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# **Tertiary students with migrant background: evidence from a cohort enrolled at Sapienza University**

## ***Background migratorio e percorsi universitari: osservazioni su una coorte di studenti iscritti a Sapienza Università di Roma***

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**Abstract** The participation of foreign and international students in the Italian tertiary education shows a strong positive trend in the last decades, and has recently drawn attention in the literature. The aim of this study is to examine disparities in timing of graduation of a cohort of full time students which have been enrolled at Sapienza University in the a.y. 2012/2013 and graduated within twice the theoretical duration of the programme of study, considering both their citizenship and country of prior education. Although migrant background is not necessarily indicative of a disadvantage, the analysis suggests the existence of a link between migrant background and longer time to complete the programme of study, mostly in Bachelor's programmes.

**Abstract** *La presenza di studenti stranieri ed internazionali nel sistema universitario italiano ha conosciuto nel tempo una tendenza ampiamente positiva, con un interesse crescente da parte della letteratura. Il presente studio è volto ad analizzare i tempi di conseguimento della laurea per una coorte di studenti iscritti alla Sapienza nell'a.a. 2012/13 e laureati entro il doppio della durata legale del corso, distinguendo per cittadinanza (italiana e straniera) e paese di conseguimento del titolo di accesso all'Università (italiano o estero) e stratificando per classi di laurea. L'analisi suggerisce l'esistenza di un legame tra background migratorio e tempi di conseguimento del diploma, in particolare nelle lauree triennali.*

**Key words:** University students, migrant background

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## 1 Introduction

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has recently pointed out the massive expansion of the number of mobile students enrolled in tertiary education programmes worldwide, going from 2 million in 1998 to 5.3 million in 2017, with an annual increase of 5%. English-speaking countries are the most attractive destinations, and Asian students constitute the largest group of international students across the OECD countries (OECD, 2019).

The increase of international enrolment is particularly high at master and doctoral level, driven by a variety of push and pull factors. Actually, in many countries, the ever-growing demand for tertiary education may be associated with low education capacity in the origin country, and a growing number of students may look for educational opportunities abroad. On the other hand, social and economic factors are contributing to make international student mobility more affordable than in the past: the presence of an immigrant community already present in the country of destination, the existence of previous colonial ties, the use of a common working and teaching language, the job prospects after graduation are among the most motivating factors for studying abroad, together with the increasing investment by Universities in the quality of education (Norton and Fatigante, 2018).

In the literature, international students are generally assumed to be people moving to a country for the purpose of study and accessing University programmes with a foreign prior degree which would formally entitle him/her to be enrolled.

The term foreign student is often used as an approximation of international student, but they should be distinguished by taking into account also the country of citizenship, because foreign citizens may enter university with a national educational background and, conversely, international students may be national citizens.

The participation of students with a migrant background in the Italian Higher Education Institutions has been progressively growing and shows a strong positive trend in the last ten years. According to national statistics, 55% of the students enrolled as foreign citizens (almost 80,000 in 2017) is already resident in Italy and obtained the last educational degree from an Italian institution: this is the case, for instance, of the children of immigrants. The remaining 45% are international students, who accessed the Italian university system with a diploma obtained abroad (MIUR, 2018).

To our knowledge, in the Italian context, no studies exist on tertiary education, where international and second-generation students are distinguished. The few studies focusing on the first/second generation (Lagomarsino and Ravecca, 2014, Vaccarelli, 2016, Bertozzi, 2018) and on international students (Norton and Fatigante, 2018 and references therein) in the Italian University, underline the need of investigating student pathways in terms of access, academic pathways, success (or dropout), integration (well-being) and university-work transition.

Sapienza University of Rome is considered the largest in Europe with over 100,000 students and it is characterised by the largest number of both international and foreign students in Italy. Thus, it may be considered as a representative case for the analysis of tertiary students with migrant background in Italy.

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The aim of the study is to analyse the timing of graduation for a cohort of graduate students, distinguishing by migrant and educational background and stratifying by medical, social-humanistic and technical-scientific programmes of studies.

## 2 Data and methods

Data come from Sapienza University administrative archives and are collected by Infosapienza on 13,061 full time students enrolled during the a.y. 2012/2013 in Bachelor's (7,873) and Master's (5,188) degrees and graduated within twice the theoretical duration of their programme of study, following the approach suggested by OECD (2019).

For comparability reasons, students enrolled in single-cycle Master's programmes with a legal duration of more than two years (*Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*) have not been included in this study.

Student demographic and socio-economic characteristics include age, gender, country of birth, citizenship, scholarships, graduation date and broad classes of study programme (medical, social-humanistic and technical-scientific.) A dummy variable also provides information on the country (Italy/abroad) where the student has obtained the *prior education*, i.e., the qualification (high school diploma or bachelor degree) which formally entitles him/her to be enrolled at Sapienza (as Bachelor or Master student, respectively). An international student is defined *stricto sensu* as a student who obtained his/her prior education abroad.

Table 1 outlines four categories of students based on their citizenship and country of prior education.

**Table 1:** Categorization of students according to their citizenship and country of prior education

<i>Country of prior education</i>	<i>Italian Citizenship</i>	<i>Foreign Citizenship</i>
<i>Italy (non-international student)</i>	<i>Italian Student (IS)</i>	<i>Foreign Student with Italian Educational Background (FS-IEB)</i>
<i>Abroad (international student)</i>	<i>Italian Student with Foreign Educational Background (IS-FEB)</i>	<i>Foreign Student with Foreign Educational Background (FS-FEB)</i>

International students include both Italian and foreign students who obtained their prior education abroad; analogously, non-international students include both Italian and foreign students who obtained their prior education in Italy. In addition to *Italian Students (IS)*, i.e., Italian citizens with Italian prior education, the other three groups include *Foreign Students with Italian Educational Background (FS-IEB)*, *Italian Student with Foreign Educational Background (IS-FEB)*, and *Foreign*

*Students with Foreign Educational Background (FS-FEB)*. FS-FEB should be distinguished by FS-IEB because the latter are supposed to better handle the Italian education system and to master the Italian language. Note that FS-IEB may also include long term residents or even students born in Italy. Analogously, IS-FEB moved from another country to study in Italy, but they may be supposed to know the Italian language and to be well integrated in the Italian education system.

Globally, our data include 12,564 Italian students, 192 FS-FEB, 275 FS-IEB and 30 IS-FEB. Table 2 shows the percentages of Bachelor and Master students by citizenship and country of prior education: 1.8% and 1.5% of Bachelor and Master students, respectively, obtained their prior education abroad. In both Bachelor's and Master's programmes the majority of foreign citizens have Italian educational backgrounds.

The cohort has been followed for twice the theoretical duration of the programme of study, i.e., 3+3 years for Bachelor's and 2+2 years for Master's, and a regression analysis of survival data has been performed, based on the Cox proportional hazards model. In the following survival analyses, Italian Students with Foreign Educational Background (IS-FEB) have not been included because of their limited number.

**Table 2:** Percentages of Bachelor and Master students by citizenship and country of prior education

<i>Country of prior education</i>	<i>Bachelor's</i>			<i>Master's</i>		
	<i>Italian Citizens</i>	<i>Foreign Citizens</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Italian Citizens</i>	<i>Foreign Citizens</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Italy</i>	99.63%	58.33%	98.2%	99.96%	59.69%	98.5%
<i>Abroad</i>	0.37%	41.67%	1.8%	0.04%	40.31%	1.5%
<i>Total</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

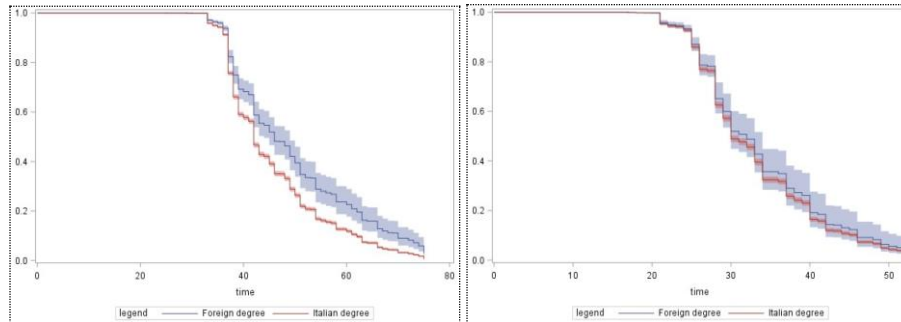
### 3 Preliminary results

Figure 1 shows survival functions for the cohort of students enrolled in 2012/13 and graduated within twice the theoretical duration of their programme of study, for both Bachelor's and Master's programmes, by country of prior education.

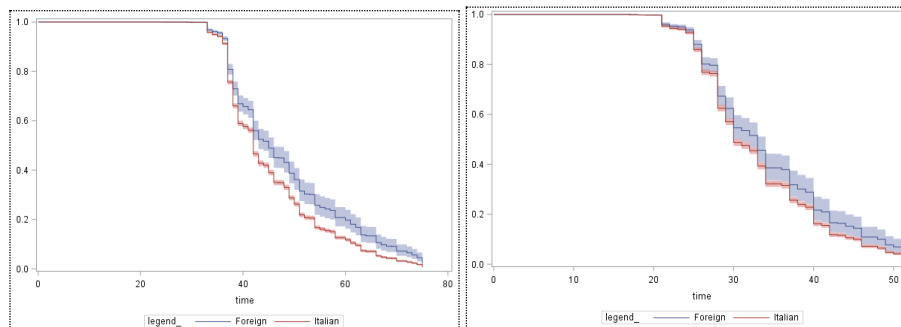
Three years after entering university, more than 50% of bachelor students are still in education and the percentage increases for international students. For Master's programmes no substantial differences emerge in the survival patterns between Italian and international students. The analysis by citizenship (Figure 2) shows similar results, with a lower gap.

Table 3 shows hazard ratios estimated from the Cox regression model for bachelor students by programme of study adjusted for age, gender and categories. Male gender and higher age at the enrolment are generally associated with longer time of graduation. Looking at categories, students with foreign citizenship generally take longer to graduate than Italians (IS), and this is more pronounced when students have a foreign educational background (FS-FEB) than an Italian one (FS-IEB). Foreign educational background is confirmed to be slightly associated to

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**Figure 1:** Survival function (in months) for a cohort of full time students enrolled in 2012/13 in Bachelor's (on the left) and Master's (on the right) programmes and graduated within twice the theoretical duration of the programme of study, by country of prior education (95% CI).



**Figure 2:** Survival function (in months) for a cohort of full time students enrolled in 2012/13 in Bachelor's (on the left) and Master's (on the right) programmes and graduated within twice the theoretical duration of the programme of study, by citizenship (95% CI).

**Table 3:** Hazard ratios estimated from the adjusted Cox regression model - Bachelor's degree

		<i>Total</i>	<i>MD</i>	<i>TSD</i>	<i>SHD</i>
Gender	Female			<i>Ref.</i>	
	Male	-0.11***	-0.13*	-0.01	-0.10*
Age	<20			<i>Ref.</i>	
	20-21	-0.08*	-0.09°	-0.20*	-0.21***
	22-23	-0.03	-0.09	-0.24	-0.30**
	24-25	0.06	-0.09	-0.07	-0.19
	>26	0.15°	0.05	-0.35	-0.20°
Categories	IS			<i>Ref.</i>	
	FS-FEB	-0.46***	-0.49°	-0.29	-0.24°
	FS-IEB	-0.20°	-0.19	-0.11	-0.18
<i>N</i>		7845	2029	2032	3433

Levels of significance: \*\*\* $p < 0.0001$ ; \*\* $p < 0.001$ ; \* $p < 0.01$ ; °  $p < 0.1$

*MD*: Medical Degrees; *TSD*: Technical and Scientific Degrees; *SHD*: Social and Humanistic Degrees

*IS*: Italian Students; *FS*: Foreign Students with Foreign Educational Background; *FS(IEB)*: Foreign Students with Italian Educational Background.

## 4 Concluding remarks

Although migrant background is not necessarily indicative of a disadvantage, the analysis suggests the existence of a link between migration and lower student performance in the Academic context, which need to be further analysed. Notably, we need to examine academic paths of those students who have not graduated within a reasonable period. As pointed out by OECD (2019), delay graduation or dropping out are not necessarily symptoms of student or institutional failure. A strong labour market demand may lead a student to start working before attaining his degree. Nonetheless, specific difficulties associated with displacement, such as language barriers, socio-economic disadvantage, or lack of social integration, should not be underestimated.

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