

Call for the selection by examinations of 60 places in the first year of the first level undergraduate course and for 22 places in the first year of the second level undergraduate course of the Scuola Normale Superiore for the academic year 2026-2027

Art. 1. Places available

- 1.1 The Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS) announces for the academic year 2026-2027 a selection by examinations for:
- a) **28** places in the first year of the first level undergraduate course and **4** places in the first year of the second level undergraduate courses at the Faculty of Humanities (Pisa);
 - b) **32** places in the first year of the first level undergraduate course and **6** places in the first year of the second level undergraduate course at the Faculty of Sciences (Pisa);
 - c) **6** places in the first year of the second level undergraduate course at the Faculty of Sciences (Pisa) reserved for those attending the master's degree course in "Materials and Nanotechnology" at the University of Pisa;
 - d) **6** places in the first year of the second level undergraduate course at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences (Florence).
 - e) The number of places may be increased, by subsequent provision to be published before the start of the tests, should additional financial and/or logistical resources become available after publication of the call herein.
- 1.2 Scholarships for attendance of the undergraduate course have a duration of:
- a) five years for successful applicants for the first year of the first level undergraduate course;
 - b) two years for successful applicants for the first year of the second level undergraduate course.
- 1.3 Those admitted to the Faculty of Humanities are required to enrol at the University of Pisa and simultaneously attend an undergraduate degree course or a master's degree course from the "Humanities disciplines" area, chosen based on their undergraduate course of reference at the SNS, as indicated in the following table:

Table 1

SNS course	L UNIPI course	LM UNIPI course
Philosophy	Philosophy	Philosophy and forms of knowledge
Modern literature	Performing arts and communication disciplines) Digital Humanities Humanities (modern curriculum) Foreign languages and literatures	Digital Humanities Italian studies Euro – American languages, literatures and philologies Linguistics and translation
Classical studies and humanities	Humanities (ancient curriculum) History (Ancient history curriculum)	Oriental studies: Egypt, the Near and Middle East Archaeology

		Philology and ancient history
Art history	Sciences of the cultural heritage	History and forms of the visual arts, performing arts and the new media
History	History	History and civilisation

N.B. Table 1 may be updated in accordance with the manifesto of the curriculum of the University of Pisa for the academic year 2026-2027.

- 1.4 Those admitted to the Faculty of Sciences are required to enrol at the University of Pisa and simultaneously attend an undergraduate degree course or a master's degree course from the "Mathematical, physical and natural sciences" ("Scienze matematiche, fisiche e della natura") area, chosen based on their undergraduate course of reference at the SNS, as indicated in the following table:

Table 2

SNS course	L UNIPI course	LM UNIPI course
Physics	Physics	Physics Materials and Nanotechnology
Mathematics and Information technology	Information technology Mathematics	Information technology Information technology and networking Mathematics
Chemistry and geology	Chemistry Chemistry for industry and the environment Pharmaceutical chemistry and technology Geological sciences	Chemistry Industrial chemistry Applied geophysics of exploration Geological sciences and technologies Environmental sciences Materials and Nanotechnology
Biological sciences	Biotechnologies Biological sciences Natural and environmental sciences	Biology applied to biomedicine Marine biology Molecular biotechnologies Neuroscience Conservation and evolution Molecular and cellular biology

N.B. Table 2 may be updated in accordance with the manifesto of the curriculum of the University of Pisa for the academic year 2026-2027.

- 1.5 Those admitted to the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences are required to enrol at the University of Florence and simultaneously attend a master's degree course of the Scuola di Scienze Politiche "Cesare Alfieri", from among those indicated in the following table.

Table 3

SNS course	LM UNIFI course
Politics, Economics and Sustainability	PIM - Politics, Institutions and the Market (class LM-62) SOSGLO – Sociology and Global challenges (class LM-88) RISE - International relations and European studies (classes LM-52 and LM-90); can also be attended entirely in English

N.B. Table 3 may be updated in accordance with the manifesto of the curriculum of the University of Pisa for the academic year 2026-2027.

- 1.6 Successful applicants intending to enrol in limited access degree courses of the University of Pisa will have reserved places and will thus not have to take any entrance tests required by the university regulations.
- 1.7 Admission to the undergraduate courses of the Scuola Normale Superiore is not compatible with the "Fondazione articolo 34" scholarship, pursuant to Art. 1, paragraphs 273-289, of Law No. 232 of 11th December 2016.

Art. 2. Admission requirements

- 2.1 All those who, regardless of their nationality, are in possession of the following requirements qualify for inclusion in the call:

- **for the places in the first year of the first level undergraduate course:**

- a) all those who attained a qualification giving access to degree courses at Italian universities not before the academic year 2024-2025 or who undertake to attain such a qualification by 30th September 2026;
- b) all those who did not enrol, prior to the academic year 2026-2027, in any of the following three-year course classes:

• **for the Faculty of Humanities:**

L-1 Cultural heritage
L-3 Disciplines of the figurative, music and performing arts and fashion studies
L-5 Philosophy

L-6 Geography
L-10 Italian studies
L-11 Modern languages and cultures
L-12 Linguistic mediation

L-15 Sciences of tourism
L-19 Educational and Training Sciences
L-24 Psychological sciences and techniques
L-42 History

- for the Faculty of Sciences:

L-2 Biotechnologies
L-4 Industrial design
L-7 Civil and environmental engineering
L-8 Information engineering
L-9 Industrial engineering
L-13 Biological sciences
L-17 Architectural sciences
L-21 Territorial, urban, landscape and environmental planning sciences
L-22 Motor activity and sports sciences
L-23 Building sciences and techniques
L-27 Chemical sciences and technologies
L-28 Navigation sciences and Technologies
L-29 Pharmaceutical sciences and technologies
L-30 Physical sciences and technologies

LM-85 bis Primary education Sciences
LMR/02 Conservation and restoration of the cultural heritage

L-31 Information sciences and technologies
L-32 Sciences and technologies for the environment and nature
L-34 Geological sciences
L-35 Mathematical sciences
L-41 Statistics
L-43 Diagnostics for the conservation of the cultural heritage
L-P01 Technical professions for construction and the territory
L-P03 Industrial techniques and information technology professions
L-Sc.Mat. Materials sciences
LM-13 Pharmacy and Industrial Pharmacy
LM-4 C.U. Architecture and construction-architectural engineering (five years);

- c) all those who have not attended, prior to the academic year 2026-2027, any degree courses at non-Italian universities equivalent to those listed in the previous paragraph.

The commissions will assess applicants' admissibility based on the declarations provided, in order to avoid any positions of advantage resulting from an applicant's having already attended, even in part, any university courses at the level for which he or she is applying;

- for the places in the first year of the second level undergraduate course:

- a) all those who attained the first qualification that gives access to a master's degree course not before 1st November 2024, or have committed to attain it by 31st December 2026, under penalty of forfeiture of the place;
- b) all those who were not enrolled prior to the academic year 2026-2027 in any of the following master's degree classes:

- for the Faculty of Humanities:

LM-1 Cultural anthropology and ethnology
LM-2 Archaeology
LM-5 Archiving and Librarianship
LM-10 Conservation of the architectural and environmental heritage
LM-11 Sciences for the conservation of the cultural heritage
LM-14 Modern philology
LM-15 Classical Philology, literature and history
LM-19 Information technology and editorial systems
LM-36 Languages and literature of Africa and Asia
LM-37 Modern European and American Languages and Literature
LM-38 Modern languages for international communication and co-operation
LM-39 Linguistics
LM-43 Information technology methods for the Humanities
LM-49 Planning and management of tourist systems
LM-50 Planning and management of educational services
LM-51 Psychology

- for the Faculty of Sciences:

LM-3 Landscape Architecture
LM-4 Architecture and construction engineering-architecture
LM-6 Biology
LM-7 Agrarian Biotechnologies;
LM-8 Industrial biotechnologies
LM-9 Medical, Veterinary and Pharmaceutical

LM-55 Cognitive sciences
LM-57 Sciences of Adult Education and of lifelong learning
LM-59 Sciences of public and corporate communication and publicity
LM-64 Sciences of religions
LM-65 Sciences of the performing arts and multimedia production
LM-78 Philosophical Sciences
LM-80 Geographical sciences
LM-81 Sciences for co-operation for development
LM-84 Historical sciences
LM-85 Pedagogical sciences
LM-89 Art history
LM-92 Communication theories
LM-93 Theories and methods of e-learning and media education
M-94 Specialist translating and interpreting
LM-14. Modern philology (qualification A043)
LM-37. Modern European and American Languages and Literature (qualification A045)
M-85 bis Primary education sciences
LMR/02 Conservation and restoration of the cultural heritage

Biotechnologies
LM-17 Physics
LM-18 Information technology
LM-20 Aerospace and Astronautical Engineering
LM-21 Biomedical engineering
LM-22 Chemical engineering
LM-23 Civil engineering

LM-24 Engineering of construction systems
LM-25 Automation engineering
LM-26 Safety engineering
LM-27 Telecommunications engineering
LM-28 Electrical engineering
LM-29 Electronic engineering
LM-30 Energy and nuclear engineering
LM-31 Management engineering
LM-32 Computer engineering
LM-33 Mechanical engineering
LM-34 Naval engineering
LM-35 Engineering for the environment and the territory
LM-40 Mathematics
LM-44 Mathematical-Physical Modelling for Engineering
LM-48 Territorial urban and environmental planning
LM-53 Materials science and engineering
LM-54 Chemical sciences
LM-58 Sciences of the Universe
M-60 Natural sciences
LM-66 Computer Security

- for the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences:

LM-52 International relations
LM-56 Economic sciences
LM-62 Political sciences
LM-63 Sciences of public administrations
LM-81 Sciences for co-operation for development
LM-87 Social service and social policies

LM-71 Sciences and technologies of industrial chemistry
LM-72 Sciences and technologies of navigation
LM-73 Forestry and environmental sciences and technologies
LM-74 Geological sciences and technologies
LM-75 Sciences and technologies for the environment and the territory
LM-79 Geophysical sciences
LM-82 Statistical sciences
LM-83 Actuarial and financial statistical sciences
LM-91 Techniques and methods for the information society
LM-95 Qualification sector A059 – Mathematics and sciences in the lower secondary school
LM-96 Qualification sector A033 – Technology
LM-Sc.Mat. Materials sciences
LM-Data Data Science
LM-53. Materials engineering
LM-13 Pharmacy and Industrial Pharmacy
LM-4 C.U. Architecture and construction engineering-architecture (five years);
LM-13. Pharmacy and Industrial Pharmacy

LM-88 Sociology and social research
LM-90 European studies
LM-92 Communication Theories
LM/SC Criminology Sciences applied to investigation and security
LM/DS Defence and Security Sciences
M/SC-GIUR Juridical sciences

c) those who have not attended, prior to the academic year 2026-2027, degree courses at foreign universities equivalent to those listed in the previous paragraph.

The commissions will assess applicants' admissibility based on the declarations provided, in order to avoid any positions of advantage resulting from an applicant's having already attended, even in part, any university courses at the level for which he or she is applying;

2.2 The following applicants will be excluded from taking part in the competition:

a) those who have been subject to the disciplinary action of "definitive expulsion" as specified by Article 31 of the teaching regulations of the SNS;

b) those who have past convictions of imprisonment for three years or more.

2.3 Applicants shall be admitted on a provisional basis and may be excluded at any moment from the admissions process should they fail to meet any of the requirements.

2.4 The SNS reserves the right to check at any time, even after the announcement of the successful applicants, the truthfulness of the statements made in the application and the possession of the prescribed requirements. Failure to meet the requirements will lead to exclusion from the admissions process, or, if ascertained after the winners are nominated, the loss of the place. The reasons for exclusion or revocation will be communicated in writing to the address indicated on the application form.

2.5 In addition to the requirements of the preceding paragraphs, applicants must have a sufficient knowledge of Italian to enable them to successfully take part in the courses.

Art. 3. Preselection via TOLC test for access to the written tests for admission to the first year of the first level undergraduate course of the Faculty of Sciences

3.1 For admission to the written tests, those applying for places in the first year of the first level undergraduate course of the Faculty of Sciences must prove that they have taken a TOLC test, which is administered by the Consorzio Interuniversitario Sistemi Integrati per l'Accesso (the University Consortium of Integrated Access Systems) (CISIA) and can be taken in any form and at any university site subscribing to CISIA. The test must be taken starting from 1s February 2026 and by 29th July 2026.

3.2 Applicants for the first year of the first level undergraduate course applying for the disciplinary areas of "Mathematics and Information Technology", "Physics" and "Chemistry and Geology" will need to take the TOLC S test, and those applying for the disciplinary area of "Biological sciences" will need to take the TOLC B test.

3.3 Admission to the written tests will be granted to the 240 applicants with the highest scores; the total number will be divided between the two disciplinary groups (area S: "Mathematics and Information Technology", "Physics" and "Chemistry and Geology"; area B: "Biological Sciences") proportionately to the number of applications received per group. Within each of the two groups, the applicants with the best scores will be selected.

Table 4

Disciplinary area	TOLC test required	Admission to the tests
Mathematics and IT Physics Chemistry and geology	TOLC S	Admission to the written tests will be granted to the 240 applicants with the highest scores, in proportion to the TOLC test chosen
Biological sciences	TOLC B	

- 3.4 The compiling of the classification of the 240 applicants with the highest scores will not take into consideration the results of the section relating to competence in the English language.
- 3.5 For details about the TOLC tests and their regulation (mode of delivery, assessments, repeatability of the tests) please refer to the "Regolamento TOLC" ("TOLC Regulations"), which can be consulted on the CISIA web site. To enrol in the TOLC tests and to check available dates, please go to the calendario (timetable) present on the CISIA web site.
- 3.6 For applicants who have taken more than one TOLC test, the SNS will take into consideration the test with the highest score.
- 3.7 The overall number of those effectively admitted to the tests may be higher than indicated in the table in the case of *ex aequo* scores.
- 3.8 The result of the TOLC test is valid only for admission to the competition tests and does not contribute to the formation of the final classification.
- 3.9 Since the TOLC S and B tests are not administered by the CISIA Consortium in English, non-Italian applicants who have obtained the qualification required for admission to the call abroad and who in their application indicate English for the written and oral tests (or French for the Faculty of Humanities) are exonerated from taking the TOLC test referred to in this article, and will be admitted to the written tests in excess. It is, however, indispensable that the qualification possessed by applicants be recognised as valid by the University of Pisa and the University of Florence for enrolment in degree courses.

Art. 4. Applications and deadlines

- 4.1 Applications for the call, which can be filled out in Italian or English, must be registered online by 2 p.m. Italian time on **Thursday, 30th July 2026**, through the online procedure as indicated on the dedicated page of the SNS web site.
- 4.2 All applications received after the stipulated date and time will be rejected whatever the cause of delay. Applicants are strongly advised to check that they have received the e-mail notification of the registration of their application and the relative ID number (*prematricola*); the SNS is not responsible for incorrectly completed application procedures.

The SNS cannot accept responsibility for any malfunctioning due to technical problems, overloading of the communication line and/or the application systems; applicants are therefore advised not to wait for the last few days before the deadline before submitting their application.

The SNS is not responsible for communications that go astray on account of incorrect indications of address in the application on the part of applicants, tardy notification of change of the address indicated in the application, or errors ascribed to third parties, accidental circumstances or force majeure.

- 4.3 Applicants who are non-EU citizens will need to submit to the Italian consulate of their country an application for pre-enrolment at the University of Pisa or the University of Florence, by the deadline to be specified by the provisions of the Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (the Ministry of Universities and Research) (MUR) relating to the enrolment of overseas students for the academic year 2026-2027.
- 4.4 The SNS reserves the right to allow the regularisation of applications submitted on time but resulting as irregular owing to remediable errors.
- 4.5 In their application, applicants must declare the following, in compliance with Article No. 46 of President of the Republic's Decree No. 445, dated 28th December 2000, called "Legislative provisions relating to administrative documents", and subsequent amendments and additions thereto:
- a) their name, surname, place and date of birth and tax code;
 - b) their nationality;
 - c) their residency; address if different from that of residency; telephone number and e-mail address to receive communications;
 - d) that they have not been sentenced to imprisonment lasting three years or more;
 - e) that they have not undergone the disciplinary measure of "expulsion" from the SNS;
 - f) an educational qualification valid for admission to the call, the school or university from which it was obtained and the date of graduation;
 - g) the faculty, disciplinary area and undergraduate course level (first or second) for which they are competing;
 - h) for applications for the first year of the first level undergraduate course, any enrolments in degree courses in Italy or abroad prior to the academic year 2026-2027, specifying the denomination, faculty (for those who had enrolled in Italian universities), department and university of enrolment; for those who had registered overseas, the study plan must be attached;
 - i) for applications for the first year of the second level undergraduate course, any enrolments in a master's degree course in Italy or abroad prior to the academic year 2026/27, specifying the denomination, faculty (for those who had enrolled in Italian universities), department and university of enrolment; those who had enrolled in a university abroad must attach their study plan;

- j) the undergraduate or master's degree course in which they intend to enrol at the University of Pisa or the University of Florence;
- k) that they are aware of the admissions process regulations and accept them, without reservation;
- l) that they are aware of the information concerning the processing of personal data referred to in Art.10 of the call herein;
- m) if, in accordance with Article 20 of Law No. 104, dated 5th February 1992, "Framework Law for the assistance, social integration and rights of disabled people", they wish to take advantage of assistance and extra time to take the tests;
- n) if, in accordance with Law No. 170, dated 8th October 2010 and subsequent modifications thereto, regarding specific learning disabilities resulting from valid certification issued no later than five years previously by the SSN (the Italian national health system) or by specialists or structures recognised by the latter, they wish to take advantage of assistance and extra time to take the tests;
- o) if they wish to observe the Sabbatical rest, in accordance with Art. 4, third paragraph, of Law No. 101, dated 8th March 1989, "Legislation for the regulation of relations between the State and the joint Italian Jewish communities";
- p) any tests that they intend to take in a different language from Italian, in accordance with the specifications of the article 5.9 below.

- 4.6 Applicants may submit applications for one Faculty only and, within each Faculty, for one subject only.
- 4.7 Applicants must also indicate the subject in which they intend to take the tests, with reference to the Information regarding the tests ("Test overview"), attached to the call herein and constituting an integral and substantial part thereof.
- 4.8 Applicants are required to indicate the tests that they intend to take, where appropriate.

Art. 5. Test conduct procedures

- 5.1 The competition tests are intended to assess the candidates' preparation, talent, motivation and the potential of their cultural and professional development. The tests are both written and oral.
- 5.2 By **Wednesday 5th August 2026** the list of candidates admitted to the written tests will be published on the [dedicated page](#) of the SNS web site in anonymised version with the ID number assigned to the submitted application (*prematricola*).
- 5.3 All candidates admitted to the written tests are required to be present, without the need for further communications, at the location that will be indicated as outlined in the following paragraph.
- 5.4 Together with the list of applicants admitted, the indications as to the location where the tests are to be held, their duration, the procedures for carrying them out and any formalities required to access the test location will be published on the SNS website.
- 5.5 Applicants must attend all the tests with a valid identity card or equivalent document. In carrying out the written tests, the applicants must strictly observe, under penalty of exclusion from the competition,

the indications published on the SNS website in accordance with the fourth paragraph of this article, as well as any further instructions received from the call commission during the tests. Any changes will be announced in the same way; the SNS, however, reserves the right to use different means of communication when opportune.

- 5.6 The timetable of the oral tests and the list of the admitted candidates, with an indication of the average score in the written tests, will be published on the SNS official online register and on the [dedicated page](#) of the SNS website. The inclusion in the list of admitted candidates is equivalent to a notification to the persons concerned, who are thus expected to attend without the need for further communications.
- 5.7 The list of the scores achieved by all candidates in the written tests will be published in the same section of the SNS website; the scores will be reported anonymously and will be associated with the ID number corresponding to that assigned to the submitted application.
- 5.8 The absence of a candidate at the start of any one of the tests, whatever the cause, including force majeure, will entail his or her exclusion from the selection process.
- 5.9 The tests may be taken in the following languages:
- Faculty of Humanities: Italian, French or English.
 - Faculty of Sciences: Italian or English.
 - Faculty of Political and Social Sciences: Italian or English.
- 5.10 The call commissions reserve the right to verify during the oral test that a candidate's level of knowledge of Italian is sufficient to ensure his or her participation in the activities envisaged in the course.
- 5.11 In the event of impediments ensuing from a state of emergency, changes may be made, with a specific director's decree, relating to the modes of conducting the competition; adequate notice of such changes will be given.

Art. 6. Call commissions, scores, ranking

- 6.1 The commissions may delegate some of their activities to sub-commissions. Admission to the oral tests and the definition of the final rankings are decided in a plenary session. For the carrying out and correction of the tests, the commissions may decide to call upon the additional skills and contributions of lecturers, researchers, graduate students and experts appointed for the purpose by the Director of the SNS.
- 6.2 For the assessment of each of the written tests, the commissions can award a maximum score of one hundred points.
- 6.3 Those candidates are admitted to the oral tests who in the written tests attain an average of at least:
- seventy points for the places of the Faculty of Humanities,
 - sixty points for the places of the Faculty of Sciences; in calculating this average, for candidates for the first year of the first level undergraduate course, the commission will attribute a weight of

60% to the written test relating to the subject for which the candidate is competing and a weight of 40% to the written test relating to the other subject ;

- sixty points for the places of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences.

6.4 Oral tests are successfully passed by candidates who attain an average of at least:

- seventy points for the places of the Faculty of Humanities;
- sixty points for the places of the Faculty of Sciences;
- sixty points for the places of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences.

6.5 Upon conclusion of the selection process, the results obtained by candidates in the oral tests will be published on the SNS official online register and on the [dedicated page](#) of the SNS website.

6.6 Candidates who have passed both written and oral tests will be declared as qualifying for admission.

6.7 The commissions, considering the average of the marks obtained by each candidate in the written and oral tests, will formulate the final ranking of the candidates in order of merit.

6.8 If two or more candidates have the same score at the end of the selection process, the youngest candidate will be placed higher in the ranking.

6.9 The official rankings will be published on the SNS online register and on the [dedicated page](#) on the SNS web site.

6.10 The SNS will notify only the winners of the result of the competition.

6.11 The proceedings of the competition procedure are accessible in accordance with Law No. 241 of 7th August 1990, subsequent to the publication of the rankings referred to in paragraph 6.9. Requests can be submitted according to the indications available on the [dedicated page](#).

Art. 7. Contribution to travel and accommodation expenses

7.1 The SNS provides free accommodation, in its own student residences or in affiliated facilities, to candidates taking the written exams whose 2026 ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) is below 35,000 Euros and who reside more than 100 kilometres away from the exam venues. Interested candidates who meet the aforementioned requirements may submit a request using the online form available on the dedicated web page, once they have submitted their application to participate in the competition and within the deadline set for applications. The 2026 family ISEE certificate must be attached, and the dates for which accommodation is required must be specified.

7.2 The SNS will confirm the assignment of accommodation after the publication of the list of admitted candidates, and in due time for the exams, based on availability and the chronological order of the requests received. Accommodation will be provided in a double or single room, depending on availability.

7.3 For candidates residing at a distance between 100 and 400 kilometres from the exam venues, accommodation will be provided exclusively for the night preceding each exam.

- 7.4 Candidates residing at a distance greater than 400 kilometres from the exam venues, or in Sardinia/Sicily, or abroad, will be allowed to stay in the SNS facilities during the period between the night preceding the first exam and the night preceding the second exam.
- 7.5 Candidates who have been assigned accommodation and who intend to withdraw from the written exams are required to promptly inform the SNS and in any case no later than August 16.
- 7.6 For information on the accommodation request procedure, you may contact alloggi.concorso@sns.it.
- 7.7 Should accommodation for candidates who meet the requirements referred to in the previous paragraph not be available in SNS residences or in affiliated facilities, the SNS may grant a reimbursement for external accommodation expenses, up to 50.00 Euros per night, upon presentation of the relevant supporting documents (receipts). Candidates residing at a distance between 100 and 400 kilometres from the SNS will receive the contribution for accommodation expenses for the night preceding each exam. Candidates residing at a distance greater than 400 kilometres from the SNS, or in Sardinia/Sicily, or abroad, may receive the contribution for accommodation expenses for the period between the night preceding the first exam and the night preceding the second exam.
- 7.8 The SNS grants candidates admitted to the oral exams who meet the financial requirements referred to in paragraph 1 the reimbursement of accommodation expenses, up to 50.00 Euros per night, upon presentation of the relevant supporting documents. Reimbursement will be provided exclusively for the night preceding each exam.
- 7.9 The SNS grants candidates who meet the financial requirements referred to in paragraph 1 the reimbursement of travel expenses for participation in the written exams, applying a deductible of 50.00 Euros and an overall maximum ceiling of 350.00 Euros for residents in Italy and 700.00 Euros for residents abroad. This is subject to the submission, via the specific online form, of the 2026 ISEE indicator and electronic copies of the relevant expense receipts. For candidates residing at a distance greater than 400 kilometres from the SNS, or in Sardinia/Sicily, or abroad, and for those who choose to stay in the SNS facilities for a period exceeding two nights, only the reimbursement of one round-trip journey between their place of residence and the SNS will be recognized.
- 7.10 The SNS grants candidates admitted to the oral exams the reimbursement of travel expenses, applying a deductible of 50.00 Euros and a maximum ceiling of 350.00 Euros for residents in Italy and 700.00 Euros for residents abroad, upon submission, via the specific online form, of the 2026 ISEE indicator and electronic copies of the relevant expense receipts.
- 7.11 The requirements and methods for reimbursement referred to in the preceding paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 are outlined in Annex 1.
- 7.12 The request forms for the reimbursement of expenses referred to in the previous paragraphs will be made available on the SNS website in the section dedicated to the competition. Reimbursement requests (one for accommodation expenses and one for travel expenses) must be submitted by October 31, 2026, together with a declaration stating that no request for reimbursement for the same expenses has been submitted to any other entity.

Art. 8. Nomination of the winners

- 8.1 The Director of the SNS will approve the final rankings and will designate the successful candidates, depending on the number of places available.
- 8.2 Successful candidates must be present at the start of the course at the SNS in Pisa for the Faculty of Humanities or the Faculty of Sciences, or at the SNS in Florence for the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences; the start date is announced in the notice of assignment. Otherwise, unless a prior request with a motivation recognised as valid by the SNS is submitted, candidates will forfeit their place.
- 8.3 In the case of refusal or forfeiture of a place, the SNS reserves the right to proceed to a new assignment within thirty days from the start of the courses, with reference to the ranking of the successful candidates.
- 8.4 Successful candidates must provide the SNS, by the deadline that will be communicated to them, with the following documents:
- a) a statement of enrolment in a valid undergraduate or master's degree course at the University of Pisa or the University of Florence;
 - b) a declaration of acceptance of the Statute of the SNS and its regulations, exonerating the SNS from the consequences of non-compliance. For any successful candidates that are still minors, the declaration must be made by a parent or a legal guardian;
 - c) a digital photograph;
 - d) for degrees attained abroad, the submission of a certificate issued by the issuing institute or university; certificates must be translated into Italian, with the exception of those in French, English, Spanish or German;
 - e) a health certificate on unstamped paper stating any diseases preventing participation in the everyday life of a community, dated within the last three months;
- 8.5 The SNS reserves the right to carry out further checks and to request further certifications, where permitted by law, for the purposes of compliance with the obligations referred to in paragraph 9.5 below regarding exemption from the university taxes.

Art. 9. Students' rights and obligations

- 9.1 The status of undergraduate student is regulated by the Statute and the internal regulations of the SNS.
- 9.2 Attendance at the SNS is free of charge. Students of the undergraduate course have the obligation to reside at the site of their course, in the colleges of the SNS, which are free of charge.
- 9.3 Successful candidates for places in the first year of the second level undergraduate course in Pisa will be allotted places in the SNS residences subject to the number of accommodations available. As an exception to the rule expressed in the last paragraph, those who will not be assigned lodgings within the residences will have the right to reside outside the colleges and will be guaranteed adequate lodgings in other structures or else will be paid, for the academic year 2026-2027, a special accommodation grant of € 460,00 a month, subject, for taxation purposes, to the prevailing Italian legislation regarding scholarships.

- 9.4 From the 1st October to the 30th September of the following year, with the exclusion of academic holiday periods, students of the undergraduate course benefit from free board at the SNS canteen or in affiliated facilities. In addition, they receive an all-inclusive scholarship the amount of which is determined each year by the SNS, and the reimbursement, total or partial, of university fees paid to the University of Pisa or the University of Florence.
- 9.5 The scholarship for 2026-2027 is determined based on the ISEE, in accordance with the diagram reported in Annex 2; the scholarship is subject, for tax purposes, to the prevailing Italian legislation regarding scholarships.
- 9.6 Undergraduate students may be allowed, for serious reasons, to suspend their academic activities, for a maximum of 12 months during their whole academic career. Suspension for maternity or for any other obligations covered by legislation is permitted subject to students' informing the SNS of their situation.
- 9.7 Undergraduate students may not take on any commitments that are considered by the SNS to be incompatible with the proper fulfilment of their academic obligations at the Normale.
- 9.8 To be admitted to subsequent years, undergraduate students must:
- a) follow courses at both the SNS and their University of reference;
 - b) attend interviews and examinations according to a study plan submitted by them and approved by their Faculty;
 - c) qualify for eligibility on the basis of yearly interviews and take all university and internal exams in accordance with their study plan;
 - d) achieve a grade of not less than twenty-four out of thirty in exams taken at the University and the SNS and maintain an average of at least twenty-seven out of thirty.
- 9.9 Any requests to pass to an undergraduate course different from that chosen during the application process may be submitted by students in accordance with the indications of the prevailing [Guidelines](#).

Art. 10. Processing of personal data

- 10.1 The candidates' personal data processing is governed by Legislative Decree Number 196 of 30 June 2003 (Code for the protection of personal data) and EU Regulation 2016/79 regarding the protection of personal data.
- 10.2 The Data Controller for the personal data provided by the data subjects is the Scuola Normale Superiore, a state university institute, located in Piazza dei Cavalieri, 7 Pisa - 56126, in the person of its Director and *pro tempore* legal representative.
- 10.3 The person responsible for the protection of personal data (RPD or DPO) may be contacted at the e-mail address dpo@sns.it.
- 10.4 Personal data will be collected by the SNS as part of the selection/admission procedure of candidates and processed for the completion of the said procedure and, for the successful candidates, for the subsequent management of their career at the SNS and for all related activities.

- 10.5 Personal data are processed to perform tasks of public interest and in any case linked to the exercising of its public powers, including the purposes of archiving, historical research and analysis for statistical purposes. Personal data will be processed, also with automated tools (software and databases administered by the SNS and hosted by the CINECA contracting entities), in compliance with the principles of accountability, lawfulness, correctness, minimisation, transparency, integrity, accuracy, confidentiality and proportionality.
- 10.6 The personal data collected will be communicated to third parties (public and/or private parties) in the context of institutional relations, for the fulfilment of legal obligations, regulations or contracts, relevant to the services required by the SNS (placements, tutoring, access to facilities, etc.). The personal data collected may be communicated or transferred to parties established in third countries only if suitable data protection guarantees and conditions have been ascertained.
- 10.7 The personal data collected will be published on the SNS official online register and on the SNS website in the cases foreseen by the law and by SNS regulations. The personal data collected will be processed and stored for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they have been collected, without prejudice to legislation applying to the storage of documentation by public institutions.
- 10.8 Data subjects may exercise the following rights at any moment:
- access to their personal data, in the cases and with the procedures pursuant to Art. 15 of the Regulations;
 - the rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of their personal data, in the cases and with the procedures pursuant to Articles 16-18 of the Regulations; erasure is not permitted for data included in the documents that the SNS is obliged to keep;
 - the portability of data, in the cases and with the procedures pursuant to Art. 20 of the Regulations;
 - objection to the processing of data, in the cases and with the procedures under Article 21 of the Regulations;
 - the right to submit a complaint to the Italian Data Protection Authority (Garante Privacy).

The aforementioned rights may be exercised by sending a request by email to privacy@sns.it or via certified e-mail (PEC) to protocollo@pec.sns.it.

Art. 11. Final and referral provisions and information

- 11.1 In accordance with Art. 5 of Law No. 241 of 7th August 1990, the procedure for the call herein is organised by the Head of the Teaching Area of the SNS.
- 11.2 Matters not specified in the call herein are covered by the stipulations of the Statute and the SNS regulations, both of which can be consulted at the institutional web site <http://www.sns.it>
- 11.3 For further information, those interested can consult the following web page:

<https://www.sns.it/it/ammissione/corso-ordinario/come-candidarsi-al-corso-ordinario>

or they can refer to the staff of the Student Administrative Services:

Pisa site: concorso.ammissione@sns.it

Florence site: didattica.firenze@sns.it

The staff of the Student Administrative Services will respond only to requests coming from parties directly involved in the admission procedure.

11.4 The call herein is published on the SNS official online register.

TEST OVERVIEW

As established in Article 5 of the call herein, a *detailed timetable* will be published on the SNS web site, containing the indications as to the test sites, the test conduct procedures and the requirements for candidates to be granted access to the test rooms.

Under the address <https://www.sns.it/it/ammissione/corso-ordinario/come-candidarsi-al-corso-ordinario> test preparation programmes and collections of past test papers are available.

A – Tests

A.1 – Tests for the Faculty of Humanities for admission to the first year of the first level undergraduate course

Admission to the first year of the first level undergraduate course entails the passing of two written tests and two oral tests (on the same subjects) in accordance with the following plan:

SNS course	1 st written and oral tests	2 nd written and oral tests (one to be chosen from among the following)
Philosophy	Philosophy	Greek Latin Italian literature History Art history
Modern literature	Italian literature	Philosophy Greek Latin History Art history
Classical studies and humanities	Latin or Greek	Philosophy Greek Latin Italian literature History Art history
Art history	Art history	Philosophy Greek Latin Italian literature History

History	History	Philosophy Greek Latin Italian literature Art history
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Each written test lasts 6 hours. The “Greek” and “Latin” written tests consist of an unseen translation of a passage from Greek and Latin respectively; in both tests the use of a dictionary is permitted. The written tests in the other subjects consist of specific tests of disciplinary skills.

The order of the tests is established in the timetable in section C of this attachment; the test of choice may be scheduled on a date prior to the first test (which is obligatory based on the chosen SNS course).

A.2 - Tests for the Faculty of Humanities for admission to the first year of the second level undergraduate course

Admission to the first year of the second level undergraduate course entails the passing of two oral tests and two written tests (on the same subjects), one obligatory and the other with a choice of subjects, with reference to the SNS course and, in some cases, to the master's degree course at the University of Pisa in which the candidate wishes to enrol, in accordance with the following plan :

SNS course	1 st written and oral tests	2 nd written and oral tests (one to be chosen from among the following)
Philosophy	Philosophy	Greek Latin Italian literature History Art history
Modern literature (UNIPi: Information technology for the humanities)	Italian literature	Philosophy Greek Latin
Modern literature (UNIPi: Italian studies)	Italian literature	Philosophy Latin History Art history
Modern literature (UNIPi: Euro-American languages, literatures and philologies)	Italian literature	Philosophy Greek Latin Art history

Modern literature (UNIPi: Linguistics and translation)	Italian literature	Latin Greek Philosophy
Classical studies and humanities (UNIPi: Oriental studies: Egypt, Near and Middle East)	Latin or Greek	Archaeology Greek Latin Ancient history
Classical studies and humanities (UNIPi: Archaeology)	Archaeology	Greek Latin Ancient history Art history
Classical studies and humanities (UNIPi: ancient history)	Latin or Greek	Greek Latin Ancient history
History	History	Philosophy Latin Italian literature Ancient history
Art history	Art history	Archaeology Italian literature History

Each written test lasts 6 hours. The “Greek” and “Latin” written tests consist of an unseen translation of a passage from Greek and Latin respectively; in both tests the use of a dictionary is permitted. The written tests in the other subjects consist of specific tests of disciplinary skills.

The order of the tests is established in the timetable in section C of this attachment; the test of choice may be scheduled on a date prior to the first test (which is obligatory based on the chosen SNS course).

A.3 - Tests for the Faculty of Sciences for admission to the first year of the first level undergraduate course

Admission to the first year of the first level undergraduate course entails the passing of the tests from among those indicated as follows, with reference to the SNS course in which the candidate intends to enrol, in accordance with the following plan:

SNS course	1st written test	2nd written test	1st oral test	2nd oral test (one to be chosen from among the following)
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Physics	Mathematics	Physics	Mathematics	Physics
Mathematics and Information technology				
Chemistry and geology	Chemistry	Mathematics and Physics (integrated test)	Chemistry	Biological sciences Physics Mathematics
Biological sciences	Biological sciences	Mathematics and Physics (integrated test)	Biological sciences	Chemistry Physics Mathematics

A.4 - Tests for the Faculty of Sciences for admission to the first year of the second level undergraduate course

Admission to the first year of the second level undergraduate course entails the passing of the tests from among those indicated as follows, with reference to the SNS course and, in some cases, to the master's degree course at the University of Pisa in which the candidate declares in his/her application that he/she wishes to enrol:

SNS course	1 st written test	2 nd written test	1 st oral test	2 nd oral test (one to be chosen from among the following)
Chemistry and geology	General and inorganic chemistry	Physical chemistry	Physical chemistry	Organic chemistry Inorganic chemistry Molecular biology

Physics	Mathematical methods for physics, classical mechanics and electromagnetism	Thermodynamics, statistical mechanics and quantum mechanics	Classical physics	Quantum mechanics
Mathematics and Information technology (UNIFI: Mathematics)	Mathematical analysis	Geometry and algebra	Mathematical analysis	Geometry and algebra
Mathematics and Information technology (UNIFI: Information technology; Information technology and networking)	Mathematical analysis	Languages and semantics	Languages and semantics	Algorithms and complexities
Biological sciences	Molecular biology	Neurobiology	Neurobiology	Physiology and cellular biology General chemistry with elements of organic chemistry

For access to the places at the Faculty of Sciences reserved for applicants enrolled in the “Materials and Nanotechnology” master's degree course at the University of Pisa the tests are the following:

SNS course	1 st written test	2 nd written test	1 st oral test	2 nd oral test
Chemistry and Geology / Physics	General chemistry	Classical physics	General chemistry	Classical physics

Each written test lasts 6 hours.

The written tests consist of the solution of one or more exercises and a dissertation.

The written and oral tests for admission to the master's degree courses in "Materials and Nanotechnology" will be taken in English.

A.5 – Tests for the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences

Admission to the first year of the second level undergraduate course entails the passing of the following tests:

SNS course	1 st written test	2 nd written test	1 st oral test	2 nd oral test
Politics, Economics and Sustainability	Political science	Economic, work and environmental sociology	Political science	Economic, work and environmental sociology

Each written test lasts 4 hours.

The oral tests will be taken in Italian and in English.

B – Test sites

Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Sciences:

- the written and the oral tests will be held in Pisa, at the SNS site at Palazzo della Carovana, Piazza dei Cavalieri no. 7, in the rooms to be announced in the detailed timetable;

Faculty of Political and Social Sciences:

- the written and the oral tests will take place in Florence, at the SNS site, Piazza degli Strozzi, Palazzo Strozzi, 5th floor.

C – Important dates

C.1 - Faculty of Sciences

The written tests for the Faculty of Sciences will be held starting from **Monday 24th August 2026**, with the following timetable:

DAY	Start time	TESTS	Undergraduate course of reference
Admission to the first year of the first level undergraduate course			
Monday 24th August 2026	8:30	"Mathematics"	Mathematics and Information technology Physics

Tuesday 25th August 2026	8:30	"Physics"	Mathematics and Information technology Physics
Wednesday 26th August 2026	8:30	"Chemistry" "Biological sciences"	Chemistry and Geology Biological sciences
Thursday 27th August 2026	8:30	"Mathematics and integrated physics"	Chemistry and Geology Biological sciences
Admission to the first year of the second level undergraduate course			
Wednesday 26th August 2026	8:30	"Mathematical methods for physics, classical mechanics and electromagnetism", "Mathematical analysis" "General and inorganic chemistry" "Molecular biology"	Chemistry and Geology Physics Mathematics and Information technology Biological sciences
Thursday 27th August 2026	8:30	"Thermodynamics, statistical mechanics and quantum mechanics" "Languages and semantics" "Geometry and algebra" "Physical chemistry" "Neurobiology"	Chemistry and Geology Physics Mathematics and Information technology Biological sciences
Admission to the degree course in "Materials and Nanotechnology"			
Monday 24th August 2026	8:30	"Classical physics"	Materials and nanotechnology
Tuesday 25th August 2026	8:30	"General chemistry"	Materials and nanotechnology

The oral tests will be held:

- a) for admission to the first year of the first and second level undergraduate courses, from **Monday 7th September 2026** every day beginning at 9 a.m.
- b) for admission to the places in the first year of the second level undergraduate course at the Faculty of Sciences reserved for those attending the master's degree course in "Materials and Nanotechnology" at the University of Pisa, on **Friday 4th September 2026** starting at 9 a.m.

C.2 - Faculty of Humanities

The written tests for the Faculty of Humanities for admission to the first year of both the first and the second level undergraduate courses will be held starting from **Monday 24th August 2026**, with the following timetable, and taking into consideration the provisions of the subsequent paragraphs:

DAY	Start time	TEST
Monday 24 th August 2026	08:30	"History"
Tuesday 25 th August 2026	08:30	"Greek"
Wednesday 26 th August 2026	08:30	"Latin"
Thursday 27 th August 2026	08:30	"Italian literature"
Friday 28 th August 2026	08:30	"Philosophy"
Saturday 29 th August 2026	08:30	"Art history"

The written test in "Art history" may be taken on an alternative date by candidates to this test who intend to observe the sabbath, if they are entitled to do so (*Art. 4, paragraph 3 of Law No. 101 of 8th March 1989, "Legislation for the regulation of relations between the Italian State and the Union of Italian Jewish Communities"*). Alternative dates as appropriate will be indicated in the detailed timetable.

The dates of the written tests for "Archaeology" and "Ancient history" for admission to the first year of the second level undergraduate course will be programmed in consideration of the number of applications submitted; hence the tests may be scheduled on the day of another test or on a day of the subsequent week, as will be indicated in the detailed timetable.

The oral tests will be held from **Monday 7th September 2026** every day starting from 9 a.m.

C.3 - Faculty of Political and Social Sciences

The written tests for the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences will be held from **Monday 31st August 2026**, with the following timetable:

DAY	Start time	TEST
Monday 31 st August 2026	11 a.m.	"Political science"
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	9 a.m.	"Economic, work and environmental sociology"

The oral tests will be held from **Monday 7th September 2026** every day starting from 9 a.m.

C.4 – Dates of publication of test results

The results of the call will be published as indicated in Articles 5 and 6 of the call herein.

For all the faculties, the results of the written tests will be published no earlier than the Thursday following the conclusion of the written tests, together with the timetable of the oral tests.

The results of the oral tests and the final ranking containing the list of successful candidates will be published no earlier than on the 16th September.

ANNEX 1 – SCHEME OF EXPENSE CONTRIBUTIONS PURSUANT TO ART. 7 OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Expense Type	Requirements	Deductible / Caps	Procedure / Documentation	Permitted Means of Transport
Accommodation for written exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISEE 2026 < €35,000 - Residence between 100 and 400 km from the exam venue <p><i>Only applicable if no SNS accommodation is available.</i></p>	<p>Deductible: None</p> <p>Cap: €50.00 per night (the night preceding each exam)</p>	<p>Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request accommodation via the online form before the competition deadline. - Receive notification that no accommodation is available. - Request reimbursement via the online form by 31/10/2026. <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISEE 2026 certification - Proof of accommodation expenses (receipts/invoices) 	Not applicable
Accommodation for written exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISEE 2026 < €35,000 - Residence more than 400 km from the exam venue, OR in Sardinia/Sicily, OR abroad <p><i>Only applicable if no SNS accommodation is available.</i></p>	<p>Deductible: None</p> <p>Cap: €50.00 per night</p>	<p>Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request accommodation via the online form before the competition deadline. - Receive notification that no accommodation is available. - Request reimbursement via the online form by 31/10/2026. <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISEE 2026 certification - Proof of accommodation expenses (receipts/invoices) 	Not applicable
Accommodation for oral exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISEE 2026 < €35,000 - Residence more than 100 km from the exam venue 	<p>Deductible: None</p> <p>Cap: €50.00 per night (the night preceding the exam)</p>	<p>Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request reimbursement via the online form by 31/10/2026. <p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISEE 2026 certification - Proof of accommodation expenses (receipts/invoices) 	Not applicable
Travel Expenses for written exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISEE 2026 < €35,000 	<p>Deductible: €50.00</p>	<p>Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request reimbursement via the online form by 31/10/2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Train (2nd class) - Regular bus lines

(Residents in Italy)		Cap: €350.00	Documentation: - ISEE 2026 certification - Proof of travel expenses (tickets/receipts)	- Maritime/ferry services - Plane (Economy class, only if the distance from the SNS is > 600 km or for residents of Sardinia/Sicily)
Travel Expenses for written exams (Residents Abroad)	- ISEE 2026 < €35,000	Deductible: €50.00 Cap: €700.00	Procedure: - Request reimbursement via the online form by 31/10/2026. Documentation: - ISEE 2026 certification or foreign equivalent - Proof of travel expenses (tickets/receipts)	- Train (2nd class) - Regular bus lines - Maritime/ferry services - Plane (Economy class, only if the distance from the SNS is > 600 km)

Explanatory Notes

The place of departure/return will be considered as the place of residence or, if more cost-effective for the SNS, the place of actual origin.

For residents of Sardinia and Sicily, reimbursement of flight expenses is always allowed, regardless of the distance.

To determine the distance between the place of residence and the exam venue, the calculation provided by Google Maps must be used, applying the following parameters:

- Shortest route
- Driving mode

ANNEX 2 – TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

The study grant awarded to successful applicants of the call for the undergraduate course is adjusted based on the currently valid university ISEE and includes the total or partial reimbursement of the university taxes.

The procedures for the submission of study grant applications for the academic year 2026-27 will be outlined in a subsequent provision by the SNS Administration.

Table of contributions

Band	University ISEE	All-inclusive yearly grant
A	up to 40,000	5,000€
B	up to 40,000	5,000€
C	up to 40,000	5,000€
D	from 40,001 to 45,000	4,500€
E	from 45,001 to 50,000	4,000€
F	from 50,001 to 55,000	3,500€
G	from 55,001 to 60,000	3,000€
H	from 60,001 to 65,000	2,000€
I	from 65,001 to 70,000	1,000€
J	greater than 70,000 or NO ISEE	500€