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## **COLLEGIO DON NICOLA MAZZA**

### **RESIDENCES OF PADUA**

## **CALL FOR ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

### **A.Y. 2026-27**

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

Eligible candidates are international students aged 26 or under and enrolled in a bachelor's or master's degree program. Students enrolled in doctoral or postgraduate specialization courses should refer to the specific call for applications available on the College's website.

Applicants must be willing to integrate their university studies by committing to 70 hours per year – for bachelor's degree students – or 25 hours per year – for master's degree students – of cultural activities and soft-skills training programs to be arranged with the Residence Director. To be considered eligible, students are required to stay for at least one academic year (11 months).

## 2. AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION

Collegio Don Mazza has three residences in Padua:

### G. Tosi Residence



#### Padua

Via dei Savonarola 176

### I. Scopoli Residence



#### Padua

Via Pietro Canal 14

### Job Campus Residence



#### Padua

Via Giambattista Belzoni 146

The total number of newly admitted international students for the 2026-2027 academic year will be determined upon availability in each residence of the College at the time of application.

## 3. SERVICES PROVIDED

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

Single and double rooms are available. The following is an overview of the services provided:

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES								
	Single or Double Room	Utilities	Cafeteria (Dinner)	Cleaning Services	Wi-Fi and Computer Lab	Air-conditioning	Study Rooms	Library and TV Room
Music Room	Laundry Room	Reception and Surveillance	Shared Kitchen	Accessible Rooms	Maintenance and Repairs	Bike Parking	Gym	

**For a detailed presentation of the services offered by each residence, please visit the website:**

<https://international.collegiomazza.it>.

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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 commit themselves to defining a **Personal and Community Growth Project** (*Progetto di crescita personale e comunitaria* also known as PCPC) during the academic year – aimed at improving soft skills and pursuing self-determined growth goals – and to demonstrating interest and participation in residential life.

Students are also 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) as follows

- to achieve high results in their university studies, in order to maintain, in the 2026-2027 academic year, an average mark in the exams that is higher than the average mark in the subject area of their university;
- to maintain a regular course of study, i.e. to obtain a total number of annual credits (CFUs) higher than the merit requirement set by the competent Regional Agency for the Right to Education (*Ente per il Diritto allo Studio* – ESU)

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- to complete at least **70 hours of extracurricular training<sup>1</sup>** per year (approximately 7 hours per month) for bachelor’s students (and first, second and third-year students of single-cycle degrees), or at least **25 hours of extracurricular training<sup>1</sup>** per year (approximately 2.5 hours per month) for master’s degree students (and fourth and fifth-year students of single-cycle degrees).

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 (11 months, from September 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027).**

Admission to Collegio Mazza is contingent upon the successful completion of a preliminary selection process, followed by an online group interview.



Applications for single semesters or partial terms may be submitted at any time of the year, only from 15 September 2026, through the designated form on the website <https://international.collegiomazza.it/temporary-stay/>

#### 4.1 CANDIDATE PRESELECTION

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 6 July 2026

#### ONLINE APPLICATION

When applying, the following information is required:



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

<sup>1</sup> Extracurricular training hours are accredited by 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.



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.

### 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**.

The candidate preselection ranking will be based on the score obtained from the assessment of two elements. Specifically, the following will be considered for ranking purposes



#### Online application and CV

In this phase, the following aspects will be evaluated: experiences, hobbies and motivation in line with the offer of Collegio Mazza (e.g. aptitude for relationships, personal growth, innovation skills, community life).

Max **10** points



#### Interview with the Director's Office

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.

Max **30** points

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To be **preselected for the online group interview**, candidates must achieve a **minimum score of 30/40**. This score is the sum of the scores obtained in the above-mentioned assessment sections. Applicants who achieve the minimum score will be invited to participate in the online group interview.

By 10 **July 2026** all applicants will receive the **outcome of the preliminary selection process**.

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 school/academic profile).

**Applications will be accepted from 15 May 2026.**

Please note that accommodation is subject to availability.

## 4.2 ONLINE GROUP INTERVIEW



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

On the same day of the group interview – the exact time will be announced later – applicants are required to meet online with students who will share their perspective on community and residence life.

SESSION	DATE	TIME
1	Tuesday 14 July 2026	The exact time will be announced later, but the interview is scheduled to take place between 8:30 and 18:30 (CET).

## 5. OUTCOME OF THE APPLICATION

The admission ranking will be based on the score obtained from the assessment of two elements. Specifically, the following will be considered for ranking purposes

<b>PRESELECTION</b>	Online application and CV	Max <b>40 points</b>
	Online interview with the Director's Office	
<b>SELECTION</b>	Online group interview	Max <b>30 points</b>

To be **considered for admission**, candidates must achieve a **minimum score of 55/70**. This score is the sum of the scores obtained in the above-mentioned assessment sections.

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 circumstances of the candidates will be taken into consideration during the evaluation process. Particular attention will be given to situations of genuine need (in accordance with the instructions provided in point 7 of the present call application).

The Director's Office will announce the outcome of admission via email within seven to ten days of the

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conclusion of the admission process (i.e. 22 July 2026).

## 6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLACE

Following the notice of admission, the secretariat of the assigned residence will send the contract documents to the admitted student. **The assignment of the residence is at the sole discretion of the Director's Office.**

Admission is considered **confirmed only upon receipt of the signed documentation 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 – i.e. bachelor's and master's degree 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).

The accommodation services may vary according to the student's requests and the selected residence. The following rates apply:

<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> Single/double room + half board (i.e. 1 meal per day, lunch or dinner)	<b>€600.00</b> per month
<b>ADDITIONAL SERVICES</b> Full board (i.e. 2 meals per day, lunch and dinner)	+ €50.00 per month

*At its sole discretion, the college administration may grant economic benefits to students in situations of documented financial need and/or with specific personal circumstances.*

*To be considered for these benefits, applicants must submit the required documentation **before admission and prior to receiving the housing contract.** This documentation includes:*

- 1. a valid ISEE parificato;*
- 2. a letter of reference and presentation issued by an Italian or international association, institution, NGO, public body, or other recognized organization operating in the fields of international cooperation, humanitarian aid, social support, and/or the right to education. The letter must clearly describe the student's financial and personal situation and, where relevant, that of their family. It must also include the contact details of one or more professionals within the organization who are familiar with the applicant's circumstances.*

*Applicants are required to declare their situation of need both **during the interview with the Director and in the dedicated section of the application form ("Notes for the Director's Office").** Requests submitted after admission or after the contract has been issued will not be considered.*

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.

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## **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 2026-2027. 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, visit our website <https://international.collegiomazza.it/> or contact [elisabetta.rigon@collegiomazza.it](mailto:elisabetta.rigon@collegiomazza.it) (ONLY for international students) from Monday to Friday, 9.00-12.00 and 14.00-15.00.

Padua, 30/03/2026  
The Chairman of the Board of Directors  
*Dott. Lucio Gomiero*