

ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS BOLOGNA INFORMATION SHEET 2026

Institutional information

Name of the Institution	Accademia di Belle Arti di Bologna Academy of Fine Arts Bologna
Country	Italy
Erasmus Code	I BOLOGNA 03
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Website	www.ababo.it
Head of the Institution	Prof. Enrico Fornaroli (Director)

Contact information Erasmus Office

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Information for exchange students and applications

Application deadlines	15 June 2026 for the first semester or the full year 2026-27 15 November 2026 for the second semester (Spring 2027) by e-mail to erasmus@ababo.it acceptance: each student will receive an individual letter of acceptance by e-mail within 2 weeks after the deadline
No application for	Restoration (five-year course) <i>The new course has very limited places</i>
Application Form	Required (info: https://www.ababo.it/cultural-heritage/erasmus-relazioni-internazionali/incoming-students)
Portfolio	Required
Letter of motivation	Required
Admission criteria	Applicants will be selected on the basis of A) their portfolio/application evidence and subject B) balance between incoming/outgoing students (reciprocity of exchanges).
Attention!!	All classes in Italian

Academic information

Academic Calendar 2026 - 2027	<p>First Semester from Mid October 2026 to February 2027 <u>Lessons:</u> from October to January. <u>Exams:</u> after the end of the lessons, in February.</p> <p>Second Semester from March 2027 to July 2027 <u>Lessons:</u> from March to June + OPEN TOUR (end of June 2027) <u>Exams:</u> after the end of the lessons, from the end of June to mid-July.</p>
Credit System	ECTS
Grading System	30L/30 (excellent) > 18/30 (pass, 17/30 is fail) ECTS grading table of the Academy of Fine Arts Bologna: https://www.ababo.it/cultural-heritage/erasmus-relazioni-internazionali/incoming-students
Recommended language skills	<p><u>Student mobility for study</u> Minimum ITALIAN level A1. It's also recommended ENGLISH level A2 For Theoretical classes (Art History, Aesthetics..) Minimum IT level B1</p> <p><u>Staff mobility for Teaching</u> ENGLISH level B2 or ITALIAN level B1</p>
Additional requirements	Exchange students are invited to attend Italian classes in Bologna , they will be co-funded by the Academy.

ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS BOLOGNA. STUDY INFORMATION

Higher Education in Italy. Arts Degrees awarded:

- Bachelor of Arts 3 years (180 ECTS) > Triennio, first cycle
- Master of Arts (120 ECTS) > Biennio, second cycle

The Italian University and Academic system is based on 3 + 2 years (BA + MA)

Departments at the Academy of Fine Arts Bologna

- **Visual Arts** (Fine Arts: Painting, Sculpture, Printmaking, Decoration)
- **Applied Arts** (Comics, illustration, Photography, Cinema and Video, Fashion, Graphic Design, Product Design Theatre Design)
- **Communication and Art Education**
- **Restoration** (five year-course): **no student exchange (for the national rules of this study cycle)**

COURSE CATALOGUE

Course catalogue 2025-2026: <https://www.ababo.it/cultural-heritage/erasmus-relazioni-internazionali/incoming-students>

> how to choose the classes

For the Erasmus/International mobility students, it's possible to choose classes in different Departments, degrees and years. Guest students are invited to organize a personal plan of the studies, in the learning agreement before the arrival in Bologna and with some changes, during, in Bologna.

*For the required skills' level of the classes it's important to meet the teacher, with a portfolio.

> classes and languages

Art classes are mainly practical classes, but in all the Degree Courses are offered theoretical classes (Aesthetics, Art History, Anthropology, Semiotic, and others). The teaching language is Italian: a basic knowledge of Italian is recommended for the art classes, where English is also in use for many teachers, but a higher level of Italian (intermediate or advanced) is required for the theoretical classes.

> credits

Classes assigning 12 or 10 credits are the main yearly classes in each Degree Course: guest students attending for one semester only will receive half of the credits (6 or 5). Classes assigning 6 or 8 credits are held for one semester. Some of them are scheduled in the first semester only, some others in the second semester only, but few classes are held in both semesters. At the beginning of the academic year the time table (ORARI DELLE LEZIONI) published here:

<https://www.ababo.it/courses-and-subjects/frequentare> shows what scheduled in the first semester.