

Recognition of Foreign Degrees

Students from China participating in the Project Turandot must present a request for recognition of foreign degrees.

The request for recognition of degrees, complete with all the required documentation, may be presented from 15 September to 15 March of each year.

In order to obtain recognition of foreign academic degrees, the following must be presented to the didactic secretary:

1. Application form: on plain paper, addressed to the A.N.D. didactic secretary, complete with name, telephone number, street address and e-mail address for eventual correspondence. Specify the study course of interest.
2. Copy of foreign study title for secondary school (high school), or substitute certificate, valid for admission to university in the relative foreign country, together with officially-recognised translation of the same.
3. Copy of foreign academic degree, or substitute certificate, to which the request for recognition relates, together with officially-recognised translation.
4. Declaration of Value (DV) of the degree to which the request for recognition relates; the DV is an official document, written in Italian, which briefly describes the degree to which the request for recognition relates. This document is exclusively informational in nature and does not in any way constitute any form of recognition of said degree. It must include the following information, which will be used by the Commission in evaluating the degree:
 - legal status and nature of the issuing institution;
 - requirements for admission to the study course to which the diploma relates;
 - legal duration of study course and/or total obligation required of the student as measured in credits or hours;
 - value of the degree in the system/country that issues such degree, in academic and/or professional terms;
5. The DV is issued by Italian diplomatic representatives, using different forms depending on the type of course and institution in which the individual candidate is interested. For registration in an AFAM institution:
 - Form "E bis", if the candidate is interested in a CDAI (undergraduate studies)
 - Form "L bis", if the candidate is interested in a CDA2 (graduate studies)

6. Copy of Bachelor's (undergraduate) certificate containing details of exams taken, grades, and recognized credits, issued by the foreign university, together with officially-recognised translation; of particular importance if the recognition is to occur during the course of studies, whether at undergraduate or graduate level, that is, with an intermediate exchange between the foreign institution and the A.N.D.

7. Official study programmes (on headed paper from the foreign university or endorsed with the official stamp of the university) for all educational activity concluded by the student for the obtainment of the foreign academic degree, together with officially-recognised translation.

8. Authentication of documents: in some countries, legislation states that all official documents, including those that attest to the possession of academic degrees, must be authenticated in order to guarantee legitimacy. If such laws exist in the country where the degree to be used in Italy was issued, it is necessary to request that the responsible authorities authenticate the document that attests to said degree; this authentication must be carried out BEFORE requesting the Declaration of Value (DV) from the relative Italian diplomatic representative. If, on the other hand, the country where the degree was issued is a signatory to Hague Apostille Convention (of 5 October, 1961), it is necessary to affix onto the diploma itself the so-called "Hague Apostille". The stamp with the apostille must be affixed BEFORE requesting the Declaration of Value (DV) from the relative Italian diplomatic representative.

It is not necessary to authenticate the study diploma, nor to affix the Hague Apostille if the title was issued in one of countries signatory to the European Convention Brussels Resolution of 25 May, 1987 (Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy), or if the study diploma was issued by a German institution, in accord with the agreement between Italy and Germany on the exemption from authentication of public records.

9. Certificate of knowledge of the Italian language (see attachment B of the regulations for the recognition of foreign degrees);

10. Receipt of payment for single fixed fee of €100, to be transferred to postal account number 68099001, addressed to: Accademia Nazionale di Danza

11. Authenticated photocopy of identity document;

Regarding the Declaration of Value (DV), it is necessary to underline that the Commission charged with the recognition of degrees will take into account ruling no. 4613 of 04/09/2007 by the State Council (Consiglio di Stato), in which it is specified that the Declaration of

Value cannot play a decisive and discriminatory role in the procedures of recognition of titles issued in foreign countries. The Commission, as expressed in this ruling, is empowered and obliged to reach its own autonomous valuation on the merits of the educational contents of the title itself.