

FAQ

College of merit: it will be a challenge to pass the competition...

It consists of an interview on two subjects related to the course of study you want to enrol in; if you are planning to study for a university entrance test, the preparation is the same.

The test takes place in a calm and relaxed atmosphere, (we also envisage the possibility of taking it remotely) with lecturers from our university who are very well disposed towards you, and who know perfectly well what the level of high school preparation is.

There are more than one Colleges in Pavia and if you are committed your chances of winning a place in one or more of them are good. Better of course then to choose the Collegio Nuovo... that opens you up to the world!

In addition, if you have passed an admission test in a university course with a planned number of places, here you have a chance of winning a place in one or more colleges.

Moreover, if you have passed a university admission test in a university course with a fixed number of students, you have a chance of admission here.

Who knows then how difficult it is to keep your place as a student?

No anguish. In truth, yes, commitment and perseverance are necessary, but it is the very environment of the College itself that helps you in this endeavour: it gives you the right rhythms and you are surrounded by girls who can become excellent study companions.

For first years students, there is a special tutoring service provided by older female companions who will support you in all your needs, from drawing up study plans to scheduling exams and assisting you through to the most difficult subjects to study!

As a College of Merit accredited by the Ministry of University and Research, training activities aimed at developing strategic soft skills are also planned for the entire students community; these also include participation in the cultural and training programme promoted by the College.

In short, studying and living at Collegio Nuovo is an extra incentive to achieve excellent results. Every year about 95% of the students succeed in confirming their place and all of them graduate within academic schedule, almost always with honours.

What about the IUSS University School?

The IUSS is a University School of Higher Education with a special system of which the Collegio Nuovo was one of its founders and is now one of its institutional partners: admission is by relative competitive examination.

For 2024-25, the IUSS offers 30 places to first-year students, with a study award of € 5,000 euros and exemption from UniPV tuition fees, regardless of your ISEE.

The Nuovo, in addition, offers to 4 winners of its competition and also of the IUSS competition, 4 places that become free with only the payment of the College of the IUSS Prize. Another 8 places, again with a scholarship of 5,000 euros, are instead provided by the IUSS call for applications for the two-year Master's degree.

If you also enroll in IUSS, you will have the opportunity to attend high-level integrative courses related to your course of study, together with other students of the Pavia Colleges. Moreover, at the end of each cycle (three-year and Master's) there is the IUSS diploma: those of the one-year and two-year Master's programs are legally equivalent to second-level Master's degrees.

But remember that it is not obligatory to be both "Iussine" and "Nuovine", and as a student of the College you can also access some IUSS courses as a College auditor.

Girls, only girls... won't it be problematic to live in a women's college?

Quite the contrary! The College is part of a 'disseminated University' and also has a co-ed graduate residence, the classrooms for lectures and meetings with leading personalities also welcome non-college students.

Your new friends and acquaintances, including non-collegiate ones are always welcome, the friendships you will forge with your fellow students, both from all over Italy and abroad, will be among the most important in your life. An open place, in short, where living part of the day between girls means increasing complicity, sharing similar difficulties... and have a great time!

All services and facilities, including an excellent refectory service directly managed by the College (which takes into account the needs of all), are designed and cared for to have both "a room of one's own" and spaces for sharing, such as for sports to also participate in intercollegiate tournaments... where the Collegio Nuovo often wins the first place and involves competitors in the celebrations!

The Collegio Nuovo, however, seems to be a bit far from the city centre, which could be an inconvenience....

The Collegio Nuovo is located exactly in the area of the University's newest facilities, especially for the science and technology departments (the so-called "Nave") and for Medicine. Those who attend humanities degree courses can reach the centre in a quarter of an hour, by bus in winter or by bicycle in summer.

Pavia is truly a student-friendly city: services such as Noctibus and Morpheus encourage student mobility in the city even in the evenings and at night, offering safer connections.

In the surroundings of the Collegio Nuovo there are also three other colleges and university residences as well as the University's new sports facilities, including two beautiful swimming pools and a wellness centre!

With its 35,000 square metres of green area then the Collegio Nuovo is a real campus, with outdoor sports areas, chairs and tables dotting the lawn, next to flowerbeds, including the rose garden named after Rita Levi-Montalcini, where you can study or have a chat.

Collegio is a somewhat scary definition....

In the collective imagination 'Collegio' brings to mind something between austere and constricting, but you only have to experience one day at the Nuovo to immediately change your mind. Think instead of the English and American colleges: you don't have to fear that your freedom is threatened by your life in College, quite the opposite. In addition to providing all the comforts for studying and non-studying (library/study room, computer rooms, large multifunctional gym, TV room, single rooms with free WIFI private bathroom and air-conditioning in the sunniest ones... not to mention the excellent meals always ready every day!) the College does not place any restrictions on you, in fact it frees you from the daily problems. The only obligation is to let your guests out at 11 p.m. when the concierge closes, but a custodian service remains guaranteed. For the rest, each student is provided with her own magnetic key, to enter and leave the college at any time.

And from an economic point of view?

The Collegio Nuovo helps everyone, with free places and other financial facilities.

Many of the students even have free places or agreements with INPS Gestioni former INPDAP, former ENAM, former IPOST, for which either nothing is paid (former ENAM places) or granted on the basis of ISEE income. For all other posts there are, again on the basis of ISEE income, concessions in reduction (up to € 7,600) of the ordinary contribution (€ 12,000).

Particular attention has also been paid to applicants from families most affected by the crisis generated by the Covid emergency. At Collegio Nuovo, merit is always rewarded, also from an economic point of view: as a student you can also access additional contributions for personal study projects abroad. It is difficult to spend less in an in a flat, where in addition to rent you have to calculate bills, internet, laundry, maintenance... and of course meals. And you have no one to clean your room and prepare food for you!

Besides this, what does the Collegio Nuovo offer?

There are all the cultural, educational, academic and sporting activities. You often attend a meeting, as if it were at home, with the famous writer or scientist. And you remember it all your life: like Nobel Prize Rita Levi-Montalcini, who wanted to meet all the Nuovine in person in September 2009 or, more recently, Emma Bonino, Fabiola Gianotti, Carlo Lucarelli, Maria Chiara Carrozza. Sometimes, like Beppe Severgnini, Elena Cattaneo and Dacia Maraini, some even return! There was no shortage of personalities who connected even remotely with us, in exclusive meetings, such as Anna Grassellino who is designing the most powerful computer in the world or the Ambassador of Italy to the USA, Mariangela Zappia.

Then there are many opportunities to go abroad, all co-financed by the Collegio. Grants for summer or even longer study periods, not only in Europe, but as far as the United States (Barnard College, New York or Harvard) and Japan.

To the reduction in opportunities to travel during the pandemic period, the College has responded by offering international exchange opportunities with webinars between students, thanks to the Global International Dialogue initiative.

At the end of your training you will also have the "College Diploma".

Don't forget that you also have the opportunity to get to know those who have studied here before you and now continue to build their lives always remembering the College, also participating in the activities of the Alumnae Association, which promotes scholarships and initiatives of professional mentoring. In 2020, in view of the health and social emergency, the Association launched the 'Nuovine Generations' fundraising campaign, which enabled the establishment of extraordinary contributions for the collegiate community.

And that's not all. There are collegiate sports teams and tournaments, parties in the various colleges and even a beautiful garden where we study well and sunbathe...

Can my parents rest assured?

Definitely. The Collegio Nuovo is a free environment but one that takes care of you, almost like them. There's always someone to turn to if you need advice on your studies, don't feel well or your bike breaks down! We had further confirmation of this during the Covid emergency: the College remained regularly open and functioning, complying with all precautionary measures and also safeguarding a social dimension.

For parents, the choice to send their children 'away' involves many sacrifices. The first is having them away and not sharing the daily grind, a gratification, the fear of an exam, the satisfaction of a good grade etc.

Certainly then the not inconsiderable economic burden for which there is a fair strategy of sharing expenses according to income. But any sacrifice is not commensurate with the satisfaction of seeing them grow in an environment suited to their capacities, whose main function is to guide and direct them in the path of study.

Last but not least for a parent, what counts is the security of a facility that takes care, in this case of their own daughter, and a competent staff that at all times and difficulties stands by the girls and supports them.

All this went through my mind in an instant and I felt a great urge to say: Thank you.

Maria Bienna, a mother

And remember: the commitment for the competition... is very little compared to what the College can give you!