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ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN BIOTECH ENGINEERING FOR HEALTH

(Interclass L-2 Biotechnology / L-8 Information Engineering)

NOTICE: This is a courtesy translation. The official version of the call for applications is published in Italian and is available at biotech-engineering.unisi.it.

Art. 1 – Scope of Application

1. This call regulates admission to the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Biotech Engineering for Health (Interclass L-2 Biotechnology / L-8 Information Engineering) for the academic year 2026/2027 and is published on the University's Official Notice Board (http://albo.unisi.it).

2. This call is issued pending approval of the educational offer by the University's governing bodies, in order to facilitate access for international students who require entry visas for Italy.

3. The programme, lasting three academic years, is established pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004 and has a limited number of places. Admission is granted following the selection procedures described in Articles 6, 7, and 8 of this call, based on ranking lists and within the limits of the available places. Applications are assessed by the academic staff members of the Degree Programme's Teaching Committee.

4. For technical, IT, scientific, and organizational support related to the selection procedures, the University relies on the Interuniversity Consortium for Integrated Access Systems (CISIA), to which several Italian universities belong. The updated list of member universities is available on the consortium's official website (http://www.cisiaonline.it).

Art. 2 – Admission Requirements

1. In order to be admitted to the Degree Programme, applicants must hold a secondary school diploma or a qualification obtained abroad that is recognized as suitable for admission to Italian universities. In addition, a command of the English language at level B2 or higher, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), is required.

2. Subject to proof of English language proficiency as specified in Article 3, the following

candidates may apply for the selection procedures under this call:

- applicants of any nationality who already hold a qualification suitable for admission;
- students of any nationality enrolled in recognized pre-academic courses required to meet the minimum curricular requirements for university enrollment in Italy;
- applicants belonging to the category of EU citizens or those treated as equivalent[1] who expect to obtain a suitable qualification and meet the admission requirements by 18 September 2026, including students attending the final year of secondary school in Italy or abroad.

Art. 3 – English Language Proficiency

1. Applicants must demonstrate their knowledge of the English language by submitting a recognized language certification, as specified on the webpage: https://admission.unisi.it/?p=1944 .

2. The following applicants are exempt from submitting a language certification:

- citizens of countries where English is an official or primary language, as specified on the webpage: https://admission.unisi.it/?p=1944 ;
- applicants who have successfully passed the English language assessment interview organized by the University of Siena Language Centre (CLA), as specified on the webpage: https://admission.unisi.it/?p=2370 ;
- students enrolled in recognized pre-academic courses or university programmes that require a B2 level of English as an admission requirement.

3. Applicants who are not exempt from submitting a language certification and who fail to attach the required documentation to their application will be required to attend a mandatory interview aimed at assessing their English language proficiency.

[1] For the purposes of this call, the following categories are considered EU citizens or equivalent:
- citizens of the European Union, including those holding dual citizenship, provided that at least one citizenship is Italian or of another EU Member State, pursuant to Article 19 of Law no. 218/1995;
- citizens of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Swiss Confederation, the Republic of San Marino, and the Holy See;
- citizens who meet the requirements set out in Article 39, paragraph 5 of Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, namely:
  - applicants holding an EU long-term residence permit, or a residence permit for employment (subordinate or self-employed), family reasons, asylum, subsidiary protection, religious reasons, or for the reasons set out in Articles 18, 18-bis, 20-bis, 22 paragraph 12-quater, and 42-bis, as well as holders of residence permits issued pursuant to Article 32, paragraph 3 of Legislative Decree no. 25/2008;
  - applicants legally residing in Italy for at least one year and holding an upper secondary school qualification obtained in Italy;
  - applicants, regardless of their place of residence, who hold final diplomas from Italian schools abroad, or from foreign or international schools operating in Italy or abroad, subject to bilateral agreements or special regulations for the recognition of qualifications, and who meet the general conditions required for entry for study purposes.

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Art. 4 – Available Places

1. For the academic year 2026/2027, the number of places available for the first year is 80, divided into the following categories:

	EU citizens or equivalent[2]	Non-EU citizens not equivalent to EU citizens	Applicants of any nationality who have completed the Foundation Course in Engineering and Science at the University of Siena
Number of places	38	30	12

2. The applicant's category is determined at the date of submission of the application.

Art. 5 – Applications for Admission

1. Applications for admission must be submitted through the portal https://apply.unisi.it/courses/course/145-b-biotech-engineering-health , and must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- Valid identification document. Applicants must upload a scanned copy of a European identity card or passport. Non-EU applicants already residing in Italy must submit a passport and an Italian residence permit.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV). A CV summarizing the applicant's educational background, skills, any work experience, and qualifications. Any format is accepted, although the Europass CV format is recommended.
- Upper secondary school diploma. Official secondary school transcript (or provisional certificate, if the qualification has not yet been obtained). Diplomas and transcripts issued abroad must be official, i.e. bearing the stamp of the institution and the signature of the issuing authority. They must be issued in Italian or English (either language is acceptable). If issued in another language, they must be accompanied by a certified translation.
- Any recognized English language certification, at B2 level or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Pursuant to Art. 3, applicants who are not exempt and who fail to attach the required documentation will be required to attend a mandatory interview to assess their English language proficiency.
- Any documentation required to prove eligibility for the category of applicants equivalent to EU citizens, as referred to in Art. 4.
- Any documentation certifying that the CISIA CEnT-S test has been taken, provided that it was not taken before 1 January 2025.

[2] Refer to footnote 1.

- Any additional documentation required to establish eligibility for academic enrolment for applicants who obtained their qualification abroad.

2. Submission of the application requires payment of a non-refundable application fee of €49.90. The fee must be paid exclusively through the apply.unisi.it portal, following the instructions provided therein.

3. Information and documentation submitted through the apply.unisi.it portal may be supplemented or modified by accessing the platform within the deadlines of the selection procedures referred to in Articles 6, 7, and 8.

Art. 6 – Selection Procedures for EU and Equivalent Applicants

1. With reference to the places reserved for EU citizens or equivalent applicants, as indicated in Art. 4, admission to the programme takes place through two selection rounds. Applications may be submitted within the deadlines specified in the following table:

Selection	Application period	Available places	Publication of results
C1	Until 22 May 2026	14	from 5 June 2026
C2	From 23 May 2026 to 18 September 2026	24 + any places not allocated in the first selection	from 25 September 2026

2. Any places not allocated in selection “C1” will be carried over and added to the places available in selection “C2”.

3. Applicants who are deemed eligible but are not allocated a place in selection “C1” may request to be admitted to selection “C2” without additional fees by writing no later than 11 September 2026 to admissionoffice@unisi.it and didattica.diism@unisi.it . Applicants who do not submit such a request within the aforementioned deadline will be excluded from selection “C2”. Until the deadline for submitting applications to selection “C2”, applicants may modify or supplement the documentation attached to their application, which will be reconsidered in its updated version.

Art. 7 – Selection Procedures for Non-EU and Non-Equivalent Applicants

1. With reference to the places reserved for non-EU and non-equivalent applicants, as indicated in Art. 4, admission to the programme takes place through two selection rounds. Applications may be submitted within the deadlines specified in the following table:

Selection	Application period	Available places	Publication of results
NC1	Until 30 April 2026	25	from 18 May 2026
NC2* [3]	From 1 May 2026 to 18 September 2026	5 + any places not allocated in the first selection[3]	from 25 September 2026

(*) See footnote 3.

2. Any places not allocated in selection "NC1" will be carried over and added to the places available in selection "NC2".

3. Applicants who are deemed eligible but are not allocated a place in selection "NC1", and who do not require a study visa for Italy, may request to be admitted to selection "NC2" without additional fees by writing no later than 11 September 2026 to admissionoffice@unisi.it and didattica.diism@unisi.it. Applicants who do not submit such a request within the aforementioned deadline will be excluded from selection "NC2". Until the deadline for submitting applications to selection "NC2", applicants may modify or supplement the documentation attached to their application, which will be reconsidered in its updated version.

Art. 8 – Selection Procedures for Applicants Who Have Completed the Foundation Course

1. With reference to the places reserved for applicants of any nationality who have completed the Foundation Course in Engineering and Science at the University of Siena, as indicated in Art. 4, admission to the programme takes place through a single selection round. Applications may be submitted within the deadlines specified in the following table:

Selection	Application period	Available places	Publication of results
FC	Until 31 July 2026	12	from 5 August 2026

2. Applicants participating in selection "C1" (Art. 6) or "NC1" (Art. 7) are not allowed to participate in selection "FC".

3. Applicants who have completed the Foundation Course in Engineering and Science at the University of Siena and are deemed eligible but are not allocated a place in selection "FC" may request to be admitted, according to their citizenship, to selection "C2" (Art. 6) or "NC2" (Art. 7) by writing no later than 11 September 2026 to admissionoffice@unisi.it and didattica.diism@unisi.it. Readmission does not entail additional fees. Applicants who

[3] Selection 'NC2' is reserved exclusively for non-EU and non-equivalent applicants who do not require a study visa for Italy.

do not submit such a request within the aforementioned deadline will be excluded from the subsequent selections. Until the deadline for submitting applications to the second selection round, applicants may modify or supplement the documentation attached to their application, which will be reconsidered in its updated version for evaluation in the second selection.

Art. 9 – CISIA CEnT-S Test

1. In order to be admitted to the selection procedures referred to in Articles 6 and 7, applicants must have taken the CISIA CEnT-S test. No other types of tests will be accepted. Information on the structure, content, duration, fees, and participation procedures is available on the CISIA portal: www.cisiaonline.it.

2. The CISIA CEnT-S test may be taken at any test centre belonging to the CISIA consortium, either in @CASA mode or @UNI mode. The dates of public sessions are available on the CISIA portal: www.cisiaonline.it.

3. To facilitate participation in the CISIA CEnT-S test, the University of Siena organizes reserved sessions, with limited availability and not open to the public, intended for applicants to this call who request access through the apply.unisi.it portal and pay the required fee.

4. For the purposes of this call, each applicant participating in the selections referred to in Articles 6 and 7 is assigned a P-TEST score, based on the number of correct, incorrect, and unanswered responses in the CISIA CEnT-S test sections: Mathematics, Reasoning on texts and data, Physics, Biology, Chemistry. The P-TEST score is calculated as follows:

- 1 point for each correct answer;
- 0 points for each unanswered question;
- −0.25 points for each incorrect answer.

5. The P-TEST score defined above ranges from −13.75 to 55 points.

6. Failure to take the CISIA CEnT-S test results in exclusion from the selection procedures for applicants participating in the selections referred to in Articles 6 and 7.

7. If, according to the CISIA database, an applicant has taken the CEnT-S test more than once, the most favourable score obtained within the application deadline will be considered.

Art. 10 – Evaluation of EU and Equivalent Applicants

1. For each selection referred to in Art. 6, a ranking list is drawn up in descending order based on the P-TEST score defined in Art. 9.

2. A minimum P-TEST score of 8 is required for eligibility.

3. In the event of a tie, preference is given to the younger applicant. If the tie persists, priority is determined based on the partial scores obtained in the CISIA CEnT-S test sections, in the following order: Mathematics, Reasoning on texts and data, Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

4. Pursuant to Art. 3, applicants who are not exempt and have not submitted a recognized English language certification will be required to attend a mandatory interview to assess their language proficiency. The interview will be conducted online. The invitation will be sent by email with at least 3 days' notice. Failure to attend the interview will result in exclusion from the selection.

5. The ranking lists for each selection are published on the webpage: biotech-engineering.unisi.it. Such publication constitutes official notification for all purposes, and no individual communication will be provided.

Art. 11 – Evaluation of Non-EU and Non-Equivalent Applicants

1. For each selection referred to in Art. 7, a ranking list is drawn up in descending order based on a total score (P-TOT), calculated as the sum of two components:

- a P-TEST score, defined in Art. 9, ranging from −13.75 to 55 points;
- a P-COLL score, ranging from 0 to 30 points, obtained through the interview described in paragraphs 3 and 4 below.

2. Eligibility requires a P-TEST score of at least 8 and a P-COLL score of at least 15.

3. The interview is conducted online and aims to assess the applicant's motivation and basic skills relevant to STEM disciplines.

4. Applicants are invited to the interview in descending order of their P-TEST score, in a number sufficient to ensure a pool of eligible candidates equal to twice the number of available places in the selection. Remaining applicants are excluded.

5. The invitation is sent by email with at least 3 days' notice. The interview also serves to assess English language proficiency for applicants who are not exempt under Art. 3 and who have not submitted a recognized language certification. Failure to attend the interview results in exclusion from the selection.

6. The P-TOT score is the only score reported in the ranking lists. In the event of a tie, preference is given to the younger applicant. If the tie persists, priority is determined based on the partial scores obtained in the CISIA CEnT-S test sections, in the following order: Mathematics, Reasoning on texts and data, Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

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7. The ranking lists for each selection are published on the webpage: biotech-engineering.unisi.it. Such publication constitutes official notification for all purposes, and no individual communication will be provided.

Art. 12 – Evaluation of Applicants Who Have Completed the Foundation Course

1. For the selection referred to in Art. 8, a ranking list is drawn up in descending order based on the score out of 100 obtained upon completion of the Foundation Course in Engineering and Science.

2. In the event of a tie, preference is given to the younger applicant.

3. The ranking list is published on the webpage: biotech-engineering.unisi.it. Such publication constitutes official notification for all purposes, and no individual communication will be provided.

Art. 13 – Ranking List Scrolling for "C1" and "NC1" and Final Deadline for Enrolment

1. Applicants are offered the places available for selections "C1" and "NC1", referred to in Articles 6 and 7, according to the order of the respective ranking lists. The offer is notified by email to the address provided by the applicant at the time of application submission.

2. From the date of notification, applicants **have five days to accept the place** through a procedure available on the apply.unisi.it platform.

3. Applicants who do not accept the offer are considered to have withdrawn and are excluded from the selection. The place is then offered, through ranking list scrolling, to the next eligible applicant among those not admitted.

4. Applicants who accept the place and who require a study visa for Italy must complete the procedure to initiate the visa application, as provided on the universitaly.it portal, **within 14 days from the notification of the offer**. Failure to complete the procedure within this deadline results in exclusion from the selection, with subsequent ranking list scrolling.

5. The ranking lists for selections "C1" and "NC1" are updated on a weekly basis and close on **31 July 2026**, regardless of the number of remaining places. Applicants who are allocated a place at the end of the scrolling process are the successful candidates.

6. Any places not allocated in selections "C1" and "NC1" are added to the quotas of places available for selections "C2" and "NC2", respectively, in accordance with Articles 6 and 7.

7. Successful applicants in selection "C1" must complete enrolment by **18 September 2026**, in accordance with the procedures described in Art. 18. Those who fail to do so within the deadline are considered to have withdrawn, and the unfilled places are added to the quota for selection "C2", pursuant to Art. 6.

8. Successful applicants in selection “NC1” must complete enrolment by 3 November 2026, in accordance with the procedures described in Art. 18. After **3 November 2026**, applicants are considered to have withdrawn, and any unfilled places are made available for late enrolment applications, pursuant to Articles 16 and 18.

9. Applicants who have been allocated a place or who have withdrawn from selections “C1” or “NC1” are not allowed to participate in selections “C2” or “NC2”.

Art. 14 – Ranking List Scrolling for “C2” and “NC2” and Final Deadline for Enrolment

1. Applicants are offered the places available for selections “C2” and “NC2”, referred to in Articles 6 and 7, according to the order of the respective ranking lists. The offer is notified by email to the address provided by the applicant at the time of application submission.

2. Applicants who are offered a place must complete enrolment by **23 October 2026**, in accordance with the procedures described in Art. 18. Those who fail to do so within the deadline are considered to have withdrawn, and the unfilled places are offered to the next eligible applicants through ranking list scrolling.

3. Applicants who are offered a place through ranking list scrolling, as provided in paragraph 2 above, must complete enrolment by **3 November 2026**, in accordance with the procedures described in Art. 18. Those who fail to do so within the deadline are considered to have withdrawn, and any unfilled places are made available for late enrolment applications, pursuant to Articles 16 and 18.

Art. 15 – Ranking List Scrolling for “FC” and Final Deadline for Enrolment

1. Applicants are offered the places available for selection “FC”, referred to in Art. 8, according to the order of the ranking list. The offer is notified by email to the address provided by the applicant at the time of application submission.

2. Applicants who are offered a place must complete enrolment by **18 September 2026**, in accordance with the procedures described in Art. 18. Those who fail to do so within the deadline are considered to have withdrawn, and the unfilled places are offered to the next eligible applicants through ranking list scrolling.

3. Applicants who are offered a place through ranking list scrolling, as provided in paragraph 2 above, must complete enrolment by **3 November 2026**, in accordance with the procedures described in Art. 18. Those who fail to do so within the deadline are considered to have withdrawn, and any unfilled places are made available for late enrolment applications, pursuant to Articles 16 and 18.

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Art. 16 – Access to Unfilled Places Due to Exhaustion of Ranking Lists or Expiry of Deadlines

1. Any places not allocated due to exhaustion of the ranking lists or expiry of deadlines are made available to applicants deemed eligible, who have withdrawn or been excluded from any of the selections referred to in Articles 6, 7, and 8.

2. The places referred to in paragraph 1 are available, irrespective of the categories set out in Art. 4, exclusively to applicants who do not require a study visa for Italy.

3. Interested applicants may submit a request by writing to the following email addresses: admissionoffice@unisi.it and didattica.diism@unisi.it. Applications will be processed in chronological order of receipt, until all places are filled or until the final enrolment deadline referred to in Art. 18.

Art. 17 – Publication of the Lists of Admitted and Eligible Applicants

1. The list of admitted and eligible applicants as of 3 November 2026, including the number of any remaining unallocated places, is approved by Rector's Decree and published at www.unisi.it in the "Albo online" section and on the website biotech-engineering.unisi.it. Such publication constitutes official notification for all purposes.

Art. 18 – Enrolment

1. Enrolment is carried out in accordance with the procedures defined in the University of Siena Study Manifesto for the academic year 2026/2027, without prejudice to the deadlines established in this call.

2. After **3 November 2026**, late enrolment applications will be evaluated and processed in accordance with the provisions established by the University of Siena for the academic year 2026/2027.

3. Enrolment must be completed online through the platform segreteriaonline.unisi.it.

4. Before completing the online enrolment referred to in paragraph 3 above, applicants holding a qualification obtained abroad must obtain a clearance ("nulla osta") for enrolment from the Admission Office by contacting admissionoffice@unisi.it at least 5 days before the enrolment deadline. The documents required to obtain the clearance are listed on the webpage: https://admission.unisi.it/?p=1982.

5. The amount of tuition fees and the related payment methods are specified in the Regulation on tuition fees and contributions for enrolment at the University of Siena, available at: https://www.unisi.it/didattica/immatricolazioni-e-iscrizioni/tasse .

5. Enrolment is considered conditional until all required documentation has been

submitted and the eligibility of the qualification for access to the selected programme, as well as the authenticity of the submitted academic documents, has been verified.

Art. 19 – Assignment of Additional Learning Requirements (OFA)

1. No additional learning requirements (OFA) are assigned to students who have completed the Foundation Course in Engineering and Science.

2. All other enrolled students who have obtained a P-TEST score lower than 16 in the CEnT-S test, as defined in Art. 9, are assigned additional learning requirements (OFA), which must be fulfilled within the first year of the programme, according to the procedures set out in the Degree Programme Regulations.

Art. 20 – Person Responsible for the Procedure

1. Pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, as amended and supplemented, the person responsible for the administrative procedure referred to in this call is Dr. Maria Antonietta Chelo, Head of the Student and Academic Services Office of the Department of Information Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (email: didattica.diism@unisi.it).

Art. 21 – Access to Documents

1. The provisions of this call aimed at ensuring transparency in all stages of the procedure, as well as the criteria and procedures for the appointment of selection committees, are adopted in implementation of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990. Applicants have the right to access the documents of the selection procedure in accordance with current legislation and the provisions of the University Regulations.

Art. 22 – Data Processing

1. The personal data of applicants are processed by the University of Siena exclusively for institutional purposes and for the management of this call. Information on the processing of students' personal data is available in the Privacy section of the University portal: Privacy and Cookie Policy | University of Siena.

2. The University undertakes to ensure the confidentiality of the data and information provided by applicants, which will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of personal data and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003, as amended and supplemented by Legislative Decree no. 101 of 10 August 2018.

3. The data controller is the University of Siena, represented by the Rector, Prof. Roberto Di Pietra. Applicants may exercise their rights by contacting the data controller via certified email (PEC): rettore@pec.unisipec.it or via email: segreteria.rettore@unisi.it.

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4. The provision of data is mandatory for managing the relationship between the student and the University (e.g. selection, admission, enrolment, management of the academic career, etc.). Refusal to provide or allow the processing of such data results in exclusion from the call.

Art. 23 – Final Provisions

1. For matters not expressly regulated by this call, reference shall be made to the applicable legislation in force. This call constitutes the lex specialis of the selection procedure; therefore, participation implies full and unconditional acceptance of all the provisions contained herein.

2. Applicants are admitted to the selection procedures conditionally. The University administration may, at any time, by means of a reasoned decision, exclude applicants who do not meet the required criteria. Such decision will be communicated to the applicant by email to the address provided at the time of application submission.

3. If the submitted documentation contains false statements or forged documents, without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for by the Italian Penal Code and special laws (Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000), the applicant will be automatically excluded and will forfeit any benefits obtained. Such false declarations may also give rise to claims for damages by third parties, and any fees paid will not be refunded.

4. Any corrections of material errors and any errata corrige relating to this decree will be made through a specific notice published on the Degree Programme webpage. Such publication constitutes official notification to all interested parties for all legal purposes.

5. All communications relating to the admission process governed by this call, sent to the email address provided by the applicant, shall be deemed duly delivered.