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Imagine studying at a renowned university that can offer you the chance of studying for a degree at an iconic Italian city. That is the opportunity which awaits students who choose Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, affectionately known as Cattolica.

Cattolica, a comprehensive university, offers an impressive range of innovative programs in the fields of Economics & Business, Accounting & Finance, Agriculture, Psychology and Linguistics, as well as Philosophy and the Arts. In the renowned QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016, Cattolica’s ascendancy placed the University in formidable company, with every discipline ranked in the top 200 in the world, or higher.

Whilst at Cattolica we pride ourselves on our academic reputation, what truly distinguishes our University is the campus diversity and endless possibilities. You will be sure to choose a program and learning environment that is the best fit for you, one that will facilitate the growth of skills and competencies towards your brighter future.

But whichever your choice of location, you will remain part of one family. The Cattolica family.

A family whose networks touch every corner of the globe, whose care and commitment towards every student binds us as one. And ensures an international study experience like no other.
We are committed to creating new opportunities for our students.

Students build a portfolio of experiences, skills, and knowledge.

Throughout their academic career, our students are exposed to direct clinical practice at the A. Gemelli Hospital.

We turn hope into reality through our excellence in research.

And we’re here to listen to your story.

The School of Medicine and Surgery at Cattolica is one of the most renowned medical teaching environments in the world.

50 years of health support, generation after generation.

We are a student, academic, and clinical community committed to the person, where the full range of modern healthcare disciplines are taught within a highly conducive campus environment, close to the heart of one of the world’s most iconic cities.
The campus

Campus highlights
- Academic excellence across 2 schools: Medicine and Surgery; Economics
- Home to Cattolica’s internationally acclaimed School of Medicine and Surgery which started teaching in November 1961. The School is affiliated with the Policlinico Gemelli University Hospital, which opened in 1964
- Top Italian oncologic hospital for the number of patients treated
- 43 faculty members are listed among the top Italian Scientists
- Rome is home to 6,500 students
- Campus area: over 300,000 m²
- The campus offers sports facilities including a football field, volleyball, basketball, and 3 tennis courts

Our Rome campus is home to Cattolica’s internationally acclaimed School of Medicine and Surgery which boasts an ideal affiliation with Policlinico Universitario "A. Gemelli."

At Cattolica, learning is highly interactive and practical, and extends beyond the classroom. At our Rome campus you can live and breathe the energy of Medicine and Surgery with the Policlinico Universitario A. Gemelli as part of the campus.

Cattolica’s Medicine and Surgery students permeate their knowledge and create a positive scene as they line the corridors of the Hospital with their lab coats. A powerful and motivating image boasting the quality of our teaching and practice.

At Cattolica’s Rome campus, students will feel at home. From our on campus dorms, to the accessibility of a wide range of facilities. At Cattolica, a sense of community is shaped. And if you want to break away from the studies for an afternoon, a 10 minute train ride will take you to Piazza San Pietro, located directly in front of La Basilica di San Pietro in the Vatican City - the smallest independent state in the world, located entirely within the city of Rome. After visiting the Vatican City, you can easily reach Rome’s other attractions on foot.

Rome: There’s no better place to study Medicine and Surgery.

An interactive, research focused, and hands-on education
Rome in the spotlight

- Italy’s capital city
- The Province of Rome has 4,000,000 inhabitants making it the largest municipal area in Italy
- The Eternal City: founded in 753 BC
- Home to the Vatican City State, the smallest internationally recognized independent state in the world by both area and population
- Rome is chaotic yet characteristic. Home to the animated, good-humored Romans, who live to enjoy their culture and food
- A picturesque and historic bliss, containing many of the world’s most breathtaking masterpieces, from Michelangelo’s ceiling in la Cappella Sistina to the beautiful attractions in Piazza Navona, la Fontana di Trevi, il Vittoriano, il Colosseo, and many more
- 30 km from the coast
- A popular set of Academy Award-winning movies: The Great Beauty, La Dolce Vita, and Roman Holiday among others

To study in Rome is to study in the heart of a cultural yet dynamic treasure. Italy’s inspiring capital city blends the past with the present.

Rome is full of endless discoveries. A pleasant stroll through the picturesque streets of Rome is an adventurous playground, with a pearl ready to be found on every corner. La Fontana di Trevi is a perfect example. This breathtaking Baroque jewel is neatly nestled at the juncture of three roads, tre vie, in the city center.

You only need to step into the history of ancient Rome to be drawn by this Eternal City which spans over two and a half thousand years.

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Medicine & Surgery

Meet Millicent from South Africa
Future goal: Make the most out of her 6 years in Rome, become a doctor at Cattolica and get into a general surgery specialization program in the United States.

A health project
Università Cattolica’s internationally acclaimed School of Medicine and Surgery started teaching medicine in 1961. The School is aligned alongside the Agostino Gemelli University Hospital, which opened in November 1964.

Excellence in research
43 faculty members are listed among the top Italian Scientists. The University Hospital is ranked first for the number of national non-profit clinical trials and third for non-profit drug experimentations performed. It is the first Italian oncologic hospital for the number of patients treated.

Innovative method
The program aims at integrating basic and clinical sciences through a multidisciplinary approach and an early involvement in patient management while also addressing ethical issues and legal responsibilities, which are at the basis of the profession.

Rome, the Eternal City
This majestic city is the essence of Italian culture, history, and society which contains world acclaimed historical monuments and is also a modern platform for education, creating the perfect location to begin your medical career.

Single-degree Cycle in Medicine and Surgery
The most qualifying features of our Medicine and Surgery Program are:
- A highly specialized problem-based learning method
- The complete synergy between basic and clinical sciences
- A strong international approach

These qualities are achieved through a multidisciplinary approach and an early involvement in patient management, while also addressing ethical issues and legal responsibilities, which are at the basis of the profession. In addition, medical anthropology, bioethics and medical humanities are emphasized, as well as the ability to communicate with the patient and the family. The Program provides students with a strong scientific background, and theoretical and hands-on preparation in medical practice and methodology, as well as a high level of professional decision-making and operational independence in terms of ability to face and solve the main health problems from all points of view: preventive, diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic.

Learning objectives
The program will provide a complete integration of learning objectives of European and U.S. curricula. The curriculum is designed to help students prepare for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and Step 2. Students will benefit from high quality teaching and learning designed to encourage active participation and support independent thinking. They will acquire the ability to identify the state of health or illness of individuals on the basis of the knowledge of bio-pathology, bioethics and medical humanities. In addition, they will develop skills and general experience in the field of internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics and obstetrics, as well as Medical and Surgical specialties.

Career opportunities & professional recognition
The program is designed for students who wish to become qualified medical practitioners. A varied range of careers is open to medical graduates. Thanks to the innovative curriculum, students will be able to start a career in both basic and clinical scientific research.

Curriculum
In order to achieve formative goals, the Medicine and Surgery program is organized to offer a total number of 360 University Formativa Credits, Crediti Formativi Universitari (CFU), spread over a 6-year course. 60 credits consist of activities aimed at acquiring specific professional skills. Each CFU corresponds to 12 hours of teaching. In case of professional training each credit corresponds to 17 hours.

First year courses
- Introduction course to Medicine
- Molecules and cells

- Electromagnetism and Physiology of Excitable Cells
- Organic and Functional Systems I
- First Aid and Nursing Practice I
- Residency in Health Center
- Introduction to Theology and questions of fundamental Theology
- Optional project I
- Vertical domain I/V Electives I
- Italian Language

Second year courses
- Organic and Functional Systems II
- First Aid and Nursing Practice II
- Methodology of Research I
- Organic and Functional Systems III
- Family, Society and Health
- Questions of Speculative and Dogmatic Theology
- Informatics
- Optional Project II
- Vertical Domain II/V Electives II

Third year courses
- Clinical Center Residency II
- Residency in Health Center
- Questions of Speculative and Dogmatic Theology
- Italian Language
- Optional Project III
- Vertical Domain III/V Electives III

Fourth year courses
- Clinical Center Residency I
- Medicine Residency I
- Maternal and Child Health Residency
- Clinical Neurosciences
- From Clinical to Molecular Biology I
- Italian Language
- Optional Project IV
- Vertical Domain IV/V Electives IV

Fifth year courses
- Clinical Center Residency II
- Public Health Residency
- Medicine Residency II
- Surgery Residency I
- Surgery Residency II
- From Clinical to Molecular Biology II
- Optional Project V
- Vertical Domain V/V Electives V

Sixth year courses
- Health Center Residency - Final Training
- From Clinical to Molecular Biology III
- Hospital Residency - Final Training
● Community Care and General Medicine

● Optional Project - Final Project

● Final Dissertation

Faculty/Professors

Classes are taught by faculty (professors, lecturers) with a strong academic, research and professional background, most of whom have had teaching and research experience in some of the world’s best universities.

Notable alumni

- Ignazio Marino, Transplant Surgeon and former Mayor of Rome
- Giuseppe Fioroni, Former Italian Minister of Education
- Prof. Francesca Crucitti, Operated on Pope John Paul II
- Cilcle Kyme, Former Minister for Integration

Can I learn Italian while studying?

The Medicine and Surgery curriculum is designed to help students learn Italian, in order to be more confident once they start interacting with patients during the second triennium. The Italian language course is scheduled to start from the first year course.

Furthermore, students of the Medicine and Surgery program are involved in seminars and conferences organized by the University, taught entirely in Italian.

Language requirements

High School requirements

General requirements for admission to the test

High School Diploma

The candidates’ high school qualification has to:

- be conferred after min. 1.2 years of previous global schooling
- satisfy the requirements for access to university in the awarding country.

High School qualifications that need to satisfy additional criteria:

American High School Diploma (HSD)

Students holding an American HSD must additionally have earned at least 3 Advanced Placements (APs) in as many subjects related to the degree course of their choice.

British qualifications

The British high school qualifications allow access to Italian universities. If they certify at least 6 “passes” in different subjects, 3 of which must be A-level and relevant to the chosen degree course.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Before IB results are released, candidates can request to have their transcript of grades sent to Università Cattolica free of charge. More information can be found at www.ibo.org/informationfor/alumni/transcripts

Statement of Validity, Dichiarazione di Valore (DV)

The Dichiarazione di Valore (DV) is an official document which provides a short description of the candidate’s qualifications, its validity in the awarding country to academic and/or professional ends, and the legal status of the awarding institution.

Please note: The DV is issued by the Embassy of the country that awarded the qualification. For example, if the candidate lives in Ghana but has studied at a British school, he/she should refer to the Italian Embassy in Ghana.

Quality of Italian education

European students entering the University Cattolica are awarded a Diploma di Studi Universitari di 3° livello (Diploma di Laurea Triennale, or 3-year degree) after successfully completing three years’ study. The Diploma di Stato di Medicina e Chirurgia is awarded to those who wish to pursue a career in medicine. The diploma is the highest level of academic qualification for students in the EU. Students who have completed a degree outside the EU may be required to sit an entrance exam before being accepted into the Medicine and Surgery curriculum.

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English requirements

EOC, IELTS, TOEFL:

- TOEFL Paper Based of at least 550; or a Cambridge ESOL FCE Grade B; or
- A certificate attesting that they have attended an English taught high school.

The English Language Certificate (if applicable) will not be required at the time of the application, as well as the admission test, but it will be required upon enrollment in September 2016.

Study & Work Abroad

Università Cattolica gives you the opportunity to enhance your university studies by taking part in an international experience during your degree. Students at Università Cattolica can study abroad for 1 or 2 semesters, and can take part in a language course or a volunteer experience abroad.

EDUCatt

What is EDUCatt?

A non-profit foundation, ensuring that students receive equal access to different services at Cattolica. EDUCatt manages scholarships, financial support, and residency./dormitory accommodation. For details please visit: educatt.unicatt.it

Medical insurance

EU Citizens

If you are a national from either a EU Member State or an EEA country or you are of Swiss nationality, you should have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC, Italian acronym: TeseAT), obtained in your home country from your national healthcare authority. The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows you to receive medical treatment in another member state for free, or at a reduced cost. A patient contribution is required for prescriptions, medical examinations, oral and dental care.

Non-EU Citizens

If you are a non-EU citizen, you must take out an International Health Insurance which covers costs related to medical treatment and admission to hospital. If allowed by the Embassy, you can also buy an Italian national Health Insurance upon arrival.

Getting around Rome

Getting around Rome is very easy and accessible. In Rome, the bus network is run by Azienda per la mobilità (ATAC). All tickets can be purchased at newsstands, from the tabacchi (tobacconist stores marked with a large “T”), or at the metro stations. The rechargeable transportation pass costs €35 per month.

Living expenses per annum

Accommodation (not including meals)*

- From €5,000 to €8,000

Books

- €600
Admission requirements & procedures

Save the Date*

**Medicine and Surgery**
- Publication of the competition call: October 10, 2016
- Opening of the applications: October 10, 2016
- Closure of the applications: February 3, 2017
- The entrance exam will take place on: February 20, 2017

For details and updated information please visit:
> www.ucscinternational.it

**Test locations**
Admission to the 6-year program in Medicine and Surgery is subject to the evaluation of the entrance exam that will take place on February 20, 2017. The minimum score required to pass it is 35 points out of 100. Candidates may choose to take the exam in Rome or in one of the international test centers across the world that will be indicated in the competition call. Visit our website to view the list of test centers:
> www.ucscinternational.it

**Application procedure**
In order to be admitted to the test, from October 10, 2016 to February 3, 2017 applicants must comply with the procedures indicated below:
- Access > www.ucscinternational.it and read the "Application Guide" carefully following all the instructions.
- Apply online > www.ucscinternational.it
- After submission, in order to finalize their application candidates must pay a non-refundable examination fee of €160 (through an online credit card payment) no later than February 10, 2017.

- The cost may vary depending on the area, the kind of room (single or double), utilities, etc.

On the day of the test, candidates must bring their payment receipt and one identification document among the following:
- Passport (compulsory for non-EU candidates)
- Identity card
- Driving license

**Contents of the entrance exam**
The exam consists of 100 multiple choice questions divided as follows:
- 95 questions on psycho-attitudinal subjects (logic, visual space reasoning, text understanding, attention and precision, numerical reasoning, problem solving) and scientific knowledge covering areas of biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics.
- 5 questions on religious and ethical culture

(Visit > www.ucscinternational.it for further information)
Candidates have 100 minutes to complete the test.

Evaluation follows the criteria indicated below:
- 1 point for each correct answer
- minus 0.25 point for each wrong answer
- no points for no answer
Please visit > www.ucscinternational.it for further information.

**Admission feedback**
The program has a maximum capacity of 50 places divided as follows:
- 20 places reserved to Italian and EU citizens residing anywhere, and to non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy
- 30 places reserved to non-EU citizens residing abroad

Please be aware that the number of places available may change in accordance with the Decree of the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), Law no.264, August 2 1999.

Candidates will receive admission feedback on February 28, 2017. Two final rankings will be produced:
- one for EU and non-EU candidates living in Italy;
- one for non-EU candidates living abroad

For details please visit > www.ucscinternational.it

In both final rankings, in case of a tie the youngest candidate will prevail.

Admitted candidates will be asked to pay the first installment to secure their place in the program within 2 weeks from the admission results publication. The aforementioned sum will be deducted from the A.Y. 2017/2018 tuition fees. Should the admitted candidates not pay the deposit by the deadline, they shall be considered ‘withdrawn’; vacant places shall be made available to other candidates according to the merit ranking.

**What is a competition call?**
A competition call is the official document that regulates the admission test, divided into Articles, signed by the Rector, which provides all the appropriate information about the entrance exam (application procedure, dates, deadlines, requirements, documentation etc.).

Information contained in the competition call:
- Number of places available and requirements for the admission
- Date and venues of the entrance exam
- Admission to the entrance exam
- Contents of the Entrance Exam
- Final results
- Requirements for admitted candidates
- Enrollment procedures for admitted candidates

Tuition fees & scholarships opportunities

EU residents (or non-EU residents with an EU generated income)
Tuition ranges from €7,000 to €16,000 per annum (varies according to the financial background of the student or student’s family if dependent).

EU residents may apply for regular financial aid and additional scholarships provided by EDUcatt. For details please refer to > educatt.unicatt.it

Non-EU residents
Tuition is €15,600 per annum.
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