



APPLICATION INVITATION

Founded in 1567 by Pope Pius V, the Ghislieri College of Pavia expanded to welcome female students in 1966. The college has had the title of “Institution of Superior Cultural Qualification” conferred upon it by the Ministry for Universities which supervises its activities. The Ghislieri College enjoys the patronage of the President of the Italian Republic.

Over the course of its 450-year history it has had many illustrious alumni including Carlo Goldoni.

The college offers students single-room accommodation (including some free places) and meals in addition to numerous cultural and academic activities. The college library boasts over 130,000 volumes.

The 16th century college building is situated in the ancient centre of Pavia, a short walk from the university.

Application invitation for study places in the 2017-18 academic year

1. Available places

The following places are available by entrance examination for students enrolling for undergraduate courses at the University of Pavia:

- 18 male places
- 18 female places at the Sandra Bruni Foundation (Ghislieri College female section)

The following additional places, subject to the selection procedure specified in section 7, are available to students enrolling in postgraduate courses at the University of Pavia:

- 1 male place
- 1 female place at the Sandra Bruni Foundation (Ghislieri College female section)

The Administration Board reserves the right to avail itself of the rankings list of the entrance exam to assign additional discretionary places subject to availability.

Some places may be assigned in the name of the following individuals/organisations: Paolo Andrietti, Cesare Artom, Banca d'Italia, UBI Banca, Angelo Baserga, Fondazione Aurelio Beltrami, Aurelio Bernardi, Fondazione Castiglioni, Omero Curti, Valentino Gerosa Crotta, Maria Nosari Faletti, Luigi Rovati, Cesare Sacchi, Bruno Serri, Luigi Spandrio, Clelia Zucca.

From the second year in College, certain places may be the beneficiaries of subsidies recognised by INPS (National Health Service), INPDAP (Public Employees Management Organisation, ENAM (Postgraduate Assistance Organisation), IPOST (Post Office Organisation).

Successfully passing the entrance exam grants access (subject to availability and ranking) to courses held at the IUSS (University School for Higher Studies) in Pavia in accordance with its application procedure rules (see: www.iusspavia.it).

Successful applicants must register for a "Personalised Training Project" in association with the College, prescribing an educational project complementary to their formal university course, consistent with the objectives pursued by the Conference of Merit-based University Colleges, the Ministry of Education, Universities and of Research of which the Ghislieri College is a member (www.collegiuniversitari.it). At the termination of their sojourn, students will receive a "College Diploma" certifying completion of the non-formal studies undertaken whilst in residence.

The College facilitates the successful completion of the "Personalised Training Project" by promoting and organising numerous cultural events (debates, conferences, seminars, language courses etc.) in the context of the individual courses.

2. Free admission and partial reimbursements

a) Free college places* are available for candidates whose ISEE (Fiscal Index) does not exceed €17,000 (* except for the partial reimbursement of possible scholarships obtained as quantified by the Administration Board).

Candidates for free college places are obliged to apply to the EDiSU (Organisation for the Right to University Studies) for scholarships (see deadlines on www.edisu.pv.it).

b) Free college places are also available to students who have qualified for one of the study prizes listed in section 8 of the application procedure notice for the IUSS (University School for Higher Studies) in Pavia. These students are required to reimburse the College such study prizes received and, subject to qualification, apply to EDiSU (Organisation for the Right to University Studies) for scholarships (see above).

c) Free college places are also available for the first year only to the male and female student obtaining the highest marks (minimum 285/300). In the event of parity in ranking the student with the lower ISEE (Fiscal Index) will be granted precedence.

d) Students with a Fiscal Index exceeding €17,000 may qualify for a partial reimbursement of their maintenance costs, guaranteeing in any event a benefit compared to the normal cost of their college place. The Administration Board quantifies the extent of the reimbursement annually.

For the 2017-18 academic year the reimbursement of maintenance costs is calculated by adding a fixed quota of €2,000 to a variable sum equal to 15% of the amount of the Fiscal Index in excess of €17,000, to a maximum of €7,000.

For Fiscal Indexes between €70,000 and €80,000 a surcharge of €1,500 will be added.

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For Fiscal Indexes exceeding €90,000 a surcharge of €3,500 will be added.

The fee payable to the College by students who live alone or with a family not their own or whose parents are separated or divorced is calculated on the basis of their combined financial circumstances.

The Administration Board reserves the right to modify the threshold for free places and the criteria for calculating subsidies annually.

3. Qualifications for admission to the application process

The applicant must have obtained a minimum mark of 80/100 at school-leaving examinations or, if already a university student, have passed the prescribed course yearly exams with a minimum average mark of 27/30 and no less than 24/30 in individual exams.

Course exams not yet sat at the time of application must be passed no later than 31 October 2017 subject to the above conditions.

4. Documentation for admission to the application process

The signed application - available online at www.ghislieri.it or on request from Amministrazione del Collegio Ghislieri, piazza Ghislieri, 4, Pavia (tel. 0382 3786217; fax 0382 23752; e-mail: concorso@ghislieri.it) – must be submitted to the administration no later than **midday, Monday 4 September 2017**, in accordance with the procedures specified in art. 5 of the IUSS' competition notice.

The application must include the Fiscal Index (ISEE) certificate.

Applicants who live alone or with a family not their own or whose parents are separated or divorced are required to include the tax returns of their respective parents.

Inaccuracies and omissions relating to the parameters for calculating the Fiscal Index (ISEE) may lead to the applicant's exclusion from the application process or the forfeiting of his/her place. The College reserves the right to verify the submitted documentation with the relevant fiscal authorities.

In the event of the applicant undertaking to pay the maximum College fee (a Fiscal Index (ISEE) exceeding €90,000), he/she is exempt from submitting the above fiscal documentation.

It is emphasised that applicants wishing to enter the IUSS (University School for Higher Studies) Pavia courses should apply separately directly to the IUSS no later than **midnight Sunday 3 September 2017**.

University applicants should include their exam certificates with relative pass marks.

Applicants for postgraduate degrees (see section 7) should include a detailed *curriculum vitae et studiorum*.

5. Application process

The examination commission comprises university academics appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Pavia.

The process comprises two written and two oral examinations. Applicants must bring valid ID with them.

The written exams are organised by the IUSS (University School for Higher Studies) Pavia and take place on **Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 9.30am** in a University of Pavia classroom in accordance with section 6 of the IUSS application procedure notice.

It is emphasised that the written exams are also to be sat by students who intend to apply for places, at the Ghislieri College and not at the IUSS.

Oral exams take place at the Ghislieri College (piazza Ghislieri 5) commencing **Thursday 7 September 2017** in accordance with the schedule published on the College website from Tuesday 5 September.

Oral exams comprise two subjects chosen by the applicant from the following categories:

1. For courses in Economics, Law, Political Science and Communication: *History, Philosophy, Italian and Mathematics*.
2. For courses in Literature, Languages, Philosophy and Psychology: *Italian, Latin, History and Philosophy*.
3. For courses in Medicine, Engineering, Pharmacology, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Biology, Biotechnology and Physical Education/Sports Studies: *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology*.

Applicants are examined in each of the subjects specified by them in the attachment to their application form. Applicants are judged in terms of their preparation, intellectual maturity and academic mindset in their subjects, taking into account possible university courses already completed.

6. Allocation and acceptance of places

Places are allocated based upon four exam rankings (separately for male and female applicants) corresponding to: *Literature, Languages, Philosophy and Psychology; Economics, Law, Political*

Science; Communication Sciences; Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology; Medicine, Pharmacology, Biology, Biotechnology, Physical Education/Sports Studies.

Rankings are calculated as the sum of the marks obtained in the combined written exams (in hundredths) and the separate marks of the oral exams (in hundredths). Applicants are granted access to the rankings of qualified students if they obtain a minimum score of 240/300, having scored a minimum of 30/50 in each of the written exams.

In the event of parity in ranking, precedence will be given to the applicant in more straitened financial circumstances.

The exam rankings will be published by Thursday 14 September 2017.

Successful applicants should confirm acceptance of their places by **13.00 on Monday 18 September 2017** by email sent to rettorato@ghislieri.it.

Places are subject to annual revision based on merit and College Rules.

7. Postgraduate Degrees

Admission to the College for students enrolling in the first year of postgraduate studies is granted on the basis of their CV and an eligibility interview with a specific commission seeking to evaluate candidates' motivation for choosing the College and their potential for contributing constructively to its cultural environment.

Places are assigned according to two separate rankings for the male and female sections. Each applicant will receive a mark in thirtieths.

Applicants must have the following prerequisites: a minimum average mark for each undergraduate year of 28/30 with at least 24/30 in each exam; First Class degree obtained in the designated time with a minimum mark of 110/110. Students who have yet to graduate at the time of application are required to do so by 31 December 2017.

The College will communicate the interview date to the applicants by **Friday 8 September 2017** using the telephone number supplied by them.

Possible partial reimbursement of maintenance costs will be implemented in accordance with sections a) and d) and section 2.

The application form and documents required for admission to the interview should be presented in accordance with section 4.

Pavia, June 2017

Prof. Gian Arturo Ferrari, President

Prof. Andrea Belvedere, Chancellor

Dr. Francesco Andreoni, Secretary