Master's Degree course in
"Technology and Production of Paper and Cardboard"
Call for applications - Academic Year 2025/26

Founded in 1343, the **University of Pisa** is a renowned public institution, with twenty departments and cutting-edge research centers across various disciplines. It consistently ranks among the top 200 universities worldwide according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) and is one of the top three institutions nationally. Globally, it holds a position between 151st and 200th place in the most prestigious rankings, securing its place within the top 1-2% of universities worldwide.

Call for application a.y. 2025/2026 – Unique Call
For the a.y. 2025/2026 there will be a unique call for applicants with qualifications obtained abroad.

Admission requirements
A Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, or equivalent first-cycle degree, obtained after the completion of at least a three-year degree programme, providing a suitable background in Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics and Chemical, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

Please, note that: at least 30 ECTS must be achieved in Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science AND at least 18 ECTS must be achieved in Chemistry and Physics AND at least 6 ECTS must be achieved in Chemical Engineering AND at least 6 ECTS must be achieved in Mechanical Engineering AND at least 6 ECTS must be achieved in Electrical Engineering.

For degrees that do not conform to the ECT System, the workload associated with each course must be clearly indicated.

The Master's Degree Programme in Technology and Production of Paper and Cardboard is a two-year degree programme consisting of teaching modules (compulsory or elective) held in English. Therefore, at least a B2 level English proficiency (within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is mandatory.

We also consider applications by BSc students pre-enrolled on the Universitaly Web Portal and expecting to graduate by September 1, 2025; no admission is allowed if graduating after this deadline.

Applications deadline:
- applications can be submitted from the publication date of this Call, up to the mandatory deadline of **March 31, 2025 (GMT)**
- interviews are tentatively scheduled from 7 to 18 April 2025
- admission/rejection will be notified by April 30, 2025

A maximum of 30 eligible applicants will be admitted.

In case of problems with the online application, please get in touch with our international office at international@unipi.it.

Information on the Application Fee for Admission
Applicants intending to submit their admission application for the Master's degree program in "Technology and production of paper and cardboard" at the University of Pisa, available through the application portal at the link https://applymscenglish.unipi.it, are informed that starting from the 2025/2026 academic year, payment of an application fee will be required.

Details about the Application Fee

Application Requirement:
The application fee is mandatory for submitting an admission application for the 2025/2026 academic year. Each applicant may submit up to two applications for programs available on the application portal. Please note that the application fee must be paid for each application submitted; therefore, in the case of two applications, two separate fees will be required.

Application Fee Amount:
The amount of the fee will depend on the applicant's country of origin, as classified by the World Bank's income levels (Annex 2 of the Student Contribution Regulations for the 2024/2025 academic year)

- Applicants from Low income and Lower middle income countries: € 10,00
- Applicants from Upper middle income countries: € 20,00
- Applicants from High income countries: € 30,00

Eligible Applicants:
The application fee applies exclusively to applicants holding a foreign qualification.

Payment Method:
Payment must be made directly on the application portal https://applymscenglish.unipi.it . The payment will be requested immediately after completing the application, prior to its submission to the evaluation committee.

Important Note
Submission of the admission application for the 2025/2026 academic year will only be possible upon payment of the required application fee. Candidates who do not complete the payment will not be able to submit their application.

Application procedure and required documentation

Applicants must apply online at http://applymscenglish.unipi.it.

In the application form, applicants must provide:
- a declaration of English language proficiency, specifying the studies duration and the certificate obtained (if applicable);
- the academic degree they hold (or aim to obtain by September 1, 2025), specifying the legal duration of the programme (at least three years), along with a copy of the degree certificate and transcripts (translated into English or Italian);
- a copy of a valid passport/ID;
- a copy of their complete Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum describing their complete educational process, as well as any other relevant cultural and professional experience that might help the EC in the applicants' evaluation.

Applicants may also submit other documents, in PDF format only (e.g., reference letters, other certificates), if they want.

In the event of failed submission of the required documents, applications shall be invalid. Applicants are not allowed to submit further documentation after the mandatory call deadline.

Application deadlines and selection schedule

Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted.

Evaluation procedure

The call aims to admit up to 30 (thirty) applicants, who must apply and undergo an evaluation procedure.

Master's Degree Programme Evaluation Committee (EC) will assess the submitted documentation. In the event of documentation positive assessment, applicants will be shortlisted for an interview. Shortlisted applicants who pass the interview will be eligible for admission and ranked. The first 30 eligible candidates will be admitted.

The evaluation outcome will be notified to all applicants.

The documentation submitted by applicants will be evaluated by the EC (evaluation commission), which consists of Master's Degree professors. The committee will assess the applicants' background and education, their potential skills and attitude to attend an interdisciplinary and innovative educational programme, and score them on a 60 points scale. Applicants scoring less than 42 points will be rejected.

Applicants scoring 42 or more will be shortlisted for an interview. Interview's time and place will be notified via e-mail to the shortlisted applicants to the inbox account they provided in the application form.

Interviews will be performed via videoconference. The applicant is in charge of providing the proper settings to carry out the video interview and must exhibit the ID submitted in the online application.

Applicants not attending the interview in their scheduled slot will be excluded.

Applicants will be interviewed by the EC, which will evaluate their motivation, expectations and technical skills, as well as their fluency in the English language. Interviews will be scored on a 40 points scale.

Shortlisted applicants scoring less than 28 points will be rejected. Those scoring 28 points or more will be eligible for admission.

What to do upon admission

1) Admitted candidates will receive a formal admission letter by email.

2) Admitted candidates **must pre-enroll** on the UNIVERSITALY web portal. Pre-enrollment is required to start the Student Visa application process. Admission letter must be included in the pre-enrolment documentation. Information on pre-enrolment is available at https://www.unipi.it/index.php/enrolment/itemlist/category/555-pre-enrolment-at-the-italianembassy.

   Please note that it may take several weeks to complete the pre-enrolment and Student Visa procedures, depending on the Italian Embassy/Consulates; the University of Pisa cannot contact the Embassy/Consulate on your behalf.

3) Students having successfully pre-enrolled on the Universitaly web portal and obtained their Student Visa will be allowed to come to Italy, where they will follow the procedure to enrol at the University of Pisa.

Enrollment instructions are available at:
https://www.unipi.it/index.php/enrolment/item/18770-second-cycle-degree-programmes.
Admitted students must also inform the EC of their final Student Visa status by sending an email to our international office (international@ing.unipi.it) and to our didactic secretariat at info@epc-masterdegree.it.

Fees and Financial Support
University fees are to be paid each academic year and are determined annually by the Board of Directors. These fees are usually announced in June for the following academic year. For the 2024/25 academic year, fees ranged from €356 to €2,530 per year, depending on the student's country of origin.

For a.y. 2025/2026 international students will not benefit from any TUITION FEES EXEMPTION FOR MERIT. However, all admitted students can compete for DSU scholarship.

DSU scholarship: Financial support is available for students, including the DSU scholarship, offered by the Agenzia Regionale Diritto allo Studio Universitario (DSU) of the Tuscany Regional Council. This grant provides benefits such as free accommodation, meals at the University dining halls, and exemption from university tuition fees. For more details on the DSU scholarship, please visit dsu scholarship

MAECI scholarship: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) offers scholarships each year to international students and Italian students residing abroad. For more information, please visit https://www.esteri.it/en/opportunita/borse-di-studio/

Invest your Talent scholarship: This Master's Degree programme also participates in the "Invest Your Talent in Italy" scholarship programme, which aims to support students from selected countries and is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI). Scholarships will be awarded to selected students admitted to the Master's programme. Additional information will be published as it becomes available on Invest your Talent scholarships

For further financial support opportunities for the 2025-2026 academic year, please refer to updates on www.unipi.it/tuition-fees.

Further Information
The following links provide some further information.
- *MSc in Technology and Production of Paper and Cardboard Web Site:* www.epc-masterdegree.it
- *MSc in Technology and Production of Paper and Cardboard Facebook profile:*
https://www.facebook.com/epc.masterdegree
- *Applications to International MSc of the University of Pisa:* http://applymscenglish.unipi.it
- *Pre-enrolment and Enrolment:* https://www.unipi.it/index.php/enrolment/
- *Fees, fee /exemption and financial support:* www.unipi.it/tuition-fees
- *Grants allocated by the Italian Government:*
https://www.esteri.it/en/opportunita/borse-di-studio/per-cittadini-stranieri/

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