

COLLEGIO DON NICOLA MAZZA

CALL FOR ADMISSION OF GRADUATED STUDENTS ENROLLED IN POSTGRADUATE, SPECIALIZATION AND PHD COURSES

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Collegio Don Nicola Mazza is a University College of Merit accredited by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR). With its activities, it upholds the constitutional right (Constitution of the Italian Republic, Article 34 – Right to Education) by providing capable and deserving students – even if economically disadvantaged – with the opportunity to achieve the highest levels of education.

Therefore, even the economic or socio-cultural conditions of deserving applicants are taken into consideration during the selection process, and admission to Collegio Mazza provides for economic benefits to students in particular situations and/or with specific needs that might preclude access to a valuable college experience.

MERIT: WHAT WE SEEK, ASSESS AND VALUE

Aptitude for personal growth

While the selection process takes into account scholastic and academic achievements, it also explores the aptitude of applicants to express their full potential through a 360-degree growth that encompasses all dimensions of a person.

Aptitude for relationships and sharing

The online interviews are designed to assess applicants' willingness to go beyond an individual approach to higher education by embracing a more comprehensive one, characterized by the opportunity to experience the richness of meeting people, sharing experiences, and collaborating on projects in an international environment.

Sensitivity to take responsibility and help

The selection process considers the applicant's willingness to pursue personal growth by promoting social, entrepreneurial, technological, or cultural innovation and helping others.

Admissions are based on an application process.

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1. ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Graduated students enrolled (or in the process of enrolling) in postgraduate, specialization, first and second-level master courses and PhD programs are eligible candidates. Applicants must be willing to integrate their postgraduate education by committing to 25 hours per year (2.5 hours per month) of training activities to be arranged with the Residence Director.

To be considered eligible, students are required to stay for at least one academic year.

2. AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION

Collegio Don Mazza has three residences in Padua, where it offers the same residential and training/cultural services.

G. Tosi Residence



Via dei Savonarola 176
35137 Padua PD

I. Scopoli Residence



Via P. Canal 14
35137 Padua PD

Job Campus Residence



Via Giambattista Belzoni 146
35121 Padua PD

Collegio Don Mazza has two residences in Verona, where it offers the same residential and training/cultural services.

Ferrari Dalle Spade Residence



Via San Carlo 5
37129 Verona VR

R. Gentilin Residence



Via Campofiore 15
37129 Verona VR

Collegio Don Mazza has one residence in Rome.

Giuseppe Tovini Residence



Via di Trasone 56
00199 Rome RM

The total number of newly admitted students for the 2025-2026 academic year will be determined upon availability in each residence of Collegio Mazza at the time of application.

3. SERVICES PROVIDED

Admitted students benefit from all-inclusive residential hospitality services. The residences in Padua and Rome operate with an ISO 9001:2015 certified quality management system and a UNI ISO 45001:2018 certified safety management system.

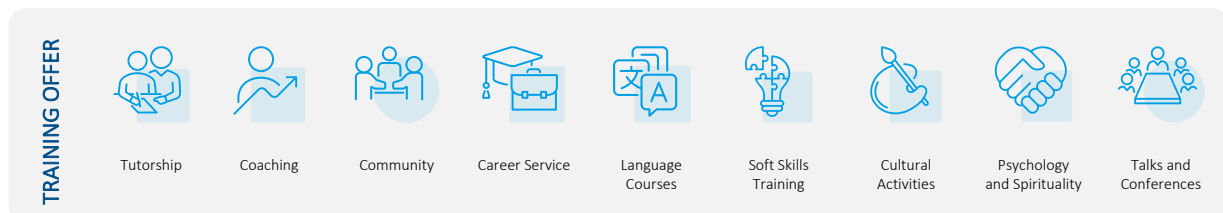
The following is an overview of the services provided:



For a detailed presentation of the services offered by each residence, please visit the website: <https://international.collegiomazza.it>.

As a College of Merit, the residential experience is designed to enhance and complement students' academic experience by developing their soft skills and preparing them for the job market through the College's training offer.

Admitted candidates will have access to all training, cultural, and career-oriented initiatives activated by the College. The offer is developed around the core values that have always characterized the Vision and Mission of Collegio Mazza: community life, attention to the person, and social impact.



All students are asked to actively participate in the residential life, each contributing according to their interests. The codesign of the College's educational program is intended to promote an approach of empowerment and learning by doing in an interdisciplinary context where students become active players in developing their potential.

The student community is organized into thematic groups or committees. With the support of Collegio Mazza, the community participates in planning and realizing:

- cultural events (e.g., conferences and/or trips, movie club, college blog, etc.)
- artistic, musical, or sports events (e.g., concerts, shows, college choir, reduced subscriptions for swimming pools and gyms, organization of sports competitions, hikes, etc.)
- soft skills training courses and workshops (e.g., time management, conflict management, self-awareness and emotional management, leadership, social media strategy, personal branding, etc.) and/or cultural seminars (e.g., language courses, ancient Greek, podcasting courses, debate classes, etc.).

During their stay, students will also have access to

- tutorship and academic support
- career coaching
- life counseling
- incentives to international mobility.

Admitted students are required to sign the **Training Agreement** (*Patto formativo*), which specifies the fulfillment established by Collegio Mazza and the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR). These obligations include completing at least **25 hours of extracurricular training** per year (approximately 2.5 hours per month).

Extracurricular training hours are accredited by:

- taking individual coaching courses;
- attending events, conferences, courses, workshops, and cultural trips proposed during the year by Collegio Mazza, the student community and other legally recognized Colleges of Merit.
- providing academic tutoring services to first- or second-cycle degree students;
- codesigning training activities and collaborating with Collegio Don Mazza.

Candidates interested in admission should state during their interview with the Director's Office how they intend to fulfill the obligations pertaining to the extracurricular training hours.

At the end of the academic year – after a minimum stay of two academic years – it is also possible to request the issue of a College Diploma.

4. ADMISSION

To be considered eligible candidates, students are required to stay for at least one academic year (10 months).

Applications for single semesters or partial terms may be submitted at any time of the year, only from 15 September 2025, through the designated form on the website (<https://international.collegiomazza.it/temporary-stay/>).

Admission to Collegio Mazza is contingent upon the successful completion of the online application, followed by two online interviews.



Online Application



Online Interview
with the Director's Office



Online Interview with an External
Examiner

4.1 ONLINE APPLICATION

Applications for the **entire academic year** must be submitted by registering on the platform, entering the requested data, and properly submitting the required documentation. **Submit the complete application** to <https://applications.collegiomazza.it/auth/login> by the following deadlines:

SESSION	DEADLINE
1	Monday 7 July 2025
2 (only if there are still places available)	Thursday 25 August 2025

ONLINE APPLICATION

When applying, the following information is required:



- biographical and family information
- school or academic background information
- self-introduction.

Applicants must fill out the **form with their personal data**, i.e., name, date and place of birth, nationality, home address, phone number, and email address, and answer some **self-introduction questions**.

The application requires the **upload of the following documents**:

- a copy of the ID card or passport
- digital photo (close-up)
- curriculum vitae
- certificate of enrollment (or pre-enrollment procedure) in the Italian university
- transcript of records (bachelor's and master's degree students) and degree certificate (master's degree students only)
- study plan (first-year students excluded)
- diploma supplement (if necessary it will be requested by the admission staff).

Applicants must read the **privacy statement** and **consent to the use of personal data** as specified in the statement. Please note that applications that are not submitted, are incomplete, or do not include all required documentation will not be considered.

4.2 SELECTION INTERVIEWS

ONLINE INTERVIEW WITH THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Once the application has been submitted and all documents have been uploaded, applicants will be contacted by Collegio Mazza via their e-mail address and invited to schedule **an online interview with the Director's Office**. Upon request, this interview may take place in person.

In this phase, the following aspects will be evaluated: the candidate's academic background and qualifications, curricular and extracurricular experiences; communication skills; experience abroad; proactivity and resourcefulness; the affinity of the candidate's profile with the college context; their motivation and interest in the training offer and community life of Collegio Mazza.

Following the interview with the Director's Office, applicants are required to **provide written feedback** to indicate their **intent to continue in the selection process** and attach a project letter outlining possible activities to be organized within the student community.



ONLINE INTERVIEW WITH AN EXTERNAL EXAMINER

In this phase, the project letter and the candidate's suitability for the context and community dynamics characterizing the residence life will be assessed more specifically.

In the event of a large number of applications, access to the interview with the director will be subject to a **preliminary selection of candidates** based on the documentation submitted online (i.e. self-presentation and academic profile).

Following these interviews – time and mode will be announced later – applicants are required to meet with the students who will share their perspective as postgraduate students on community and residential life.

5. OUTCOME OF THE APPLICATION

The number of candidates admitted at the end of each session is unquestionably determined by the Director's Office based on the available places and the outcome of the application process.

As stated in the opening of this call, and in accordance with the nature of our institution, the economic and family situation of the candidates will be taken into consideration in the evaluation process. Particular attention will be paid to situations of real need.

The Director's Office will announce the outcome of admission via email within seven to ten days of the conclusion of the admission process (i.e. 23 July 2025 for the first session and 20 September 2025 for the second session).

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLACE

Following the notice of admission, the secretary's office of the assigned residence will send the contract documents to the admitted student. **For students applying for a place in Padua, the assignment of the residence is at the sole discretion of the Director's Office.**

Admission is considered **confirmed only upon receipt of the documentation signed by the candidate within five business days**. This must be accompanied by **payment (€350.00) of the mandatory deposit**. Proof of payment must be provided as well.

7. FEE

Admitted students benefit from the housing and training services of Collegio Mazza on favorable terms, thanks to the economic contribution of the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR).

ACCOMMODATION IN PADUA

INCLUDED	€650.00 per month Single or double room with shared or private bathroom + 1 meal (lunch or dinner) per day
OPTIONAL (not included)	+ €50.00 per month (full board, i.e. lunch and dinner)

ACCOMMODATION IN VERONA

INCLUDED	€500.00 per month Single or double room with shared or private bathroom
OPTIONAL (not included)	+ €180.00 per month (breakfast and dinner, Monday through Friday)

ACCOMMODATION IN ROME

ROOM	€700.00 per month (double room with private bathroom)
	€850.00 per month (single room with private bathroom)
CANTEEN	Cafeteria is included as follows: dinner Monday through Sunday, lunch and dinner on weekends and holidays.

At its sole discretion, the college administration may offer economic benefits to students in particular situations and/or with specific needs. To apply for these benefits, students must submit the *ISEE parificato* and a letter of reference and presentation from an Italian or international association, institution, or body in the field of international cooperation, humanitarian aid, and/or advocacy for the right to study. The letter must outline the financial situation of the student and their family. Students must also provide contact information of professionals working within the said organization who are familiar with the student's situation.

Should the applicant fail to honor the commitment to participate in the training activities as referred to in point 1 of this call, the fee will be increased by €150.00 per month.

8. VERIFICATION OF THE TRUTHFULNESS OF STATEMENTS

Collegio Mazza will carefully and thoroughly check the veracity of the statements made by the applicant, as well as their academic performance. Should the content of the statements be deemed to be untruthful, the student will forfeit the benefits on offer. Please be aware that making false statements is punishable under the Italian Penal Code and special legislation (i.e., articles 75 and 76 of the Presidential Decree No. 445, 28 December 2000).

9. REGULAR AND EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS

The Director's Office may schedule additional extraordinary sessions, if there are still available places in the residence, or may cancel the scheduled sessions if the available places are filled before the set deadline.

10. ANNUAL RENEWAL

Admission to Collegio Mazza is intended for the academic year 2025-2026. Confirmation as a student for subsequent academic years is contingent upon an annual evaluation based on the quality of participation in community life, academic performance, and the quality of personal training in accordance with the provisions for Colleges of Merit detailed by the Italian Ministry of the University and Research (MUR).

11. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

The College is dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment for all members of the community. To this end, it is committed to removing cultural, relational, bureaucratic-administrative, physical, and architectural barriers that may hinder a sense of belonging, active participation, and responsible leadership among those who live the residential and training experience in the College's various residences. Inclusivity is based on the personalization of relationships in the phases of reception, insertion, and permanence of the student. It is also based on continuous listening fostered by frequent opportunities for meeting and exchanging knowledge between the Directors' Office and students. With this in mind, applicants are encouraged to report any special needs or situations during the application process.

12. INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

To receive further information, please visit our website <https://international.collegiomazza.it/> or contact

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Monday – Friday 9.00-12.00 and 14.00-15.00

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Padua, 30/04/2025

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