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## **Call for applications for Luiss Foundation Programme “Foundation Course on Social Sciences” (60 FC)**

### **1. General rules**

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

The Programme, totally held in English, is open to international students who have completed at least 11 years of secondary school studies and 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 to complete their basic education before admission to Italian universities. Through the proposed classes, students will also have the opportunity to complete their linguistic and subject preparation and become familiar with each subject’s technical language.

The duration of the Programme is one year. Students who successfully complete Luiss Foundation Programme will be awarded a certificate and 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 2025/2026. The minimum number of students admitted to the Foundation Course is 30: the course will start only if the minimum number is reached.

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

For the academic year 2024/2025, the Foundation Programme will be a blended course: the first semester will be delivered via online synchronous classes, while the second semester will be delivered mainly online and students will be invited on campus for a period to live a student life experience. Continuous assessment by Professors and a final test characterize the course. In April 2025, students will come to Luiss campus in Rome to attend some classes and the soft skills training. At the end of the programme, they will register the exams and be awarded the final qualification of successful completion of Luiss Foundation Course on Social Sciences. The non-attendance to the on-campus courses must be justified beforehand and accepted by the Foundation team, only if the students reach 80% of attendance.

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

In case of subsequent enrolment in the first cycle of Luiss Undergraduate Programs and Single-Cycle Degree Programs, the Foundation Credits cannot be recognized as CFUs (Italian Crediti Formativi Universitari).

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

The first semester will start on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, while the second semester will start on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The learning process of each student will be regularly monitored through a continuous assessment based on closed-ended quizzes, open questions, interviews, or short essays concerning the main topics of the course, according to each teacher's assessment criteria, and a final test at the end of each course aimed at assessing the student's acquired knowledge.

### 3. Admission requirements

The admission procedure is open to students holding either EU or non-EU citizenship.

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, a copy of the most recent transcript of records;
- Copy of passport front page or ID document.
- English language proficiency certificate equivalent at least to CEFR level B2, confirmed by an English language certificate not older than three years. max. We accept one of the following certificates:
  - TOEFL 72,
  - IELTS 5.5,
  - Cambridge B2,
  - Duolingo 90

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

Applicants not possessing an English-level certificate can request to schedule an interview with the Luiss International Orientation Office to assess their English level proficiency in the form of application.

All documents must be transmitted in either Italian or English.

#### **4. Application procedures and deadline**

Students shall submit their application online via the website from February 5<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### **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 abovementioned criteria.

During the phase of the finalization of registration, students will have to deliver the Declaration of Value to be requested from the relevant Italian diplomatic or consular authorities and, for students with non-EU citizenship, documentation regarding personal identity and visa, where applicable.

#### **6. Tuition fees**

The tuition fee for the 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 installments are divided accordingly:

- 2500 EUR to pay to complete the enrollment procedure by August-September (exact date to be communicated);
- 4000 EUR to pay during the first semester of the Programme (January, 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 Bachelor's Degree Programs and Single-Cycle Degree Programs, the University offers an exemption equal to 4000 EUR on the last installment of the last year of the Bachelor's Degree and Single-Cycle Degree Programs to students who graduate on track.

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The exemption of 4000 EUR is not compatible with any other scholarship/tuition fee waiver awarded to the student during the Bachelor's Degree or Single-Cycle Degree.

### **7. Early bird discount**

For all enrolments by April 2024, students will receive a discount of 15% on the tuition fee of the Luiss Foundation Programme. The tuition fee reduction will be applied on the payment of the second installment.

### **8. 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.

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

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

### **9. Information and clarification**

Any requests for further information or clarification on the application can be addressed to the Luiss Foundation Team by emailing [foundation@luiss.it](mailto:foundation@luiss.it).

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