

## Application form – admission criteria

The Collegium Philosophicum is the first University College in the Swiss Canton of Ticino. It is open to excellent students from the Faculties on the University Campus of Lugano and to students from the Swiss Italian Conservatory of Music.

- **Students are admitted on the basis of merit.**
  - **The Collegium Philosophicum provides a variety of scholarships.**
  - **The Collegium Philosophicum offers not only board and lodging but also academic support.**
  - **The fees for board, lodging and academic support range from a minimum of 400 CHF a month to a maximum of 1,300 CHF a month for a total of 10 months per year.**
- 1) The scholarships are only for students who plan on living at the Collegium Philosophicum Luganense.
  - 2) The scholarships cover in part the dorm fees according to the student's family income.
  - 3) Admission to the Collegium are based on high school grades, academic degrees earned, report cards of the last two years of school (average of 8 on 10) and an admission interview.

**Deadline for applications: August 27, 2016.**

**Admissions interviews: August 29, 2016**

The Collegium Philosophicum is a university college that aims to promote excellence and the spirit of service.

It offers courses on academic and cultural topics, training in rhetoric, argumentation and critical thinking as well as individual supervision. Students are expected to contribute to the personal and cultural development of other students and of the society of which the Collegium Philosophicum is a part.

The **academic education** provided by the Collegium Philosophicum, which complements that offered by the institutions in which its students are enrolled, takes its inspiration from the college systems of Cambridge and Oxford. It has a special focus on philosophy and takes the form of seminars and debates, the aim of which is to develop logical and rhetorical skills as well as the ability to debate a question (on the model of medieval “quaestiones disputatae” and of British “debating societies”).

The **cultural education** offered by the Collegium Philosophicum pays special attention to political and social philosophy, in particular to Swiss cultural and political traditions, and aims to transmit knowledge and understanding of the principles of Swiss political history and their unique value.

The ideal of **individual growth** is furthered by the active participation of senior students in the tutoring of junior students, and by the participation of all students in a variety of cultural, athletic, and other activities.

The education offered by the Collegium Philosophicum complements the one provided by the university or conservatory in which a student is enrolled.

The Collegium Philosophicum does not offer university degrees or educational qualifications.

The Collegium Philosophicum is a non-profit organization.