

What can be recognized?

Each year, students can apply for the recognition of ECTS obtained in a previous career, studies or exams, taken at UNIPD, or in other universities, in Italy or abroad. The cost for the procedure is 40 € and it is independent of the number of ECTS presented for recognition.

Related study experience can be recognized and credited to a student's degree as a form of recognition of prior learning. Examinations or educational activities (already passed or to be passed shortly, before the deadlines for enrolment) can be validated in the following cases:

- request for change of course or course updating
- request for a transfer FROM another University TO the University of Padova
- request for validation of other examinations or extra-University educational activities
- applicant has already graduated (in Italy or abroad), or has an interrupted university career, or has passed some examinations abroad and now wishes to enroll at the University of Padova.

When can students apply for ECTS recognition?

Application for ECTS recognition consists in an online procedure. A call for applications for ECTS recognition will open, once a year, in June, and close after approximately 30 d. Please make sure to read carefully the deadline for the submission of your application. No other ECTS recognitions will be considered outside the time interval indicated in the call. Students who do not complete the application within the deadline indicated in the call can apply only the following year.

Instructions on the submission of the application are available at <https://www.unipd.it/domanda-valutazione> (Italian version) and <https://www.unipd.it/en/credit-pre-evaluation-form> (English version).

Who is responsible for ECTS recognition?

The recognition of previous career, studies or exams is evaluated by a committee nominated within the Animal Care Degree Course Council.

How does the procedure work?

The committee responsible for ECTS recognition will evaluate the correspondence of the topics of the course units presented for recognition with those of the course units included in the Animal Care program. The committee is committed to maintaining uniformity of competences achieved by students enrolled in the Animal Care program also by evaluating previous exposure to English medium instruction. For this reason, any course units not held in English and with an awarded score equal or lower than E (23/30 or lower) will be not considered for recognition.

Note that the committee can evaluate only the material presented by the applicant through the online procedure available at <https://www.unipd.it/domanda-valutazione> (Italian version) and <https://www.unipd.it/en/credit-pre-evaluation-form> (English version).

Please include as much information as possible on the content/topics of the course units presented for recognition.

Course units can be either entirely recognized or only partially recognized, depending on the amount of overlapping with the topics of the Animal Care course units.

General rules on ECTS recognition and admissions can be found at articles 9 and 10 or the course regulation <https://en.didattica.unipd.it/didattica/allegati/regolamento/regolamento/1006275.pdf>

At the end of the evaluation procedure, the applicant will receive a statement by email indicating how many ECTS have been recognized for each Animal Care course units. For each course unit that is only partially recognized, students will need to contact, at the beginning of the semester, the professor of that unit to discuss the details of the topics that will need to be integrated.

Can students, thanks to ECTS recognition, be admitted to the 2nd or 3rd year of the course?

Admission to the 2nd or 3rd year is possible. However, in order to be admitted to the 2nd or 3rd year, students must hold a valid English language certificate (CEFR level B2 or higher) and must have been granted at least 70% of the ECTS of the 1st year or 70% of the ECTS of the 1st and 2nd year, respectively. Admission to the 2nd or 3rd year is also subject to the presence of available seats. If the number of students entitled to be admitted to the 2nd or 3rd year exceeds the number of available seats, students will be ranked according to:

- 1) the total number of ECTS recognized;
- 2) being equal the previous condition, the average score, weighted for the ECTS of each course units;
- 3) being equal the previous condition, the score obtained in the SAT exam;
- 4) being equal the previous condition, decreasing applicant's age.

Can some ECTS be recognized as free elective ECTS?

Yes, part of the previous career, studies or exams that cannot find a correspondence in any of the course units of the Animal Care program may be recognized as free elective ECTS. Topics of the courses that can be granted as free elective must:

1. be consistent with the educational objectives of the Animal Care program;
2. not overlap with topics included in other courses within the Animal Care program.

These two aspects will be evaluated by the committee responsible for ECTS recognition. ECTS granted as free elective do not contribute to the 70% of ECTS necessary to be admitted to the 2nd or 3rd year.