

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1.0 ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

1) What are the admission requirements for international students?

For undergraduate programs, it is required a recognized high school diploma and proficiency in Italian or English, depending on the program language.

For postgraduate programs, it is required a relevant bachelor's degree and language proficiency. Additional documents may include a completed application, letters of recommendation, and proof of financial support.

https://www.unite.it/English/Enrolment_availability_to_international_students/A_Guide_for_international_students

2) How do I apply for a degree program at the university of Teramo?

If you are an EU-student or equivalent, you may apply directly online through the university portal (ESSE3 system).

If you are a non-EU student residing abroad, you should apply via the University platform and apply for a student visa through the Italian Diplomatic Missions in your home country.

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3) Are there any entrance exams for my chosen course?

Italian-taught programs require proficiency in Italian, at least at the B2 level.

Non-EU students applying for programs taught in Italian must pass an Italian language test on arrival unless exempted by holding a recognized certificate.

English-taught programs do not require Italian proficiency but require proficiency in English (minimum B2 level).

Depending on the Program there is a need for a pre-evaluation test, that varies for bachelor's and master's degree programs.

4) How does these entrance exams vary for bachelor's and master's degrees at the university of Teramo?

For bachelor's programs, the test (usually a TOLC test) is required for all students who enroll in the degree program for the first time, but it is not compulsory for enrollment. Students can enroll without having passed/taken the test, but additional learning requirements (OFAs) will be assigned.

<https://www.unite.it/UniTE/Engine/RAServePG.php/P/528441UTE0441>

For English-taught master's programs there is a pre-enrollment test to be passed BEFORE applying on the University portal.

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5) What is the deadline for application submission?

Application deadlines vary significantly by program (Bachelor's, Master's, PhD) and student status (EU/non-EU). So, you must check the specific call for your chosen course on the University of Teramo website.

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6) How do I submit my academic documents, and do they need to be translated or legalized?

To submit documents you need your academic records (diplomas, transcripts) in English or officially translated into Italian and legalized (authenticated) by Italian diplomatic authorities (Embassy/Consulate) in your home country, along with a Declaration of Value (DOV) or CIMEA comparability statement. The exact process varies by your student status (Non-EU, EU), program, and home country's agreements, so always check the specific "Guidelines for International Students" or the Admissions Office for your course.

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7) Is Italian language proficiency required? What if my degree program is taught in English?

For Italian programs, an Italian language test (B2) is mandatory, unless you already have an accepted certificate.

It is **not required** for admission to **English-taught degree programs**, in which you need an English language proficiency (B2 level).

8) How do I pre-enroll from abroad, especially if I am a non-EU student?

To pre-enroll from abroad as a non-EU student, you must use the UNIVERSITALY portal for your application, then contact the Italian Embassy/Consulate for your study visa and required documents, and finally complete your enrollment at UniTE after arriving in Italy.

Check the specific program requirements before applying

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9) How long does it take to receive an admission decision?

Admission decisions are usually issued within 1–2 working days. During peak periods of the year, the process may take up to 7 working days.

10) How do I confirm my enrollment once admitted?

To confirm enrollment at the University of Teramo after admission, you must complete the online registration in the ESSE3 system, activate your university credentials, and finalize your registration at the Student Secretariat upon arrival in Teramo, ensuring you have your passport, Italian tax code (Codice Fiscale), and residence permit (if applicable) for official matriculation and exam registration.

1.2 RESIDENCE PERMIT

- 1) What is the procedure for obtaining a Residence permit (*Permesso di Soggiorno*) after arriving in Italy?**

After arriving in Italy you must apply for a Residence Permit (*Permesso di Soggiorno*) within 8 days. The International Welcome Office can guide you through this process.
- 2) What do I need to apply for the Residence Permit?**

To apply for your Residence Permit you must get the "Yellow kit" from a post office, fill it out, buy a €16 stamp, and submit it at the post office with your passport and photos within 8 working days of arrival, paying **the application fee of €63**, and getting a receipt that schedules your fingerprint appointment at the Questura (Police HQ). The **receipt** serves also as a temporary proof of your legal stay in Italy. Essential documents include your passport (all pages copy), proof of purpose (enrollment/contract), and proof of funds/health insurance.
- 3) What is the procedure for renewing my Residence Permit?**

To renew your Residence Permit you will generally use the "Yellow Kit" from the Post Office filling out forms, paying fees, and submitting documents like your passport, photos, and specific proof for your permit type (study, work, family) at least 60 days before expiry.
- 4) Where can I get help with visa and Residence Permit issues once in Teramo?**

You can get to the Student Ambassador and the International Welcome Office for more details concerning Residence Permit procedure or any other Information.

1.3 HOUSING AND LIVING IN TERAMO

- 1) How can I find accommodation in Teramo? Are there university residences or dormitories?**

You can search for accommodation through **local real estate websites** such as *Subito.it*, *Idealista.it*, and *Immobiliare.it*, as well as through **Facebook housing groups** dedicated to rentals in Teramo. Please note that the University does **not have on-campus dormitories**; accommodation is therefore arranged independently on the private rental market.
- 2) What are the average rental costs and living expenses in Teramo?**

Teramo offers a relatively low cost of living compared to larger Italian cities. Monthly rental costs typically range between €150 and €350, depending on the type of accommodation and location. Additional living expenses (such as food, local transport, and basic utilities) vary according to individual needs but, based on experience, generally amount to approximately €50–€150 per month.
- 3) How does the Italian housing rental contract system work?**

Some housing require a caution fee of one month to be paid directly with the first monthly rent, but others require a two-month caution fee with or without the expenses (light, gas water) included.

1.4 ACADEMIC LIFE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICES

1) **How is the University of Teramo structured (Faculties, Departments)?**

The University of Teramo is structured around five main Departments focusing each managing specific degree programs on specific study areas (Law, Political Science, Communication, Bioscience/Agro-food/Environment, and Veterinary Medicine). Key campuses include the Aurelio Saliceti Campus (Law, Politics, Comms, Bioscience) and Ruggero Bortolami Campus (Veterinary Medicine).

2) **How do I register for courses and exams online?**

To register for courses and exams online you may access the "Segreteria online" portal (segreteriaonline.unite.it), log in with your credentials (obtained after initial enrollment), and use the system to manage your study plan, select courses, and sign up for exams, following specific procedures for first-year students and international applicants.

3) **What is the academic calendar for lectures and exam sessions?**

To find the academic calendar for lectures and exams in Teramo, you need to check the official website; look for sections like "Didattica" (Teaching), "Calendario Accademico" (Academic Calendar), or specific department pages for detailed schedules, usually available around July/August for the next year.

4) **How can I access the University's E-learning platform?**

To access the University of Teramo e-learning platform, you can use the same credentials to access your Segreteria Studenti Online account, which will be provided to you after completing your enrolment to log in at elearning.unite.it. The platform provides course materials, interactive tools, and supports distance learning.

5) **Are there Italian language courses available for international students?**

Yes, the University of Teramo offers free Italian language courses for international and exchange students through its Centre for Modern Languages (CLA) https://www.unite.it/UniTE/Didattica/Centro_linguistico

6) **How can I receive academic advising or tutoring support?**

You can seek support from the International Welcome Office for initial setup and support, and from **Student Ambassadors** for peer help. They are available to help you with academic guidance, tutoring, and integration into university life.

1.5 FINANCIAL MATTERS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1) **What are the tuition fees for international students?**

Tuition for international students varies depending on your country of origin and program, but can be calculated based on your income (ISEE-U) for reduced fees, with extra mandatory regional tax (€140) and stamp duty (€16). https://www.unite.it/English/Enrolment_availability_to_international_students/Tuition_fees

2) Are there any scholarships or financial aid opportunities available for international students?

Yes, the University of Teramo offers scholarships and financial aid for international students, primarily through the regional ADSU (Agency for the Right to Higher Education) for need-based/merit-based grants and accommodation support: <https://www.adsuteramo.it/>

3) How do I obtain an ISEE certificate for financial aid purposes?

To get an ISEE certificate for Italian financial aid, you must submit a DSU (Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica) (Single Self-Declaration) with your family's income/asset info to the INPS (Italian Social Security Institute), often via an online CAF (Tax Assistance Centre) or directly on the INPS portal, specifying it is for "University Use" or "Right to Study" benefits. Foreign students usually need the equivalent "ISEE Parificato," requiring documents legalized by an Italian Consulate/Embassy.

4) What is a CAF?

CAF stands for **Centro di Assistenza Fiscale** (Tax Assistance Centre). These are **authorized offices** that assist citizens, including **non-Italian residents**, with tax-related matters and administrative procedures (such as ISEE applications and other official documentation).

5) Can I open a bank account in Italy? What documents are required?

Yes, international students can open a bank account in Italy after arriving in the country.

In general, Italian banks require the following documents: a valid passport; an Italian Codice Fiscale; a certificate of enrolment or proof of registration at the University; a residence permit or the post office receipt (ricevuta) showing that the residence permit application is in progress; proof of an Italian address (temporary or permanent); financial status of family.

Please note that requirements may vary slightly depending on the bank, so it is advisable to check directly with the chosen bank before applying.

1.6 HEALTH AND WELLBEING

1) What health services are available for international students?

International students get health services through their home country's EU card (EHIC/TEAM) for EU citizens or by enrolling in the host country's National Health System (like Italy's SSN) or private insurance for non-EU students.

2) How do I register for public health insurance or access medical care?

To register for Italy's public health insurance (SSN) and access care, you generally need a Codice Fiscale and residence permit, then register at your local ASL (Local Health Authority) to choose a family doctor; coverage lasts as long as your permit, with options for mandatory (work/study) or voluntary (fee-based) enrollment, while urgent care is available for anybody.

1.7 TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

1) How do I get to Teramo from the nearest airports (Rome, Pescara)?

From Rome or Pescara airports, you can reach Teramo by taking direct buses (such as FlixBus or TUA Bus) or by using trains (Trenitalia), possibly combined with local bus connections.

The University of Teramo is easily accessible via local public transport. Students can use Baltour buses; tickets can be purchased directly from the driver, at the Baltour Office, or at the University bar, where discounted ticket bundles may be available.

2) What public transportation options are available in and around Teramo?

Baltour operates the city's urban lines, including routes to the university (Lines 6 & 7).

3) Are there student discounts for public transport?

At the Bar of the University it is possible to buy tickets at a discount depending on the amount of ticket bought.

1.8 STUDENT LIFE AND INTEGRATION

1) Are there student clubs, societies, or cultural activities for international students?

Yes, the university offers various student organizations, cultural events, and sports through the **CUS** (Centro Universitario Sportivo) for a lively student life. Orientation programs help new students integrate socially and academically.

2) How can I connect with other international students or local students?

The International Welcome Office and Ambassador students (ambassador@unite.it) are your main contact point for assistance with enrollment, accommodation, visa, and integration.