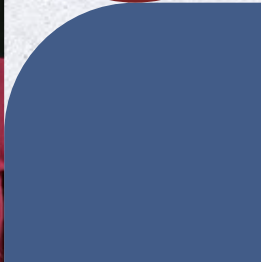
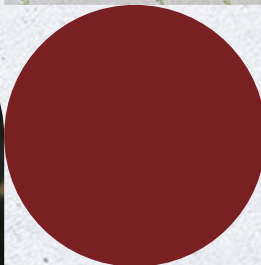




UNIVERSITÀ
CATTOLICA
del Sacro Cuore



**START FROM WHERE
YOU ARE**

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A CHOICE THAT MATTERS

Choosing a university is one of the first major decisions a young adult makes.

For students, it is about **independence,** direction, and opportunity.

For parents, it is about **trust,** safety, and long-term stability.

BOTH PERSPECTIVES MATTER.

At Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, we understand that this decision goes beyond academics. It is personal, financial, and often involves leaving home to study in a new country.

That is why we take it seriously.

Founded in 1921, Università Cattolica brings together more than a century of academic history and a modern research environment across its campuses in Italy. Our responsibility is simple: to offer a rigorous education, grounded in clear values and real-world responsibility.



**Not just graduates.
Global changemakers.**

Not as a slogan, but as a **commitment to preparing students** not only for work, but **for the choices they will make and the impact they will have.**

WHAT

EDUCATION

MEANS

TO US

University education prepares you for work.

That is part of its purpose. But it should also help you understand **how your knowledge will be used**, and **why that matters**.

We believe education should strengthen both competence and character.

That belief comes from our Catholic tradition, but it speaks to a broader principle: knowledge should serve people, not only performance.

At Università Cattolica you will find strong programmes in medicine, economics, data science, psychology, agriculture, communication, and more.

You will also find an **academic culture** that **values careful thinking, open discussion, and a serious engagement** with the **human questions** behind professional life.

You do not need to share our religious background to feel at home here. Many of our students do not. What matters is a willingness to engage thoughtfully with ideas, listen to different perspectives, and approach your studies with commitment.



SUBSTANCE

BEHIND

THE

PROMISE

A university's identity only matters
if it is supported by substance.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore is **both a teaching university and a research institution**. Our programmes are rigorous, and academic expectations are clear.

The University brings together a **long academic tradition** and an **active research culture** across its campuses in Italy. Our **faculty** are **active researchers** and **many work closely with:**

- Major hospitals and healthcare institutions
- International companies
- Public authorities and policy bodies
- Cultural and media organisations

This **connection between research and teaching** matters. It ensures that **what students learn is current, relevant, and grounded in real-world practice**.

SEE THIS IN PRACTICE



Research in agriculture and food systems

A closer look at applied research at CERZOO and its connection to teaching



Teaching, research, and global engagement

How academic work connects with communities and international contexts



Medical research and public health impact

Work on tuberculosis prevention and its real-world application



A CLEARER PICTURE

TOP 300

worldwide
Times Higher Education 2026



#136 in Europe
QS World University Rankings Europe 2026



8 Subjects in the
TOP 150 worldwide
QS World University Rankings
by Subject 2026

#1 hospital in Italy

Gemelli Hospital | Rome Campus
Newsweek World's Best Hospitals 2026
Part of Università Cattolica's School of Medicine and Surgery



#5 in Italy
for **Employer Reputation**
QS World University Rankings Europe 2026



#6 in Italy
for **Employer Outcomes**
QS World University Rankings Europe 2026



36,000+
Students

3,500+
International degree-seeking
students currently enrolled



Our **international student community** represents

128
different nationalities



We collaborate with

580+
partner universities
worldwide

#1 in Italy for



Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students

QS World University Rankings Europe 2026

Take a
closer look



FIND YOUR PATH

Choose the option that best matches your situation.



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I'm finishing high school

Start your first degree in Italy

Explore
Undergraduate options



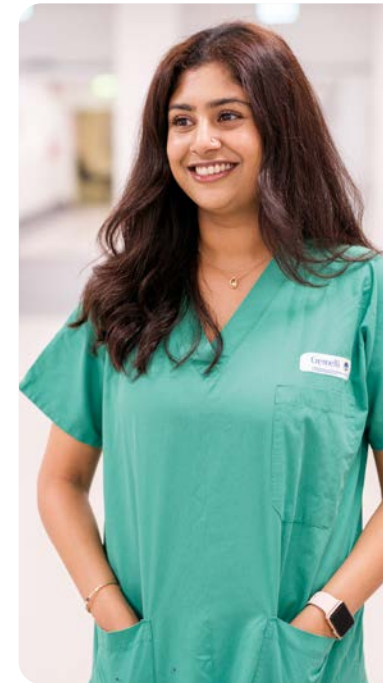
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I already have a bachelor's degree

Continue your studies – or change direction

Explore
Graduate options



03



I'm interested in Medicine

A long-term commitment in a real clinical environment

Learn
about Medicine



NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Scan and we'll guide you step by step.



Find your path

BELONGING,

WITHOUT SAMENESS

A university becomes international in more than one way.

It is not only about numbers, but about how students from different backgrounds study and live together in practice.

At Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, students arrive from different countries, school systems, languages, and religious backgrounds. Some are Catholic. Many are not. Some come from large cities. Others are leaving home for the first time.

What matters here is not sameness, but the ability to take part fully in academic life while bringing your own experience, perspective, and questions with you.

Differences do not disappear. They become part of the conversation, the classroom, and the wider experience of university life.

Belonging, in our view, goes beyond comfort. It is about being recognised, treated with respect, and given the room to grow.

Our identity gives us direction, without defining who belongs here.

See what this looks like in real life



Gustavo
Brazil

A story about ambition, distance, and building a life on your own terms.



Lizvel
Philippines / Qatar

Why the right fit is not always the original plan, and why that can still be the right decision.



Gokhan
Turkey

A closer look at curiosity, criminology, and an academic environment that rewards careful thinking.



THE

QUESTIONS

THAT

COME UP

FIRST

Not everything is clear when you arrive. These are the things most students think about in the first weeks.

“Will I manage the paperwork?”

Visa processes, residence permits, and local registration can feel complicated at first, especially in a new country. Clear guidance is provided before arrival and during your first days, so students know what to do, when to do it, and where to ask for help.



What to expect before arrival

“Do I need to speak Italian?”

Many programmes are taught in English, and Italian language support is available. At the same time, daily life becomes easier as your Italian improves, whether you are taking public transport, shopping, or dealing with everyday admin. Most students build confidence step by step.



How language works in practice

“Will I find my place?”

Students arrive with different backgrounds, expectations, and levels of confidence. Some settle in quickly. Others take more time. What matters is not following the same path as everyone else, but having the space to find your own rhythm.



A student perspective

“How long does it take to feel settled?”

There is no single timeline. Some parts of daily life become familiar quite quickly. Others take longer. Most students describe the first weeks as a mix of excitement, adjustment, and small routines slowly falling into place.

With an Accent

Conversations with international students about arriving, adapting, and finding your place.



Hear how students describe it

“Who do I ask when I’m not sure what to do?”

That depends on the question, but support is close at hand. Students can turn to admissions advisors, programme coordinators, academic tutors, and student services throughout the early stages of university life.

Students can also connect with others through Goin’, where incoming and current students exchange questions, advice, and practical experiences.

Asking for help is normal, especially at the beginning.

What supports you along the way



Welcome events



Language support



Academic tutoring



Healthcare and psychological counselling



Career guidance and internships support

OUR

CAMPUSES

AND

CITIES

We have 5 campuses across 6 Italian cities.

Each campus offers a different academic setting, pace, and relationship with its surroundings.

Choosing a programme also means choosing an environment.



1 MILAN

Milan is where many of our English-taught programmes are based.

It is a working city. Fast, connected, and closely linked to business, finance, media, and international organisations.

Students here often combine study with internships, part-time work, and professional exposure. The pace is higher, but so are the opportunities.

2 BRESCIA

Brescia offers a more contained academic environment.

Classes are smaller, and the sense of community is often more immediate. It is a good fit for students who prefer a quieter setting while still having access to strong programmes in business and finance, STEM, psychology, and education.

3 PIACENZA

Piacenza is closely connected to Italy's food production and agricultural industries.

The campus is structured around programmes in economics, business, agribusiness, law, and sustainability, with strong links to industry and applied research.

The scale is smaller, and the environment is focused. Students here tend to value community, concentration, and continuity.

4 CREMONA

Cremona hosts specialised programmes in food production, agriculture, and sustainability.

Facilities include laboratories and research spaces directly linked to the local food ecosystem. The academic experience is strongly applied, with close interaction between study and production contexts.

5 ROMA

In Rome, our School of Medicine and Surgery is integrated with the Gemelli Hospital, 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 offers a very different rhythm from Milan. Larger and deeply layered, it is a place where daily life and history coexist.

* 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.



Brescia Campus



Milan Campus



Cremona Campus



Rome Campus



Milan Campus

Bolzano - Claudiana



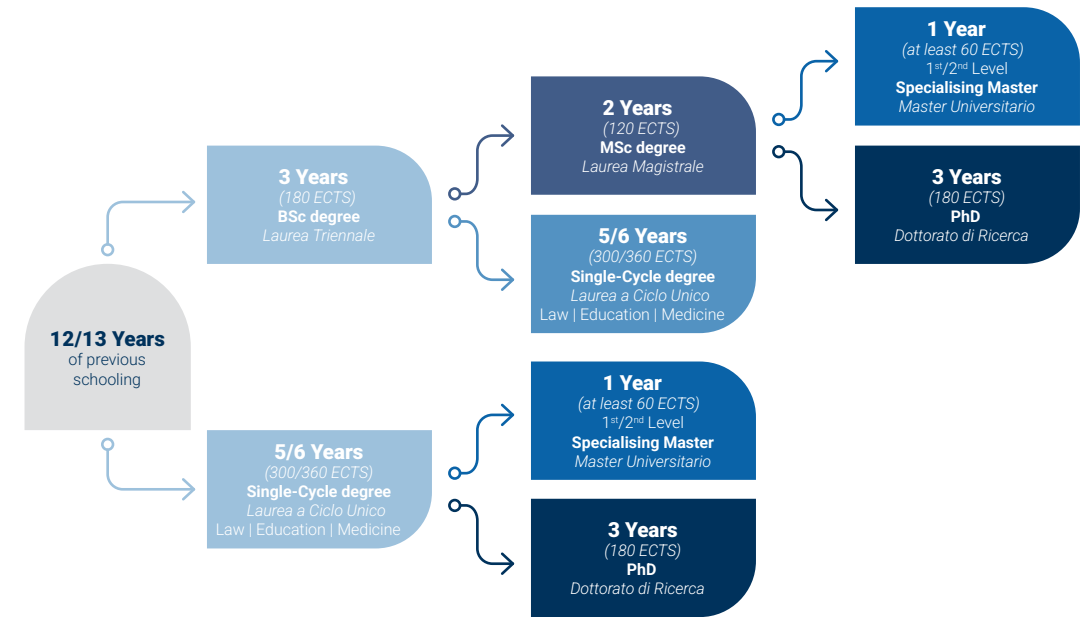
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ITALIAN

HIGHER

EDUCATION

SYSTEM



The Italian higher education system may look different from what students are used to in other countries. This overview is designed to help you understand how the main study pathways are structured.

Foundation Programme

Some students may not meet the minimum requirement of 12 years of previous schooling needed to access undergraduate study in Italy.

In these cases, the Foundation Programme offers an additional preparatory year designed to help students meet entry requirements and adapt to the Italian academic system.



Learn more about the Foundation Programme

Undergraduate study

Bachelor's and Single-Cycle Degrees

(*Laurea Triennale/Ciclo Unico*)

Bachelor's degrees (BSc)

- usually last 3 years
- correspond to 180 ECTS credits

Single-cycle degrees

- combine undergraduate and graduate study in one continuous programme
- usually last 5 or 6 years
- include Medicine and Surgery

Graduate study

2-year MSc degrees

(*Laurea Magistrale*)

Academic programmes designed for students continuing in a related field of study.

These programmes:

- last 2 years
- include a final dissertation
- give students access to PhD programmes in Italy and internationally

1-year Specialising Masters

(*Master Universitario*)

Professionally oriented programmes focused on practical skills and industry experience.

These programmes:

- usually last 1 year
- often include internships or project work
- are designed for students from different academic backgrounds

Doctoral programmes (PhD)

(*Dottorato di Ricerca*)

PhD programmes focus on advanced research and academic specialisation.

They usually last 3 years and are undertaken after completing a graduate degree.

1 CFU = **Credito formativo universitario**
1 ECTS = **European Credit Transfer System**

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY HERE

Most universities ask you to choose a subject.

We don't think that's how most careers — or interests — actually work.

At Università Cattolica, many programmes are built at the intersection of fields. Business meets data. Psychology meets behaviour and communication. Technology connects with finance, health, and society. This means you are not only choosing what to study.

You are choosing how different areas come together.

UNDERGRADUATE

Bachelor's degrees

3-year programmes taught in English



Medicine
6-year programmes taught in English



GRADUATE

Master of Science

2-year programmes taught in English



GRADUATE

Specialising Masters

1-year programmes taught in English



START

52
English-taught
programmes

BUILD

200+
Italian-taught
programmes

SPECIALISE

Explore all programmes



WHAT STUDENT LIFE LOOKS LIKE

Student life at Università Cattolica may feel different from what some international students expect, especially if they are used to a more residential campus model.

Our campuses are part of real cities. Study, travel, and daily life are not separate. They happen together.



A different kind of student life

There is no single version of student life at Università Cattolica.

Friendships often grow through classes, shared routines, and everyday life in the city. Less is pre-organised. More happens naturally over time.

For some students, this feels unfamiliar at first. For others, it is what makes the experience more real.



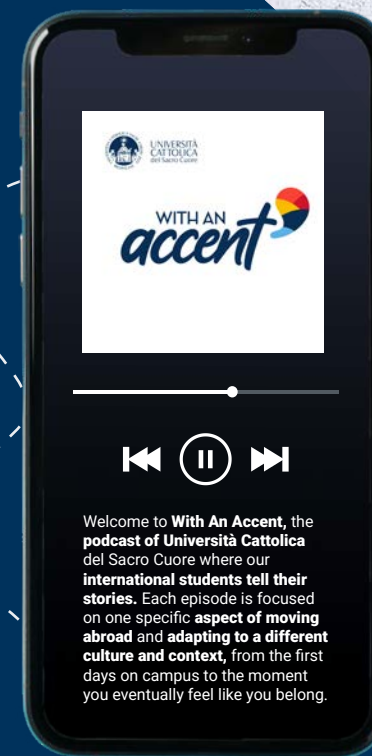
Living in the city

Some students live in university residences. Many rent privately. Housing is not fully integrated into campus life, and students typically arrange accommodation independently, with guidance and support available.



Italy as part of the experience

Studying here also means experiencing daily life in Italy. Routines, language, food, and pace may feel different at first. Over time, students find their own way of navigating and making sense of these differences.



Welcome to **With An Accent**, the podcast of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore where our **international students tell their stories**. Each episode is focused on one specific **aspect of moving abroad** and **adapting to a different culture and context**, from the first days on campus to the moment you eventually feel like you belong.

Hear how students describe it

With an Accent

Real conversations about arriving, adjusting, and finding your place.



Student accommodation guide

What to expect when looking for housing.



What to pack

Essentials for international students moving to Italy.



WHERE

IT CAN

LEAD

A degree matters. But what happens around it often matters just as much.

Internships, projects, international experiences, and early work opportunities all play a role in shaping what comes next.

At Università Cattolica, these are not separate from your studies. They are part of how your path takes shape.



Experience during your studies

Many students combine academic work with practical and international experience.

This may include:

- **internships**
- **company projects**
- **research collaboration**
- **international study**

These experiences help you test your interests, understand how different fields work in practice, and gradually move toward a clearer direction.



A network that opens doors

11,400+

internships and job opportunities published each year

10,000+

internships completed by students annually

35,000+

companies in our network



Where our graduates work

Our graduates build their careers across different sectors and countries.

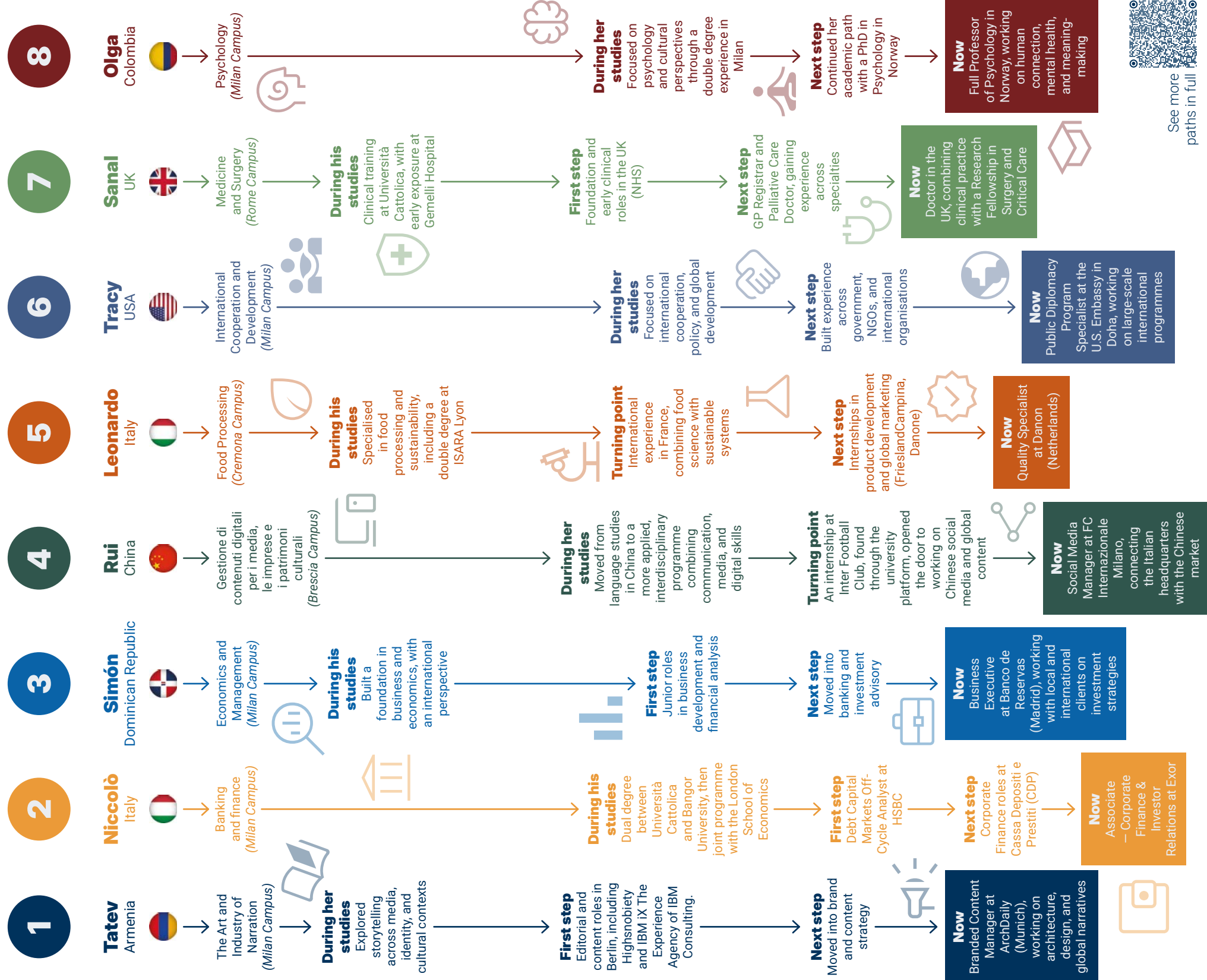
Examples include:

- Amazon • Coca Cola HBC • Deloitte • JP Morgan • HSBC • Accenture • European Commission • European Parliament • Meta • L'Oréal • Goldman Sachs • The World Bank



FROM STUDY TO WORK:

how this takes shape in practice



See more paths in full

APPLYING

AND

PLANNING

AHEAD

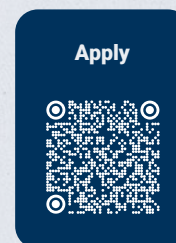


Applications

Applications typically open in:

- **Fall** for **September intakes** (MD programme, BSc, MSc and many specialising masters)
- **March** for **January intakes** (only a selection of specialising masters)

Deadlines vary by programme and intake.



Tuition

For BSc and MSc degrees, tuition is based on fiscal residency, not citizenship.

3-year BSc degrees	
Italian residents	€3,800 – €11,500
EU residents	€6,580
Non-EU residents	€8,800 (€5,900*)

2-year MSc degrees	
Italian residents	€3,800 – €11,500
EU residents	€6,850
Non-EU residents	€9,370 (€6,400*)

1-year Specialising Masters and Medicine programmes have a flat tuition fee.

1-year Specialising Masters	
	€5,000 – €14,000

Medicine and Surgery	
	€18,150

Fees are generally paid in instalments.

*with UCSC International Scholarship.



Scholarships

Scholarships and tuition reductions are an integral part of many programmes, particularly at undergraduate and MSc level.

Many international students receive some form of financial support, which may reduce the overall tuition cost.

Availability, criteria, and deadlines vary by programme.

Living expenses per year



Accommodation
€9,000 - €12,000



Food
€4,000 - €6,000



Public transport
€270



Books
€600

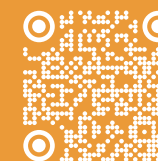
Yearly average: €15,000 - €17,000

The next step is to look more closely at your programme, its requirements, and your timeline.

From there, the process becomes clearer.



Did you know you can get a job on campus while you study at Università Cattolica?



Explore opportunities

A STEP

WORTH

TAKING

At some point, you may think about doing something different.

Studying somewhere new.

Living in another country.

Seeing how things work outside what you already know.

A moment like this



You begin to understand not only what you can do, but how you want to use what you learn along the way.

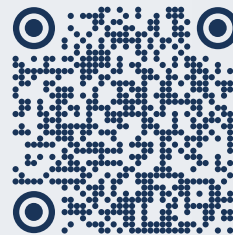
And now?

You don't need to have everything figured out.

We'll help you take the next step.



Start here



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