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**ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027**

**CALL FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN GENETIC  
COUNSELLORS**

**(Class LM-9 Medical, Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies)**

**Art. 1 – Area of Use**

1. This call regulates admission to the Master's Degree Program in Genetic Counsellors (Class LM-9 Medical, Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies) for the academic year 2026/2027 and is published on the Official University Notice Board (<http://albo.unisi.it>).
2. The program lasts two academic years, is established following the Ministerial Decree 270/2004, and has a limited number of places. Admission is granted following the selection procedures described in this call, based on ranking lists and within the limits of available places.

**Art. 2 – Admission Requirements**

1. To access the course a Bachelor's degree or a three-year university diploma, or an equivalent qualification obtained abroad and recognized as suitable are needed.
2. Applicants' curricular requirements are verified by the Program's Teaching Committee.
3. Curricular requirements are fulfilled by holding a degree obtained in Italy in one of the following classes (Ministerial Decree 270/2004 or equivalent under previous regulations):
  - L-2 Biotechnology
  - L-13 Biological Sciences
  - L-24 Psychological Sciences and Techniques
  - L-27 Chemical Sciences and Technologies
  - L-39 Social Services
  - L/SNT1 Healthcare professions, nursing and midwifery
  - L/SNT2 Rehabilitation healthcare professions
  - L/SNT3 Technical healthcare professions
  - L/SNT4 Prevention healthcare professions
  - LM-13 Pharmacy and Industrial Pharmacy



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4. Graduates from other degree classes may also be admitted if they have obtained at least 75 ECTS credits in the following subject areas: BIO/06, BIO/09, BIO/10, BIO/11, BIO/12, BIO/13, BIO/14, BIO/15, BIO/16, BIO/18, MED/03, MED/04, MED/07, MED/08, MED/09, MED/10, MED/11, MED/12, MED/13, MED/14, MED/15, MED/16, MED/25, MED/26, MED/28, MED/30, MED/31, MED/32, MED/33, MED/34, MED/35, MED/38, MED/40, MED/46, M-PSI/01.
5. Applicants with foreign qualifications may be admitted if their academic background is deemed suitable. Requirements are assessed case by case, in accordance to the analysis of programmes of different subject areas.
6. A minimum B2 level of English proficiency (CEFR) or an higher level is required.

### **Art. 3 – English Language Proficiency**

1. Applicants must demonstrate English proficiency through a recognized language certification, following information on the webpage: <https://admission.unisi.it/?p=1944>).
2. Exemptions apply to:
  - Citizens of countries where English is an official language
  - Applicants who have passed the English assessment interview organized by the University Language Center (CLA) of the University of Siena, as specified here: <https://admission.unisi.it/?p=2370>.
3. Applicants who are not exempt and do not provide certification will be required to attend a mandatory interview to assess their English level.

### **Art. 4 – Available Places**

1. For the academic year 2026/2027, 24 places are available for the first year, divided as follows:
  - EU or equivalent applicants: 12 places
  - Non-EU or non-equivalent applicants: 12 places
2. Category is determined at the time of application's submission.

### **Art. 5 – Applications**

1. Applications must be submitted through the portal: <https://apply.unisi.it/courses/course/44-m-genetic-counsellors>, along with the required documents as follows:



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- Valid ID document. Applicants must submit a scan copy of European ID Card or passport. Non-EU<sup>1</sup> applicants<sup>2</sup> who already live in Italy must submit both passport and Italian permit of stay.
  - Curriculum Vitae (Europass recommended, even if other format are equally accepted). This document must summarize the applicant's educational path, competences, work experience (if existing) and other qualifications.
  - Degree certificate: Official transcription of the document (or provisional certification if the degree has not been obtained yet). Degree certificates and transcription obtained in a foreign country must be official, which means that they must hold institution's stamp and signature of the issuance responsible. They must be in Italian or English (you can choose one of these two languages) If documents are in a different language, they must be submitted together with certified translation.
  - English language certificate (if already in your possession) of B2 level or higher in accordance with the CEFR provisions. A list of accepted certification and exemption cases is available at the following link: <https://admission.unisi.it/?p=1944>. According to art.3, who is not exempted and will not submit all the documentation along with the application will be contacted to verify the proficiency in English.
  - Eventual documentation demonstrating the belonging to categories described in art.4.
  - Eventual proof of visa exemption.
  - Additional documents for students who studied in a foreign country and who need to certify their eligibility for registration.
2. A non-refundable application fee of €49.90 must be paid through the portal and is needed to submit the application. The fee must be paid through the [apply.unisi.it](https://apply.unisi.it) following the instructions.
  3. Information and documentation modification and/or integration is allowed until the deadline provided for the applications' submission. After the deadline – written down in

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<sup>1</sup> This document considers as EU citizens or equivalent citizens:

- Citizens of the European Union, along with citizens holding double citizenship of which at least one Italian or from a different country of the EU, according to art. 19 law 218/1995.
- Citizens from Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Swiss Confederation, Republic of San Marino and Vatican.
- Citizen who fulfill the demands of art.39, lett. 5, D.Lgs 286/1998:
  1. Applicants who have UE long-term residence permit, permit of stay for employed work, for self-employment, for family reasons, for political asylum, for subsidiary protection, for religious motivations, for reasons linked to art. 18, 18.bis, 20-bis, 22, lett. 12-quater, and 42-bis; together with applicants having permit of stay released on the basis of art.32, lett.3 of D.lgs 25/2008;
  2. Applicants who reside for at least one year and who have an upper secondary school qualification obtained in Italy;
  3. Applicants everywhere resident who have obtained degree of Italian School in a foreign country or of foreign and international schools – in Italy and foreign countries- that are linked to bilateral agreements or special laws for the recognition of school certification and that fulfill the general criteria for the entrance for study reasons.

<sup>2</sup> Non EU or non-equivalent citizens are all the applicant who are not part of the EU and equivalent citizens category.



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art. 6 following – inconsistencies found out within the application may lead to exclusion.

## **Art. 6 – Selection Procedures**

1. Admission is based on three selection rounds, based on the following deadlines:

### **1st Selection**

- Deadline: March 31, 2026 – you must submit your application until this date;
- Available places: 9 EU or equivalent students and 9 non-EU or non-equivalent students;
- Results will be published starting from 13th April 2026.

### **2nd Selection**

- From 1 April to 8 May 2026 – you must submit your application during this timeframe;
- Available Places: 3 + empty places from the previous selection (if available)
- Results will be published starting from 25th May 2026.

### **3rd Selection<sup>3</sup>**

- From August 24 to 11 September 2026 – you must submit your application during this timeframe;
  - If in the category “places for EU or EU equivalent places” there are empty places, they will be covered; No places for non-EU or non-equivalent citizens.
  - Results will be published starting from 28 September 2026.
2. Eventual unassigned places are carried over the second selection in the same category. Eventual unassigned places from the second selection will be carried over the third selection, within the EU and equivalent EU.
  3. The third round is activated only if places from the second selection remain empty. Only applicants not requiring a study visa may apply for the third selection.
  4. EU or equivalent applicants eligible but excluded from the places’ assignment during the first two selection can ask to be accepted in the third selection without additional costs, writing to [admissionoffice@unisi.it](mailto:admissionoffice@unisi.it). The deadline to write to the admission office is mandatory and is **7 september 2026**. Until the deadline for the request submission of the third selection, applicants have the possibility to modify and/or integrate the documentation of their application, which will be considered just like an updated version of the application for the third selection round.

## **Art. 7 – Evaluation of applicants and Ranking**

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<sup>3</sup> This selection is opened just to applicants who do not need a visa to study in Italy



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1. Applicants are evaluated by a Committee of three professors. The Committee will be established by the Teaching Committee.
2. For each selection described in the art.6 above, a provisional ranking will be written down, based on a total score linked to the addition of two partial scores:
  - A score going from a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 10 points linked to the evaluation of titles and curriculum vitae. For the eligibility and admission to the next meeting, applicants must obtain a score not lower than 7 points.
  - A score going from a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 30 points linked to the result of an interview which will evaluate motivation and personal competences of the applicant. For eligibility you need at least 15 points.

The final score is within 7 and 40 and is the only score that will be written down on official documents.

3. Interviews will be held on a remote basis, through the Google Meet program. The convocation will be sent to applicants at least 3 days before the meeting to the e-mail address indicated on the application. If the applicant will not take part to the oral interview, will be excluded from the selection.
4. English proficiency will be assessed during the interview if the applicant has not submitted an English certification and is not exempted, as explained in art.3.
5. Rankings are created on a descending order considering the total score as described in lett. 1. In case of tied score, the applicant who has obtained a higher score during the interview will be chosen. In case ties still remain, the younger applicant will be chosen.
6. Rankings are published on the following web page: <https://genetic-counsellors.unisi.it/> and are considered as an official notification of the test results.

#### **Art. 8 – Allocation of Places and ranking scrolls**

1. Places are offered according to ranking order, just following what is written in art.6.
2. The offer is sent by e-mail, to the e-mail address provided by the applicant within the application. From the date of notification, applicants have **five days to accept the place** through a procedure available on the platform [apply.unisi.it](https://apply.unisi.it). After the acceptance, the place is officially given to the applicant.
3. If the applicant does not accept the offer, the place is lost and the applicant is excluded from the selection. The empty place will be offered to the first candidate who is eligible and the ranking scrolls.
4. Applicants who accept the place and are VISA-requiring to study in Italy **must follow the procedure of VISA request as described on the [university.it](https://university.it) portal, until 14 days from the notification of the offer**. Without the completion of the procedure within the terms will result in the exclusion of the applicant from the selection, with the subsequent scrolling of the ranking.



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5. Scrolling of the ranking related to the first selection described in art.6 will finish the **8th May 2026**, independently from the empty places still available. Applicants who win the places during the first selection and at the end of it are winners of the first selection.
6. Scrolling of the ranking related to the second selection described in art.6 will finish the **31st July 2026**, independently from the empty places still available. Applicants who win the places during the second selection and at the end of it are winners of the second selection.
7. Scrolling of the ranking related to the third selection described in art.6 will finish the **30 October 2026**, independently from the empty places still available. Applicants who win the places during the third selection and at the end of it are winners of the third selection.
8. Winners list of each selection are approved by Rectoral Decree and published on the section "Albo online" on [www.unisi.it](http://www.unisi.it) and on the webpage [genetic-counsellors.unisi.it](http://genetic-counsellors.unisi.it). Those publications have the role of an official notification.

#### **Art. 9 – Enrollment**

1. Enrollment follows the "Manifesto degli Studi" of the University of Siena, academic year 2026/2027, with the only exception for the deadline written down within this document.
2. After December 18, 2026 late application will be evaluated according to the dispositions of the University of Siena, a.y. 2026/2027.
3. Enrollment is completed following the online procedure on the [segreteriaonline.unisi.it](http://segreteriaonline.unisi.it)
4. Before starting the online enrollment procedure described above (lett.3, art.9) citizens who have a foreign degree must obtain from the Admission Office a nulla osta to the inscription, by contacting the office at the e-mail address [admissionoffice@unisi.it](mailto:admissionoffice@unisi.it) at least 5 days before the closing of enrollments. Documents needed to the obtainment of the nulla osta are listed here: <https://admission.unisi.it/?p=1982>.
5. University fees and payment methods are listed on the University Regulations for the determination and payment methods of the University of Siena, published here: <https://www.unisi.it/didattica/immatricolazioni-e-iscrizioni/tasse>.
6. Enrollment is conditional upon verification of documents and proficiency of the study title.

#### **Art. 10 – Procedure Officer**

According to Law 7 August 1990 n.241 and subsequent, the Procedure Officer is the Head of the Office of Insolvency Proceedings of the Sanitarian Division of the University of Siena, Silvia Focardi.

#### **Art. 11 – Access to Documents**



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The provisions of this notice aimed at ensuring transparency in all stages of the procedure, as well as the criteria and procedures for the appointment of the selection committees, are implemented in accordance with Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990. Applicants have the right to access the documents related to the selection procedure in accordance with the applicable legislation and the procedures established by the University Regulations.

### **Art. 12 – Data Protection**

1. The processing of applicants' personal data is carried out by the University of Siena exclusively for institutional purposes and for managing this call. Information on the processing of students' personal data is available in the Privacy section of the University portal (Privacy and Cookie Policy | University of Siena). Data is handled in compliance with EU GDPR and Italian legislation.
2. The University undertakes to respect the confidentiality of the data and information provided by the applicant, which will be processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 on the protection of personal data and Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, as amended and supplemented by Legislative Decree No. 101 of August 10, 2018.

The data controller is the University of Siena, represented by the Rector, Professor Roberto Di Pietra. The applicant may exercise their rights by contacting the data controller via certified email (PEC): [rettore@pec.unisipec.it](mailto:rettore@pec.unisipec.it) or via email: [segreteria.rettore@unisi.it](mailto:segreteria.rettore@unisi.it)

3. The provision of data is mandatory for managing the relationship between the student and the University (e.g., selection, admission, enrollment, management of the academic career, etc.). Any refusal to provide or process such data will result in exclusion from this call.

### **Art. 13 – Final Provisions**

1. For any matters not expressly provided for in this call for applications, reference shall be made to the applicable laws and regulations. This call constitutes the *lex specialis* governing the selection procedure; therefore, participation implies full and unconditional acceptance of all its provisions.
2. Applicants are admitted to the selection procedures conditionally. The University Administration may, at any time, issue a reasoned decision to exclude applicants who do not meet the required criteria. Such decisions will be communicated to the applicant via email to the address provided during the application submission.
3. If the submitted documentation contains false statements or the use of forged documents, without prejudice to the criminal penalties provided for by the Penal Code and relevant special laws (Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000), the applicant will be automatically excluded and will forfeit any benefits obtained. Such false declarations may also give rise to claims for damages by interested parties, and any fees paid will not be refunded.



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4. Any corrections of material errors or errata related to this decree will be issued through a specific notice published on the degree program's webpage. Such publication shall have the value of official notification for all legal purposes.
5. All communications within the admission process governed by this call, sent to the email address provided by the applicant, shall be considered duly delivered and legally valid.