

LEGAL VALUE OF THE DEGREES

The value of a university degree certificate depends on two aspects: the **prestige** of the university that offers it and the professional **opportunities** available thanks to the legal standing the university enjoys in the country in which students wish to work. These two conditions do not always occur at the same time. For example, an Italian student would rather prefer to graduate at Oxford rather than in Italy, because an Italian degree certificate will not have the same legal prestige and prospects that Great Britain offers. However, on his return (if he deems it necessary, because the world of work is highly competitive and favours quality over nationality), he will have to join a Faculty that is analogous to the one he attended in England in order to seek approval for the courses done and, thereby, complete the curriculum required to obtain the Italian certificate for a job in Italy. If instead, a student belongs to a country that has already established diplomatic relations with Britain he will, on his return home, obtain full legal recognition of the certificate.

As for the Salesian Pontifical University, it should be said at the outset that it is not a private university. It is promoted by the Salesians of Don Bosco and was established by the Congregation for Catholic Education under the "Ministry of Education" of the Vatican State. As such, it has the dignity of an academic institution of international character. The certification issued by the Salesian Pontifical University therefore has pontifical validity acceptable by all nations that have established diplomatic relations with the Vatican State.

In civil law the value of the degree certification depends on the legal agreements in force in various nations and the particular rules of each university. There is therefore no one valid indication for all the different cases. A documented analysis of the problem is available on page [Calendario delle lezioni Ups](#) of the university (available at www.unisal.it).