

Call by examinations for the selection of 60 places in the first year and 20 places in the fourth year of the undergraduate course of the Scuola Normale Superiore for the academic year 2023-2024.

Art. 1. Places available

1.1 The Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS) announces for the academic year 2023-2024 a selection by examination for:

- a) n. 28 places for the first year of the undergraduate courses and n. 4 places for the fourth year at the Faculty of Humanities (Pisa);
- b) n. 32 places for the first year of the undergraduate courses and n. 6 places for the fourth year at the Faculty of Sciences (Pisa).
- c) n. 6 places for the fourth year of the undergraduate course at the Faculty of Sciences (Pisa) reserved for candidates of the master's degree in "Materials and Nanotechnology" of the University of Pisa.
- d) n. 4 places for the fourth year of the undergraduate course of the Department of Political and Social Sciences (Florence).

1.2 Scholarships for attendance of the undergraduate course have a duration of:

- a) five years for successful candidates for the first year;
- b) two years for successful candidates for the fourth year.

Students who successfully complete the course obligations will be awarded a degree as specified in Article 42 of the Statute of the SNS.

1.3 Successful candidates for the Faculty of Humanities must enrol at the University of Pisa and simultaneously attend an undergraduate degree course or a master's degree course from among the following of the "Humanities" area:

- Successful first-year candidates: Performing arts and communication Studies; Philosophy; Computer Science for the Humanities; Letters; Foreign languages and literature; Cultural Heritage Studies; History.
- Successful fourth-year candidates: Archaeology; Philology and History of Antiquity; Philosophy and Forms of Knowledge; Computer Science for the Humanities; Euro-American Literature and Philology; Italian studies; Linguistics and Translation; Oriental Studies: Egypt, Near and Middle East; History and Civilization; History and Forms of the Visual and Performing Arts and New Media.

1.4 Successful candidates for the Faculty of Sciences must enrol at the University of Pisa and simultaneously attend an undergraduate degree course or a master's degree course from among the following of the "Mathematical, physical and natural sciences" area:

- Successful first-year candidates: Biotechnologies, Chemistry, Industrial and Environmental

Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Mathematics, Biological Sciences, Geological Sciences, Natural and Environmental Sciences;

- Successful fourth-year candidates: Biology Applied to Bio-medical Sciences; Marine Biology; Cellular and Molecular Biology; Molecular Biotechnologies; Chemistry; Industrial Chemistry; Conservation and Evolution; Physics; Exploration and Applied Geophysics; Computer Science; Computer Science and Networking; Mathematics; Environmental Sciences; Geosciences and Geotechnologies, Neuroscience.

Successful first-year candidates may also enrol in the single-cycle master's degree course in "Chemistry and pharmaceutical technology" from the "Medicine and pharmacy" area.

Note: This list may be updated as a result of any changes in the course schedules of the University of Pisa for the academic year 2023/2024.

- 1.5 Successful candidates for the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences must enrol at the University of Florence and simultaneously attend an undergraduate degree course or a master's degree course from among the following of the "Cesare Alfieri" School of Political Sciences: Politics, Institutions and Markets, International Relations and European Studies, Sociology and Global challenges; Public and political communication strategies; Design and management of social interventions.

Note: This list may be updated as a result of any changes in the course schedules of the University of Florence for the academic year 2023/2024.

- 1.6 Successful first-year candidates 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, Law No. 232 of 11 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 first year:**

- a) those who have achieved a qualification giving access to degree courses at Italian universities;
- b) those who were born after 31 December 2001;
- c) those who have not attended, prior to the academic year 2023-2024, the following Italian undergraduate degree courses:
 - for the Faculty of Humanities: L-1 Cultural Heritage; L-3 Figurative, music and performing Arts and Fashion studies; L-5 Philosophy; L-6 Geography; L-10 Letters; L-11 Modern Languages and Cultures; L-12 linguistic mediation; L-15 Science of tourism; L-19 Educational and Training Sciences; L-24 Psychology: science 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 Sports science; L-23 Building sciences and techniques; L-27 Chemical Science and Technologies; L-28 Navigation Science and Technologies; L-29 Pharmaceutical Science and Technology; L-30 Physical Sciences and Technologies; L-31 Information science and technology; L-32 Sciences and technologies for the environment and nature; L-34 Geological Sciences; L-35 Mathematical Sciences; L-43 Technologies for the conservation and restoration of the cultural heritage.

- d) those who have not attended, prior to the academic year 2023-2024, degree courses at foreign universities equivalent to those listed in the previous paragraph. The commissions will assess candidates' admissibility on the basis of the declarations provided, in order to avoid any positions of advantage resulting from a candidate's having already attended, even in part, any university courses at the level for which he or she is applying;

- for the fourth year:

- a) those who earned a degree that gives access to a master's degree course after 1 November 2022, or have committed to attain it by 31 October 2023, under penalty of forfeiture of the place;
- b) those who were born after 31 December 1998.

2.2 The following candidates 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 Candidates 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 retains the right to check at any time, even after the announcement of the successful candidates, 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, candidates must have a sufficient knowledge of Italian to enable them to successfully take part in the courses.

Art. 3. TOLC Test (Shortlisting) for admission to the written tests for access to the first year

3.1 For admission to the written tests for places for the first year of the Faculty of Sciences, candidates 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 February 2023 and by 28th July 2023.

- 3.2 Candidates for the first year of the disciplinary areas of “Mathematics and Computer Science”, “Physics” and “Chemistry and Geology” will need to take the TOLC S test; candidates for the first year of the disciplinary areas of “Biological Sciences” will need to take the TOLC B test.
- 3.3 Access to the written tests will be granted to the 240 candidates with the highest scores; the total number will be divided between the two disciplinary groups (“Mathematics and Computer Science”, “Physics” and “Chemistry and geology” areas; “Biological Sciences” area) proportionately to the number of applications received per group. Within each of the two groups, the candidates with the best scores will be selected.

Table 1

Disciplinary area	TOLC test required	Access to the tests
Mathematics and Computer Science Physics Chemistry and Geology	TOLC S	Access to the written tests will be granted to the 240 candidates with the highest scores, in proportion to the TOLC test chosen
Biological Sciences	TOLC B	

- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 For candidates who have taken more than one TOLC test, the SNS will take into consideration the test with the highest score.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 The result of the TOLC test is valid only for access to the competition tests, and does not contribute to the formation of the final classification.
- 3.8 Since the TOLC-S and B tests are not administered by the CISIA Consortium in English, non-Italian candidates who have obtained the qualification required for admission to the call abroad and who indicate English in their application for the written and oral tests 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 candidates be recognised as valid by the University of Pisa 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 23.59 CEST on Tuesday 1 August 2023, 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 their application's registration; 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; candidates 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 in the application on the part of applicants, tardy notification of change of address, or errors ascribed to third parties, accidental circumstances or force majeure.

4.3 Candidates 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, within the deadline to be specified by the provisions of the Ministero dell'università e della ricerca (the Ministry of Universities and Research) (MUR) relating the enrolment of overseas students for the academic year 2023-2024.

4.4 The SNS retains the right to allow the regularization of applications submitted in time but resulting as irregular due to remediable errors.

4.5 In their application, candidates must declare the following, in compliance with Article No. 46 of President of the Republic's Decree No. 445, dated 28 December 2000, called "Legislative provisions relating to administrative documents", and subsequent amendments and additions thereto:

- a) their name, surname, date and place of birth, national insurance/social security number;
- b) their citizenship;
- c) their residency; and 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) a valid educational qualification, the school or university from which it was obtained and the date of graduation;
- g) the faculty, disciplinary area and course year for which they are competing (first or fourth year);
- h) if a candidate for the first year, any enrolments in degree courses in Italy or abroad prior to the academic year 2023-2024, specifying the denomination, faculty code (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) the undergraduate or master's degree course in which they intend to enrol at the University of Pisa or Florence;
 - j) that they are aware of the admissions process regulations and accept them, without reservation;
 - k) that they are aware of the information concerning the processing of personal data referred to in Art.10;
 - l) 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;
 - m) 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 three 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;
 - n) 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";
 - o) the tests that they intend to take in a different language from Italian, in accordance with the specifications of the subsequent paragraph 5.9.
- 4.6 Candidates should also indicate the subjects in which they intend to take the tests, referring to the "Framework of the tests" attached to this announcement, to be considered as an integral part thereof.
- 4.7 Candidates must state which tests they intend to take, where the option exists.

Art. 5. Conduct of the tests

- 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 Starting from **Monday 7 August 2023**, the list of candidates admitted to the written tests will be published on the [dedicated page](#) on the web site of the SNS.
- 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 Starting from the date indicated in paragraph 5.2, the instructions for all candidates relating to the location where the tests are held, the duration of the tests, the procedures for carrying them out and any formalities required in order to access the premises where the tests are held will be published on the SNS website.
- 5.5 Candidates must attend all the tests with a valid identity card or equivalent document. In carrying out the written tests, the candidate 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, retains the right to use different means of communication when necessary.

- 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 official online bulletin board 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 additional 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 in 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 retain 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. The 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, experts and scholars appointed for the purpose by the SNS Director.
- 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 places at the Faculty of Humanities;
 - sixty points for places at the Faculty of Sciences; in calculating this average, for candidates for the first year 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 places at 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 at the Faculty of Humanities;
 - sixty points for the places at the Faculty of Sciences;
 - sixty points for the places at 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 official SNS online bulletin board 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, on account of 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 bulletin board and on [the dedicated page](#) of the SNS website.
- 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.

Art. 7. Contribution to travel expenses

- 7.1 Candidates who take the written tests whose “ISEE Università 2022” income is less than 35,000 euros can apply for reimbursement for travel expenses. The application forms will be available on the SNS website in the section dedicated to the competition. Applications for reimbursement, including the original travel documents, must be submitted by 30th September 2023.
- 7.2 Candidates who take the oral tests can apply for reimbursement for travel expenses. The application forms will be available on the SNS website in the section dedicated to the competition. Applications for reimbursement, including the original travel documents, must be submitted by 31st October 2023.
- 7.3 The expenses referred to in paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 can be reimbursed as follows:

	minimum threshold	maximum threshold
residents in Italy	50€	350€
residents abroad	50€	700€

Reimbursement will be in excess of the first 50€; the candidate's residence or, if less costly to the SNS, the effective location of provenance will be considered as the departure/return

location.

7.4 Travel expenses will be reimbursed exclusively for the following modes of transport:

- train (second class)
- bus
- boat
- plane (tourist class and solely for distances between SNS site and the place of residency if greater than 600 km.).

For candidates resident in Sardinia or in Sicily, reimbursement of air travel is always granted.

7.5 Candidates who are not nationals of the European Union may seek reimbursement of documented costs for the start of the course of up to a maximum of € 1000.

Art. 8. Announcement of the successful candidates

8.1 The Director of the SNS will approve the final rankings and will designate the successful candidates, in accordance with 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 date is indicated in the notice of assignment. Otherwise, unless a prior request with a motivation recognized 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:

- a) a health certificate on unstamped paper stating immunity from diseases preventing participation in the everyday life of a community, dated within the last three months;
- b) a statement of enrolment in a valid undergraduate or master's degree course at the University of Pisa or Florence;
- c) a declaration of acceptance of the Statute of the SNS, exonerating the SNS for the consequences of non-compliance. For any successful candidates that are still minors, a declaration must be made by a parent or a legal guardian;
- d) a digital photograph;
- e) for degrees obtained abroad, the submission of a certificate issued by the issuing institute or university; it must be translated into Italian, with the exception of certificates in French, English, Spanish or German.
- f) The SNS retains 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 the following paragraph 9.6 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 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 Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous paragraph, successful candidates for places in the fourth year of the undergraduate course in Pisa will reside outside the colleges, and will be paid, for the academic year 2023-2024, a special accommodation grant of 440 euros a month.
- 9.4 From 1 October to 30 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 a scholarship whose amount is determined each year by the SNS, and the reimbursement, total or partial, of university fees.
- 9.5 The scholarship for 2023-2024 amounts to € 1,280.00; the scholarship is subject, for tax purposes, to the Italian legislation regarding scholarships.
- 9.6 For the academic year 2023-2024, the tuition fees and the regional tax for the right to study owed and duly paid to the University of Pisa or of Florence will be reimbursed in full. To obtain the refund, students must have completed the procedures specified by the University of Pisa or of Florence and those of the Azienda Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario (Regional "Right to Study" Programme) regarding exemption from payment, or else provide the SNS with documents showing their financial situation (ISEE certificate) to prove they don't have right to be exempted.
- 9.7 Students may be allowed, for serious reasons, to defer or suspend their academic duties, no more than once and for the duration of up to one year. Deferral or suspension for maternity or for any other obligations subject to national laws are permitted subject to students' informing the SNS of their situation.
- 9.8 Students cannot take on any commitments that are incompatible with the proper fulfilment of their SNS academic obligations.
- 9.9 In order to be admitted to the following 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.

Art. 10. Privacy policy

- 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 2016/679 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 public 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) is Dr. Marco Marchetti (dpo@sns.it). The appointment may change at any time: any such changes (including for any proceedings in progress at the time of the change) will be published on the official online SNS bulletin board.
- 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 and for all related activities.
- 10.5 Personal data are processed to perform tasks of public interest within the institutional activities or 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 contracting entities SER.SE and CINECA), in compliance with the principles of accountability, lawfulness, correctness, minimization, 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, within the services required by the SNS (placements, tutoring, access to facilities, etc.).
- 10.7 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.
- 10.8 The personal data collected will be published on the official online bulletin board and on the SNS institutional website where specified by the law and other regulations of the SNS.
- 10.9 The personal data collected will be processed and stored for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they have been collected; in any case, special provisions on the storage of documentation by public institutions will be applied.
- 10.10 The data subject may exercise the following rights at any moment:
- access to personal data, in the cases and with the procedures in compliance with Art. 15 of the Regulations;
 - the rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of 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. Other matters 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 Student Administrative Service of the SNS.
- 11.2 Matters not specified in the call herein are covered by the stipulations of the Statute and the regulations of the SNS, which can be consulted at the institutional site <http://www.sns.it>
- 11.3 For information, those interested can consult the 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 Service:

Pisa site: concorso.ammissione@sns.it, 050 509218/9026.

Florence site: didattica.firenze@sns.it, +39 055 2673317/19.

The call herein is published on the official SNS bulletin board.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TESTS

As established in Article 5 of the call herein, from Monday **7th August 2023** a detailed timetable will be published on the SNS web site, containing the indications as to the test sites, the duration of the tests, the test conduct procedures and the requirements for candidates to be granted access to the test rooms.

A – Test sites

Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Sciences:

- the written tests will be taken in Pisa, at the sites to be announced in the detailed timetable;
- the oral tests will be taken in Pisa, at the site of the SNS (Palazzo della Carovana, Piazza dei Cavalieri no. 7).

Faculty of Political and Social Sciences:

- the written tests will be taken in Florence, at the sites to be announced in the detailed timetable;
- the oral tests will be taken in Florence, at the site of the SNS (Piazza degli Strozzi, Palazzo Strozzi, 5th floor).

B – Test timetable

The written tests for the Faculty of Sciences will be taken from **Thursday 24th August 2023**, with the following timetable:

DAY	start times	TESTS
admission to the 1st year		
Thursday 24th August 2023	08:30	"Mathematics" "Mathematics and physics"
Friday 25th August 2023	08:30	"Physics" "Chemistry" "Biological sciences"
admission to 4th year		
Thursday 24th August 2023	08:30	"Mathematical Methods for Physics, Classical Mechanics and Electromagnetism" "Mathematical analysis" "General and inorganic chemistry" "Molecular biology"
Friday 25 th August 2023	08:30	"Thermodynamics, statistical mechanics and quantum mechanics" "Languages and semantics" "Geometry and algebra" "Chemistry Physics" "Neurobiology"

Admission to the master's degree course in “Materials and Nanotechnology”		
Monday 28 th August 2023	08:30	“ General chemistry”
Tuesday 29 th August 2023	08:30	“ Classical physics”

The written tests for the Faculty of Humanities, for admission to the first year and to the fourth year, will be taken from **Monday 28th August 2023**, with the following timetable, except for the provisions of the paragraphs below:

DAY	start times	TEST
Monday 28 th August 2023	08:30	“Latin”
Tuesday 29 th August 2023	08:30	“Greek”
Wednesday 30 th August 2023	08:30	“Italian literature”
Thursday 31 st August 2023	08:30	“History”
Friday 1 st September 2023	08:30	“Philosophy”
Saturday 2 nd September 2023	08:30	“History of art”

The written test of “History of art” may be taken on a different date by candidates who intend to observe the Sabbatical rest and who have the right to do so (*Art. 4, third paragraph of Law No. 101 of 8th March 1989, “Legislation for the regulation of relations between the State and the joint Italian Jewish communities”*). Any ensuing change in the timetable will be indicated in the detailed timetable.

The dates of the written tests in “Archaeology” and “Ancient history” for access to the fourth year will be defined in consideration of the number of applications submitted; they may be held on one of the days of other tests or on a day of the following week, as will be indicated in the detailed timetable.

The written tests for the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences will be held from **Thursday 31st August 2023** with the following timetable:

DAY	start times	TEST
Thursday 31 st August 2023	10:30	“Political science”
Friday 1 st September 2023	9:00	“Sociology”

The oral tests will be held on the following dates:

1. for the Faculty of Sciences, from **Monday 4th September 2023** every day starting at 9 a.m.
2. for the Faculty of Humanities from **Monday 11th September 2023** every day starting at 9 a.m.
3. for the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences from **Wednesday 13th September 2023** every day starting at 10:30 a.m.

C – Tests

C.1 – Tests for the Faculty of Humanities for admission to the first year

For admission to the first year there will be two written and two oral tests (on the same subjects) in accordance with the following plan:

Disciplinary area	1st written and oral test	2nd written and oral test (choose one from among the following)
Philosophy	Philosophy	Greek Latin Italian literature History History of art
Modern literature and philology, Linguistics	Italian literature	Philosophy Greek Latin History History of art
Ancient history and classical philology	Latin or Greek	Philosophy Greek Latin Italian literature History History of art
History of art and archaeology	History of art	Philosophy Greek Latin Italian literature History
History and Palaeography	History	Philosophy Greek Latin Italian literature History of art

The written tests in “Greek” and “Latin” consist of a version from Greek and from Latin respectively; for both, the use of a personal dictionary is allowed. The written tests in the other disciplines consist of specific tests of competence in the discipline.

C.2 – Tests of the Faculty of Humanities for admission to the fourth year

For admission to the fourth year, candidates must take two oral tests and two written tests (on the same subjects), one of which is obligatory and the other chosen by the candidates, in relation to their declared chosen master's course of the University of Pisa, in accordance with the following plan:

LM UNIPI course	SNS course	1st written and oral test	2nd written and oral test (choose one from among the following)
Archaeology	History of art and archaeology	Archaeology	Greek Latin Ancient history History of art
Philology and Ancient History	Ancient history and classical philology	Latin or Greek	Greek Latin Ancient history
Philosophy and forms of knowledge	Philosophy	Philosophy	Greek Latin Italian literature History History of art
Digital humanities (Informatica umanistica)	Modern literature and philology, Linguistics	Italian literature	Philosophy Greek Latin
Italian studies	Modern literature and philology, Linguistics	Italian literature	Philosophy Latin History History of art
Euro – American languages, literature and philologies	Modern literature and philology, Linguistics	Italian literature	Philosophy Greek Latin History of art
Linguistics and translation	Modern literature and philology, Linguistics	Italian literature	Latin Greek Philosophy
Oriental studies: Egypt, Near and Middle East	Ancient history and classical philology	Latin or Greek	Archaeology Greek Latin Ancient history
History and civilisation	History and Palaeography	History	Philosophy Latin Italian literature Ancient history
History and forms of the visual and performing arts and the new media	History of art and archaeology	History of Art	Archaeology Italian literature History

C.3 - Tests of the Faculty of Sciences for admission to the first year

For admission to the first year, candidates must take the following tests, in relation to their declared chosen degree course of the University of Pisa, in accordance with the following plan:

LM UNIPi course	SNS course	1 st written test	2 nd written test	1 st oral test	2 nd oral test (choose one from among the following)
Physics	Physics	Mathematics	Physics	Mathematics	Physics
Computer science	Mathematics and				
Mathematics	Computer science				
Chemistry	Chemistry and geology	Chemistry	Mathematics and physics (integrated test)	Chemistry	Biological sciences Physics Mathematics
Chemistry for industry and the environment					
Pharmaceutical and chemical technology					
Geological sciences					
Bio-technologies	Biological sciences	Biological sciences	Mathematics and physics (integrated test)	Biological sciences	Chemistry Physics Mathematics
Biological sciences					
Natural and environmental Sciences					

C.4 – Tests of the Faculty of Sciences for admission to the fourth year

For admission to the fourth year, candidates must take two tests among the following, in relation to their declared chosen master's course of the University of Pisa:

LM UNIPi course	SNS course	1 st written test	2 nd written test	1 st oral test	2 nd oral test (to be chosen from among the following)
Physics	Physics	Mathematical Methods for Physics,	Thermodynamics statistical mechanics and	Classical Physics	Quantum mechanics

		Classical Mechanics and Electromagnetism	quantum mechanics		
Computer science	Mathematics and Computer science	Mathematical analysis	Languages and semantics	Languages and semantics	Algorithms and complexities
Computer science and networking					
Mathematics			Geometry and algebra	Mathematical analysis	Geometry and algebra
Chemistry	Chemistry and geology	General and inorganic chemistry	Physical chemistry	Physical chemistry	Organic chemistry Inorganic chemistry Molecular biology
Industrial Chemistry					
Exploratory and applied Geophysics					
Geological sciences and technologies					
Environmental Sciences					
Biology applied to biomedicine	Biological sciences	Molecular biology	Neurobiology	Neurobiology	Physiology and cellular biology General Chemistry with elements of organics
Marine biology					
Molecular bio-technologies					
Neuroscience					
Conservation and evolution					
Molecular and cellular biology					
Materials and Nano-technology	Materials and Nano-technology	General Chemistry	Classical Physics	General Chemistry	Classical Physics

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

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

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

- written tests: a test in “*Political Science*”, a test in “*Sociology*”;
- oral tests: a test in “*Political Science*”, a test in “*Sociology*”.

The oral tests will be taken in Italian or English.

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