

Rome, March 8th 2020

Joint Educational Program with Fordham University Call for Applications

For students of the Faculty of Law

1. General rules

- a. UER and Fordham University have a Joint Educational Partnership, that permits UER students to attend the Fordham Law Summer Institute.
- b. Only students enrolled in the third, fourth and fifth year of the Single Cycle Master's Degree in Law (in the academic year 2019-2020) will be considered eligible to participate in the program.
- c. The period of mobility will be **July 6th - 24th 2020**.
- d. Fordham reserves the right to accept or reject the students selected by UER.
- e. The students will be continuing to be registered and pay their regular fees at UER during their stay at Fordham.
- f. Selected students will autonomously cover the expenditure relating to their participation in the program, notably summer school's fees and taxes, transport, accommodation, food, administrative and personal expenses, and those resulting from securing the visa, a medical/health/accident insurance and books.
- g. Selected students will be granted a scholarship of \$500 meant to cover the expenditure resulting from the enrollment in the program. The total number of scholarships available for the Fordham Law Summer Institute is 3.
- h. Selected students will have to follow both universities' rules and conditions, as for credits envisaged, attendance, deadlines, etc.
- i. The successful participation in the program, duly attested by Fordham's School of Law, will grant students 6 CFU as for an "optional course".

2. Eligibility and selection requirements

- a. The students' selection is made by the non-disputable evaluation of an Academic Commission nominated by the Dean.

- b. Above-mentioned students will be considered eligible only if, within the Fall examination session a.y. 2019-2020:
- They will have acquired and registered at least
 - 100 ECTS/CFU, if enrolled in the third year;
 - 150 ECTS/CFU, if enrolled in the fourth year;
 - 200 ECTS/CFU, if enrolled in the fifth year;
 - They have a weighted average grade of/above 26/30;
 - They have an international language certification accepted by Fordham (TOEFL - minimum score 80, IELTS - minimum score 6.5 or ILEC - level C1).

c. The selection follows a **two-step process**:

Step 1: Eligible candidates will be shortlisted considering their academic performance (credits and average marks, counting 55% and 45% of the academic score, respectively) their proficiency in English, motivation letter, curriculum vitae or any recommendation letter.

Within the shortlisting process, the Commission may require some candidates to have a motivational interview in English (**April 6th, TBC**).

If the student will be considered unsuitable by the Commission, he/she will not be selected regardless of the academic performance, position in the applicants' ranking and the number of available places.

Step 2: Fordham will receive from UER the list of candidates already evaluated by the UER Commission together with their dossier. Fordham has the right to determine the final ranking after the analysis of the documentation previously transmitted.

3. Application Procedure

- a. The application deadline for participating in the selection process is **April 3rd at 13.00**.
- b. Students will have to hand-deliver the application form and all the required attachments (language certification, motivation letter, curriculum vitae or any recommendation letter) to the International Relations Office (1^o floor, corridor C) by that deadline.
- c. Students will be able to participate in the program only if they have no pending administrative issues with UER.

4. Publication of the selection results

- a. The selection results will be published on the UER website on **April 6th**. Selected students will be required to confirm their acceptance through written notification by **April 17st**.
- b. In case of refusal or missing notification by the fixed deadline, the applicant next in the ranking eligible for participation will be contacted. These students will be requested to confirm their participation by written notice **within one day after being contacted**.

- c. Every refusal received after these deadlines, with the only exception of documented circumstances beyond one's control, will be transferred to the Dean of the Department of Law for the relevant disciplinary measures, which can include the exclusion from the following examination session.
- d. The preparation of the application to be sent to Fordham will be held on **April 27th (TBC)**.
- e. Students will be responsible for all the procedures regarding application, learning agreement, the subsequent registration to Fordham and those necessary to obtain the visa.

5. Further information

Students can relate to the International Relations Office (vpaolini@unier.it – 06.66543809) and) for administrative issues or to Prof. Aniello Merone (aniello.merone@unier.it) and Prof. Marco Maugeri (marco.maugeri@unier.it) for academic ones.

6. Checklist and dates to remember:

Deadline to apply: **April 3rd at 13.00**

Possible Interviews: **April 6th, TBC**

Selection Results: **April 6th**

Participation confirmation: **April 17th**

Final Learning Agreement and application to be sent to Fordham: **April 27th, TBC**