The Italian university system

Since 1999, university studies have been reorganized in Italy, so as to respond to the targets of the Bologna process. The university system is now articulated into 3 cycles: the Bachelor level degree, i.e. the academic title of 1st cycle, allows access to the MA; the Master level degree, i.e. the main title of the 2nd cycle, is necessary in order to be admitted to PhD courses, giving the title of Doctor of Research. The system also offers other academic courses with their corresponding titles.