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CALL FOR ADMISSION

*for the degree programme in English with **a limited number of places** in:*

ANIMAL CARE

Selection reserved for Italian citizens, EU citizens, or equivalent



SUMMARY OF DEADLINES FOR 2025

DO A TOLC-F	From January 1, 2024, to April 7, 2025, with a score of 20/50 or higher;	
PRE-ENROLL	From March 7 al 7 aprile	
INTERVIEW	An interview must be attended; candidates eligible for the interview will be contacted directly by the committee.	
RANKING	Ranking list on May 7 from 3 p.m.	The deadlines for enrollment will be published alongside the ranking list.

Other deadlines

- A **secondary school diploma** must be obtained (and the section related to the qualification must be updated on Uniweb) by **July 31, 2025**.
- An English language proficiency **certificate at a B2** level must be obtained by **July 31, 2025**.

N.B.: this document is the English translation of the Call for admission for Bachelor's degree "Animal Care".

The Italian version is available at <https://www.unipd.it/ammissioni-animal-care>. If there is any dispute regarding the interpretation of the two versions, the Italian version shall take precedence

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This call is intended for **Italian, European Union, or equivalent candidates**. This category includes:

- citizens of any member state of the European Union;
- citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, and the Republic of San Marino;
- citizens with dual citizenship, one of which is Italian/European;
- citizens of non-EU countries residing in Italy and holding a valid residence permit that allows enrolment in university, in accordance with the current regulations on enrolment: <https://www.unipd.it/en/stays-over-90-days-study>;
- candidates holding an Italian qualification granting university access, regardless of their citizenship.

Non-EU candidates residing abroad who do not fall under any of the categories described will participate in a separate selection. The relevant call for admission is available at <https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-lauree-triennali-ciclo-unico>.

1.1 Course, venue, and places available

Graduation Class Ministerial Decree 270/04	Degree programme	Registered office	Places available for EU* or equated citizens	Places for non- EU citizens residing abroad
L-38	Animal Care	Legnaro	35	10**

* of the European Union

** places are assigned in a specific selection. In order to apply for the selection, it is necessary to refer to the relevant call for admission, published at <https://www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi>

On www.unipd.it/en/animal-care candidates can find general information on the “Animal Care” degree programme in English¹.

For information on the content and organisation of the degree programme: cdl.animalcare@unipd.it

1.2 Admission requirements

To be admitted to the 1st year of the degree programme, candidates² must:

- 1) obtain **by 31 July 2025** an **upper secondary school certificate** or a foreign qualification recognised as suitable for access to university education in accordance with the applicable regulations (www.unipd.it/en/how-apply - with regard to this type of qualification, specific requirements are also assessed for admission purposes as specified at www.unipd.it/en/entry-title-requirements)

¹ Activation of the first year of Degree Programmes is subject to their accreditation according to the provisions of D.M. (Ministerial Decree) no. 1154/2021 “Self-assessment, assessment, initial and periodic accreditation of venues and courses of study” and to the achievement of a minimum number of enrolments; therefore, if the Degree Programme is not accredited or if the number of enrolment applications submitted is less than the number approved annually by the Academic Senate (in any case a minimum of 5 for each curriculum), the Degree Programme will not be activated. All the information relating to the activation of the degree programme is published at <http://www.unipd.it>

² Hereinafter, the terms that relate to people are in the masculine form, for the sole purpose of ensuring better readability of the text, but refer indiscriminately to all genders.

- 2) demonstrate an English language proficiency of at least **B2 level** (CEFR) by submitting a certificate **by 31 July 2025**, except in the specified cases of exemption. The list of accepted certificates, the relative minimum scores required and exemptions is available at www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes
- 3) apply for selection **from 7 March 2025 to no later than 11:59 pm (local time - GMT+1) on 7 April 2025**, by submitting the documents required for the evaluation of qualifications and for the formation of ranking lists. The procedure to be followed is different for those who hold a university degree, used for entry, obtained in Italy ([point 3.1](#)) or abroad ([point 3.2](#))
- 4) take or have taken the [English TOLC-F CISIA](#) test at the University of Padua or at another member university of CISIA - Consortium of Inter-University Integrated Access Systems - **from 1 January 2024 and no later than 7 April 2024** ([point 3](#)) achieving a **score of 20/50 or higher**;
- 5) Attend the **online interview**, accessible only to candidates who have achieved the minimum score in the English TOLC-F. Relevant information will be communicated via email to the candidates by the examination committee.

1.3 Procedure for the preparation of the admission ranking list

The ranking is drawn up in order of score.

The score for the ranking is expressed in hundredths (100/100) and is calculated by attributing a weight of 60% to the result obtained in the English TOLC-F and 40% to the result obtained in the oral interview.

The methods for attributing the English TOLC-F score, information on the test structure, syllabus, and procedures to register and take the test are available in [point 2](#).

To access the online interview and be included in the ranking list, it is necessary to achieve a score **greater than or equal to 20/50** in the English TOLC-F.

The interview is structured in 4 questions that focus on knowledge related to animal biology, each of which is assigned a score from 0 to 10, for a total of 40 points.

The final score of each candidate is obtained by adding points a) and b) as follows:

a) the English TOLC-F score normalized to 60ths, through the following calculation:

$$(\text{score obtained} - \text{min}) / (\text{max} - \text{min}) * 60$$

• "min" is equivalent to the lowest score obtainable in the English TOLC-F, i.e., providing all 50 incorrect answers: $50 \times (-0.25) = -12.5$;

• "max" is equivalent to the maximum score obtainable in the English TOLC-F, i.e., providing all 50 correct answers: $50 \times (+1) = 50$;

b) the online interview score is already arranged in 40ths, so it is not normalized.

For example, if the candidate obtained a score of 32/50 in the English TOLC-F and a score of 28/40 in the online interview, their final score in hundredths will be:

$$28 + [32 - (-12.5)] / [50 - (-12.5)] * 60 = 28 + 42.72 = \mathbf{70.72}$$

In case of a tie in the ranking between two or more candidates, the TOLC sections are considered in the following order: (1) Biology, (2) Chemistry, (3) Physics, (4) Mathematics, (5) Logic. In case of a further tie, precedence is given to (6) the youngest candidate.

1.4 Request for a personalised test for candidates with a disability, impairment, or SLD diagnosis

The requested aids and/or accommodations may be granted following an assessment by the Student Services Office – Inclusion Department.

Any additional time granted will not exceed 50% (for disabilities) or 30% (for SLD) of the time allocated for the test.

Candidates can verify the accommodations assigned for the TOLC on the CISIA delivery platform.

Any specific requirements for the **oral exam** on Zoom **must be reported to the Inclusion Department** by sending an **email to: inclusione.studenti@unipd.it** no later than 11:59 pm local time (GMT+1) on **7 April 2025**. In any case, tools such as dictionaries and/or glossaries, formularies, periodic tables, concept maps, computers (other than the one used to take the test), tablets, smartphones, smart glasses, and similar devices are not permitted.

Candidates must attach the following documentation:

- **civil invalidity certificate and/or a certificate** pursuant to Legge (Law) no. 104 of 1992 issued by the medical committee for the relevant area, proving the type of disability (NO OMISSIONS) and, where envisaged, the recognised percentage of invalidity; the candidate will be entitled to an additional time not exceeding 50 per cent of the time defined for the test;
- **certificate of SLD diagnosis** issued no more than 3 years previously, if prior to the candidate's eighteenth birthday, or if subsequent to the candidate's eighteenth birthday, by state local health facilities or entities and professionals accredited with the regional health service. Where not already specified in the diagnosis, ask the accredited private facility for their accreditation code/no. In accordance with the provisions of the "Guidelines on Specific Learning Disorders" annexed to D.M. (Italian Ministerial Decree) no. 5669 of 12 July 2011, candidates with SLDs are granted additional time equal to a maximum of 30 per cent more than that defined for the admission test.

Candidates with SLDs may request additional time and/or customised support with the medical certification they possess, even if it has expired. The new documentation, updated for the cycle of university studies, must be sent to inclusione.studenti@unipd.it by no later than 30 September 2025.

Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) and diagnoses of SLDs issued before the last level of education (upper secondary education) and/or by non-accredited individuals or entities are not accepted under any circumstances.

- **a statement in lieu of a publicly sworn certificate** in which the candidate states that what is stated in the certificate has not been revoked, suspended, or changed, using the forms available on the CISIA - Consortium of Inter-University Integrated Access Systems - portal;
- valid **identity or identification document**.

Candidates with a disability, invalidity, or SLD from EU and non-EU countries residing abroad who wish to benefit from personalised support must submit a certificate, which, where provided for under current international rules and regulations, has been legalised, of their disability, invalidity, or SLD

condition issued in their country of residence, accompanied by a sworn translation or a translation certified by the Italian diplomatic services as conforming to the original text, in Italian or English. The Student Service Office - Inclusion Unit, which is in charge of examining these certificates, shall ascertain that the foreign documentation certifies a condition of invalidity, disability, or SLD recognised by Italian law.

If you have a particularly complex condition, we suggest that you request an interview with dedicated staff, using the appropriate online form for an appointment request with the Inclusion Unit, to make your individual needs known: <https://web.unipd.it/prenotazioniservizi/settore-inclusione/>.

Further information is available at www.unipd.it/accoglienza-prove-ingresso.

1.5 Career Shortening

For any requests for career recognition or career shortening, students can refer to [Appendix 1](#).

2. ENGLISH TOLC-F TEST: TAKING THE TEST

The English TOLC-F test, in addition to the Zoom interview, is the test required for admission. It is delivered online on a platform provided by CISIA - Consortium of Inter-University Integrated Access Systems, a consortium of Italian universities.

2.1 Validity of the TOLC and acquisition of results

To be valid for participation in the selection processes, the English TOLC-F test must:

- a) be taken **from 1 January 2024 and by 7 April 2025**;
- b) have a score **higher than or equal to 20/50**.

Caution: simply taking the English TOLC-F test is not a sufficient condition for admission to the degree programme, as set out in [point 1.2](#).

A TOLC test of the same type can be taken at the most once per calendar month, including from abroad. Candidates can select the “Padua” venue to take the test in a virtual classroom (TOLC@CASA) or in person in a real classroom (TOLC at the University) managed by the University of Padua.

The test is **valid whether it is taken in the “@casa” mode or at the University**, at any of the consortium universities included [in the list of participating venues on the CISIA site](#).

2.2 Registration for the TOLC test

The TOLC test is delivered via the platform provided by CISIA - Consortium of Inter-University Integrated Access Systems. For all operations concerning registration, booking, and taking the test and the rules governing these steps, candidates should refer to the www.cisiaonline.it/ portal.

It should be noted that the test must be booked, subject to **availability of places**, at least 7-10 days before the test date. It is therefore advisable that candidates book their place well in advance to meet the deadline set in this call for admission ([point 1.2](#)).

Registration for the TOLC admission test:

https://tolc.cisiaonline.it/studenti_tolc/user_test_tolc.php

TOLC Tests **structure** and required **knowledge** (Syllabus):

www.cisiaonline.it/area-tematica-tolc-cisia/home-tolc-generale

Dates and venues for delivery of TOLC tests:

tolc.cisiaonline.it/calendario.php

TOLC Students and TOLC@CASA Students **Regulations**:

www.cisiaonline.it/area-tematica-tolc-cisia/regolamenti/

Contacts and assistance

For information on the use of the CISIA portal and to book a TOLC: helpdesk.cisiaonline.it

2.3 Score acquisition

2.3.1 Candidates with a qualification obtained in Italy

The score is acquired through one's **tax identification number**, which must be identical on both the **Uniweb** portal ([point 3.1](#)) and the **CISIA** portal.

The final update of the TOLC test results is acquired automatically at the latest 3 working days after the closing of pre-enrolments: any reports of **non-acquisition** of results will be taken into account **after** this timeframe **and before** the publication of the ranking list for the selection process the candidate is taking part in.

Reports should be sent to: immatricolazioni.studenti@unipd.it

2.3.2 Candidates with a qualification obtained abroad

At the time of application and within its deadlines ([point 3.2](#)), it is necessary to attach the TOLC certificate with the scores obtained

3. APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION UPLOAD

3.1 Candidates with a qualification obtained in Italy

Registration on the Uniweb portal

If candidates are logging into Uniweb for the first time, they must create a new user account at www.uniweb.unipd.it by clicking on *Menu* → *Registration*.

At the end of the registration process, candidates will receive an email with a username and an activation code to log in to uniweb.unipd.it/password/index.php/it/utenti/identifica/azione/a, where they will be asked to set up three security questions and a password. With the username obtained and the password set, candidates can log in to their personal area.

Students can also register with the www.uniweb.unipd.it portal using SPID credentials by clicking on *Menu* → *Registration with SPID*.

In the event of problems with logging in, contact the University Call Centre (www.unipd.it/callcentre).

N.B.: the personal email address included in the Uniweb profile is the communication channel that will be used to communicate deadlines and to provide instructions for access to the degree programme. Emails sent for this purpose count as an official communication.

Pre-enrolment

Pre-enrolment must be submitted

from 7 March 2025 to no later than 11:59 pm (local time - GMT+1) on 7 April 2025.

To pre-enrol, candidates must log into www.uniweb.unipd.it and click on *Home* → *Admission test* → *Course Type* “*Degree Programme*” → *Animal Care*.

The following documents must be submitted for pre-enrolment:

a) for one's own personal data sheet:

- copy of an identity document: ID Card for EU citizens or a passport for non-EU citizens
- only for non-EU citizens residing in Italy: copy of residence permit

b) for the assessment of the entry title:

- upper secondary school certificate³ (obtained after at least 12 years of schooling) or certificate of registration in the final year, with the relevant translation into Italian or English. If the certificate was obtained after a shorter period of schooling, the documents specified by the ministerial guidelines must also be uploaded:

https://universitaly-private.cineca.it/uploads/universitaly-pubblico/Trad_Circolare_2024-2025_studenti_internazionali_v2.pdf

- transcript of records, with the relevant translation into Italian or English

c) certificate of English language proficiency of **B2 level** or higher, or documentation certifying that the candidate falls within the specified cases of exemption. The list of accepted certificates, the relative minimum scores required and exemptions is available at <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes>.

Candidates who do not yet hold their **language certificate** at this time, may provisionally participate the selection process, and they are required to submit the language certificate **no later than 31 July 2025**. The procedures for submitting the certificate are disclosed at the same time as the publication of the ranking list.

Contacts and assistance: www.unipd.it/immatricolazioni and www.unipd.it/callcentre

3.2 Candidates with a qualification obtained abroad

The application must be submitted by accessing the personal area of the <https://apply.unipd.it> portal

from 7 March 2025 to no later than 11:59 pm (local time - GMT+1) on 7 April 2025.

³ If in the country where the upper secondary school certificate is awarded there is an academic aptitude entry test, proof of passing this test must also be uploaded.

Those who are not yet registered need to enter their email address at <https://apply.unipd.it/applicant/register>. A PIN code will be generated and they will receive a verification email at the specified address in order to complete their registration.

N.B.: the personal email address included in the apply.unipd.it portal is the communication channel that will be used to communicate deadlines and to provide instructions for access to the degree programme. Emails sent for this purpose count as an official communication.

Candidates can choose up to three degree programmes from the portal, listing them in order of preference. After selecting the degree programmes, click on “*Apply now*” and fill in all the required fields. The documents to be uploaded for the application are as follows:

- a) for one’s own personal data sheet:
 - copy of an identity document: ID Card for EU citizens or a passport for non-EU citizens
 - only for non-EU citizens residing in Italy: copy of residence permit
- b) for the assessment of curricular requirements:
 - upper secondary school certificate⁴ (obtained after at least 12 years of schooling) or certificate of registration in the final year, with the relevant translation into Italian or English. If the certificate was obtained after a shorter period of schooling, the documents specified by the ministerial guidelines must also be uploaded:
https://universitaly-private.cineca.it/uploads/universitaly-pubblico/Trad_Circolare_2024-2025_studenti_internazionali_v2.pdf
 - transcript of records, with the relevant translation into Italian or English
- c) for the formation of the ranking list:
 - certification of the results of the English TOLC-F ([point 2](#)).
- d) certificate of English language proficiency of **B2 level** or higher, or documentation certifying that the candidate falls within the specified cases of exemption. The list of accepted certificates, the relative minimum scores required and exemptions is available at <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes>.

Candidates who do not yet hold their **language certificate** at this time, may provisionally participate the selection process, and they are required to submit the language certificate **no later than 31 July 2025**. The procedures for submitting the certificate are disclosed at the same time as the publication of the ranking list.

- e) for completing the enrolment:
 - authentication of the qualification or the CIMEA Statement of Verification are optional for the application, but are required **for the enrolment, and they must be submitted no later than 31 October 2025**.

The Admissions and Welcome Unit reserves the right to mandatorily request the CIMEA Statement of Comparability of the entry qualification if further verification of the qualification is deemed necessary.

Once **the required documents have been entered**, the application must be submitted by clicking on the “**Submit**” button.

⁴ If in the country where the upper secondary school certificate is awarded there is an academic aptitude entry test, proof of passing this test must also be uploaded.

Contacts and assistance: international.admission@unipd.it.

4. PUBLICATION OF RANKING LISTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES

4.1 Publication of ranking lists and deadlines for accepting places

As from **7 May 2025** on www.unipd.it/en/assessment-results the following documents will be published:

- the merit ranking lists;
- instructions for accepting the place.

Admission is subject to verification of the declared qualifications, the awarding of the qualification, if not yet held, and, in the case of a qualification awarded abroad, the submission of the documents specified on <https://www.unipd.it/en/how-apply>.

Candidates who fail to meet the deadlines for obtaining the required qualifications ([point 1.2](#)) will lose their place in the ranking list.

Regular updates on the assignment of places according to the ranking lists are published on www.unipd.it/en/assessment-results.

N.B.: meeting the deadlines specified for accepting the place and for payment of the first instalment is mandatory; failure to meet them is equal to forfeiting one's place in the ranking list.

Candidates who do not yet hold their **language certificate** or **entry qualification** at the time of assignment of a place on the ranking list, may provisionally accept the place that they have successfully gained, and they are required to update their entry qualification data and submit the language certificate **no later than 31 July 2025**. The procedures for updating the qualification details and submitting the certificate are disclosed at the same time as the publication of the ranking list.

4.2 Student fees and benefits

The University of Padua offers scholarships and waivers of student fees to highly qualified and deserving international students with a foreign qualification who wish to register for a degree programme delivered entirely in English.

Further information on the opportunities and on the contribution required for enrolment, candidates can refer to www.unipd.it/en/tuition-fees

Contacts and assistance: benefici.studenti@unipd.it

4.3 Additional learning requirements

The OFA (Additional Learning Requirement) is assigned to enrolled students who achieve a score below the following thresholds for each corresponding section of the English TOLC-F:

- Score obtained in the "Biology" section lower than 8/15: OFA in BIOLOGY;
- Score obtained in the "Chemistry" section lower than 8/15: OFA in CHEMISTRY;

- Score obtained in the "Physics" section lower than 4/7: OFA in PHYSICS;
- Score obtained in the "Mathematics" section lower than 4/7: OFA in MATHEMATICS

Information on fulfilling the OFA will be available starting from September 2025 at the page <https://www.agrariamedicinaveterinaria.unipd.it/en/current-students/studying/additional-learning-requirements-ofa>

5. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEDURE, PERSONAL DATA, NOTES, AND WARNINGS

Person responsible for the administrative selection procedure and for the Procedure for Accessing Documents: Director of the Student Office, Ms Maria Chiara Ferraresi.

Further information on privacy and general admission regulations can be found on the following pages:

www.unipd.it/avvisi-ammissione-corsi

www.unipd.it/informativa-studenti.

For anything not specified in this Call for admission, reference should be made to the applicable Italian legislation.

Padua, *Date of registration*

THE RECTOR

Prof. Daniela Mapelli

digitally signed pursuant to D.lgs (Legislative Decree) no. 82/2005

La Responsabile del procedimento amministrativo dott.ssa Maria Chiara Ferraresi Data	La Dirigente dott.ssa Roberta Rasa Data	Il Direttore Generale Ing. Alberto Scuttari Data
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APPENDIX 1 - RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS CREDITS AND CAREER ABBREVIATION

Request for credit recognition

To recognize previously acquired credits and abbreviate the academic career, an online preventive evaluation request must be submitted (typically between June and the first half of July 2025). Methods and deadlines will be published by June 2025 on the page www.unipd.it/domanda-valutazione.

The appointed commission issues a resolution containing the list of recognized educational activities/credits and the proposed year of admission, with the following criteria:

- **1st year:** recognition of CFU (University Credits) less than 70% of the CFU required for the first year
- **2nd year:** recognition of CFU equal to or greater than 70% of the CFU required for the first year
- **3rd year:** recognition of CFU equal to or greater than 70% of the CFU required for the second year

For more information on the methods of recognizing educational activities, as well as for any clarifications on the received resolution, you can contact the Back office of your degree program: www.unipd.it/backoffice-carriere-studenti - agrariaveterinaria.studenti@unipd.it.

Candidates who wish to apply for credit recognition can participate in the first and second selection processes to ensure entry in the first year, even if these take place before making an application for credit recognition; in the event of admission, the recognition provided on the basis of a resolution will be validated and included in the career after enrolment.

2. Candidates eligible for admission to the 2nd and 3rd years

If the number of *eligible*⁵ candidates for admission to the 2nd and 3rd years of a course exceeds the number of available places, only *admitted*⁶ candidates may enroll in the 2nd and 3rd years.

For admission to each year of each course in this call, a merit ranking is drawn up, in order of score, based on the CFU and grades of fully recognized exams (for ranking purposes, partial validations are not considered). Only exams already taken and registered at the time of submitting the credit recognition request can be considered for calculating the year of admission. The score is calculated as follows:

- The grade of each recognized exam is multiplied by its respective CFU (in the calculation, the grade 30/30 with honors is counted as 33);
- The products obtained are then summed;
- The result of this sum is then multiplied by the weighted average of the grades of the recognized exams.

The rankings for access to years subsequent to the first will be published on the page <https://www.unipd.it/ammissioni-animal-care> by September 2025.

⁵ A candidate is considered eligible if the examination committee's decision recommends admission to the 2nd or 3rd year.

⁶ A candidate is admitted if, in addition to being eligible, they are placed in a suitable position on the ranking list.

After receiving the credit recognition decision and being admitted to any rankings for access to subsequent years, the deadlines for completing the course access procedures are as follows:

- Enrollment: from the date of publication of the ranking until September 30, 2025 (entire day);
- Incoming transfer: from the date of publication of the ranking until September 30, 2025 (entire day);
- Course change: from September 2 (or from the date of publication of the ranking, if later) until September 30, 2025 (entire day).

Admission proceeds in order of ranking. If places become available due to the withdrawal of admitted candidates, further selection will be carried out by direct call from the Settore Immatricolazioni e Prove di Accesso, in any case no later than October 31, 2025.

Instructions for completing enrollment, transfer, or course change after receiving the credit recognition decision are available on page www.unipd.it/istruzioniaccesso-triennali-magistrali-ciclounico.