

**TE.L.E.M.A.CO.****TEst di Logica E MAtematica e COmprensione verbale****Assessment test for logical reasoning skills, mathematics and reading comprehension**

**Important:** these FAQs contains only informations that are relevant for foreign students who have obtained high school diploma abroad and are enrolling for the first time to an italian university. Italian students, foreign students who got the diploma in Italy or foreign students who are passing from another university or from a different study course of Genova University should better read the FAQs in italian, which are more comprehensive.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Academic Year 2025/2026.** Important note: these FAQs are only related to the undergraduate courses with unlimited access. The undergraduate courses with limited access require different (and selective) entrance tests. The course named "Maritime Science and Technology", which is given in english, has a separate entrance test, and the same applies to "Informatic Engineering - at Imperia)

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## GENERAL FAQs ON TE.LE.M.A.CO TEST

### 1. What is TE.LE.M.A.CO.?

The Italian law requires that students who wish to enrol to an undergraduate course with unlimited access take an "Assessment of Basic Knowledge and Skills Test". The test is not selective. Therefore, even those students who do not pass the test may enrol to the degree course they have chosen. However, the students who do not pass this initial test will be assigned a so-called "O.F.A. (Obblighi Formativi Aggiuntivi - Additional Learning Obligations)" which they must fulfil by the end of the first year.

Since 2020, the University of Genoa is organizing a unified test for all its undergraduate courses with unlimited access (see the list in the attached Table), called TELEMACO. This test has a common core and two extensions. The extensions are:

- Textual Comprehension (in Italian) and Logic (Literacy) ("Estensione T")
- Mathematics and Logic (Numeracy) ("Estensione M")

All students must take the test for the common core ("Nucleo Comune") and just one of the two extensions. The extension depends on the chosen degree course (see the attached Table).

However, **students who have got their diploma degree abroad** must first take an Italian test, before starting the common core. Only those who have deposited well in advance a valid certificate of Italian language knowledge will be allowed to skip this test. Only those who pass the Italian test (A2 level) are allowed to proceed to the common core. **Note that those who do not pass the A2 level Italian test are not allowed to confirm enrollment to the university for the academic year 2025/2026!**

### 2. Where may I find information on TE.LE.M.A.CO?

You may find updated information at this link: <https://unige.it/en/studenti/telemaco>. This is a public site that does not require authentication. Alternatively, you can visit the Aulaweb section dedicated to TE.LE.M.A.CO. at the link: <https://testingresso.aulaweb.unige.it/course/view.php?id=129>. This is the website where you will enrol for the test and where you will do the test. In order to access to Aulaweb you need to log in with UNIGEPASS credentials. You will obtain these credentials upon enrolment to the University of Genova. It is strongly advised to check updated information on the Aulaweb section in the days just before the test.

### 3. May I write to the TE.LE.M.A.CO. organizers?

It is not possible to get in touch with the organisers of the test directly. You will find updated information in the websites mentioned above. If you need information not directly related to TE.LE.M.A.CO., you need to direct your queries elsewhere, for example to SASS (<https://unige.it/en/usg/en/welcoming-international-students>) or to the professors of your course or to the tutors of your course. If you have any problem or have a doubt that cannot be

solved by these FAQs, you may use a form available on Aulaweb (<https://testingresso.aulaweb.unige.it/course/view.php?id=129>). If the problem is general, we will update the information on the websites. If it is personal, you will be contacted. However, we will ignore requests whose answer can be found in these file or that are not strictly related to TE.LE.M.A.CO or TE.S.E.O. tests or the self-training online course called PER.S.E.O.

#### **4. Do I have to pay to undergo the test?**

No, you do not. The test is free.

#### **5. When will TE.LE.M.A.CO. take place?**

The first sitting will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The second sitting will be on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. The third sitting will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The fourth and last will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Each student may enrol to one test and one test only. If possible, it is advised to enrol to the first sittings in September.

#### **6. Where will TE.LE.M.A.CO. take place?**

The test will take place only in presence in a computer classroom.

#### **7. In order to participate to TE.LE.M.A.CO test, must students be already enrolled to a University degree course?**

It is enough to be pre-enrolled to a University degree course. For the november edition it is recommended to have confirmed enrollment (if you are exempt from the italian language test).

#### **8. Can I enrol to a degree course before having taken the TE.LE.M.A.CO test or having not passed it?**

Yes, you can. You do not need to have taken or passed TE.LE.M.A.CO to enrol. You may freely attend lessons, laboratories and so on even if you have not yet taken the test or have failed it. However, if you are not exempt from the italian language test, you may first pass it, before enrolling).

#### **9. How do I undergo TE.LE.M.A.CO test?**

The test will take place via the Aulaweb platform in the same section where you have booked to the test (direct link: <https://testingresso.aulaweb.unige.it/course/view.php?id=129>).

You need to go (30 minutes in advance) to the site (which will be communicated via aulaweb 1-3 days in advance), having with you an i.d. document, some blank sheets and a pen. The computer will be already in the classroom.

*It is mandatory to enrol to the test at least 5 days in advance! You may do that at the link <https://testingresso.aulaweb.unige.it/course/view.php?id=129>*

#### **10. What should I do if I am in doubt between two degree courses that entail different extensions?**

You cannot take both extensions. During the test you must choose one of them. If later you decide to enrol to a course that entails any other extension, you will get O.F.A. and, as described in more details below, you will be required to attend the self-learning course, that is, PER.S.E.O. and then take and pass the TE.S.E.O. test. **Please note:** if you passed the common core, you must only attend the extension part in PER.S.E.O.

#### **11. What are the subjects of the test?**

You will find a list of subjects here: <https://unige.it/studenti/TELEMACO>. You can find a mock test on Aulaweb, at this address: <https://testingresso.aulaweb.unige.it/course/view.php?id=104>

#### **12. How is the test score calculated?**

Each question has 4 possible answers. Any right answer is awarded 1 point. Each wrong (or not given) answer is awarded 0 points.

#### **13. What is the threshold score needed to pass the test (Common Core)?**

You must score at least 12 out of 20.

#### **14. What is the threshold score needed to pass the test (Extension)?**

It depends on the specific degree course you enrolled to. Please see the table attached at this link <https://unige.it/studenti/telemaco>.

#### **15. When can I sit the extension?**

Results related to the Common Core will be ready as soon as the test is over. However, you will be allowed to take the extension test only if you passed the test for Common Core. Before starting the extension test, you will be guided to choose the right extension for your course. However, it is strongly advised to be familiar with what extension (either M or T) you should take before starting the test.

#### **16. Do I need a reservation to the TE.LE.M.A.CO. test?**

Yes, you do. For each sitting you can enrol through the dedicated Aulaweb section (<https://testingresso.aulaweb.unige.it/course/view.php?id=114>) and select a preferred time. You complete enrolment mandatorily by 12 o'clock 5 days before each test (for example by september 5 at 12:00 for the edition of september 10, 11 and 12). Note that you do not need to be formally enrolled to a degree course to enrol to the test, **but you need to be pre-enrolled**. Each slot has a maximum number of students. Therefore, if you book early, you have more chances to choose the time you prefer. **Attention:** you will not receive any confirmation by e-mail. If you want to be sure that you have successfully enrolled, you can simply go back to the enrolment page and you will see that your choice is ticked. The enrolments for the October and November sittings will start only after the enrolments for the previous sitting are closed.

### **17. What happens if I can not do the test in September's editions?**

You can take the test on October 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> or on November 18<sup>th</sup>. However, it is strongly advised, if possible, to enrol for the first two sittings. This will allow you to have more time and more chances to fulfil your O.F.A, should you be assigned one.

### **18. I have booked the test, but I can no longer attend on that date . What should I do?**

You change or cancel your reservation till 12 o'clock on five days before. If you miss this deadline, you need to enrol to the next test sitting. You do not need to write to the organisers to inform them that you will not turn up.

### **19. May I also take the English assessment test in the same occasion?**

Yes, you may. The reservation to TE.LE.M.A.CO. automatically includes the enrolment to the English assessment test. You will take the latter after finishing the TE.LE.M.A.CO. test. To see information about the English assessment test, please visit: <https://clat.unige.it/ProgettoIngleseFAQ>

### **20. I have a high school diploma obtained outside Italy. Should I also take an Italian test?**

Yes, you must sit a test to assess your Italian skills, just before the TE.L.E.MA.CO. test. If you do not pass it (A2 level), you may not proceed to TE.L.E.MA.CO. and you **can not confirm your enrolment. Thus, if you are confident on your knowledge of italian, it is advised to sit the Italian test as soon as possible. However, if you are still studying italian, consider the possibility to sit the italian test and the TELEMACO test in october or november.** For more information, please visit: <https://unige.it/usg/it/test-lingua-italiana>.

### **21. Can I sit TE.LE.M.A.CO more than once?**

No, you can't. You can only take it once.

### **22. Are there exemptions from TE.LE.M.A.CO?**

Yes, there are some exemptions. However, if you are a foreign student with a high school diploma obtained abroad and it is the first time you enrol to the University of Genova, you can be exempted only if you completed a university first degree (e.g., a BA). In this case, you must request the exemption by filling a form at this link: <https://testingresso.aulaweb.unige.it/course/view.php?id=96>. If you have obtained your high school diploma in Italy or have been already enrolled to the University of Genova in the previous year(s), please refer to the FAQs written in Italian.

### **FAQs ON O.F.A.**

### **23. What happens if I do not pass TE.LE.M.A.CO?**

You will have the so called O.F.A. (Obblighi Formativi Aggiuntivi, that is, Additional Learning Obligations) and you must fulfil them by the end of the first year (September 2026). There are three different O.F.A., according to the two sections of TELEMACO test:

- O.F.A. in Common Core

- O.F.A. in Extension M
- O.F.A. in Extension T

Depending on your degree course, you can have 1 or 2 O.F.A. (extension or common core + extension).

The formal recording of O.F.A. in your academic career will take place only in October or even later if you take the test in either October or November's session.

#### **24. How can I fulfil O.F.A.?**

You must mandatorily attend an online self-learning course called PER.S.E.O. that you can find on aulaweb at this link: <https://testingresso.aulaweb.unige.it>. Since the online course is a self-learning one, you can do it whenever you prefer, 24 h per day, 7 days per week. You must complete the course. Since there are 3 O.F.A., there will be 3 PER.S.E.O courses. These online courses are designed to train students to improve their skills. Once PER.S.E.O is completed, you must pass a test called TE.S.E.O.

TE.S.E.O. structure is identical to TE.LE.M.A.CO. one (and you have to reserve to it as well). **Before sitting the TE.S.E.O. test you just be formally enrolled to the university.**

#### **25. When is TE.S.E.O. scheduled?**

TE.S.E.O. sittings are as follows: on November 4<sup>th</sup>, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Moreover, there will two more sittings on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, only reserved to foreign students who have obtained the high school diploma abroad. The first test sitting can only be accessed by the students who sat TE.LE.M.A.CO. in September. The second test sitting can only be accessed by the students who sat TE.LE.M.A.CO. in September or October. In order to sit TE.S.E.O. you must carry out the following actions: a) complete PER.S.E.O; b) enrol on aulaweb at least 5 days before the exam sitting date. Each student will only sit the TE.S.E.O. section(s) where he/she got the O.F.A.

#### **26. How many times may I try TE.S.E.O.?**

You can sit it in all available sittings.

#### **27. I have O.F.A. both in Common Core and in the Extension. I completed PER.S.E.O (common core and extension) and undergone TE.S.E.O. In TE.S.E.O, I passed the Common Core, but I did not pass the extension. What should I do?**

You should try again TE.S.E.O, but only for the extension. You must not repeat PER.S.E.O.

#### **28. I sat TE.LE.M.A.CO. passing the Common Core. In the Extension I obtained a score, which gives me access to the course X. However, later I changed my mind, and I enrolled to a course Y, but my score is not good enough for this one. What should I do?**

You will get the O.F.A. for the extension and you will have to complete PER.S.E.O. Once PER.S.E.O. is completed, you can sit TE.S.E.O., only for the extension.

**29. I sat TE.LE.M.A.CO. passing both Common Core and Extension M. However, later I decided to enrol to a course having Extension T. What should I do?**

You will get the O.F.A. for the extension and you will have to complete PER.S.E.O. for the extension. Once PER.S.E.O. is completed, you can sit TE.S.E.O., only for the extension. *The answer is the same for both extensions, T and M.*

**30. I sat TE.LE.M.A.CO. passing the Common Core. However, I chose (and passed) a wrong extension for my first degree course. What should I do?**

You will get the O.F.A. for the extension and you will have to complete PER.S.E.O. for the extension. Once PER.S.E.O. is completed, you can sit TE.S.E.O., only for the extension.

**31. I do not have an exemption and I have not taken part to any TE.LE.M.A.C.O. test. What should I do?**

You will get both the O.F.A. for the Common Core and for the extension of your course. You will have the chance to fulfil both O.F.A. by completing PER.S.E.O. and by passing TE.S.E.O. test on December 18<sup>th</sup> or on January 21<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 or on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If you have got your diploma abroad, and you have not presented a valid certificate, you will need to take and pass an Italian test (A2 level) before sitting the TE.S.E.O. test. **Before sitting the TE.S.E.O. test you just be formally enrolled to the university.**

**32. When all TE.S.E.O. tests are over, I still have O.F.A. What should I do?**

This may happen if: a) you do not succeed at any TE.S.E.O. test or b) you did not sit any test (TE.LE.M.A.CO. or TE.S.E.O.). In this case, the only way to fulfil O.F.A. is to get at least 12 credits (CFU) by passing exams that must be mandatorily chosen among those listed in the table that you find at this link: <https://unige.it/studenti/telemaco>. IMPORTANT: the number of credits is always 12 regardless the number of O.F.A. Remember that you are not allowed to sit any other exam (different from the ones shown in the Table) until you fulfil O.F.A.

**33. If I still have O.F.A., can I sit an exam in December?**

No, you cannot even if the exam is among those listed in the annexed Table. Before the end of December 2025, the only way to fulfil O.F.A. is through PER.S.E.O. and TE.S.E.O.

**34. If I have O.F.A. may I attend lessons and undergo ongoing tests?**

Definitely yes.

**35. I still have O.F.A. at the end of September 2026. What should I do? Should I sit the 2026b TE.LE.M.A.CO test for newly enrolled students to 2026/2027 academic year?**

No, you can not do the 2026 TE.LE.M.A.CO test. The only way to fulfil O.F.A. is by acquiring 12 credits (CFU) with the priority exams (see FAQ n.32). Meanwhile, you can carry on attending your degree course, without inserting in the Study Plan any second- or third year module. In other words, you must repeat the first year.



## FAQ ON STUDY PLAN

### 36. Can I submit my Study Plan if I have O.F.A.?

Yes, but the Plan will be partially not visible/accessible, allowing you to access only the priority exams (see FAQ n.32). If you have not yet sit any TE.LE.MA.CO test you can not submit your Study Plan until the end of november, when you will automatically get O.F.A.

## Technical FAQs

### 37. What do I need to sit: TE.LE.M.A.CO or TE.S.E.O?

You need **an identity document (e.g., passport) provided with a clear photograph**. It is also advised to carry with you some blank sheets of paper and a pen, to help you in answering the questions. You also need earphones for the english assessment test. Remember to have your UNIGEPASS credentials with you.

## FAQ FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)

### 38. How can I ask for compensatory tools?

The only way is to contact the "Settore Servizi di supporto alla disabilità e agli studenti con DSA" (<https://unige.it/disabilita-dsa>), submitting the needed certification(s). The admin staff will provide the TE.LE.M.A.CO organizers a list of the SEN students with all details about individual compensatory tools.

### 39. What are the compensatory tools for TE.LE.M.A.CO?

Typically, SEN students with specific learning disability (LSD), such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, dysorthography, dyscalculia are given an additional 30% time to complete the task and are allowed to use a calculator. Depending on the LSD, the additional time can increase up to 50%. More specific compensatory tools will be granted and communicated individually. For further information, contact [dislessia@unige.it](mailto:dislessia@unige.it)

## APPENDIX

### LIST OF COURSES WHERE TE.L.E.MA.CO TEST IS VALID/COMPULSORY

Area	Type	Name	Extension
Economia	Laurea	Economia Aziendale (GE)	M
Economia	Laurea	Economia delle aziende marittime, della logistica e dei trasporti (GE)	M
Economia	Laurea	Scienze Economiche e Finanziarie (GE)	M
Economia	Laurea	Scienze del turismo: impresa, cultura e territorio (IM)	M
Giurisprudenza	Laurea	Diritto e Economia delle Imprese (SP)	T
Giurisprudenza	L.M. cicl. un.	Giurisprudenza (GE)	T
Giurisprudenza	L.M. cicl. un.	Giurisprudenza (IM)	T
Giurisprudenza	Laurea	Servizi legali all'impresa e alla pubblica amministrazione (GE, IM)	T
Giurisprudenza	Laurea	Servizio Sociale (GE)	T
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Biomedica (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Chimica e di Processo (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Civile, Edile ed Ambientale (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria dell'Energia (SV)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Elettrica (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Elettronica e Tecnologie dell'Informazione (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Gestionale (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Informatica (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Meccanica (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Meccanica (SP)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Ingegneria Navale (GE)	M
Ingegneria	Laurea	Scienze e culture agroalimentari del Mediterraneo (IM)	M
Lettere	Laurea	Conservazione dei Beni Culturali (GE)	T
Lettere	Laurea	Filosofia (GE)	T
Lettere	Laurea	Lettere (GE)	T
Lettere	Laurea	Storia (GE)	T
Lingue	Laurea	Lingue e Culture Moderne (GE)	T
Sc. Politiche	Laurea	Scienze dell'amministrazione e della politica (GE)	T
Sc. Politiche	Laurea	Scienze Internazionali e Diplomatiche (GE)	T
Sc. Politiche	Laurea	Politiche, Governance e Informazione dello Sport (GE)	T
Scienze MFN	Laurea	Chimica e Tecnologie Chimiche (GE)	M
Scienze MFN	Laurea	Fisica (GE)	M
Scienze MFN	Laurea	Informatica (GE)	M
Scienze MFN	Laurea	Matematica (GE)	M
Scienze MFN	Laurea	Scienza dei Materiali (GE)	M
Scienze MFN	Laurea	Scienze Ambientali e Naturali (GE)	M
Scienze MFN	Laurea	Scienze Geologiche (GE)	M
Scienze MFN	Laurea	Statistica matematica e trattamento informatico dei dati (SMID) (GE)	M

