Bachelor Info Day
Plan of studies
Bachelor programme

- Design Studio
- Historical-Humanistic courses
- Technical-Scientific courses
Internship

• Compulsory practice period in an architectural studio after the second year, which must be approved by the Head of internship programme

• It last 2 semesters (at least 9 months).
Plan of studies

- **Design studios**
- **Historical-Humanistic courses**
- **Technical-Scientific courses**

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Language

The official teaching language is Italian, but individual lectures, courses or design studios and their relevant examinations may be conducted in English, in particular in the MSc cycle. A working knowledge of English is desirable and may be prescribed by the Rules for Study. By specific request made in good time, and with the agreement of the faculty member responsible for each examination, the examinations may be taken in other languages. For students who are not native Italian speakers, the Academy organizes intensive courses in Italian which take place before the academic year. Other courses are offered during the semesters.
Diploma recognition

Europa
The diploma is recognised all over Europe after all the required documents are presented to the state of the country in which one wants to be an architect.
Exams and ECTS credits
Bachelor’s exams

1st year Bachelor, preparatory:

- Design Studio: 2 projets / critiques 30 ECTS
- Historical-Humanistic disciplines: 15 ECTS
- Technical-Scientific disciplines: 15 ECTS

+ average of at least 6

In order to move on the second year, you need

AT LEAST 60 ECTS
The Bachelor is organised as follows:

- **1st year** 30 ECTS design + 30 ECTS theory
- **2nd year** 30 ECTS design + 30 ECTS theory
- **Internship** 2 semesters (min.9 consecutive months)
- **3rd year** 30 ECTS design + 30 ECTS theory

**Achievement of the Bachelor’s degree with 180 ECTS**
Exam sessions

There are three exam sessions:

- Spring session (January-February)
- Summer session (June-July)
- Fall session (August-September)
Pre-enrolment
Calendar:

Application start: **January 7th 2019**

- Application deadline: **April 15th 2019** for students with Secondary School leaving Certificate obtained in **non EU/EFTA countries**, or those who **need a visa**
- Application deadline: **June 1st 2019** for students Swiss and EU/EFTA with Secondary School leaving Certificate

**EU (European Union) countries**: Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Cyprus; Croatia; Denmark; Estonia; Germany; Finland; France; United Kingdom; Greece; Ireland; **Italy**; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxemburg; Malta; the Netherlands; Poland; Portugal; Czech Republic; Romania; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Hungary.

**EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries**: Iceland; Norway; Principality of Lichtenstein; Switzerland
On our website under “The Academy” - “Enrolment” - “Bachelor of Science” in the right column, under “Useful links” you can find the online application form.

Fill-in the application online form and attach the required documents.
Documents to provide online:

- **Certificate of attendance** of Secondary School or Leaving Certificate (if already graduated)
- **Study schedule** (the list of subjects studied during the last 3 years of Secondary School, divided by school year, and with the teaching hours for each subject)
- Identity Card (copy, both sides)
- **Curriculum vitae**
- **Passport picture** (JPG image file format)

*Paper forms are not accepted*
Eligibility for admission:

Swiss school-leaving certificates, obtained in Switzerland:

- Federal or cantonal matriculation recognized by the Swiss Federal Matriculation Committee.
- Cantonal maturità commerciale (Bellinzona)
- Artistic maturity under Cantonal Law issued by the Liceo Artistico CSIA (in this case admission is contingent upon an interview and an examination in Mathematics).
- CSIA’s maturità professionale is not recognised
- Students who has a maturità professionale must contact the State Secretariat for Education and Research in Bellinzona (they must give additional exams)
Eligibility for admission:

Recognized **foreign Secondary School** leaving certificates:

- Foreign Secondary School leaving certificates must be equivalent to the Swiss ones. As a rule, reference is made to the [guidelines of Swissuniversities](https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/higher-education-area/admission-to-universities/countries/), the new Rector's Conference of Swiss Universities.

Swissuniversities website:

University fees

- For students whose official residence was in Switzerland, or in Liechtenstein at the time of the final Upper Secondary School exam (Maturità) the semester’s fees are of CHF 2’000.- (CHF 4’000.- per year).

- The semester’s fees for every other foreign student is of CHF 4’000.- (CHF 8’000.- per year).
Selective Test
Selective test

• The test will only take place if the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available (130)

• Students of Swiss nationality and those who were legally domiciled in Switzerland (including Liechtenstein and Campione d’Italia) when they received the qualification that gained them admission to the Accademia will not have to take the test, since they enjoy precedence in the admission process

• The percentage of places available for students of other nationalities is usually around 70-80%
• In the event of a selective testing, it will take place during the 3rd-4th week of July in the year of enrolment, so every student has already given his last secondary School final exams in their nation of origin.

• The selective test via Skype will take place in May only for extra-European students (non-EU/EFTA).
• If selective testing takes place, you will receive an e-mail in mid-June with dates and subjects to prepare for.
• In order to give the test, the student must sign up for it and pay CHF 200.- with credit card.
• The link for the test sign-up and payment will be communicated via e-mail on June 14th 2019.
Structure of the selective test:

- The test comprises **three written exams:**
  - Mathematics
  - History of art, architecture and drawing
  - Foreign language (except mother tongue)
- **Personal interview**
On our website under “The Academy” – “Enrolment” – “Bachelor of Science” in the right column, under “Attachments”, you can find the Selective test subjects.

SELECTIVE TEST SUBJECTS

WRITTEN TEST

It requires a general basic knowledge of the following areas:

1. Technical and scientific area (mathematics, physics):
   - Euclidean geometry (two and three dimensional). In particular the Pythagorean and the Thales theorems and their applications; the computation of areas and volumes.
   - Trigonometry in the right triangle: definition of the trigonometry ratios (sine, cosine, tangent) of an acute angle and their applications to geometrical situations with right triangles.
   - Basic Analytic Geometry in the plane: points, lines, circumferences, parabolas.
The results will be given via email during the first week of August.

For further questions, ask Dafne Sersale: dafne.sersale@usi.ch
Scholarships
From the first year of Bachelor studies, **Swiss students** can benefit from scholarships granted by Canton Ticino or by their canton of origin.

More information can be found on our website under “The Academy”, “Scholarships”. See webpage.
Scholarships for 1st year Bachelor students from Swiss-German and Swiss French cantons

- Among its goals USI seeks to further encourage multiculturality among its student core, also as a stimulus for the Italian speaking students. USI therefore assigns every year to all first year Bachelor students from the Swiss-german and Swiss-french Cantons a scholarship equivalent to the yearly tuition fee of CHF 4000.
Scholarships- International students

Scholarships are never awarded during the first year of studies and are awarded at the earliest after successfully finishing the first year.
Accommodation
The Accademia offers accommodation to students at the Casa dell’Accademia. The rent amounts to CHF 600.- per month inclusive of expenses (for 10 months).

More information on our website under “The Academy”, “Casa dell’Accademia” See webpage.
The Accommodation Service also helps the students searching for a place to live, thanks to an online database: www.alloggi.usi.ch

Facebook
www.facebook.com/usialloggimendrisio

Requests for a place to live can also be addressed to: alloggi.me@usi.ch
Scholarships - Accommodation
Scholarships for incoming students from Swiss-German and Swiss French cantons residing at the Casa dell’Accademia

- The Fondazione per la Casa dell’Accademia offers ten scholarships worth CHF 3000.-, corresponding to half the yearly rent+expenses to incoming students from Swiss-German and Swiss French cantons.
- Students are invited to forward their request through the Accademia’s website under Scholarships.
Basic Information for new students
Accepted students **must be available** and free of commitments during **the first two weeks of September** because the procedures described below can take more than a day:

- Enrolment in the Secretariat and student registration
- Handing in of documents necessary for the administrative procedures and eventually population control; residence permit procedure; bank; health insurance exemption
- Accommodation set up / Keys pick-up Casa dell’Accademia
- Italian language course
- Intensive mathematics course
- Useful information
These details will be explained better in the letter every accepted student will receive.

**ATTENTION:** Do not go to the Cantonal offices (population control / immigration office) before the enrolment procedure in the Secretariat
Sito web: www.arc.usi.ch

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