

FOUNDATION YEAR



**ONLINE EDITION FOR
MYANMAR STUDENTS**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES**

University of Parma

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**PREPARATORY PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
WISHING TO ENROLL AT AN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY OR AN ITALIAN
MUSIC ACADEMY**

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WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION YEAR?

The Foundation Year is a full immersion preparatory programme for international students wishing to enroll at the University of Parma or any Italian University or a Music Conservatory.

THE ONLINE EDITION LASTS ONE SEMESTER FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2025.

WHO IS IT DESIGNED FOR?

It addresses prospective students holding a high school diploma but who have linguistic or cultural gaps and/or less than 12 years of schooling, as required by Law to access university in Italy. In order to enroll on the one-semester online programme for prospective Myanmar students a certain amount of credits will be recognised based on previous formal attendance of at least one year at a university in Myanmar and certified language competence in English.

WHY SHOULD A STUDENT APPLY?

Thanks to this programme, international students will have the opportunity to:

- improve their language competence in Italian and expand their intercultural skills;
- fill in any cultural gaps to better integrate in an academic context in Italy;
- obtain a certificate which will allow them to enroll at any university or music conservatory in Italy.

THE ONLINE EDITION IS DESIGNED FOR MYANMAR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO STUDY IN ITALY ON UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES DELIVERED IN ENGLISH.

WHAT DOES PARMA OFFER STUDENTS

Parma is famous all around the world for its art, where music has a leading role, and food. It is a medium size, efficient, vibrant, university city, with high quality of life. It offers a wide range of entertainment and cultural opportunities. With more than a thousand years of history, the University of Parma has always been at the forefront of new developments in teaching and research. Responding to students' needs and helping students develop their own special skills in different areas, from study life to leisure are among its core values. In order to achieve their aims, students have access to a large number of laboratories, study and research areas, as well as libraries, museums, sports centres, green areas and many other services and facilities. Discover more at <https://en.unipr.it/>.

HOW IS THE FOUNDATION YEAR ORGANIZED?

The subjects of the ONLINE EDITION are

- Italian language (12 credits)
- Critical Thinking (9 credits)
- Exploring the socio-cultural context (9 credits)

WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE OF STUDY?

The language courses are taught in Italian. The other courses are in English.

WHEN WILL THE ONLINE CLASSES START AND END?

Classes will start on **13th January 2025** and finish in June. The venue for the final exams will be in Yangon.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

A minimum attendance of 70% is required to obtain the final certificate, as well as a minimum mark of 18 (out of 30) in each exam. To follow the classes you need a computer with Internet connection, but above all to be highly motivated and willing to start a new adventure!

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- At least 11 years of schooling from primary education to high school graduation.
- Secondary school leaving qualification with a full transcript of records of the last school year, accompanied by a translation in Italian language officially legalized by the competent Italian Consulate in the country of residence.
- Evidence of at least one full year of study at university level.
- Evidence of a B2 level competence in English through a TOEFL or IELTS certificate.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- After receiving a candidate's application, the board in charge of processing admission requests issues a pre-admission letter for candidates whose application has been accepted.
- Successively, candidates will be listed in chronological order upon payment, i.e. after they have paid for the first installment as specified below.
- The online edition of the Foundation Year Course requires 15 students as a minimum number to run the programme, and accepts a maximum of 50 students.

HOW MUCH DOES THE FOUNDATION YEAR ONLINE EDITION COST?

€ 1,800. The fee includes teaching (30 credits), teaching materials, tutoring, exams, administrative assistance, final certificate.

The first instalment (€ 900) is due after receiving the pre-admission letter in order to secure a place on the course.

HOW TO APPLY AND DEADLINES

1. Fill out the online application form by **15th July 2024**
 - a) transcript of records of the last secondary school year;
 - b) copy of Passport;
 - c) evidence of university attendance (at least one year) in English or officially translated into English or Italian;
 - d) IELTS or TOEFL certificate (with score equivalent to a B2 level of the CEFR);
 - e) an original version of the secondary school leaving qualification (or a copy of the original version), officially translated into Italian, and Declaration of Value (DV) issued by the Italian authorities in Myanmar.
2. After paying 50% (€ 900) of tuition fees and sending a copy of the money transfer receipt to foundationyear@unipr.it, accepted prospective students will receive an Admission Letter which will secure them a place on the programme.
3. Prospective students are requested to pay the remaining 50% (€ 900) of tuition fees by **1st December 2024**.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT IS NOT IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED ON THE COURSE?

After 15th July 2024 a waiting list will be created and applicants will receive a pre-admission letter by **10th December 2024**, to cover the places which may become available if admitted students from the first lot fail to settle the second installment on time. Students failing to pay for the second installment in due time will receive a reimbursement of the first installment, after deducting € 200 for administrative costs.