

# GRADUATE PROGRAM IN GASTRONOMY AND FOOD COMMUNICATIONS

## ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

As of **July 13, 2009** it will be possible to apply online for 2009-2010 academic year of the graduate program in Gastronomy and Food Communications.

Candidates are required to complete the online application form, and provide the required documents stated in the “Enrollment Requirements” paragraph below, no later than **October 25, 2009**.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following candidates are eligible to apply:

- Graduates from a three-year undergraduate program, or final-year students who will graduate during the 2008-2009 academic year;
- Applicants having a proficiency in the English language equal to a B2 or B2+ level of knowledge as per the *European Framework of Reference for Languages*, who can either produce the relevant certificates, or prove their language proficiency during the pre-admission conversation test in English;

Successful candidates who have not yet graduated from a first-level academic program at the time of application will be enrolled in the graduate program on a conditional basis. The enrollment will be made official provided the candidate obtains his or her degree by the February 2010 extra exam session for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The maximum number of students to be accepted into the graduate program is 40.

Lectures will start on **November 16, 2009**.

## DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

### Italian candidates

**Applicants in their final year of university must provide the following documentation:**

- statement of exams passed and grades obtained, and number of credits obtained in each subject
- résumé
- personal statement
- certificates of English language skills
- certificates demonstrating extra curricular activities in food/gastronomy-related subjects

**Applicants with a university degree must provide the following documentation:**

- certificate showing the degree grade, the list of passed exams and grades obtained, and number of credits obtained in each subject
- résumé
- personal statement
- certificates of language skills
- certificates of any master's degree programs attended in food-related areas
- certificates demonstrating extra curricular activities in food/gastronomy-related subjects

### **Non-Italian Candidates**

**Applicants with an undergraduate or graduate degree must provide the following documentation:**

- Italian consulate declaration of equivalent value (“dichiarazione di valore”) of degree(s) obtained showing the degree grade or evaluation, details of exams taking including grades or evaluations, number of credits obtained in each subject
- résumé
- personal statement
- certificates of language skills
- certificates of any master's degree program attended in food-related areas
- certificates demonstrating extracurricular activities in food/gastronomy-related subjects

### **DOCUMENTATION ASSESSMENT AND PRE-ENROLLMENT INTERVIEWS**

The Academic Board, representing all the key subjects in the program will assess the documentation produced by each candidate, including information on higher education and his/her field-seminar or internship experience. Therefore, it is crucial that all relevant documents are attached to the application, i.e. certificates proving the candidate's acquired skills in the fields of gastronomy, food-processing, tourism, economics, communications, language. The assessment of each candidate will aim to an overall judgment of his/her competence and motivations.

After a first assessment, the Academic Board will contact the selected candidates in order to assess their language skills, cultural and professional background and motivations.

- Italian candidates will be interviewed in Italian and in English at the Pollenzo campus
- Telephone or videoconference interviews will be arranged for non-Italian candidates

No university documentation is required from UNISG students or graduates, who may instead complete an admission request, provided they obtain their first-level degree in Gastronomic Sciences by February 2010.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Non-Italian applicants must provide one of the following:

- Italian university degree or high-school diploma
- internationally recognized B1-level (or higher) certificate in Italian
- B1-level (or higher) exam in Italian passed during a university degree program

**With the exception of native English speakers**, all applicants must have English language skills equal to a B2 or B2+ level of knowledge as per the *European Framework of Reference for Languages*, and produce the relevant certificates, or prove their language proficiency during the pre-admission conversation test in English.

Two reference tables listing the certificates and corresponding language proficiency details are attached. Lectures, textbooks, and exams are in either Italian or English with no translation provided, which makes language proficiency a compulsory requisite. Students may choose to write and present their final thesis in either Italian or English.

Successful candidates must have obtained language qualifications by February 15, 2010. Candidates failing to do so will be prevented from joining out-of-Italy stages and attend regular academic activities included in the curriculum.

## FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The Academic Board will inform each candidate about the outcome of their applications no later than October 12, 2009.

Successful applicants to the Graduate Program will complete their enrollment by paying the university tuition fees.

### Last-year Students

Last-year students will be enrolled in the graduate program on a conditional basis. The enrollment will be made official provided the candidate obtains his or her degree by February 2010.

### Transfer Students

Successful candidates who are **already enrolled** in a graduate program at another Italian university will be enrolled in the graduate program on a conditional basis. The enrollment will be made official provided the candidate delivers the transfer application to the other university and one copy of it to the Registrar's Office of the University of Gastronomic Sciences.

During the matriculation process at UNISG, admitted and matriculated candidates already enrolled in a two-year graduate program at another university may have their non-UNISG exams acknowledged by

UNISG by delivering to the UNISG Registrar's Office a certificate listing said exams and the respective curricula, as well as the transfer form filed at the other university.