

Education

Current definitions

Afam (Alta Formazione Artistica, Musicale e Coreutica) - Higher education system in arts and music

Non-university tertiary education system. It consists of Fine arts Academy, Conservatories and music institutes, National Academy of Drama, National Academy of Dance and higher institutes for applied arts. The Afam courses are divided into three cycles and the academic diplomas are equivalent to some degree of the corresponding university cycles.

Diploma of upper secondary education

The qualification attained after passing the final State exam at the end of upper secondary school programme lasting four or five years. The diploma allows to access to the tertiary education level.

Lower secondary education certificate

Qualification which is issued upon completion of the first cycle of education, and after passing the final exam of lower secondary school

Vocational training qualification and Diploma of master of art certificate

The qualification attained after the completion of a three-year upper secondary school course (Vocational institute or Art institute) which doesn't give access to university.

University diploma (2-3 years) – old programme, now abolished.

Degree awarded at the end of a university course (university diploma, undergraduate schools or special university schools) lasting not less than two years and not more than three.

Education level

The higher educational qualification attained

New entrants at university

Students enrolled for the first time at the Italian university system. Are excluded the students already registered in previous years, those that have dropped a course and then have enrolled in a another course, in the same or in another university.

University degree

The qualification attained after completing a university degree course:

Bachelor degree (3 years)

Master's degree – short second degree (2 years)

Master's degree - long first degree (5-6 years)

Master's degree (old programme) - long first degree (4-6 years)

School Section

Pre-primary class

Education and training system

The Italian education and training system is divided in three cycles:

a) First cycle

- Pre-primary school
- Primary education
- Lower secondary education

- b) Second cycle
 - Upper secondary school
 - vocational training courses (Fp in Italian)
- c) Third cycle
 - Tertiary education (University education, Higher education system in arts and music, Higher level technical education (Its)).

University participation rate

Approximate measure of the participation of young people at university education. It is calculated as the ratio of students enrolled at the university and the resident population belonging to the corresponding theoretical age group, ie 19-25 years (per 100).

Transition rate from upper secondary education to university

By using the register of upper secondary school students and the register of university students, the indicator calculates the exact proportion of upper secondary school graduates who enroll at university in the same year of diploma's attainment

Schooling rate

The indicator calculates the share of young people who is attending a course of study of the upper secondary school compared to the resident population in the corresponding theoretical age group (14-18 years).

Post degree qualification

Qualification attained at the end of a programme post-degree. The post-degree programmes are divided in I level programmes (that can be accessed if you attained a bachelor) or II level programmes (PhD, graduate schools, second level master) that can be accessed if you attained a master degree.

School Unit

If in a school there are classes located in other sites, groups of classes belonging to different types of education or evening classes, they are considered separate "school units"