



UNIVERSITY OF
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FOUNDATION COURSE



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Overview

9 months of study (October – June)
60 Equivalent Credits
30 places available
Accommodation included
Direct access to UniME
open-access Bachelor's degrees
IMAT preparation



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➡ Programme overview

The UniME Foundation Course (UFC) is an **intensive and comprehensive preparatory programme** designed specifically for international students. This bridging course is tailored to help to meet the official academic requirements for enrollment in Italian higher education while strengthening the language proficiency and core disciplinary knowledge necessary for a successful university career.

Specifically designed for international applicants who have completed fewer than the 12 years of global schooling required by Italian law, UFC offers a seamless path to your future studies.

Successfully completing the programme grants direct admission to open-access Bachelor's Degree courses at UniME. Furthermore, for those aiming for a career in healthcare, the curriculum is structured to provide rigorous preparation for the highly competitive entrance examination (IMAT) for the prestigious **Medicine and Surgery degree programme**.

The programme is offered in a hybrid format.

You will begin your journey during the first semester with remote, online classes, allowing you to study from home while finalizing your visa arrangements. For the second semester, you will join us on campus in Messina for in-presence lessons, fully immersing yourself in university life.

All enrolled students are **guaranteed accommodation** during their stay, which is conveniently arranged at the Villa Amalia compound. UFC programme makes you fully eligible to apply for a student visa and subsequently obtain an Italian residence permit for study purposes.

➡ Minimal entry requirements

Applicants must hold a final qualification that grants access to academic-level higher education in the country where it was issued.
Minimum entry requirements: Grade Point Average (GPA) of 70%

➡ Language requirements

Applicants must hold a CEFR B2 level certificate or higher issued by one of the following bodies: IELTS; TOEFL; Cambridge Assessment; Pearson Education.

➡ Study programme

Total: 60 equivalent credits over 2 semesters

1st SEMESTER

28 EQUIVALENT CREDITS

- Italian Language and Culture (Levels A1/A2) - 16
- English Language - 6
- Critical thinking reasoning on text and data - 6

2nd SEMESTER

32 EQUIVALENT CREDITS

Students must choose **4 elective courses** of 8 equivalent credits each from the following options:

- Statistics
- Computer Science
- Economics and Business
- International and European Law
- Political Institutions

And

- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

} suitable also for **IMAT Test Preparation**

To ensure your academic success, all enrolled students will be guided by a tutor to select the most suitable subjects for the second semester based on the specific degree programme you plan to pursue.

➡ After the Foundation Course

Upon successfully passing all the scheduled examinations within your study plan, you will receive the official final certificate of completion of the UniME Foundation Course. This credential certifies that you have met the minimum academic requirements necessary to access Bachelor's and Single-Cycle degree programmes in Italy.

As UFC graduate of the programme, you will benefit from a direct exemption from the entry assessment tests required for admission to any open-access Bachelor's Degree course at the University of Messina. Furthermore, for those aiming to pursue medical studies, the programme ensures you acquire the essential scientific and logical foundational knowledge required to confidently sit the IMAT (International Medical Admissions Test) for English-taught Medicine and Surgery programme.



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➔ Fees and Payment Schedule

To secure and maintain your enrollment in the Foundation course, the tuition fees are divided into three installments. These fees include accommodation at the "Villa Amalia" student residence for the duration of the in-presence phase of the programme.

Payments must be made according to the following deadlines:

- **First installment: € 1,000 due within 7 days of receiving your official Admission Letter.**
- **Second installment: € 2,000 due by October 5, 2026.**
- **Third installment: € 2,000 due by January 30, 2027.**

Tuition fees are non-refundable, including in the event of a visa refusal. In case of visa denial, students will be granted the possibility to attend on-line classes during the second semester. Exams are on campus.



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