

FOUNDATION YEAR RUFA – Academic Year 2020/2021

In recent years, the Italian Academic 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 Bachelor of Arts programs. 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 organized a 60 CFA (credits) Foundation Year program, to introduce foreign students to the study of cultural, design, art and history-related subjects.

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 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 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 includes the following subjects:

Subject	credits	Specific credits	Number of hours	Number of hours per week
Italian language and culture (T)	32	22 Language (ITA)	165 Language (ITA)	20 hours, 8 weeks
		10 Culture (ITA)	75 Culture (ITA)	15 hours, 5 weeks
Writing lab (TP)	2		25	2hours, 12 weeks
History of art, design and Italian style (T)	8		60	8 hours, 12 weeks
Specific curriculum (TP)	12	4 Photo/video	50 Photo/video	4 hours, 12 weeks
		4 Art	50 Art	4 hours, 12 weeks
		4 Basic Design	50 Basic Design	4 hours, 12 weeks
Final test	2		10	
CILS (ITA) Certificate	4			
TOTAL	60		485	24h/week

(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 takes place at "Torre di Babele", language and culture school and RUFA's partner for the Foundation Year. The classes are formed according to the students' language level.

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 language certificate to RUFA International Students Office for a suitability check.

If a student desires to attend additional language classes 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 a Foundation Year attendance certificate and a recognized Italian language certificate.

CREDITS

By completing RUFA's Foundation Year, students will have achieved 60 CFA (Credits) that may be used to be admitted directly to RUFA's Bachelor of Arts Programs. Therefore, these credits cannot be used to reduce the number of credits students will have to achieve if they decide to enroll in the Bachelor of Arts programs. 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:

-January 2021-June/July 2021

BASIC LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND FINAL LANGUAGE LEVEL ACHIEVED

RUFA Foundation Year is carried out in Italian for the linguistic-cultural modules and in English for the artistic-related modules. To be admitted, students must hold a B1 / B2 English language knowledge certificate. As far as the knowledge of the Italian language is concerned, enrollment is open to all students, regardless of their level of knowledge of the language, although it is preferable that they already possess a B1 level. RUFA Foundation Year aims to provide its students with a certified language level to help them tackle their studies more easily.

The study of the Italian language and culture will allow students to integrate themselves more easily into the Italian cultural and educational context.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Foundation Year involves lectures and laboratory activities at RUFA. The Italian module is held at "Torre di Babele" language school.

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

ENROLLMENT IN THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT RUFA

After having attended RUFA Foundation Year, students can be admitted directly to RUFA's Bachelor of Arts 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 Arts 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 of 6500 euros, enrollment fee included.

The cost includes:

- enrollment fee
- attendance fee and final exams fee
- CILS (ITA) 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 Foundation Year to the International Students Office by the 6th of December 2020 using the following form: <https://www.cognitofoms.com/RUFA1/RUFAFoundationYear>

Students will have to attach to their application their:

- high school diploma and transcript of records stating the educational activities they attended and the "declaration of value" of the diploma
- enrollment form (to be signed by the parents in case of underage students)
- English language knowledge certification
- copy of their passport
- copy of their study visa

Students must pay 25% of the fee upon registration and 75% by the 6th of December 2020 either via bank transfer to RUFA or via Flywire.

RUFA reserves the right to verify the aptitudes and motivation of students before enrollment.

The Foundation Year will be implemented if a minimum of 7 students enroll and will accept applications until all of the available places have been filled. If the number is not reached, students will be reimbursed of the amount they paid RUFA.

Rome, 12th of December 2019

Signed
THE DIRECTOR