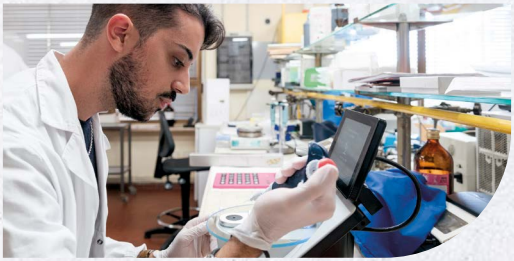
UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA del Sacro Cuore



MEDICINE AND SURGERY ADMISSIONS GUIDE

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6-year Single-Cycle Degree Programme

Laurea Magistrale a Ciclo Unico in Medicina e Chirurgia

Rome | Bolzano

Why Medicine at Università Cattolica?

Choosing where to study Medicine means **choosing the environment in which you will develop as a future doctor.**

Scientific knowledge, clinical practice and research are all essential parts of medical education. Equally important is learning within a **healthcare environment where these dimensions are closely connected.**

At Università Cattolica, students study Medicine in **close connection with clinical practice and research.** In **Rome,** the School of Medicine and Surgery is fully **integrated with Gemelli Hospital - Università Cattolica.** In **Bolzano,** the programme is delivered in **partnership with Claudiana University Centre for Health Professions,** offering a multilingual and internationally oriented learning environment.

599
International degree-seeking students
currently enrolled in the School of Medicine and Surgery.

19
Study abroad destinations
Options vary by campus - Rome and Bolzano offer different choices. Visit the website for details.

60
Nationalities in the Medicine and Surgery programme.

110 **Students** in Rome | **60** **Students** in Bolzano
Small annual cohorts ensure close academic support.

A learning environment recognised internationally

Gemelli

Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli IRCCS
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Gemelli Hospital - Università Cattolica

#1 **hospital in Italy**

#33 **hospital worldwide**

Newsweek World's Best Hospitals 2026

#1 in Italy for
Gastroenterology, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Pulmonology
Newsweek World's Best Specialised Hospitals 2026

School of Medicine and Surgery

TOP 150
worldwide for Medicine
(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026)

59
faculty members listed among the World's Top 2% Scientists

44
faculty members recognised among the Top Italian Scientists

5
Highly cited researchers in 2025:
Antonelli, Landi, Lorusso, Mercuri, Richeldi
(according to Clarivate)

Choose the learning environment that's right for you

Founded in **1921**

Europe's largest non-state university by number of students enrolled in on-campus degree programmes.

Recognised and fully-accredited research university





1 ROME

In Rome, our School of Medicine and Surgery is integrated with the Gemelli Hospital - Università Cattolica, Italy's leading hospital according to Newsweek World's Best Hospitals 2026.

This means that academic study and clinical practice are closely connected from early on.

Beyond the University, Rome has a distinctive rhythm of its own. Large and deeply layered, it is a place where daily life and history coexist.



2 BOLZANO

Bolzano hosts our second Medicine and Surgery programme, developed in collaboration with local healthcare institution Claudiana.

The setting is multilingual, smaller, and located in the Alpine region. It offers a structured and focused academic environment.

For medical students, this combination of scale, clinical exposure, and international context is a key element of the experience.

Get more information about the campuses

Medicine and Surgery (Rome)

Single-Cycle Degree in Medicine and Surgery

School: Medicine and Surgery

explore the programme

Campus: Rome, Italy
Next Intake: September 2027

Duration: 6 years
Total ECTS: 360
Edition #: 15

QS WUR BY SUBJECT MEDICINE IN THE TOP 150 2026

THE JOINT COMMISSION NATIONAL QUALITY APPROVAL

YEAR 1

- Basic sciences (14 ECTS)
- Functional architecture of the human body 1 (msk/heart/vascular system) (12 ECTS)
- Gene regulation and cell metabolism (11 ECTS)
- Italian language 1 (3 ECTS)
- Life of cells, tissues and microbes (10 ECTS)
- Scientific English (2 ECTS)
- Theology I*: introduction to christology and scriptures

YEAR 2

- Cellular and molecular pathology (8 ECTS)
- Epidemiology and biostatistics (6 ECTS)
- Functional architecture of the human body 2 (respiratory/digestive/urinary/reproductive) (15 ECTS)
- Functional architecture of the human body 3 (endocrine/nervous system) (12 ECTS)
- history of medicine and antropology (2 ECTS)
- Italian language 2 (4 ECTS)
- Italian language 3 (3 ECTS)
- Microbe - host interaction (10 ECTS)
- Theology II*: introduction to theological anthropology and ecclesiology

YEAR 3

- Approach to diagnosis and treatment (11 ECTS)
- Hematology (8 ECTS)
- Infectious diseases (9 ECTS)
- Introduction to clinical medicine (13 ECTS)
- Mechanisms and manifestations of diseases (13 ECTS)
- Theology III*: introduction to ethics and Christian ethics

YEAR 4

- Endocrinology (6 ECTS)
- Gastroenterology (12 ECTS)
- Gynecology (10 ECTS)
- Liver and biliary tract (6 ECTS)
- Materno-fetal medicine and obstetrics (5 ECTS)
- Metabolism and clinical nutrition (6 ECTS)
- Neurosciences (14 ECTS)
- Comparative religious studies (seminarial course)

YEAR 5

- Cardiac diseases (9 ECTS)
- Dermatology and rheumatology (9 ECTS)
- Emergency and intensive care (9 ECTS)
- Geriatrics and palliative medicine (7 ECTS)
- Kidney and urinary system (8 ECTS)
- Pediatrics (9 ECTS)
- Respiratory diseases (8 ECTS)
- Vascular diseases (6 ECTS)

YEAR 6

- Being a physician (14 ECTS)
- Bones and joints (8 ECTS)
- Eye, ear, nose and throat (10 ECTS)
- Practical-evaluation training general medicine (5 ECTS)
- Public health, occupational medicine and forensic sciences (7 ECTS)
- Thesis dissertation (16 ECTS)

Elective courses (10 ECTS)
May be completed at any point during the six-year programme.

Double Degree option

Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia, USA)
Once enrolled, students can refer to Cattolica International for further information

discover here

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Features of Medicine and Surgery (Rome)

Campus	Rome, Italy
Hospital	Gemelli Hospital
Teaching language	English
Internship language	English, Italian
Application opening	mid-October 2026
Application deadline	mid-February 2027
Application fee	€210
Entrance exam	2nd half of March 2027
Seats available	110

Keep up to date: Application dates, admission requirements and tuition fees may change. For the latest information, visit international.unicatt.it or email international.inquiry@unicatt.it

About both degrees (in Rome and Bolzano)

The six-year Medicine and Surgery programme includes 360 ECTS. Of these, 60 ECTS are dedicated to practical and professional training: 45 ECTS cover professional training activities, with 25 hours of training per credit, while 15 ECTS cover practical training with assessment, with 20 hours per credit. For taught courses, each ECTS normally includes 12 hours of teaching.

Medicine and Surgery (Bolzano)

Single-Cycle Degree in Medicine and Surgery

School: Medicine and Surgery

explore the programme

Campus: Bolzano, Italy
Next Intake: September 2027

Duration: 6 years
Total ECTS: 360
Edition #: 4

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150
2026

YEAR 1

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- Functional architecture of the human body 1 (msk/heart/vascular system) (12 ECTS)
- Gene regulation and cell metabolism (11 ECTS)
- German language 1** (5 ECTS)
- Italian language 1** (5 ECTS)
- Life of cells, tissues and microbes (10 ECTS)
- Scientific English (2 ECTS)
- Theology I*: introduction to christology and scriptures

YEAR 2

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- history of medicine and antropology (2 ECTS)
- German language 2** (5 ECTS)
- Italian language 2** (5 ECTS)
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**Students whose native language is Italian must attend German language courses. Students whose native language is German must attend Italian language courses. Students of other native languages must attend both Italian and German language courses.

Both programmes are designed for aspiring medical practitioners. As a graduate, you'll have a variety of career options, including opportunities in basic and clinical scientific research, thanks to the innovative curriculum.

Both degrees are academically recognised across the EU and many other countries for residency or professional practice, though local licensing regulations must be followed.

Features of Medicine and Surgery (Bolzano)	
Campus	Bolzano, Italy
Hospital	Claudiana University Centre for Health Professions
Teaching language	English
Internship language	English, German, Italian
Application opening	mid-January 2027
Application deadline	2nd half of April 2027
Application fee	€210
Entrance exam	2nd half of May 2027
Seats available	60

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Before you apply

Academic requirements

To apply, you must:

- Complete **at least 12 years of pre-university education**
- Complete the **final two years** within the **same education system**
- Obtain a **high school diploma** that gives **access to university** in the **country where it was awarded**
- Pass the **Università Cattolica entrance exam**

Qualification-specific requirements

Some qualifications have additional entry requirements. For example:

- **IB Diploma** – Full IB Diploma awarded by the May 2027 session
- **American High School Diploma** with 3 AP exams with the College Board passed with a minimum score of 3
- **British qualification** – minimum 3 A-Levels

Language requirements

- Complete a high school curriculum entirely taught in English

OR

- Minimum B2 certified level of English

Science background

No specific science subjects or grades are required.
To prepare for the entrance exam, please refer to the "Preparation materials" available on the programme webpage.

How to apply

If you wish to **apply to both** Medicine and Surgery (Rome) and Medicine and Surgery (Bolzano) degree programmes, you have to **submit two separate applications and pay two application fees.**

Go to **international.unicatt.it** to **start your application**
(Link available as soon as applications open)

Create an **account**

Complete the **online application form**

Upload your supporting documents

- Passport/s copy
- Official high school transcripts *(in English or Italian) scanned as one document only*
- High school diploma *(if already available)*
- Proof of English language proficiency *(where required)*

Pay the €210 application fee
Your application will be evaluated once the fee has been paid.

Submit your application

After submission, Università Cattolica's International Admissions Team will **evaluate eligibility** to **access the Entrance exam.** Only candidates whose eligibility has been confirmed will be officially **assigned to one of the applicant rankings** (EU or non-EU).

Entrance exam

Admission to the 6-year Single-Cycle Degree in Medicine and Surgery is based on your **eligibility assessment,** your **performance in the Università Cattolica entrance exam,** and your **position in the final admission ranking.**

Exam format: The entrance exam is taken **online** through a **remote proctoring system,** allowing candidates to complete the exam from home.

Prepare for your entrance exam



Programme class size

Rome		Bolzano	
70	seats	10	seats
40	seats	50	seats

Reserved to **non-EU citizens residing abroad**

Reserved to **EU citizens residing anywhere and non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy** with a valid permesso di soggiorno/residence permit

Applicants holding both EU and non-EU citizenship will be considered as EU applicants for the purposes of the final admission ranking, in accordance with Italian legislation (art. 19, comma 2, of L. n. 218/1995).

Application timeline

Rome	Mid-October 2026	Mid-February 2027	2nd half of March 2027	1st half of April 2027
	Applications open	**Final deadline**	**Entrance exam**	**Rankings publication**
Bolzano	Mid-January 2027	2nd half of April 2027	May 2027	

Tuition fees and scholarships

6-year Medicine and Surgery

Programme	Fiscal Residency	Tuition fees per year	Scholarship opportunities
Rome	**All fiscal residencies**	**€18,150**	Financial aid and scholarship opportunities administered by **EDUCatt.** For details refer to > educatt.eu
Bolzano			Scholarship opportunities administrated by the **Province of Bolzano.** For details refer to > international.unicatt.it > Admission and tuition > Tuition fees and scholarships

Cost of living

TOTAL LIVING EXPENSES AVERAGE PER YEAR

Rome campus: **€15,000 - €17,000** | Bolzano campus: **€12,000 - 14,000**

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