

FOUNDATION COURSE RUFA – Academic Year 2024/2025

In recent years, the Italian academic system has been increasingly welcoming foreign students wishing to carry out a period of study in our country, of medium to long term. This occurs with reference to universities for the educational proposal of bachelor's degrees and institutions of Higher Education in Art and Music (AFAM) for first-level Academic Diplomas. With a view to increasing the attractiveness of the Italian educational system, especially in the field of art and design, RUFA has consequently inserted itself in a general process of internationalization by organizing an integrative Foundation Course of 60 CFA with the intention of initiating foreign students in the study of cultural, design, and art-historical disciplines. The RUFA Foundation Course includes language, culture and writing classes in Italian, and more purely artistic RUFA classes taught in English. Thanks to this course, foreign students with 11 years of schooling will be able to supplement the minimum prerequisite of 12 years preliminary to Italian university study, implementing knowledge of subjects fundamental to the development of the artistic, audiovisual-multimedia, design knowledge required.

TO WHOM THE RUFA FOUNDATION COURSE IS ADDRESSED

- 1) To international students with less than 12 years of schooling;
- 2) To all those who need to supplement their schooling with a view to matriculation in Italian universities and AFAM institutions, with particular attention to the study of the Italian language and culture

STUDY PLAN RUFA FOUNDATION COURSE

The overall goal of the RUFA Foundation Course is to train students in the disciplines of art, audiovisual multimedia, and design. Based on the RUFA Academic Courses, the Foundation Course curriculum includes the following disciplines:

SUBJECT	CREDITS		NUMBER OF HOURS	NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK*	
	Roma	Milano			
Certificate released	CILS (ITA) - 4	PLIDA (ITA) - 4			
Specific curriculum (TP)	Art (only Rome)	4	150	12 hours, 12 weeks	
	Fashion Design (only Milan)	-			4
	Photo/video	4			
	Basic Design	4			
Italian language and culture (T)	Language (ITA)	22	165	4 hours, 8 weeks (online lessons) 15 hours, 8 weeks (in presence lesson from 13th January 2025)	
	Culture (ITA)	10	75	9 hours, 8 weeks	
Writing lab (TP)	2		25	2 hours, 12 weeks	
History of art, design and Italian style (T)	8		60	7 hours, 9 weeks	
Final test	2		10		
TOTAL	60		485	17h/week	

(T) = Theoretical Educational Activity - (TP) = Theoretical/Practical Educational Activity - RUFA final examination = Portfolio presentation related to the subjects attended, assessed by a specific committee

The Italian Language and Culture module is conducted entirely at the language school "DILIT" in Rome and "CIELS" in Milan, RUFA partners for the Foundation Course. Classes are formed according to the target language level.

In case students have prior language certification, they can apply for exemption from attending the Language module. In order to obtain the waiver, students must send their language certification to the RUFA International Students Office for an eligibility check. In case the student intends to take additional Italian language classes, he/she may supplement his/her study plan with additional Italian classes by paying an additional fee. At the end of the course, a certificate for attending the Foundation Course and an accredited Italian language certificate will be issued.

ACADEMIC TRAINING CREDITS

Upon completion of the RUFA Foundation Course, students will obtain 60 CFAs (Academic Training Credits) valid for direct entry to RUFA Level I Academic Courses. These CFAs are aimed at supplementing prior schooling, allowing entry to RUFA Academic Courses. The CFAs cannot, therefore, be recognized for the purpose of reducing the teaching load provided by subsequent Academic Courses/universities. The RUFA Foundation Course itself is recognizable within the national university system (Universities and AFAM Institutions) according to pre-existing regulations, considering it a general rule of the teaching and decision-making autonomy of each individual educational reality.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Teaching activities usually take place from October to January (Italian language online); January to June-July in-presence at RUFA

BASIC LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND OUTPUT LANGUAGE LEVEL

The RUFA Foundation Course is conducted in Italian for the linguistic-cultural component and in English for the artistic component. To be admitted, students must have a certified English language proficiency level of B1/B2. Regarding knowledge of the Italian language, enrollment is open to all students, regardless of the incoming language level, although it is preferable to already possess a B1 level. The RUFA Foundation Course aims for its students to obtain a certified language level to face their studies with greater ease. The study of Italian language and culture will allow students to integrate more easily into the Italian cultural and educational context.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Foundation Course involves face-to-face teaching and laboratory activities at the RUFA Academy. The Italian language and culture module take place at the language school "DILIT" in Rome and "CIELS" in Milan. Students are required to attend 80 percent of the classes at RUFA and a number of classes deemed necessary to obtain language certification from the language school involved.

RUFA ACADEMIC COURSES ENROLLMENT

Upon completion of the RUFA Foundation Course, students will be able to directly access RUFA I Level Academic Courses, subject to the need to acquire an adequate language level to enable them to successfully take Academy courses. Students who decide to enroll in a RUFA course after completing the Foundation Course will be given a 10% discount on the cost of the three Academic Year

COSTS

The cost of the Foundation Course is €8,500.00 including the registration fee.

The cost includes:

- registration fee;
- tuition fee and final exams;
- CILS certification (Rome)/PLIDA certification (Milan);
- RUFA card (conventions with cinemas, theaters, gyms and educational materials);
- final certificate.

Students who obtain exemption from the language module will be given a discount on the Foundation Course cost of €1,100.00.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS AND ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

Applicants are required to submit an application for admission to the RUFA Foundation Course via the following form to the International Students Office by the 25th October 2024:

www.unirufa.it/en/offerta-formativa/foundation-year/foundation-year/application/

The following must be attached to the application for admission:

- high school diploma with "transcript of record" of the educational activities carried out and relevant Declaration of Value on site or CIMEA certificates of authenticity and comparability
- the enrollment contract (to be signed by parents in case of minor students);
- the English language certification;
- the identity document;
- study visa.

The payment method involves 25% of the total cost at the time of registration and the remaining 75% by 10/10/24 by bank transfer to RUFA or via Flywire. After this date it will be necessary to correspond the total fee amount upon the enrollment. It will be possible to obtain a tuition refund only in case of visa denial, officially communicated by the University Portal or the assigned Embassy/Consulate.

The 5th December 2024 is the deadline for submitting the copy of the study visa.

RUFA reserves the right to check the aptitude and motivational sphere of students prior to enrollment.

The Foundation Course will be activated with a minimum of 7 students until all available seats are filled. If the number is not reached, students will be refunded the fee paid to RUFA.

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Signed
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