



GUIDE FOR TRANSFERS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES TO THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

academic year 2026-2027

Eligible applicants for the incoming transfer application are students currently enrolled in the current academic year at another Italian University in the Master's Degree Program in Medicine and Surgery, established according to the Ministerial Decree of March 16, 2007 - Class LM-41 and conducting their teachings in the English language, or in an equivalent program at a foreign University, also conducting their teachings in the English language and subject to the assessment of the required knowledge for admission to the study program (*Law 264/1999 - Regulations on access to university courses*).

Ineligible to apply for the incoming transfer application are:

1. Students enrolled in the previous non-reformed curricula of Medicine and Surgery (old curricula);
2. Students in their sixth year or beyond.

Students enrolled at another University can submit an application for selection, based on available slots, exclusively as indicated in the prospectus provided below:

Students enrolled at another University in the current academic year	Academic year of enrollment eligible for participation in the selection process
First-year regular or repeating first-year students	Second year
Second-year regular or repeating second-year students	Third year
Third-year regular or repeating third-year students	Fourth year
Fourth-year regular or repeating fourth-year students	Fifth year
Fifth-year regular or repeating fifth-year students	Sixth year

A) IF THE CANDIDATE IS ENROLLED AT AN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY CONDUCTING TEACHING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

They must submit a substitute declaration of certification containing, mandatory:

- a. Current academic year and status (regular/repeating);
- b. All previous enrollment years with respective academic years (e.g., 1st regular year - academic year 2019/20, etc.);
- c. University of origin, degree program, and course classification;

- d. All completed exams; for each exam: date, grade obtained, earned credits, and corresponding scientific-disciplinary sector. For Integrated Courses, indicate credits and the scientific-disciplinary sector for each module. Additionally, applicants must certify that the examinations were conducted in the English language;
- e. Complete study plan with all planned courses divided by academic year. Declare any acquired course attendance for each subject;
- f. Total accumulated educational credits (credits accrue only upon completing the exam registration).

It is necessary to indicate exclusively the exams that have been formally documented (regularly verbalized) and not partial or ongoing assessments throughout the academic year. In the case of Integrated Courses, only specify the fully completed exams.

The candidate must also provide evidence of possessing an English certification equivalent to level B2.

B) IF THE CANDIDATE IS ENROLLED AT A FOREIGN UNIVERSITY:

They must provide a suitable certification issued by the foreign University in which the candidate is enrolled, containing:

- a. Current academic year and status (regular/repeating);
- b. All previous enrollment years with respective academic years (e.g., 1st regular year - academic year 2019/20, etc.);
- c. University of origin, degree program, and potential course classification;
- d. All completed exams; for each exam: date, earned credits (ECTS - credits accrue only upon completing the exam registration), and grade on the ECTS scale of the home country. Additionally, applicants must certify that the examinations were conducted in the English language;
- e. Complete study plan with all planned courses divided by academic year. Declare any acquired course attendance for each subject; the student must also submit, by the application deadline, study programs (on the letterhead of the foreign University or endorsed with the University's stamp) for all disciplines included in the foreign curriculum, in English language.

If the student is enrolled at a non-European foreign University, in addition to the documentation specified in point B), they must submit:

1. All the above documents translated and legalized by the Italian diplomatic authorities in the country of enrollment;
2. Declaration of value, including information on the organization of the educational path in the home country and the evaluation scale used.

After the deadline specified in the Call for Applications, those who have not complied with the above obligation will be considered as having renounced, regardless of the reasons for the delay, and will be excluded from the transfer selection for the Medicine and Surgery degree program.

IF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES IS LESS THAN THE AVAILABLE SPOTS

If the number of received applications is equal to or less than the number of available spots, there will be no selection process, while still adhering to the requirements outlined in sections A) and B). Applications will be accepted if they meet all the criteria specified in the University's Call for Applications, the Academic Regulations of the University of Catania, and the Academic Regulations of the Medicine and Surgery degree program. Any remaining vacant spots will be reassigned in the following academic year.

IF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES EXCEEDS THE AVAILABLE SPOTS

If the received applications exceed the number of available spots, the Technical Committee for Current Affairs (CTAC) of the Medicine and Surgery degree program will formulate the selection ranking based on the criteria outlined below.

FORMATION OF THE RANKING

For the purpose of assessment, only exams that have been officially passed and documented by the deadline specified in the University Call for Applications will be considered. The candidate should indicate these exams in the selection application.

Only exams related to subjects with an equivalence in the Academic Regulations of the Medicine and Surgery degree program at the University of Catania will be evaluated.

The final ranking is determined by the sum of points assigned to the following criteria.

1) Arithmetic mean of certified passing grades:

30/30	60 points
from 29/30 to 29,99/30	57 points
from 28/30 to 28,99/30	54 points
from 27/30 to 27,99/30	51 points
from 26/30 to 26,99/30	48 points
from 25/30 to 25,99/30	45 points
from 24/30 to 24,99/30	42 points
from 23/30 to 23,99/30	39 points
from 22/30 to 22,99/30	36 points
from 21/30 to 21,99/30	33 points
from 20/30 to 20,99/30	30 points
from 19/30 to 19,99/30	27 points
from 18/30 to 18,99/30	24 points

Grades expressed as "pass" without a numerical score, whether obtained through completion or validation, will not be considered. For assessments on scales other than

the thirty-point scale, the Committee will refer to the European Comparison of Grades and the International Grade Conversion Guide for Higher Education.

2) Evaluation of activities:

2.1) Students enrolled in study programs that assess activities in university educational credits (CFU/ECTS)

For students enrolled in study programs that assess activities in university educational credits, in addition to the score based on the average obtained (point 1), 1 point will be added for each acquired educational credit.

The sum of acquired educational credits will be divided by the actual number of years enrolled in the Medicine and Surgery degree program. In any case, no more than 60 points can be attributed.

2.2) Students enrolled in study programs that do NOT assess activities in university educational credits (CFU/ECTS)

For students enrolled in study programs that do not involve the assessment of activities in ECTS credits, to the score obtained based on the average (point 1), a score will be added according to the following:

Number of exams passed up to the academic year in which the student is enrolled:	
All	60,0 points
All - 1	52,8 points
All - 2	45,6 points
All - 3	38,4 points
All - 4	31,2 points
All - 5	24,0 points
All - 6	16,8 points
All - 7 and beyond	0 points

Tiebreaker Criteria

In the event of a tie in scores, priority will be given to the candidate who is younger in age based on their personal records.

In addition to the criteria specified in the previous points, approval for enrollment in years beyond the first is contingent upon the fulfillment of prescribed internship hours for each academic year preceding the year of enrollment. Furthermore, meeting the curricular requirements outlined in the table below is necessary to obtain approval for enrollment in subsequent years. Consideration will also be given to any exams with different names and/or placement within the curriculum, provided they have equivalent content.

REQUIRED ENROLLMENT YEAR	CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS
Second year	<p><i>Passing the exams of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular and applied biology • Medical genetics • Applied physics • Health informatics • Chemistry and biochemistry propaedeutics • Histology, cytology, embryology and organogenesis <p><i>Attendance of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional anatomy and gross neuroanatomy
Third year	<p><i>Passing the exams of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular and applied biology • Medical genetics • Applied physics • Health informatics • Chemistry and biochemistry propaedeutics • Histology, cytology, embryology and organogenesis • Regional anatomy and gross neuroanatomy • Biochemistry <p><i>Attendance of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human physiology • General pathology and immunology • Microbiology
Fourth year	<p><i>Passing the exams of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular and applied biology • Medical genetics • Applied physics • Health informatics • Chemistry and biochemistry propaedeutics • Histology, cytology, embryology and organogenesis • Regional anatomy and gross neuroanatomy • Biochemistry • Microbiology • Human physiology <p><i>Attendance of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General pharmacology • Diseases of the cardiovascular system • Disease of the endocrine system • Disease of the respiratory system
Fifth year	<p><i>Passing the exams of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular and applied biology • Medical genetics • Applied physics

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health informatics • Chemistry and biochemistry propaedeutics • Histology, cytology, embryology and organogenesis • Regional anatomy and gross neuroanatomy • Biochemistry • Microbiology • Human physiology • General pharmacology • Diseases of the cardiovascular system • Disease of the endocrine system • Disease of the respiratory system <p><i>Attendance of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diseases of the gastroenteric system • Diseases of the bones and joints • Lab works • Rheumatological, infectious and skin diseases
<p style="text-align: center;">Sixth year</p>	<p><i>Passing the exams of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular and applied biology • Medical genetics • Applied physics • Health informatics • Chemistry and biochemistry propaedeutics • Histology, cytology, embryology and organogenesis • Regional anatomy and gross neuroanatomy • Biochemistry • Microbiology • Human physiology • General pharmacology • Diseases of the cardiovascular system • Disease of the endocrine system • Disease of the respiratory system • Diseases of the gastroenteric system • Diseases of the bones and joints • Lab works • Rheumatological, infectious and skin diseases <p><i>Attendance of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain and nervous system diseases • Patient management • Obstetrics, gynecology, and pediatric diseases • Clinical and molecular principles of cancer medicine