Application to the M.Sc. in Computer Engineering

Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering or an equivalent degree. Adequate knowledge of English is mandatory (level B2 or equivalent).

EU Citizens and Non-EU Citizens residing in Italy

EU citizens and non-EU citizens residing in Italy must apply via the enrollment website of the University of Pisa at: www.unipi.it/enrolment. If this is your case, please go ahead to the enrollment website, skipping all the information reported hereafter.

Non-EU Citizens not residing in Italy

Non-EU citizens not residing in Italy must apply and undergo an evaluation procedure, described below in detail. As a first step, the submitted documentation will be assessed. Applicants whose documentation is evaluated positively will be shortlisted for an interview. Shortlisted applicants who pass the interview will be eligible for admission. All applicants will receive a written communication of the outcome of their evaluation after each step.

Application procedure and due documentation

Candidates must apply online at http://applymscenglish.unipi.it

In the application form, candidates must include:

- a declaration of knowledge of the English language, specifying the duration of studies and declaring the certification held;
- the academic degree possessed, with indication of the legal duration of the course (at least three years), together with a copy of the degree certificate and transcripts (translated to English or Italian);
- a copy of a valid passport;
- a copy of their complete Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum covering their education program,
- cultural and professional experiences and all other information that might help the M.Sc. programme board to evaluate the candidate.

Candidates may also include other documents (e.g., letters of reference, other certificates). All documents must be in Adobe pdf format. Applications missing the required documents are not considered valid and will not be processed further.

Application deadlines and selection schedule

Applications will be evaluated in two rounds:

First round applications: from **January 14, 2019** to **February 28, 2019 - 12:00pm (GMT) (firm deadline)**

Second round of applications: from **March 11, 2019** to **April 22, 2019 12:00pm (GMT) (firm deadline)**

Important: A maximum of 20 eligible candidates will be admitted. The second round of applications will be opened only if there are still vacancies after the first round. Prospective candidates are therefore encouraged to apply at their earliest convenience.

In case of problems with the online application, please contact our International Administration Office (e-mail: info_INGINF@dii.unipi.it).

Evaluation procedure

The documentation submitted by non-EU applicants will be evaluated by the M.Sc. programme board, consisting of Computer Engineering professors. The board will assess the applicants' background and education, their potential skills and attitude to attend an interdisciplinary and innovative educational programme.

Applications will be graded on a scale of 60 points. Applicants scoring less than 42 points will be rejected. Applicants scoring 42 or more will be shortlisted for an interview.

Applicants shortlisted for the interview will be informed via e-mail (sent to the account indicated in the application form) about the time and date of the interview. Interviews will be held through videoconference using Skype. The applicant shall provide the proper settings to carry out the video interview and exhibit the ID submitted in the online application. Applicants not attending the interview in their scheduled slot will be excluded.

Applicants will be interviewed by the M.Sc. programme board, who will evaluate their motivation, expectations, and technical skills, as well as their mastering of the English language. Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points. Shortlisted applicants scoring less than 28 points will be rejected. Those scoring 28 points or above will be eligible for admission.

Notification of admission/rejection will be given to applicants 12th of March (first round) and the 15th of May (second round), via email.

What to do upon admission

Admitted applicants will need to confirm by email their intent to pre-enroll, by replying to the notification of admission. Upon confirmation of their intent to pre-enroll, the admitted candidates will receive a formal admission letter by email. The latter must be included in the pre-enrollment documentation to be submitted to the Italian Embassy/Consulate - by a deadline which is to verified by the students - and to apply for a Student Visa. Information on pre-enrollment and enrollment is available at: https://www.unipi.it/index.php/enrolment/itemlist/category/555-pre-enrollment-at-the-italian-embassy.

We stress again that the visa procedure might take several weeks depending on the Italian Embassy/Consulates. However, they all require the intent to leave upon completion of the course as well as the proof of adequate economic means and accommodation.

Admitted students must inform the Selection Committee of their final Student Visa status by sending an email to info_INGINF@dii.unipi.it.

Students successfully pre-enrolled at Italian Embassy/Consulates will be able to apply for a visa and will then follow the University of Pisa's standard enrolment procedure.

Enrolment instructions are available at matricolandosi.unipi.it/en

Fees and Financial Support

Fees depend on the students' country of origin and vary from € 356 to € 2,452 for each academic year.

The University of Pisa offers, on an yearly basis, financial contributions to the best admitted students and to students obtaining best results during their studies.

Unipi International Students can apply for a scholarship provided by the DSU (Regional "Right to Study" Programme) and be granted tuition waivers or reductions based on family income. The full scholarship includes free accommodation, meals and a monthly payment to cover extra expenses (sporting activities, books, etc.).

Candidates to the MSc in Computer Engineering can also apply for scholarships offered in the frame of the **Invest your talent in Italy** programme.

Information on fee waivers, extraordinary contributions and scholarships can be found at: www.unipi.it/tuition-fees.

The Italian Government also offers Scholarships to Foreign Students within the **Study in Italy** programme. Information can be found at: https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/home_borse.