGLISH TOLC-I test** either online (TOLC@CASA) or at a participating university. Students must also **pay the participation fee and take the test**.

To register for the test, candidates must follow the instructions on the CISIA website, paying particular attention to the rules.

- 2) **Register for the admission selection** on the University website.

Log in to the online Academic Services (Esse3) from the following [page: https://portale.units.it/en/study/application/programmed-access-bachelors-degrees-and-single-cycle-masters-degrees](https://portale.units.it/en/study/application/programmed-access-bachelors-degrees-and-single-cycle-masters-degrees). If the applicant does not already have UniTS credentials, they must follow the registration procedure (preferably using SPID, the Italian public system for digital identity).

⇒ Double check that the tax code entered in Esse3 and on CISIA is correct.

⇒ Select *Home > Admission test (restricted-access and master degrees)* and register. Applicants do not need to enter their ENGLISH TOLC-I score.

Applicants can take part in the selection for this degree course even if they have already enrolled in another course.

- 3) **Meet the following deadlines** to sit the ENGLISH TOLC-I and register for the selection:

REGISTRATION WINDOW FOR SELECTION	DEADLINE FOR SITTING THE ENGLISH-TOLC I TEST
from 9:00 on 11 August 2025 to 13:00 on 8 September 2025	5 September 2025

Once the applicant has received confirmation that their documents are in order from [apply.units.it](https://apply.units.it), **non-EU citizens with their permanent address abroad (i.e., visa applicants)**, must also submit an application for pre-enrolment on the *University* portal (<https://www.universitaly.it/>).

## CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES AND/OR SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES (SpLD)

Candidates with official disabilities (pursuant to Italian Law No 104/1992) and those with SpLD (pursuant to Italian Law 170/2010) may request additional time for admission tests (max 50% for candidates with disabilities and max 30% for SpLD) or special requirements. Candidates should send their request at least 10 days before the date of the test to the following email address: [disabili.dsa@units.it](mailto:disabili.dsa@units.it).

- Complete and sign the Disability Request Form

([https://web.units.it/page/sites/default/files/all\\_modulistica/modulo%20servizi%20per%20es.%20ammissione%20studenti%20con%20invalidit%C3%A0%20e%20disabilit%C3%A0%202025-26.pdf](https://web.units.it/page/sites/default/files/all_modulistica/modulo%20servizi%20per%20es.%20ammissione%20studenti%20con%20invalidit%C3%A0%20e%20disabilit%C3%A0%202025-26.pdf)) or the SpLD Request Form

([https://web.units.it/page/sites/default/files/all\\_modulistica/modulo%20servizi%20per%20es.%20ammissione%20studenti%20DSA%20e%20BES%202025-26.pdf](https://web.units.it/page/sites/default/files/all_modulistica/modulo%20servizi%20per%20es.%20ammissione%20studenti%20DSA%20e%20BES%202025-26.pdf))

- Include relevant certification of additional needs

- Include a copy of an identity document

Additional documents may be requested in the event of expired or out-of-date documentation.

Guidelines for candidates with disabilities and/or SpLDs are available on the CISIA portal

(<https://guide.cisiaonline.it/it/Registrazione>).

## ARTICLE 9 – DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENROLMENT

**The ranking will be published** on the University Notice Board (<https://www.units.it/ateneo/albo>) and on the course page (<https://degree.units.it/1-earth-sciences-sustainable-development>) **by 12 September 2025**.

Candidates who have obtained a foreign qualification and have been conditionally included in the ranking must send their documentation for assessment by the enrolment application deadline.

**Candidates included in the ranking**, if they still want to take up a place on the course, must submit their application for enrolment within the following deadlines.

Similarly, candidates included in the ranking who were not awarded a place, must submit a request to be placed on the reserve list if they want to be considered for any places that become available. This should be done respecting the following deadlines.

ENROLMENT AND RESERVE LIST DEADLINES	
Enrolment of winners	from 12 September 2025 to 17 September 2025 - by 13:00 at the latest
Applications for the reserve list	from 12 September 2025 to 17 September 2025 - by 13:00 at the latest
Publication of vacancies and names of students selected from the <b>reserve list (round 1)</b>	by 19 September 2025
Enrolment opens for successful applicants selected from the <b>reserve list (round 1)</b>	from 19 September 2025 to 22 September 2025 - by 13:00 at the latest
Publication of vacancies and names of students selected from the <b>reserve list (round 2)</b>	by 24 September 2025
Enrolment opens for successful applicants selected from the <b>reserve list (round 2)</b>	from 24 September 2025 to 26 September 2025 - by 13:00 at the latest

The number of possible vacancies and the names of successful applicants selected from the reserve list are published on the course web page, according to the calendar shown above.

After the second round of selection from the reserve list, if there are still places available, a notice will be published with details of a third round.

**Candidates who are included in the rankings will lose their right to enrolment if they do not follow the above procedures within the deadlines provided.**

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## STANDARD ENROLMENT APPLICATION

The application for enrolment must be submitted online by 13:00 on the day of the deadline. The application will not be considered complete unless the first instalment of university fees has also been paid by the same deadline. Failure to do so will result in the loss of right to enrolment.

**Admitted candidates** must:

- 1) log in to the online Academic Services (Esse3) from the following page:  
<https://portale.units.it/en/study/application/programmed-access-bachelors-degrees-and-single-cycle-masters-degrees>.
- 2) select *Home > Enrolment*
- 3) enter the required information and upload attachments;
- 4) pay the first instalment of university fees by the enrolment application deadline using the PagoPA platform, as per the instructions available on our website (<https://portale.units.it/it/pagopa>). The payment status can be checked by clicking on *Home > Payments* in Esse3. A green traffic light indicates that UniTS has received your payment. **No other payment methods are accepted.**

The Fees Notice for the academic year 2025-2026 will be published on the following page:

<https://portale.units.it/en/study/university-fees/bachelor-master-degrees-and-one-cycle-master-degrees>.

## PROCEDURE FOR THE RESERVE LIST

Candidates included in the selection ranking who are not admitted will be allowed to enrol only if they are selected from the reserve list.

They must therefore express their interest by applying for a place on the reserve list as follows:

- 1) go to the online academic services (Esse3) ([https://esse3.units.it/Home.do?cod\\_lingua=eng](https://esse3.units.it/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng)) and log in;
- 2) select *Home > Admission test (restricted-access and master degrees)*
- 3) select the application for a place on the reserve list and then confirm.

**After the list of candidates from the reserve list has been published**, successful candidates must enrol following the standard enrolment procedure described above. See below for exceptional cases.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students must also complete the following by the enrolment deadline:

- candidates with a foreign entry qualification, who have not yet done so as provided for in Article 8, must upload their documents to <https://apply.units.it/>.
- Non-EU candidates with their permanent address in Italy and holding an Italian qualification must send their residence permit, or proof of their application (*ricevuta della richiesta*), by email to [areatecnoscientifica.ammissioni@amm.units.it](mailto:areatecnoscientifica.ammissioni@amm.units.it)
- Non-EU citizens with their permanent address in Italy and holding a foreign entry qualification must send a copy of their residence permit, or proof of their application (*ricevuta della richiesta*) by email to [international.students@amm.units.it](mailto:international.students@amm.units.it)

Non-EU applicants with their permanent address abroad must instead send the proof of application for a residence permit to [international.students@amm.units.it](mailto:international.students@amm.units.it) within 8 days of their entry into Italy.

Enrolment cannot be completed without this documentation.

**Candidates who are included in the rankings will lose their right to enrolment if they do not follow the above procedures within the deadlines provided.**

## **SPECIAL CASES FOR ENROLMENT IN THE FIRST YEAR**

### **COURSE TRANSFER**

If a candidate is successful in their application for this degree course but has already enrolled in another degree course at the University, they can request a course transfer. In this case, they must pay the first instalment of the fees related to the course they have already enrolled in and submit an application for a course transfer online by the enrolment deadline following the procedure detailed on the following page: <https://portale.units.it/en/study/student-career/change-course>.

### **TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY**

Successful candidates, who intend to move from another university, must submit a transfer request to the university where they are currently enrolled by the enrolment deadline.

Candidates must also apply for enrolment at this University by following the online procedure and selecting *trasferimento in ingresso* (entry by transfer).

Instructions are available on the following page: <https://portale.units.it/en/study/application/transfer-another-university>.

### **ADVANCED STANDING**

Successful candidates who have already graduated from another course may apply for recognition of skills and knowledge already acquired in another degree course. This is known as advanced standing. In this case, candidates must enrol by the enrolment deadline following the online procedure and choosing the option *abbreviazione di carriera* (advanced standing) (\*)

During the enrolment procedure they must attach:

- the application form (<https://portale.units.it/en/study/application/evaluation-completed-and-concluded-pathways>);
- if the applicant has graduated from another university, a self-certification of their previous academic record (preferably as detailed on the website of the university where they obtained their degree).

(\*) *Applicants will only be able to enrol in the 1st year but will be able to request the recognition of exams taken during their previous degree.*

### **ENROLMENT AFTER WITHDRAWAL OR FORFEITURE OF STUDIES**

Successful candidates who withdrew from their studies or who forfeited their academic career at the University of Trieste or another university, must apply for enrolment by the deadline, following the online procedure and choosing the option *studente decaduto* (forfeiture of studies) or *studente rinunciatario* (withdrawal from studies)

Applicants who want to request the recognition of exams sat earlier in their academic career, must attach:

- the application form (<https://portale.units.it/en/study/application/evaluation-those-who-have-withdrawn-or-lapsed>);
- if the applicant was previously at another university, a self-certification of their academic record (preferably as detailed on the website of the university attended).

**Candidates who are included in the rankings will lose their right to enrolment if they do not follow the above procedures within the deadlines provided.**

## **ADDITIONAL CHARGES**

In addition to the first instalment of tuition fees required for enrolment, in the special cases indicated above, additional fees must be paid. These are indicated in the Fees Notice, available on the following page: <https://portale.units.it/en/study/contacts/taxes-contributions-and-exemptions>.



## ARTICLE 10 – DATA PROCESSING, RIGHT OF ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS AND STAFF MEMBER IN CHARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the personal data provided by students will be processed, stored and archived, also electronically, by the University of Trieste for the purposes related to this call for applications. The provision of such data is mandatory for the aforementioned purposes. Candidates who fail to provide this information will be excluded from the selection.

The data controller is the University of Trieste, with registered office in Trieste, Piazzale Europa 1.

The data processed for the purposes described above will be transmitted or will in any case be accessible to employees and collaborators of UniTS competent offices, who are, for this purpose, adequately instructed by the Data Controller.

The University may also communicate the personal data it holds to other public administrations (if they need to process the same data for any procedures falling within their institutional competence) as well as to all public institutions with which the University is required to communicate according to EU provisions, laws or regulations (conditions apply).

The management and storage of personal data collected by the University takes place on servers located within the University and/or on external servers belonging to the providers of certain services necessary for technical administrative management. These services may become aware of the personal data of the data subjects solely for the purposes of the service requested and will be duly appointed as Data Processors in accordance with Article 28 of the relevant regulation.

Students are granted the rights referred to in Articles 15 to 21 of the aforementioned EU Regulation and, in particular, the right to access their personal data, to request any corrections, supply supplementary information, delete data, and request the limitation of its processing, by sending an email to the Data Controller or Data Protection Officer at [ateneo@pec.units.it](mailto:ateneo@pec.units.it) and [dpo@units.it](mailto:dpo@units.it) respectively.

Students are guaranteed access to the relevant documents in accordance with the legislation in force (Italian Law No 241/90 and Presidential Decree No 184/2006).

Pursuant to Italian Law No 241/90, the staff member in charge of this administrative procedure is the Head of the Admissions Office at the University of Trieste.

## CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

- Degree course webpage: <https://degree.units.it/1-earth-sciences-sustainable-development>
- Admissions Office: [areatecnoscientifica.ammissioni@amm.units.it](mailto:areatecnoscientifica.ammissioni@amm.units.it)
- International students: [international.students@amm.units.it](mailto:international.students@amm.units.it)
- Support services: <https://portale.units.it/en/services/disability>
- Support with institutional credentials: <https://portale.units.it/en/services/digital-services/password-recovery>

Details about the Admissions Office and its opening hours can be found on the following page: <https://portale.units.it/en/study/contacts/enrollments-and-admission-notices>.

Admission notices and other related documents are published on the respective degree course pages indicated above.

Trieste, 7 May 2025