

The research doctorate programme for the XXIV cycle is currently being drawn up. The call for applications should be published in July 2008.

In particular Italian and foreign applicants in possession of an academic qualification awarded outside Italy and equivalent to an Italian degree (ante D.M. 509/99) or specialist/teaching degree (D.M. 509/99 and D.M. 270/04) will be required to provide the degree certificate with a list of exams taken complete with Italian translation, legalisation and “declaration of legal value in loco (Dichiarazione di valore in loco)” supplied by the Italian consulate or diplomatic representative competent for the country concerned, in accordance with current admission regulations concerning foreign students.

The **translation** must be organised by the candidate and can refer, if in Italy, to the local Tribunal and/or local translators, and the translation themselves must be counter-signed by the Italian Authorities competent in the territory.

The **legalisation of the degree title** (official certification of the legal quality of the person who has signed the document) must be carried out by the competent Country Authorities who have issued it. For countries who have adhered to the Ajax Convention of 05.10.1961, the legalisation can be substituted by the stamp “Apostille” that can only be issued by the competent Local Authorities (for all countries adhering to the laws following are considered exempt even for this last action: the European Convention of Brussels of 25th May 1987, as approved and applied by Italian law on 24th April 1990, law no. 106, as well as for Germany, in virtue of the Italo-German Convention regarding exemption from legalisation of acts, concluded in Rome on 7th June 1969 and applied with the law n.176 of 12th April 1973).

The **declaration of legal value in loco (Dichiarazione di valore in loco)** can only be carried out by the Italian Diplomatic representatives in the country in which the title has been awarded. This must state that the title possessed would be valid for admission “in loco” to an academic course comparable to the Research Doctorate.

Those holding a qualification awarded by a foreign University are invited to contact the competent authorities in advance, since experience has shown that the issue of the relevant documents can take some time.

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Useful links:

XXIII cycle of Doctorate (consultable until the research doctorate programme for the XXIV cycle is drawn up)

<http://www.unimore.it/en/academics/doctorates.html>

List of Italian consulates and diplomatic representatives abroad

<http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Rappresentanze/default.htm?LANG=EN>

Information about the entry of foreign citizens into Italy and the stay in Italy

<http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/ServReteConsolare.htm?LANG=EN>

<http://www.portaleimmigrazione.it/>

<http://www.poliziadistato.it/pds/cittadino/stranieri/stranier>

<http://www.comune.modena.it/home2008/banchedati.php?cat=sono&sezione=54>

Study in Italy

<http://www.study-in-italy.it>