

ACADEMIC GLOSSARY

Abbreviazione di Corso

Course shortening (recognition of prior studies).

ADSU (*Azienda per il Diritto agli Studi Universitari*)

Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education. This agency mainly offers scholarship and catering service in university canteen.

www.adsuteramo.it

Appello d'esame

Examination registration. It is the date when an exam can be taken. The list of scheduled dates can be found on the website of each specific Course Program.

Ateneo

Synonym for University.

Aula magna

Main lecture hall / Auditorium.

Centro linguistico di ateneo (CLA)

University Language Centre is the university department responsible for teaching languages and administering language proficiency tests (like B1/B2 for degree requirements).

CUS (Centro Universitario Sportivo)

The University Sports Center is responsible for promoting physical and sports activities for university students.

Convalida esami

Recognition of foreign academic qualifications and exams/credits earned abroad.

Corsi ad accesso libero

Courses with unrestricted number of places, often called "open admission,". They accept any applicant who meets basic entry requirements.

Corsi ad accesso programmato

Courses with limited number of places. They require strong grades/portfolios and early application, often involving specific prerequisites or selection criteria.

Crediti formativi Universitari (CFU)

CFU refers to **University Training Credits**, a unit measuring student workload in Italian universities, equivalent to the European ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System), where 1 CFU/ECTS = ~25 hours of study. It quantifies the total effort for a course, including lectures and self-study.

Diploma Supplement

It is a standardized document attached to a degree, describing the graduate's studies (level, context, content, results) to make qualifications transparent across Europe, aiding mobility and recognition.

Diritto allo studio

Right to education / Study Facility Rights. It often refers to the specific system of financial aid (DSU - Diritto allo Studio Universitario), including scholarships and services, for students facing economic difficulties, based on income (ISEE) and merit criteria.

Domanda di valutazione curriculum e riconoscimento crediti

Application for curriculum evaluation and for recognition of credits.

Dottorato di ricerca (DR)

Doctoral Degree or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is the highest academic achievement in studies, open only to those who have completed their master's degree. The course has a limited number of places and admission is by exam.

ECTS Credits

European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. They measure student workload for university courses, making studies transparent and transferable across Europe, with 60 ECTS credits representing a full year's work (around 1500-1800 hours), meaning 1 ECTS credit equals about 25-30 hours of study including lectures, labs, and private study, facilitating student mobility and degree recognition.

ERASMUS Mobility

This program allows students to spend a period (from 3 to 12 months) at European Universities that have signed a bilateral agreement with our University, guaranteeing the student the opportunity of following courses and having exams passed successfully recognized by appropriate credits (ECTS system).

Esami fuori appello

Exams outside the standard session.

Esonero tasse

Tuition fee waiver.

Fuori Corso

Student beyond expected graduation time. Student who has not completed their degree within the standard time, often translated as student beyond the allotted time.

Immatricolazione

First year Enrollment. It means the registration for the first year of a degree course. Each student is assigned a student number (numero di matricola) and a personal institutional email address.

Indicatore ISEEU

The University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator is a crucial Italian financial assessment for students, that measures household wealth (income, assets, family size) to grant access to university benefits like scholarships, fee reductions, and housing.

Iscrizione a tempo Parziale

Part-time enrollment means taking fewer courses or credits per semester than a full-time student, offering flexibility for those with work or family commitments, often extending degree completion time.

Laurea

First Cycle Degree (bachelor's degree). This is the first degree offered by the university and it is attained after a 3-years course (180 credits). It is made up of a defined number of teaching subjects and of other education activities.

Laurea magistrale (LM)

Second Cycle Degree (master's degree). This is attained at the end of a course of 2 years and requires a final thesis. It is open to those already in the possession of a first Level Degree.

Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico

One-tier master's degree. Degrees in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies and Law, as regulated by the European Union. There is a final thesis.

Master post-laurea

Post-graduate Master. This is a specialist course that can be taken by those in possession of a bachelor's degree (First level Master) or of a master's degree (second level master).

Matricola

Freshman. This term refers to students who are enrolled for the first time at University.

**Numero di matricola**

Student Identity Number. This is a personal identity number that each student receives at first enrollment.

Piano di studio

Study plan. It is the official document that lists the exams, labs, and educational activities that a university student chooses to complete the degree program. It must be completed online every academic year to register for exams; otherwise, the exams will not appear in the student record book and cannot be taken or recorded. The study plan is filled out through the university's online reserved area.

Piattaforma e-learning

The e-learning platform of the University of Teramo supports teaching activities for students of all Degree Programs. On the website <http://elearning.unite.it> you can find teaching materials, lecture summaries, audio recordings, and practical exercises.

Pre-immatricolazione

Pre-enrollment is the initial digital process for international students to provide personal/academic info for visa approval and university registration, acting as a crucial first step before final enrollment and visa application at the embassy.

Prova finale di tesi

Final thesis defense. It is an oral examination where students present and defend their research to a committee of professors, proving their expertise in the field before graduating.

Ricevimento studenti

Student consultation hours. Each teacher sets aside some hours for week for meeting students to discuss all the subject matter important in understanding and for making successful progress in the course.

Rinuncia agli studi

Withdrawal from studies. It means formally and permanently ending your university enrollment in a specific program, closing your academic career for that course.

Segreteria Studenti

Student Registry. It provides all services and information regarding enrollment, transcripts, transfer applications from the departments, fees, certificates, study plans and graduation.

Semestre

Semester is one of the two main divisions of an academic year. Courses are typically offered during the first semester and during the second semester. Each Program has a specific academic calendar.

Sessione d'esame

Examination session. It is the specific, scheduled period during an academic term when students take their final tests or assessments for courses, often planned in the university's academic calendar. Each period is called a session. During each session, students may choose the date for sitting the examination (appello).

Sessione straordinaria

Extraordinary exam session is a special, additional exam periods offered by universities, usually for specific student groups (like working students or those about to graduate) or for final attempts to pass a course, outside the main regular sessions.

Sospensione degli studi

Suspension of studies is a temporary, formal break from your university program, where your place is held for you to return later, unlike withdrawal which is permanent.

Studente fuori sede

Off-campus student or "**non-resident student**" refers to a university student who lives away from their family for study reasons, often renting accommodation.

Tesi di laurea

Graduation thesis.

Test di ammissione

Entrance exam or admission test to specific course programs.

Tirocinio curriculare

Curricular internship (or "training internship") refers to a structured work placement integrated into a university degree, offering students hands-on experience, practical skills, and career insights, earning academic credits (ECTS/CFU) for completion.

Tirocinio extracurriculare

Extracurricular internship refers to a post-graduation, voluntary work placement taken outside formal study, offering job-related training and experience within 12 months of graduating, often regulated by specific university or regional rules.

Trasferimento di Corso

Course transfer that involves moving from one academic program to another, either within the same university or to a different institution, requiring discussions with course advisors, paperwork, and meeting new entry requirements, with systems like **ECTS** (European Credit Transfer) helping recognize credits across countries.

Tutor

Tutor/Academic Advisor is a **university official who advises students on studies and personal matters.**

Verbalizzazione

The recording of an exam is the formal act by which the professor enters the grade into the university system, making it official.

Voto

Mark/Grade. The mark (expressed out of 30) indicated as much the student has exceeded the sufficient level (18/30).

University grading system

- Italian grading system is based on numerical marks which may vary between 18 and 30
- 18 is the minimum pass grade
- grades between 20-24 correspond to a satisfactory performance
- grades between 25-27 correspond to a good performance
- grades between 28-29 correspond to a very good performance

30 corresponds to full grade and a distinction (lode) may be added to this maximum gr