



Almo Collegio Borromeo

University College of merit since 1561

ORDINARY selection announcement for study places for the academic year 2026/2027

01 Introduction

The Almo Collegio Borromeo, a university college of merit recognized and accredited by the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), has made:

- **5 places available for students enrolled in the first year of a single-cycle Master Degree in the academic class “Biomedical Sciences”** (as detailed at point n.7 of this document);
- **5 places available for students enrolled in the first year of a Bachelor Degree or a single-cycle Master Degree in the academic class “Human Sciences”** (as detailed at point n.7 of this document);
- **5 places available for students enrolled in the first year of a Bachelor Degree or a single-cycle Master Degree in the academic class “Social Sciences”** (as detailed at point n.7 of this document);
- **5 places available for students enrolled in the first year of a Bachelor Degree or a single-cycle Master Degree in the academic class “Sciences and Technologies”** (as detailed at point n.7 of this document);

Places are awarded by selection based on qualifications and tests. Collegio Borromeo participates in the IUSS Scuola Universitaria Superiore - of Pavia institutionally: In order to promote the merit and free tuition in studies, College has merged some admission tests with those of the IUSS.

The Board of Directors will establish the ranking of the suitable candidates and will award the available study places among them, with possibly more than the number indicated above.

Maintaining this place is subject to annual confirmation, or revocation, in compliance with the requirements of merit and the conditions laid out by the College regulations and the hospitality contract.

Students of the ordinary courses are required to be students of the Colleges as indicated in the IUSS call.

Winners of a place at the College who are not admitted to the IUSS Ordinary Courses will be eligible to participate in the NEXUS educational programme promoted by IUSS and the College, in accordance with the provisions set out in a subsequent specific notice.

The place awarded by the College is not tied to admission to the ordinary courses at IUSS, even though the selection tests are partly the same.

The admissions selection to Collegio Borromeo falls - according to Law 240/10 - within the qualifications for the considered in the rankings for the awarding of grants from the merit fund established by the Ministry of Education, University and Research.

Consistent with the project's founder, San Carlo Borromeo, the College presents itself as a place for human and cultural development, offering students, in addition to hospitality, numerous opportunities for qualification, foreign exchanges, tutoring and on a personalized educational plan - drawn up according to the DM 672 and 673/2016. The Collegio Borromeo is a member of the **Colleges of Merit National Conference**, created by the Ministry .

02 Admission requirements

Candidates are eligible for the selection, regardless of their citizenship, who:

- intend to enroll for the academic year 2026/27 to degree courses at the University of Pavia with headquarters in Pavia (as detailed at point n.7 of this document – for Medicine in Italian language and Dentistry, the first choice is valid);
- have obtained a final upper secondary school diploma grade of at least 80/100 (or equivalent);
- are less than 23 years old in the year 2026;
- have no criminal convictions or criminal proceedings in progress;
- have correctly completed the application process within the deadlines set out in this announcement (see point 10) and in the call for applications for the IUSS Graduate School of Advanced Studies, available online at www.iusspavia.it.

Completion of this procedure is also required for applicants who do not intend to apply for the IUSS School of Advanced Studies selection procedure, but only for admission to Collegio Borromeo.

All admissions are conditional.

03 Annual contribution and economic benefits

The annual fee is € 13,500 for the entire opening period of the Collegio. For each winning student, the College grants financial benefits designed to reduce the annual ordinary contribution based on the ISEE indicator relative to the student's family unit (in the case of separated / divorced parents or candidates with residence outside the family housing unit, the family to consider is that of the family of origin). For ISEE indicators lower than € 32,000 the place is granted free of charge. For ISEE indicators greater than or equal to **€ 32,000, the reduction is calculated relative to the ISEE indicator** (the table of contributions and subsidies is attached to the notice and available on www.collegioborromeo.it). For ISEE indicators over € 80,000 and for those who do not submit an ISEE declaration, there are no discounts. The annual contribution is divided into 3 installments.

The winners of college places are required to submit an application to the EDiSU (Ente per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario) of Pavia for the related scholarships.

Applicants admitted to the IUSS Ordinary Courses who are also awarded a place at Collegio Borromeo will be granted a €5,000 study award by IUSS.

Those who, as winners of an IUSS place, result to be subject on the basis of the ISEE indicator to an annual tuition of less than € 5,000, will pay what is provided and, in order to contribute to the partial coverage of the residency expenses incurred by the College, will have to pay a

percentage, defined by the Board of Directors, of the difference between the tuition and the IUSS study award.

In order to contribute to the partial coverage of the expenses incurred by the Collegio, the student is required to pay a percentage, defined by the Board of Directors, of any scholarships awarded by university institutions or other contributions obtained during the academic year.

The tuition fee will be adjusted annually in accordance with the ISTAT index.

The Board of Directors at the request of the student for special economic conditions of the household may confer additional facilities. Facilities are tied to compliance with the Collegio's rules of merit and discipline, code of ethics, and compliance with the hospitality contract and personalized training plan; they may be revoked by the Board of Directors for infractions of applicable regulations. The hospitality contract will take into account any financial loss associated with emergency closures. Students awarded a place at the College who are enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine, if at the end of the open semester they are not assigned a place at the University of Pavia and do not enrol in another degree programme at the University, will leave the College and will be required to pay only the contribution due based on their income bracket, prorated according to the period of their stay.

The College, through legacies, agreements with Institutions, Associations, different philanthropic activities, can assign study contributions for its own students who have distinguished themselves in particular areas of research and study.

For the winners of places the following pre-tax study prizes can be assigned, which, unless otherwise specified, are valid only for the academic year 2026/27 and are assigned at the end of the first year in the Collegio according to effective compliance with the merit and discipline regulations, the code of ethics, the hospitality contract and the personalized educational plan:

- thanks to the contribution of the Order of Engineers of the Province of Pavia 1 study prize of €1,500 will be awarded to the highest classified enrolled in Engineering and Artificial Intelligence Degree Courses;
- thanks to the contribution of the Alumni Association of Collegio Borromeo, two study prizes of € 1,000 will be awarded to the winners for the undergraduate programs in the fields of Human Sciences and Sciences and Technology;
- in memory of the Alumnus Ferrario Vittorino, 1 study prize of €1,500 will be awarded to the winner for a student enrolled in the first year in the Bachelor Degree of Social Sciences or, secondly, of Chemistry.

The study awards referred to above may not be combined with other scholarships and may not be awarded to applicants admitted to the IUSS Ordinary Courses who are also granted a tuition-free place at the College (ISEE below € 32,000).

In addition, the following awards are available:

- in memory of Prof. Pietro Frattino, two tuition-free places are reserved (one for a male student and one for a female student) for students from municipalities in the Gargano area who enrol in the Medicine and Surgery degree programme at the University of Pavia following successful completion of the open-semester admission tests.
- thanks to the contribution of the Fondazione Ing. Enea Mattei, the highest-ranked applicant residing in the municipality of Morbegno or its surrounding area, who has obtained a final upper secondary school diploma grade of at least 85/100, will be awarded a tuition-free place, which may also be confirmed for subsequent academic years. The award is subject to the specific call for applications available on the website www.fondazionemattei.it. A further place awarded on the basis of the ranking will receive a €3,000 contribution towards the tuition fee;

Some students may benefit of the incentives recognized by INPS. You can check on www.inps.it;

Some students may benefit of the incentives recognized by ENPAM. You can check on www.enpam.it;

Every year students may access **several scholarships related to academic studies and personal research**, international mobility, traineeship, foreign language certifications, thesis, participation to Master degrees and summer/winter school.

The annual contribution includes the following services (from September 2026 to August 2027 excluding closure for Christmas, Easter and summer holidays):

- **residential:** single rooms with bathroom or shared bathroom (some rooms have air conditioning); utilities and ordinary and extraordinary maintenance included; cleaning and weekly hygienization and periodic sanification of individual and common spaces; laundry for personal items (for a fee, coin-operated washer-dryer); full

board (7/7) in the open period excluding national and local holidays (refectory service for breakfast, lunch and dinner or alternatively at the request of the student, for some specific degree courses, it is possible to reimburse the costs incurred for the university canteen); concierge and guardian 24h (7/7); chapel; study rooms, conference room, meeting rooms; library (with possibility of book loan), historical archive (subject to specific regulations), newspaper library; computer rooms with printers and photocopiers (with a paid print card); gym, basketball, tennis,

soccer field); music room (with pianos); recreation rooms, TV rooms; gardens and park; bicycle parking.

- **Educational:** cultural in-depth activities, through interdisciplinary courses and courses recognized by the University of Pavia; thematic workshops of national and international character; integrative interdisciplinary courses aimed at acquiring transversal skills; music programmes; individual orientation interviews with the management staff and with industry professionals; tutoring activities on the university course and university exams with internal students (junior tutors),

professors, graduate students (senior tutors); language courses aimed at obtaining certifications; orientation to Erasmus exchange programs and internationalization programs (summer/winter school and conferences); orientation and introduction to the world of work through individual interviews and group activities (internship and internship opportunities, company visits, meetings with professionals); opportunities for discussion and sharing with other students, the management staff, former students, also through community activities such as sports teams for intercollegiate tournaments, musical activities.

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Procedure and development of the selection

The unified admissions competition between the Borromeo College and the IUSS consists of:

- **two in-person written tests** (each worth a maximum of 50 points);
- **two remote oral tests** (each worth a maximum of 30 points);
- **remote oral interview with the College board** (worth a maximum of 40 points).

Candidates who achieve a combined score of at least 70 points in the written tests are admitted to the oral tests.

The unified admissions committee, identified by the Board of Directors, is the same as the committee appointed by the IUSS of Pavia; it may carry out part of its work through subcommittees. Decisions are made collectively.

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Written tests

The written exams will be held in person on Thursday, September 3, 2026, starting at 10:00 a.m., at Palazzo San Tommaso, Piazza del Lino 2, with entrance from Via Siro Comi, 55 - Pavia. The total duration of the written exams cannot exceed 5 hours, and papers cannot be submitted before 1 hour. The written exams are completed anonymously by candidates.

The assignments may consist of an essay and/or a series of exercises. For Latin and Greek, the assignment may consist of the development of an essay and/or the translation of a classical text, possibly accompanied by commentary.

Regarding the choice of subjects for the written exams, candidates must adhere to the following criteria:

- a) The subject of the first written exam will be chosen based on the degree program in which the candidate intends to enroll, according to the following scheme:
 - **Human Sciences**, i.e., the degree programs in Literature, Philosophy,

Modern Languages: Italian, Latin, Greek, Philosophy, History

- **Social Sciences**, i.e., the degree programs in Economics, Political Science and Communication, and Law: Italian, Latin, Greek, Philosophy, History

- **Sciences and Technologies**, i.e., the degree programs in Engineering (including the Course in Bioengineering and Biotechnology), Artificial Intelligence, Mathematical, Physical, Chemical, and Natural Sciences: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology

- **Biomedical Sciences**, i.e., the degree programs in Pharmaceutical Sciences and CTF, Medicine & Surgery (ITA/ENG), Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics, Biological Sciences, Sports Sciences, Psychological Sciences and Techniques: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

For degree programs not listed above, candidates should contact Collegio Borromeo (concorso@collegioborromeo.it) and the IUSS (concorsoco@iusspavia.it).

b) The second written exam will focus on a subject chosen freely from among those offered, regardless of the academic class and field of application, different from the one chosen by the candidate for the first exam.

Candidates must present a valid identity document for the written exam.

The use of external communication devices is not permitted during the written exam. It will be possible to temporarily leave the room where the written exam is being held starting from the beginning of the third hour of the exam.

Those who fail to appear for the written test will not be admitted to the subsequent tests.

08 Oral tests and interview

The oral exams will focus on the two subjects chosen for the written exams. The exam will consist of a discussion aimed at assessing the candidate's preparation.

The oral exams will take place starting Monday, September 14, 2026, according to the schedule published on the College website and on the IUSS School of Advanced Studies website by September 10, 2026.

The oral exams will be conducted online on the Teams platform. Technical instructions for the exams will be published on the websites www.collegioborromeo.it and www.iusspavia.it

The exam syllabus for the written and oral exams is attached to this announcement and is available on the

websites www.collegioborromeo.it and www.iusspavia.it

Each exam is worth a maximum of 30 points.

The oral exams will be passed by candidates who obtain a total score of no less than 30 points (40 for the IUSS competition).

The remote oral interview with the College Board will evaluate the cover letter and the qualifications presented. The interview is scored out of a maximum of 40 points.

The interviews will begin on Friday, September 4, 2026, according to a schedule that will be published on the College website by Monday, August 31, 2026.

09 Ranking list for admission to the College

Only candidates who pass the written and oral tests and obtain an overall score (sum of the two written and two oral tests) of no less than 100 points (110 for the admission to the IUSS competition) will be admitted to the eligibility ranking. Within the eligibility limits for the individual tests referred to in points 7 and 8, the Board of Directors of the College will add the scores from the interview with the Management.

Only candidates who obtain an overall score of no less than 120/200 points in the College rankings will be eligible for a place in the College.

The IUSS ranking may therefore differ from that of the Borromeo College.

In the event of equal scores, the ranking order established by the Board of Directors based on the evaluation of the individual candidate will prevail.

Four rankings will be drawn up:

- (1) for the first year of the Biomedical Sciences program;
- (2) for the first year of the Human Sciences program;
- (3) for the first year of the Social Sciences program;
- (4) for the first year of the Science and Technology program.

The rankings will be published on the Collegio Borromeo website www.collegioborromeo.it by Tuesday, September 22, 2026. Only the winners of each ranking will be notified of the results of the competition by telephone or email.

Candidates enrolled in the degree programs in Medicine taught in Italian and Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics, if awarded a place, are admitted subject to passing the open semester; if they transfer to a similar program at the University of Pavia, the ranking will be considered valid.

Candidates enrolled in the degree program in Medicine taught in English are admitted subject to passing the admission test.

Candidates awarded places in the degree programs in Medicine and Dentistry must attend classes in person during the open semester.

10 Application for admission and deadlines

The application form is available on the College website www.collegioborromeo.it until 5 p.m. on Friday 28th August 2026. The admission office is available for assistance: tel. 0382.395507; e.mail concorso@collegioborromeo.it.

Candidates must provide online their personal data, their family details (in the case of separated / divorced parents or candidates with residence outside the family home, the family unit is that of the family of origin), the educational qualifications held with the year of graduation and the grade obtained and the degree course. Those intending to take advantage of the financial benefits must report the ISEE indicator of the family unit updated to 2026.

With their online application candidates must upload:

- a digital color photo (passport-sized);
- copy of identity card (front/rear);
- copy of tax code / health card;
- motivational letter, in which the candidate explains own study interests, motivations and potential for cultural and professional development (max 1,500 words);

- any other qualifications considered useful for an evaluation of the candidate (eg certificates of foreign language knowledge, certificates of participation in study periods abroad, certificates of further study courses, certificates of participation in national assessments / olympics, sports certificates, etc.);
- applicants wishing to benefit from financial assistance must submit the 2026 ISEE declaration for university students, for the purposes of eligibility for university study grants and benefits.

It is the candidate's responsibility to initiate the online procedure sufficiently in advance to allow the referees to submit their assessments by the deadline.

Any requests for special accommodations for candidates with disabilities or with a certified Specific Learning Disorder (SLD) must be communicated.

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, during the interview with the College's Rectorate, candidates will be required to confirm the declarations made in their application.

12 Acceptance of the place

By Wednesday 23th September 2026, at 10 a.m., the winners of college places of each ranking must communicate in writing via e-mail **a declaration of acceptance or non-acceptance of their place.** The Administration may - on a discretionary basis - consider the failure to communicate within the prescribed terms as a refusal.

On acceptance, all formal and economic requirements of the place, including the payment of the confirmation deposit of € 500.00 (non-refundable if the place is cancelled unless in special cases of rejection of a place at the university of Pavia) must be fulfilled. Subsequently, the assignees of the place must sign the hospitality contract (which must be countersigned by the cohabiting parents) in which they accept

the economic conditions, the rules and regulations in force of the College sharing the Christian inspiration that characterizes them, the ethical code, the organizational model, the personalized educational plan linked to "non-formal" learning as indicated in the Legislative Decree 673/2016, to be carried out during the academic year of stay.

The entry into the College will take place **from September 27th 2026.**

Rooms are assigned by the Rector.

The first installment, if due and deducted of the deposit, must be paid within the timeframe indicated in the hospitality contract (from October).

In case of cancellations, a subsequent call will be made in order of ranking: the winners will have to send the declaration of acceptance or non-acceptance within 24

hours of the communication being received from the Administration.

13 Admission to the IUSS

Participation in the selection for admission to the first year of the single or three-year first cycle degree program in the ordinary courses of the IUSS Scuola Universitaria Superiore in Pavia is regulated by a specific announcement available at the website

Candidates will access it following a public selection and based on a specific and independent ranking issued by the School. Places are assigned by virtue of a special agreement between Collegio Borromeo and IUSS.

14 Information on the processing of personal data

In compliance with the regulation referred to in the European Regulations n. 2016- 679 and Legislative Decree n. 196-2003, the Almo Collegio Borromeo informs that the processing of the personal data requested in relation to participation in this announcement is based on principles of correctness, lawfulness, transparency and protection of privacy. Therefore, pursuant to the aforementioned legislation, we inform you that:

- the purpose of the processing of personal data supplied is strictly and necessarily directed at verifying the regulatory criteria for participation in the selection, for reconfirming the position in the College and for taking advantage of the provision of services and activities offered in relation to the Internal Regulations of the College and for the management of the procedures related to the educational activities of the Colleges of Merit, accredited by MIUR;
- the method of processing personal data is carried out by means of electronic or automated means for the aforementioned purposes, in compliance with the provisions of Legislative Decree n. 196-2003 and to the EU Regulation n. 2016-679, and will include all the operations or series of operations envisaged by art. 4, paragraph 1, lett. a) of the aforementioned Legislative Decree no. 196-2003;
- all personal data processed is kept and placed with the server manager, which is a third party company that adopts very high levels of security regarding the custody and storage of personal data;

- the nature of the provision of personal data for the purposes indicated therein is mandatory, since any refusal would not allow the Data Controller to collect the data of the Student interested in being part of the collegial community;
- the use of electronic tools is managed exclusively by personnel specifically appointed by the Data Controller the data will be stored on computer media;
- for the purposes of the historical memory of the College, all the data relating to the student entering the collegiate community will be kept in the historical Archives of the Almo Collegio Borromeo.

The communication of personal data relating to the processing in question, for the purposes indicated in this statement, are not the object of dissemination or disclosure external communication to the College, except MUR, CINECA, IUSS and in the cases provided for by the Law. The scope of data dissemination will be strictly limited to the execution of the assignment conferred by the Data Controller to the appointed persons. Personal data can therefore be known exclusively by the Data Processor and by the personnel in charge of processing, in the context of their respective functions and duties in accordance with the instructions received, only to achieve the specific purposes indicated in this information notice.

The Rector of Almo Collegio Borromeo is responsible for the administrative procedure relating to the selection process.

The Rector of the Almo Collegio Borromeo is responsible for the competition procedure.

Pavia, June 2026

