



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM | AREA
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA | SERVIZI STUDENTI

CALL FOR ADMISSION TO THE DUAL CAREER PROGRAMME - STUDENT ATHLETE STATUS A.Y. 2025/2026

(This is an adapted translation in English of the original Call for Applications ("Bando di Ammissione") in Italian and it is made only for publicity purposes. To enforce the call, resolve any dispute and for all legal purposes only the Italian version will be valid, and will prevail in the exact interpretation of the rules contained within.)

SECTION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DUAL CAREER PROGRAMME - STUDENT ATHLETE STATUS

The University of Bologna offers top-level athletes the Dual Career Programme – Student Athlete Status in order to allow them to combine their university studies with a career in competitive sports, enabling them to obtain a level of education that prepares them for a sound professional career, also after retiring as athletes.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

1. Agreeing ad hoc exam dates with teachers, if exam dates clash with sport schedules (competitions, training sessions and relevant transfers), or even to request to take exams online using the platforms adopted by the University (Skype, Microsoft Teams, Zoom...), depending on the type of exam;
2. Receiving support from an academic tutor who will help you choose curricula and internships, also in view of your professional future following retirement from your sporting career, and support from your degree programme tutor (student tutor or other tutor) who will help you keep on track with your studies (classes, exams, course units and study programmes) and maintain contact with administration offices;
3. Requesting a change in your study plan close to the end of your university programme, in order to better reconcile your study and sporting commitments or choose learning activities that are more consistent with your degree programme;
4. Issuance, at the end of your degree programme, of a Diploma Supplement certifying your Student Athlete Status and the type of career pursued;
5. Asking the Committee to proclaim a formula that recognises your Dual Career Student Athlete status during the graduation ceremony. The request should be emailed to studenteatleta@unibo.it when submitting the application;
6. Using ER.GO's housing service free of charge (deposit to be defined), subject to availability in the halls of residence, for at most 10 continuous days. The accommodation request should be



emailed to studenteatleta@unibo.it at least 15 days before your date of arrival at the hall of residence;

7. Free access to the sports facilities of the University (swimming pools and weight rooms), subject to agreement with CUS Bologna. The request should be emailed to cusb.studenteatleta@unibo.it;
8. Making use of a psychological support service by arranging counselling meetings with a sports psychologist if necessary. The request should be emailed to cusb.studenteatleta@unibo.it;
9. Making use of a guidance and support service for the administrative management of your university career by e-mailing the Student Services Division at studenteatleta@unibo.it;
10. **[renewal in case of serious injury]** Renewing your Student Athlete Status even if you do not meet even one of the sports requirements set out in SECTION 2 of this call, if you suffered a serious injury that significantly limited your ability to take part in sporting activities during the 12 months prior to the renewal request.
In this case, state your injury in the online application form and include a valid medical certificate issued by the Italian National Health Service, an authorised private medical centre or a private specialist accompanied by a document of conformity issued by the Italian National Health Service.

Facilitated teaching opportunities (e.g. recording of lessons, supplementary teaching materials, etc.) and any other conciliatory measure that may be envisaged case by case by the University for categories of students similar to those on the Dual Career programme (e.g. working students, caregivers, student representatives) may be extended to students on the Dual Career programme.

COMMITMENTS RESULTING FROM ADMISSION TO THE DUAL CAREER PROGRAMME:

- Participating in national and international university competitions approved by FederCUSI, EUSA and FISU, in agreement with the CUSB-Unibo Sports Directorate.
Participation is mandatory, under penalty of being excluded from the Dual Career programme the subsequent academic year, except for concurrent official sporting commitments of one's own club, national commitments of the relevant Federation, or health reasons documented by an appropriate medical certification issued by the Italian National Health Service, an authorised private medical centre or a private specialist accompanied by a document of conformity issued by the Italian National Health Service.
To apply for competitions, please email your sports CV to cusb.cnu@unibo.it, also informing us of your sporting achievements so that we can share and make the most of them;
- Lending your image to the University's and the Alma Mater-CUSB team's sports promotion activities, and taking part in agreed and scheduled celebratory events.



SECTION 2: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted to the Dual Career Programme - Student Athlete Status, the following requirements must be met:

1. You must be duly enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Bologna for academic year 2025/2026;
2. You must be a member of a CONI/CIP National Sports Federation;
3. You meet **at least one of the following sports requirements**:
 - a. You were summoned for the preparation of the Summer or Winter Olympics/Paralympics in the 12 months before submitting the application;
 - b. You were summoned on at least one occasion to the national teams of National Sports Federations (FSN) of CONI (Italian National Olympic Committee) or CIP (Italian Paralympic Committee) in the 12 months before submitting the application;
 - c. For individual sports, you are in the top 32 of the CONI or CIP FSN national overall or youth rankings at the time of application;
 - d. For team sports, at the time you submit your application you are participating in the top championship organised by the relevant National Sports Federation; for team sports associated with a National Sports Federation that have a professional division (e.g. FIGC and FIP), participation in the championship immediately below the top division is also valid;
 - e. You won a medal in the National University Championships and/or European University Championships (EUSA) in the 12 months prior to application.

SECTION 3: HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the Dual Career programme must be submitted from **2 September 2025 at 12:00 to 30 October 2025 at 12:00, only by logging in to “Studenti Online”**.

The procedure is the same both for those wishing to renew their status and for those applying for admission for the first time.

TO APPLY, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE BELOW:

1. Access www.studenti.unibo.it using your credentials;
2. Click on the “calls for applications” box;



3. Search for "APPLICATION FOR THE DUAL CAREER PROGRAMME - STUDENT ATHLETE STATUS 2025/2026" (keywords "DUAL CAREER");
4. Select the call and click on "Proceed";
5. In the "career" section, choose the student registration number for which you declare that you meet the enrolment requirement for the 2025/26 academic year (*you may proceed even if you do not have a definitive registration number*);
6. Verify and confirm the personal and career data;
7. Select and complete the "Declarations" section. It is mandatory to answer all questions in the section;
8. (Optional step) Attach a certificate, issued by the relevant National Sports Federation, explicitly attesting to possession of the one of the requirements indicated in Section 2 of this Call. Although not mandatory, the certificate is useful to facilitate and speed up the checks that will be overseen by the Committee.
9. Save the declaration.

The application may also be submitted by students who, at the time of submitting their application, have not yet completed the registration procedure, or registration for subsequent years, at the University of Bologna.

However, Student Athlete status will only be formalised following verification of successful enrolment/registration within the deadlines set by the Academic Calendar.

NB: The application will only be valid on completion of the procedure described above. Applications may not be submitted to the offices on paper or by email.

SECTION 4: EVALUATION AND OUTCOME

Applications for admission to the Dual Career - Student Athlete Status programme will be assessed by a Committee consisting of the following members:

- Delegate for students (or his/her delegate);
- Delegate of the Rector for University Sport (or his/her delegate);
- Director General of the University Sports Centre of Bologna - CUSB (or his/her delegate).

Admission to the Dual Career programme - Student Athlete Status, as a result of the Commission's evaluation, is determined by an Executive Order issued by the Head of the Student Services Division, Leonardo Piano.



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The results will be emailed to the applicants' institutional e-mail address within 60 days of closing the call.

SECTION 5: FINAL NOTES AND CONTACT DETAILS

A. FINAL NOTES

Any notices concerning this call will be published on www.studenti.unibo.it.

The Privacy policy, pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, can be found at www.unibo.it/privacy.

The Administrative Procedure Supervisor is Leonardo Piano.

B. CONTACT DETAILS

For information on the call and technical problems in filling in the application, please email ASES - Student Services Area at studenteatleta@unibo.it

Information on the outcome of the application process will be emailed to the applicants' institutional e-mail address.

THE HEAD
STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION
Leonardo Piano
(Digitally signed)