

Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II The Developer Academy a partnership with Apple

Federico II Apple Foundation Program

Introduction

The Developer Academy is a joint initiative between the Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II and Apple for the training in the development of new applications and digital services. Developer Academy classes are all based on a novel technique known as Challenge Based Learning (CBL), a multidisciplinary approach to teaching and learning that encourages students to leverage the technology they use in their daily lives to solve real-world problems. CBL is collaborative and hands-on, asking students to work with other students, their teachers, and experts in their communities and around the world to develop deeper knowledge of the subjects they are studying, accept and solve challenges, take action, share their experience, and enter into a global discussion about important issues.

In the above-mentioned framework, the Foundation Program is a short term, challenge-based class designed to provide the opportunity to aspiring world-class developers to experience Apple's learning framework in order to design iOS app prototypes. The Foundation Program will be carried out in several batches over the year, and each batch will consist of at least 60 participants. The Foundation Program can be followed by Federico II University active students from various backgrounds. Coding skills are not required. Candidates from tech, design or other fields of expertise are welcome to apply.

A.1

Education Path

The Apple Developer Academy in Naples organizes, for the academic year 2026/2027, an education path called “Federico II Apple Foundation Program”, for which up to 120 seats are available, divided into four cohorts of 60 seats each.

- Expected start date of course for I cohort: October 12th, 2026;
- Expected end date of course for I cohort: November 6th, 2026.

- Expected start date of course for II cohort: November 16th, 2026;
- Expected end date of course for II cohort: December 15th, 2026.

The courses will be held in-presence, at the Apple Developer Academy in Naples. The attendance of classes is five days a week, four hours per day between 2 pm and 6 pm. **For Cohort I, from 09:00 to 13:00, whilst for Cohort II, from 14:00 to 18:00.**

Each student will be assigned a student's kit, composed of a Mac Book Pro and an iPhone. The kit must be returned to the Federico II Apple Developer Academy staff at the end of the course. Attendance is mandatory for at least 80% of the scheduled hours.

A certificate of successful completion will be issued to those students who will have attended the class while abiding to the above-mentioned rules. The certificate can be used to claim university ECTS credits, in case of existence of agreements for the acknowledgment of extra learning activities between the Apple Developer Academy and the course of study the student is enrolled in at Federico II.

A.2

Application form and registration procedure

The application form must be submitted exclusively on-line through the form available at the following link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/H5sxQa3ppQ> within and no later than:

- October 2nd 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for the I cohort;
- October 30th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for the II cohort;

In order to be admitted to the selection each applicant must own an email address issued by Federico II University. The on-line application procedure requires to fill-in and submit an on-line application form as indicated below.

1. Connect to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/H5sxQa3ppQ>

Once provided with the input form, the applicant must insert the requested data:

1. First Name;
2. Last name;
3. Which cohort you would like to apply for;
4. University registration number ("matricola");
5. Course of study you are attending;
6. Curriculum Vitae;
7. Motivation Letter;
8. Email;
9. Telephone Number;
10. Notes.

2. Click on the "Submit" button.

Failure to comply to the aforementioned provisions will prevent admission to the selection and, in any case, result in an exclusion from the procedure.

A.3

Selection procedure

In order to be eligible for Federico II Foundation Program applicants must be enrolled in the University Federico II, must be up to date with the payment of their University fees and must not have previously attended the Apple Developer Academy or any other Foundation Program course.

The selection procedure will consist in an evaluation of the submitted documentation (curriculum vitae and motivation letter). The sub mention documentation must be in English. You may exclusively apply only for one cohort.

A.4

(Publication of the ranking list)

The merit ranking lists will be drawn up, separately for each cohort only on the basis of the scores obtained with the evaluation. In the event of a tie, the younger candidate shall prevail. The final ranking list will be published in the Official Noticeboard of the Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II available at www.unina.it, as well as and on the web site www.developeracademy.unina.it.

The final ranking will be published at latest by:

- October 6th, 2026 for the first cohort;
- November 5th, 2026 for the second cohort;

Please note: The score obtained from the evaluation is valid only for the cohort in which you apply for; under no circumstances it will be valid for admission to the other cohort.

Information

For further information, the following contacts are available: email: info@developeracademy.unina.it