

## FOUNDATION YEAR RUFA – Academic Year 2019/2020

In recent years, the Italian University system has been increasingly welcoming foreign students who wish to undertake a medium or long term study period in our Country. This regards especially the Italian Universities for the Degrees they offer and the Higher Education Art and Music Institutions (AFAM) for their Academic Diplomas. To help make the Italian educational system even more attractive, especially in the field of art and design, RUFA has undertaken a process of internationalization and has created a 60 CFA (Academic credits) one-year program called Foundation Year, to introduce foreign students to the study of cultural, design, art and history-related subjects. An Italian language and culture component is also included, as well as specific topics related to the *Italian style*. Students can also attend the Foundation Year in English by replacing the study of the Italian language with English and by attending the Italian culture module and the cultural, design, art and history-related subjects in English.

Thanks to this program, foreign students with 11 years of schooling will be able to achieve the 12 years of schooling prerequisite required to be admitted to the Italian University system. They will also gain knowledge in subjects that are essential to develop their education in the fields of art, audiovideo-multimedia and design, and to be admitted to RUFA's Bachelor of Arts Academic Programs.

### WHO IS RUFA'S FOUNDATION YEAR INTENDED FOR?

- 1) For international students with less than 12 years of schooling;
- 2) For students who need to complete their studies to enroll in Italian Universities and AFAM Institutions, focusing on the study of the Italian or English language and on Italian culture.

### CURRICULUM OF RUFA'S FOUNDATION YEAR

The main goal of RUFA's Foundation Year is to teach students art, audiovideo-multimedia and design-related subjects. RUFA's Foundation Year will include the following subjects:

Subject	CFA	Specific CFA	Number of hours	Number of hours per week
Italian language and culture (T) Or: English language and Italian culture (T)	32  32	22 Language (ITA) 10 Culture (ITA)  22 Language (ENG) 10 Culture (ITA)	165 Language (ITA) 75 Culture (ITA)  165 Language (ENG) 75 Culture (ITA)	6 hours and 30 minutes  6 hours and 30 minutes
Writing lab (TP)	2		25	1hour x 1 year or 2hours x 1 semester
History of art, design and Italian style (T)	8		60	2 hours and 30 minutes
Specific curriculum (TP)	12	4 Photo/video 4 Art 4 Basic Design	50 Photo/video 50 Art 50 Basic Design	2 Photo/video 2 Art 2 Basic Design
Final test	2		10	
CILS/B2 (ITA) CEFR/B2 (ENG) Certificate	4			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>485</b>	<b>20h/week</b>

(T) = Theoretical subject

(TP) = Theoretical/practical subject

RUFA final test = Presentation of the student's portfolio related to the attended subject in front of an appointed committee.

The Italian language and culture module will take place at "Torre di Babele", language and culture school and RUFA's partner for the Foundation Year. The classes will be formed according to the students' level.

Regarding the Foundation Year in English, the language course will be held at RUFA or at the British Institute and the Italian culture module will be held in English at RUFA.

If students already possess an appropriate language certificate they may request to be exempted from the language module. To be exempted, students must submit their certificate to RUFA who will send them to the language schools/teachers involved.

If a student requires additional classes to achieve the required level, he/she can add them to his/her study plan by paying an additional fee.

At the end of the program, the student will be given an Italian or English language certificate and a Foundation Year attendance certificate.

### **ACADEMIC CREDITS**

By completing RUFA's Foundation Year, students will have achieved 60 CFA (Academic Credits) that may be used to be admitted directly to RUFA's 1<sup>st</sup> cycle Academic Programs. Therefore, these credits cannot be used to reduce the number of credits students will have to achieve if they decide to enroll in Academic Programs / Degrees.

RUFA's Foundation Year is a recognized qualification that may be used within the National University system (AFAM Institutions and Universities) according to the pre-existing regulations, and taking into account the general rule regarding the educational and decision-making independence of all Higher Education Institutions.

### **CALENDAR OF THE ACTIVITIES**

RUFA's Foundation Year activities will take place during:

1st semester October 2019 – February 2020	2nd semester March 2020 – June/July 2020
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### **BASIC LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND FINAL LANGUAGE LEVEL ACHIEVED**

Students can choose to attend RUFA's Foundation Year in Italian or in English. All students may enroll to RUFA Foundation Year regardless of their language level. However, students are advised to begin the course having already acquired a B1 Italian or English language level.

RUFA's Foundation Year aims to provide its students with a certified B2 language level (generally required by Italian universities to be admitted to their Bachelor Degrees).

This level will help them tackle their future studies with greater ease.

The study of the Italian culture enables students to become better integrated into the Italian cultural and educational system.

### **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The educational activities of the Foundation Year involve lectures and laboratory activities at RUFA Academy. The Italian module will be held at "Torre di Babele" language school, and the English language module may be held at the British Institute.

Students are required to attend 80% of their classes at RUFA Academy and a number of lessons deemed necessary by the language schools/teachers involved to achieve the language certification.

### **ENROLLMENT TO THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT RUFA**

After having attended RUFA's Foundation Year, students can be admitted directly to RUFA's Bachelor of Arts Academic Programs. Nevertheless, to be admitted they will need to have acquired an adequate level of language skills, so that they can successfully attend the Academy's Programs. Students who decide to enroll in a Bachelor of Art Academic Program at RUFA after having completed the Foundation Year will receive a 10% discount on the cost of the Program.

### **COSTS**

The cost of the Foundation Year is 6500 euro per year, enrolment fee included.

#### **The cost includes:**

- enrollment fee
- attendance fee and final exams fee
- CILS (ITA) or CEFR (ENG) certification
- RUFA card (deals with cinemas, theaters, gyms and educational training materials)
- final certificate

All students that are exempted from the language module will benefit from a deduction of € 1.100,00 from the cost of the Foundation Year.

### **DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLMENT**

Candidates are required to submit their application to be admitted to RUFA's Foundation Year by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 using the following form: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/RUFA1/RUFASFoundationYear>  
 Students will have to attach their high school diploma and transcript of records stating the educational activities they attended. A declaration of value may complete the above-mentioned documentation.  
 Underage students will also be asked to submit a document that must be signed by their parents.  
 Students must pay 25% of the fee upon registration and 75% by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 either via bank transfer to RUFA or via Flywire.  
 RUFA reserves the right to verify the aptitudes and motivation of students before enrollment.  
 The course will be activated with a minimum of 6 students and will accept applications until all of the available places have been filled. If the number is not reached, students will be reimbursed with the amount they paid to RUFA.