



Admission procedures graduate degree programme

Interfaculty Psychology-Food and Environmental Sciences

Graduate degree programme in **Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment** (class LM-51) *qualifying for the profession of psychologist (ex l.D. 654/22)*

Academic year 2024/2025 - Cremona Campus

English language programme

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1. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To access the graduate degree programme in **Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment**, candidates must possess the admission requirements set out in the following paragraphs.

1.1 Curricular requirements

To access the graduate degree programme in **Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment**, students must meet either the requirements in **A** or the requirements in **B**, i.e. one of the following:

- A. undergraduate degree** relating to degree class L-24 Psychological sciences and techniques (ex M.D. 270/04 or class 34 ex M.D. 509/99) obtained or to be obtained by **31 March 2025**
- B undergraduate degree (ex M.D. 270/04 or class 34 ex M.D. 509/99) obtained or to be obtained by 31 March 2025 and with at least 88 ECTS in the study plan of an undergraduate degree or of a first-level university specialising master, or as single courses passed, in the scientific-disciplinary fields in the psychology area:**
 - **M-PSI/01, M-PSI/02, M-PSI/03, M-PSI/04, M-PSI/05, M-PSI/06, M-PSI/07, M-PSI/08.**

Up to 8 ECTS may be missing from the required ones. The degree programme coordinator reserves the right to assess whether the required teaching content has been covered in the course/programme syllabus and, if necessary, to draw up an *ad hoc* study plan. Candidates will be notified accordingly.

The study plan of candidates in possession of an old university degree, a three-year university diploma, a diploma from a three-year degree course at a school for special purposes in accordance to the pre-Ministerial Decree 509/99 regulations or an integrated/specialised graduate degree programme of post-Ministerial Decree 509/99 - Ministerial Decree 270/04 regulations is assessed by a special Commission appointed by the Faculty.

1.2 Knowledge of the English language

In addition to the ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS above, it is mandatory to have an adequate knowledge of the English language, corresponding to at least a B2 level. It is therefore necessary to possess **one of the following English language certifications obtained as of 1 January 2022:**

- TOEFL/ IBT (with a score of at least 84)
- Academic IELTS (with a score of at least 6)
- Cambridge English: First - FCE (with a score of at least 173)
- Cambridge English: Advanced - CAE
- Cambridge English: Proficiency - CPE
- Cambridge English: Business English Certificate (BEC Vantage and BEC Higher)
- Trinity College London: ISE II (B2)
- Trinity College London: ISE III (C1)
- Trinity College London: ISE IV (C2)
- Pearson: PTE Academic with a score of 46

or one of the following requirements:

- an undergraduate degree obtained or to be obtained in English;
- a double or dual degree in English language, obtained or to be obtained;



- coming from one of the undergraduate degree programmes (ex M.D. 270/04) of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore with an English Language Test (SeLda) in the study plan with level B2.

In the case of lack of the indicated certifications or language requirements, it is necessary to take the English Test and obtain *the B2 level result within* the deadlines for opening the application for admission (see paragraph 3 ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES). The English Test is organised by the Language Service of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. The dates and enrollment procedures are indicated in the appropriate notice.

1.3 Adequacy of personal preparation

Candidates meeting requirements A or B with a **weighted average greater than or equal to 24/30** are directly recognised as being in possession of the adequacy of personal preparation referred to in Article 6(2) of Ministerial Decree 270/2004.

For candidates with a weighted average of less than 24/30, an interview is scheduled in accordance with the procedures set out in section 4 below: INTERVIEW TO VERIFY THE ADEQUACY OF PERSONAL PREPARATION.

2. NUMBER OF PLACES

For the graduate degree programme in **Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment**, places are open access, within the limits of available resources.

3. ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

The places on the graduate degree programme in **Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment** are allocated in **chronological** order with a possible interview to verify the adequacy of personal preparation.

Applicants with an Italian qualification must use the [Enrolment Portal](#), and, for the procedure to follow, they must refer to [Enrolment Portal User Guide](#).

Applicants with a foreign qualification or belonging to a religious order must comply with the provisions issued by the Ministry of University and Research, which have been made public in a specific note. For information on admission to the graduate degree programme in **Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment**, candidates should contact the International Admissions Office and check the admission procedures at <https://international.unicatt.it/ucscinternationa-graduate-programs-2-year-graduate-degrees-in-english>

3.1 Chronological order with possible interview to verify the adequacy of personal preparation

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: from 15 January 2024 to 16 December 2024

For all candidates with at least 120 ECTS acquired

Candidates with a weighted average of the exams taken **greater than or equal to 24/30:**

- possessing all the CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS under A;
- possessing all the CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS under B;

may **directly reserve their place in chronological order** by paying the first instalment of university tuition fees via the [Enrolment Portal](#), as of **10:00 a.m. on 15 January 2024** and by **11:59 p.m. on 16 December 2024**.



To know more about the interview booking and place reservation procedure, candidates must consult the [Enrolment Portal User Guide](#).

Candidates:

- possessing the CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS under A **with a weighted average of the exams taken of less than 24/30**;
- possessing all the CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS under B, **with a weighted average of the exams taken of less than 24/30**;
- failing certain CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS under B, within the limits indicated above;

must book an **interview to verify the adequacy of their personal preparation** through the [Enrolment Portal](#), starting at **10.00 a.m. on 15/01/2024** and by **11.59 p.m. on 09/12/2024**.

Candidates will receive the outcome by e-mail at the end of the interview: if the outcome is positive, they **can reserve their place in chronological order**, paying the first instalment of the university tuition fees through the [Enrolment Portal](#) **by 11.59 p.m. on 16/12/2024**; if the outcome is negative, they cannot enrol in the programme (see section 4 INTERVIEW TO VERIFY THE ADEQUACY OF PERSONAL PREPARATION).

To know more about the interview booking and place reservation procedure, candidates must consult the [Enrolment Portal User Guide](#).

4. INTERVIEW TO VERIFY THE ADEQUACY OF PERSONAL PREPARATION

Applicants who do not meet the requirements will be interviewed by the coordinator of the graduate degree programme to verify the adequacy of their personal preparation.

The interview is designed to ascertain possession of essential knowledge and skills, with particular reference to the basic subject areas of psychology.

The candidate who demonstrates at least a basic knowledge of the required topics, is able to make connections between them, shows sufficient independence of judgement and is able to communicate in a language appropriate to the topics of the interview is deemed suitable.

A Syllabus on the interview topics and the evaluation criteria is available in the notice section.

The interview is conducted online, via the Microsoft TEAMS platform. No later than the day before the date of the interview, candidates receive an invitation by e-mail from the coordinator. During the interview, candidates must show a valid identity document and any documentation deemed useful for the purpose of verifying their study plan (e.g. programmes of courses taken during their undergraduate degree).

Candidates who are successful in the interview can reserve their place, otherwise they cannot enrol into the programme. Those who were absent may book a new interview to verify the adequacy of their personal preparation through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

For information on how to book an interview and reserve a place through the [Enrolment Portal](#), please consult the [Enrolment Portal User Guide](#).



5. ENROLMENT AND PRE-ENROLMENT

Graduated applicants, without curricular integrations, must book their place, by paying the first instalment of university tuition fees, by the deadlines indicated in paragraph 3 "ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES" and proceed to enrolment through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

For those who reserve their place by 12 August 2024, the deadline for enrolment is 12 September 2024. If the place is reserved after 12 August 2024, the deadline for enrolment is 30 days from the date the place is reserved and no later than 31 December 2024.

Applicants should consult the [Enrolment Portal User Guide](#) to learn about the enrolment procedure.

Graduated applicants with curricular integrations and graduating candidates must reserve their place by paying the first instalment of university tuition fees through the [Enrolment Portal](#) by the deadlines indicated in paragraph 3 "ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES" and immediately proceed with pre-enrolment through the [Enrolment Portal](#).

Pre-enrolment to the graduate degree programme, which must in any case take place no later than 31 December 2024, is accepted under reserve and is subject to:

- the fulfilment of the curricular integrations assigned, by the deadlines set out below;
- the attainment of the undergraduate degree within the deadlines envisaged by the admission procedures.

Pre-enrolled candidates reserve their place with the right to attend the graduate degree programme courses from their beginning. They are required to complete their enrolment immediately after graduation and/or completion of the curricular integrations.

To find out about the pre-enrolment and enrolment procedure candidates should consult the [Enrolment Portal User Guide](#).

Candidates who have been assigned curricular integrations, once pre-enrolled, are required to pass the relevant tests from the September/October 2024 exam session and by the February 2025 exam session. Failure to pass the curricular integrations will affect enrolment in the graduate degree. Students may attend lectures on the subjects envisaged in the study plan, but may not sit the relevant exams prior to the completion of the integrations and finalisation of enrolment.

Practical-Evaluation Traineeship: In compliance with DI 654/22, students enrolled in the graduate degree programme in Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment must have acquired at least 10 ECTS credits of Practical-Evaluation Traineeship during the undergraduate degree programme. In the total or partial absence of the recognition of these ECTS, students must acquire the missing practical traineeship ECTS in addition to the 120 ECTS of the graduate degree programme by expanding, to an extent corresponding to the number of missing ECTS, the total number of hours of external practical traineeship activities envisaged by the graduate degree programme".



6. CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES OR WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDERS (SLDS)

Candidates with disabilities or Specific Learning Disorders (SLDs) are required to upload, in the appropriate profile section of the [Enrolment Portal](#), their disability report or certificate relating to SLD. For further information, candidates may contact the [Services for Inclusion](#) secretariat.

Students with a **certified disability equal to or greater than 66% and/or students with a recognised disability pursuant to art. 3, paragraph 1 or paragraph 3 of Law 104/1992 are entitled to total exemption from enrolment fees and university tuitions** and are required to pay €100 when reserving a place on the programme. In order to obtain the exemption, the disability report must be uploaded in the appropriate section of the "Profile" in the [Enrolment Portal](#).

7. TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY, SECOND DEGREE AND RESUMPTION OF CAREER

Candidates wishing to transfer from another university, enrol in a second degree or resume their university career must meet the ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and comply with the deadlines and procedures set out in section 3 ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES.

Applicants must apply for admission to the graduate degree programme in **Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment** via the [Enrolment Portal](#).

Following admission, it is necessary to reserve their place by paying the first instalment and the secretarial fees and to submit the application via the [Enrolment Portal](#) within the deadlines set out in section 3 ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES.

Candidates who transfer from another university, after having reserved their place, may sit other exams at their university of origin, until they submit their **Transfer Application**, which must normally be submitted no later than **16 December 2024**. The place is reserved when the documentation submitted is validated by the Student Services.

The competent teaching structure will only assess any exams taken and recorded up to the submission of the Transfer Application

Candidates enrolling in a second degree, after reserving their place by paying the first instalment and secretarial fees, must submit an **Application for a Second Degree**, which must normally be submitted no later than **31 December 2024**. The degree from the university of origin must necessarily be obtained no later than 31 December 2024. The place is reserved when the documentation submitted is validated by the Student Services.

Candidates resuming their career, after paying the first instalment and the secretarial fees, must submit an **Application for Resumption of Career**, which must normally be submitted no later than **16 December 2024**. The position is reserved when the documentation submitted is validated by the Student Services.

At least 30 validated ECTS are required for admission to the 2nd year of the programme.

Only exams taken in English are validated.



8. TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER PROGRAMME WITHIN UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA

Candidates wishing to change programme/profile within Università Cattolica must meet the ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and comply with the deadlines and procedures indicated in section 3 ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES.

Applicants must apply for admission to the graduate degree programme in **Consumer behaviour: psychology applied to food, health and environment** via the [Enrolment Portal](#).

Following admission to the programme, a place must be reserved by paying the first instalment and secretarial fees and submitting the application via the [Enrolment Portal](#) within the deadlines set out in Section 3 ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES.

After reserving a place, it is possible to take other examinations of the programme/profile of origin until the start of the Change procedure, which is done by clicking the "**Proceed with Change**" function in the [Enrolment Portal](#), normally no later than **16 December 2024**.

The competent teaching structure will only assess the exams taken and recorded until the start of the Change procedure.

At least 30 validated ECTS are required for admission to the 2nd year of the programme.

Only exams taken in English are validated.

9. CONTACTS

For further information, candidates may use the "[Request for information on graduate programmes](#)" or consult the [FAQ](#).

Candidates who need support in using the [Enrolment Portal](#) can use the "Assistance" button within the Portal itself. Applicants with foreign qualifications may use the CONTACT US service:

<https://unicattolica.tfaforms.net/217939>.

10. FINAL NOTES AND PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

The 'General Regulations for Determining University Tuition Fees 2024/25' apply to enrolled students.

Students are required to take note of any additions, amendments, updates to these procedures published on the Università Cattolica website.

Applicants must ensure that they have correctly completed all the necessary steps for admission to the programme.

Pursuant to law no. 241/1990, the person responsible for this admission procedure is Annalisa Castellani (Student Career Services Manager).

Cremona, 12 January 2024