



Admission procedures - graduate degree programme

Faculty of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences

Graduate degree programme in **Sustainable and Precision Agriculture** (Class LM-69)

Profiles:

- Sustainable and precision agriculture
- Sustainable and precision animal husbandry
- Sustainable Viticulture and Enology (**English profile**)

Programme in ITALIAN language

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1. NUMBER OF PLACES

For the **Sustainable and Precision Agriculture** graduate degree programme, places are **freely accessible**, within the limits of resources available, with no numerical limitation of places.

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to the graduate degree programme, candidates must meet the curricular requirements and comply with the procedures and deadlines set out in *paragraphs 2.1, 2.2* and in *section 3*.

2.1 CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted to the graduate degree programme, it is necessary to meet **either the requirements in A or the requirements in B**:

A. **An undergraduate degree** in one of the following classes referred to in Ministerial Decree 270/04 (or in the corresponding classes referred to in the previous Ministerial Decree 509/99) obtained or to be obtained by the **last graduation session of the university of origin in the academic year 2024/2025**:

- L-25 Agricultural and forestry sciences and technologies (ex D.M. 270/04 or class 20 ex D.M. 509/99);
- L-38 Animal science and production technology (ex D.M. 270/04 or class 40 ex D.M. 509/99);

B. **An undergraduate degree** (ex-Ministerial Decree 270/04 or ex-Ministerial Decree 509/99) obtained or to be obtained by the **last graduation session of the university of origin in the academic year 2024/2025** and with at least **60 ECTS** in the study plan of the undergraduate degree or first-level specialising master's degree or as single courses passed, in the scientific-disciplinary sectors listed below

1. **at least 18 ECTS** from the following scientific-disciplinary sectors:

AGR/01, AGR/02, AGR/03, AGR/04, AGR/05, AGR/06, AGR/07, AGR/08, AGR/09, AGR/10, AGR/11, AGR/12, AGR/13, AGR/14, AGR/15, AGR/16, AGR/17, AGR/18, AGR/19, AGR/20;

2. **at least 42 ECTS** from the following scientific-disciplinary sectors:

BIO/01, BIO/02, BIO/03, BIO/04, BIO/05, BIO/09, BIO/10, BIO/11, BIO/13, BIO/18, BIO/19, CHIM/01, CHIM/02, CHIM/03, CHIM/06, CHIM/07, CHIM/10, CHIM/11, CHIM/12, FIS/01, FIS/02, FIS/03, FIS/04, FIS/05, FIS/06, FIS/07, FIS/08, INF/01, ING-IND/08, ING-IND/09, ING-IND/10, ING-IND/11, ING-IND/12, ING-IND/22, ING-IND/25, ING-INF/05, ING-INF/06, MAT/01, MAT/02, MAT/03, MAT/04, MAT/05, MAT/06, MAT/07, MAT/08, MAT/09, SECS-P/01, SECS-P/07, SECS-P/08, SECS-P/10, SECS-S/01, SECS-S/02, IUS/03, IUS/14, VET/01, VET/02, VET/04, VET/05, VET/07.

Up to 18 ECTS may be missing from those required under points 1 and 2. The degree programme coordinator reserves the right to assess whether the required teaching content has been covered in the course syllabus and, if necessary, to draw up an ad hoc study plan. Candidates will be notified accordingly.

The study plan of candidates in possession of an old university degree or a three-year university degree or a degree awarded at a three-year degree programme at a "Scuola dirette a fini speciali" of pre-Ministerial Decree 509/99 regulations or a specialised/integrated degree of post-Ministerial Decree 509/99 - Ministerial Decree 270/04 regulations is assessed by a special Commission appointed by the Faculty.



2.2 LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT - SUSTAINABLE VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY PROFILE

To be admitted to the **Sustainable Viticulture and Enology** profile, candidates must also have a knowledge of English equivalent to at least level B2.

This requirement can be fulfilled as follows:

- possession of one of the following **English language certificates obtained as of January 1, 2023**:
 - TOEFL/IBT (with a score of at least 84)
 - Academic IELTS (with a score of at least 6)
 - Cambridge English: First - FCE (with a score of at least 173)
 - Cambridge English: Advanced - CAE
 - Cambridge English: Proficiency - CPE
 - Cambridge English: Business English Certificate (BEC Vantage and BEC Higher)
 - IELTS UKVI Academic with a score of at least 6 (B2)
 - IELTS one skill retake with a score of at least 6 (B2)
 - Trinity College London: ISE II (B2)
 - Trinity College London: ISE III (C1)
 - Trinity College London: ISE IV (C2)
 - Pearson: PTE Academic with a score of 46
 - Oxford Test of English Advanced - B2
- **Or, alternatively:**
 - a concluded/to be concluded undergraduate degree in English;
 - transition from one of the profiles/programmes in English language at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore;
 - transition from one of the undergraduate degree programmes (ex D.M. 270/04) at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore with an English Language (SeLda) examination in the syllabus with B2 level;
 - a positive outcome of the English test* at B2 level.

***ENGLISH TEST**: this is an online test organised by the Language Service of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, the application procedure is indicated in the dedicated [section](#) of the website. It is necessary to obtain a B2 level by the application deadline (see *section 3*).

ATTENTION: For candidates who hold one of the following **English language certificates obtained after January 1, 2023**:

- TOEFL/IBT (with a score of at least 75);
- Academic IELTS (with a score of at least 5.5);
- Cambridge English: PET with merit;
- Cambridge English: Business English Certificate (BEC Preliminary with Merit);
- Trinity College London: Integrated Skills in English;
- Trinity College London: Integrated Skills in English (from ISE B1+);
- IELTS UKVI Academic with a score of at least 5.5 (B1+);
- IELTS one skill retake with a score of at least 5.5 (B1+);
- Pearson PTE Academic (with a score of at least 50)
- Passing the English Test with level - B1+

a curricular supplement of English language is assigned during the interview.

2.3 ADEQUACY OF PERSONAL PREPARATION

The adequacy of personal preparation referred to in Article 6(2) of M.D. 270/2004 is **not directly recognised** and candidates must take an **interview** in accordance with the procedures set out in *section 4*.



3 ADMISSION MODALITIES AND TIMING

The places available for the graduate degree programme in **Sustainable and Precision Agriculture** are allocated in **chronological** order following an **interview** to assess the adequacy of **personal preparation**.

Candidates with an Italian qualification must use the [Enrolment Portal](#). For information on the procedure to follow, please consult the [Enrolment Portal User Guide](#).

Candidates with a foreign or ecclesiastical degree must follow the regulations issued by the Ministry of University and Research. For information on admission to the graduate degree programme in **Sustainable and Precision Agriculture**, candidates should contact the International Admissions Office and view the admission procedures at <https://international.unicatt.it>.

3.1 TYPOLOGY OF CANDIDATES, APPLICATION TYPOLOGY AND DEADLINES

Table 1

CANDIDATE TYPOLOGY	APPLICATION TYPOLOGY	APPLICATION OPENING	PLACE RESERVATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Candidates who meet the CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS under A➤ Candidates with the adequate LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT	Interview to assess the adequacy of personal preparation (see section 4) and Enrolment or Pre-Enrolment	from 10.00 of February 24, 2025 to 23.59 of December 9, 2025	from the conclusion of the interview until 23.59 of December 15, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Candidates who meet the CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS under B, or lacking some of them, within the limits indicated above➤ Candidates with the adequate LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT	Interview to assess the adequacy of personal preparation (see section 4) and Enrolment or Pre-Enrolment	from 10.00 of February 24, 2025 to 23.59 of December 9, 2025	from the conclusion of the interview until 23.59 of December 15, 2025

4. INTERVIEW TO VERIFY THE ADEQUACY OF PERSONAL PREPARATION

A follow-up **interview** conducted by the degree programme coordinator is scheduled for all candidates. For the **Sustainable Viticulture and Enology profile**, it will only be possible to book the interview after having obtained an English language level of at least B1+.

Candidates receive the outcome by e-mail at the end of the interview. If the outcome is positive, they can reserve their place in chronological order until all places have been filled, by paying the first instalment of university fees and contributions through the [Enrolment Portal](#). If the outcome is negative, they cannot enrol in the programme. Candidates who were absent at the interview can book a new interview through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

The candidate is deemed suitable if he/she demonstrates at least a basic knowledge of the topics required, is able to make connections between them, shows sufficient independence of judgement and is able to communicate in a language appropriate to the topics of the interview.

The interview is conducted online, via the Teams platform. No later than the day before the date of the interview, candidates receive an invitation by e-mail from the degree programme coordinator. During the interview, candidates must show a valid identity document and any documentation deemed useful for the purpose of checking their study plan (e.g. syllabi of courses taken during their undergraduate degree).

If the interview concludes positively but the candidate shows knowledge gaps in the areas indicated in *paragraph 2.1 and 2.2*, specific curricular integrations will be assigned (see sections 7-8).



5. PLACE RESERVATION

The reservation of place is in chronological order, until all places have been filled.

To reserve their place, candidates must pay the first instalment of university fees for the a.y. 2025/2026 (€ 1,470) through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

For candidates entitled to exemption from university fees see *section 9*.

6. ENROLMENT

Graduated candidates without curricular integrations must reserve their place, by paying the first instalment of university fees, by the deadlines indicated in *section 3* and proceed to enrolment through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

For candidates who reserve their place by **August 12, 2025**, the deadline for enrolment is **September 12, 2025**. If the place is reserved **after August 12, 2025**, the deadline for enrolment is **30 days from the date the place is reserved** and no later than December 31, 2025.

For enrolled students who have taken the English test, the fee paid for the test is deducted from the total amount of university fees for the academic year 2025/26. For more information, please refer to the [general regulations for determining university fees](#).

7. PRE-ENROLMENT

Graduated candidates with curricular integrations and graduating candidates must reserve their place by paying the first instalment of university fees through the [Enrolment Portal](#), by the deadlines indicated in *section 3* and immediately proceed **with pre-enrolment** through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

Pre-enrolment to the graduate degree programme, which must in any case take place no later than December 31, 2025, is accepted under reserve and is subject to:

- the fulfilment of the curricular integrations assigned, by the deadlines set out below;
- the attainment of the undergraduate degree within the deadlines indicated in *section 2*.

Pre-enrolled candidates can attend the graduate degree programme courses from their beginning, but cannot sit any exam before enrolment has been finalised. Moreover, they are required to complete their enrolment immediately after graduation and/or completion of the curricular integrations.

Curricular integrations: Candidates who have been assigned curricular integrations, once pre-enrolled, are required to pass the relevant test(s) between the June/July 2025 examination session and April 2026. Failure to pass the curricular integration test(s) will affect enrolment in the graduate degree programme.

8. GUIDE TO THE PORTAL

To find out about the admission procedure, place reservation, enrolment and pre-enrolment procedure candidates should consult the [Enrolment Portal User Guide](#).

9. CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES OR WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDERS (SLD)

Candidates with disabilities or Specific Learning Disorders (SLD) are required to upload on the [Enrolment Portal](#), in the "Documentation attesting disability/SLD/SEN" section of the Profile, the integral version, with diagnosis, of the report attesting the disability and/or SLD certification, in a single file. For further information, candidates can contact the secretariat of the [Services for Inclusion](#).

Candidates admitted to the programme with **certified disability of 66% or more as per Art. 20, of Law no. 102 of 3 August 2009, and/or candidates with recognized disability under Art. 3, Paragraph 1 or Paragraph 3, of Law 104/1992, are entitled to total exemption from tuition and university fees** and are required to pay €100 when reserving a place on the programme and, for secretariat fees, upon



enrolment to any subsequent academic year. To obtain the waiver, the disability report must be uploaded in the "Profile" section in the [Enrolment Portal](#).

10. TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY, SECOND DEGREE AND RESUMPTION OF CAREER

Candidates who wish to transfer from another university, enrol in a second degree programme or resume their university career must meet the ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and comply with the deadlines and procedures set out in *section 3*.

Candidates must submit their application for admission to the **Sustainable and Precision Agriculture** graduate degree programme through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

Following admission, it is necessary to reserve the place, pay the first instalment and the secretarial fees, and submit the application through the [Enrolment Portal](#) within the deadlines indicated in *section 3*.

Candidates who transfer from another university, after having reserved their place, may sit further exams at their university of origin, until they submit their **Transfer Application**, which must normally be submitted no later than **December 15, 2025**. The place is reserved when the documentation is validated by the Student Services Centre.

The competent teaching structure will only assess exams taken and recorded up to the submission of the Transfer Application.

Candidates enrolling for a second degree, after having reserved their place, must submit an **Application for a Second Degree**, which must normally be submitted no later than **December 31, 2025**. The degree from the home university must necessarily be obtained no later than December 31, 2025. The place is reserved when the documentation is validated by the Student Services Centre.

Candidates resuming their career after paying the first instalment of university fees and the secretarial fees must submit an **Application for Resumption of Career**, which must normally be submitted no later than **December 15, 2025**. The place is reserved when the documentation is validated by the Student Services Centre.

The year of admission will be assessed by the Faculty Council or a delegated committee, which will take into consideration the candidate's entire academic career. The place is reserved when the documentation is validated by the Student Services Centre.

At least 30 validated ECTS are required for admission to the 2nd year.

11. TRANSFER WITHIN UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA

Candidates wishing to transfer to a different programme/profile within Università Cattolica must meet the ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and comply with the deadlines and procedures indicated in *section 3*.

Candidates must apply for admission to the graduate degree programme in **Sustainable and Precision Agriculture** through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

Following admission to the programme, a place must be reserved by paying the first instalment of university fees and the secretarial fees and submitting the application via the [Enrolment Portal](#) within the deadlines set out in *section 3*.

After reserving a place, it is possible to take other exams of the programme/profile of origin until the start of the Transfer procedure, which is done by clicking the "**Proceed with Transfer**" function in the [Enrolment Portal](#), normally no later than **December 15, 2025**.

The competent teaching structure will only assess the exams taken and recorded until the start of the Transfer procedure.

The year of admission will be assessed by the Faculty Council or a delegated committee, which will take into consideration the candidate's entire academic career.

At least 30 validated ECTS are required for admission to the 2nd year.



12. CONTACTS

For further information and clarifications, please use the '[Request for information on graduate degree programmes](#)' service or consult the [FAQ](#).

Candidates who need support in using the [Enrolment Portal](#) can use the "Support" button in the Portal itself.

Candidates with foreign degrees or ecclesiastical degrees may use the "Contact us" service at <https://unicattolica.tfaforms.net/217939>.

13. FINAL NOTES AND PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

For those enrolled in graduate degree programmes, the "General Regulations for determining university fees for the academic year 2025/2026" apply.

Candidates are required to take note of any additions, amendments, updates to the aforementioned procedures published on the Università Cattolica website.

Candidates must ensure that they have properly completed the necessary steps for admission to the programme.

In accordance with law no. 241/1990, the person responsible for this admission procedure is Annalisa Castellani (Student Career Services Management).

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