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University of Padua
EXCHANGE FACTSHEET

Information for Partners and Incoming Students
non-Erasmus Bilateral Agreements/Ulisse

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1 General information

Institutional details

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Useful websites

[Bilateral Agreements - Incoming students](#)
[Course Catalogue](#)
[Key Academic Dates](#)
[Starter kit: Welcome Days, Services and Healthcare](#)
[International mobility for students with disabilities](#)

Social networks

<https://it-it.facebook.com/universitapadova/>
<https://it-it.facebook.com/universitypadova/>
<https://www.instagram.com/unipd>
<https://twitter.com/UniPadova>

2 Nomination and Application

Nominations:

Official nominations are to be sent by Home Universities through our online form available on [Mobility Online](#). The Partner Institutions receive the username and password via email in order to access the form and submit the Nomination of their outgoing students.

Nomination deadlines:

Autumn/Winter Terms and Full Year – from 15th March to 30th April
Spring Terms – from 1st September to 15th October

Applications:

Application instructions will be automatically e-mailed to all nominated students. The online application for Exchange students is made of **3 STEPS** which must be completed by the following deadlines.

Application deadlines:

Autumn/Winter Terms and Full Year

- 15th May: step 1 and 2 (Registration and Application form on Uniweb)
- 15th June : step 3 (completion of personal details in Mobility Online and LA upload)

Spring Terms

- 31st October: step 1 and 2 (Registration and Application form on Uniweb)
- 30th November: step 3 (to fill in personal details in Mobility Online and LA upload)

Further info: <https://www.unipd.it/en/before-your-arrival-bilateral-agreements>

Please note that Unipd does not accept free-mover students.

Language requirements

- B1 English level, for students attending courses in English
- A2 Italian level, for students attending courses in Italian

Documents accepted: official language certificates, attendance certificates of intensive courses, certificates issued by University officers/professors attesting language proficiency level, transcript of records including language exams results.

Required documents

- Passport
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of records
- European Health Insurance Card or private insurance valid abroad*
- Language certificate (optional at this stage)*

* for these 2 documents only, submission by:

- 15th September
(Autumn/Winter terms and full year)
- 15th February (Spring terms)

3 Accommodation and Canteens

Due to the limited number of places available in the students' halls of residence, only non-European students who need a study visa to enter and stay in Italy can apply for accommodation in the first round. These students will be **invited by email** to fill in an Accommodation form, in order to request a place. The rooms will be assigned based on the chronological order of the requests. We cannot guarantee that all non-European students will be assigned a room. Should any rooms be available for a second round of applications for accommodation, also students holding a European citizenship will be allowed to fill out the accommodation form.

Accommodation form for Unipd halls of residence:

Deadlines:

students will be personally invited by email to fill out the Accommodation form around May/June and October/November.

Price range: € 290 - € 420 per month

Booking fee: € 380 to be paid in advance

Housing contracts duration

The accommodation offers sent by SASSA Service will report standard dates of start/end, which correspond to the duration of the semesters. Students can always ask for customised start/end dates if their stay differs considerably from the standard dates. Students may have to arrange an alternative accommodation if they arrive earlier than their place is available.

Further information regarding on-campus accommodation in Unipd is available at:

[Accommodation | Università di Padova \(unipd.it\)](https://www.unipd.it/accogliamoclienti/accogliamoclienti-inglese)

Private housing

As an alternative to on-campus accommodation, students can search for private rooms/apartments on *HousingAnywhere*, an international housing platform through which they can book a room/apartment offered by verified private landlords and by outgoing students.

To receive a Unipd VIP profile and priority access to the listings:

<https://www.unipd.it/housinganywhere-pd-en>

Canteens

There are 4 University canteens all around the city and 1 canteen in Agripolis Campus.

Price Range for exchange students: € 4,60 - € 5,70 per meal

The canteen service is provided by ESU – Regional Agency for the Right to Study:

<https://www.esu.pd.it/en/our-main-activities/food-services-canteens>

4 Academic life

Academic calendar

The organisation of the academic activities in trimesters or semesters depends on the degree course, not on the choice of students. The term system on which the course unit is based is displayed in the Course Catalogue.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Welcome Days - Autumn term												
Biannual Italian language course												
First semester classes												
First semester exams												
First trimester classes												
First trimester exams												
Second trimester classes												
Second trimester exams												
Welcome Days - Spring term												
Biannual Italian language course												
Second semester classes												
Second semester exams												
Third trimester classes												
Third trimester exams												

Semester System

First (winter) Semester*

Classes, 23rd September 2024 – 18th January 2025

Exams, 20th January – 22nd February 2025

Second (spring) semester

Classes, 24th February – 14th June 2025

Exams, 16th June – 19th July 2025

*Exceptions: in the 1st semester the Master's degree in **Forest Science** starts on 23/09/24; most classes start on the 30th September. In the 2nd semester the Bachelor's degrees in Dietetics and Nursing may start on 03/02/25. Please check the timetable for each course unit.

Trimester System

First (fall) Trimester

Classes, 30th September – 30th November 2024

Exams, 2nd December – 21st December 2024

Second (winter) Trimester

Classes, 7th January – 15th March 2025

Exams, 17th March – 5th April 2025

Third (spring) Trimester

Classes, 7th April – 14th June 2025

Exams, 16th June – 19th July 2025

Recommended arrival dates and ORIENTATION

Orientation activities usually take place before classes begin or during the first week of classes

Further information: <http://www.unipd.it/en/welcome-days>

(The programme will be updated a couple of months before the start of the classes)

Courses available to exchange students

Course catalogue

English version: <http://en.didattica.unipd.it/>

Italian version: <http://didattica.unipd.it/>

In the Course Catalogue the Educational offer is divided per School. The language of the course is indicated in every course page.

Students can easily identify the course units they are allowed to attend, with the label *“The course unit can be attended by Erasmus+ and other exchange students”*.

Exchange students should carefully read the Guide *“How to choose courses at Unipd”* ([available here](#), Step 3) which contains instructions on how to browse the Course Catalogue, how to fill out the Learning Agreement and on the restrictions on course units for exchange students.

The start and end dates mentioned in the course catalogue are the general term dates. You can check the real start date of your classes on the [timetable portal](#) (fully updated a few weeks before the start of the courses).

Language of instruction

The main language of instruction at Unipd is Italian, but we offer a large number of complete degree courses and course units held in English. Make sure to check in our Course Catalogue the teaching language for each course unit.

Credit and grading

Unipd uses the ECTS credit transfer system.

The grades for each exam successfully passed can range from 18 to 30. In case of exceptional performance, the grade is 30 cum laude. In some courses, the grade can be expressed instead as “fail”, “sufficient”, “satisfactory”, “good”, “very good” or “excellent”.

For other courses and activities, such as the Italian Language Laboratory for exchange students (3 ECTS), the positive assessment is not expressed in terms of a grade but simply as “Pass”.

Standard course load

20-30 ECTS per semester is the average/suggested amount for exchange students (**not** mandatory for Unipd!).

30 ECTS is the standard full-time semester load for degree seeking students.

1 ECTS credit equals 25 hours of study, including contact hours and self-study.

Course registration

Students do not need to enroll formally in course units.

Two online platforms are used for course and exam registration:

- **“Uniweb”** student portal: students must fill out a study plan here, which will allow them to sign up for exams at the end of the classes.
- **“Moodle”** teaching platforms: due to the online teaching, it is required to register in each course unit before classes start.

Examinations

Each exam session usually offers 2 exam dates for each course. It is possible to sit an exam on the first date and then re-sit it on the second date in case of failure (unless formally prohibited by the responsible Professor).

Transcript issuance

Unipd will send the Final Transcript of Records (list of all the passed study activities and of their respective grades) directly to an email address of the student’s Home University. Students will have to request the ToR online only after all the exams are registered in the online “booklet” in the Uniweb student portal. Failed exams are not registered in the online booklet; therefore, they will not be reported in the ToR.

5 Pre-departure

Website

<https://www.unipd.it/en/before-your-arrival-bilateral-agreements>

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Nomination by the Home uni.												
Application form												
Accommodation form												
Book WD restricted events												
Orientation/Welcome Days												
Arrival												

Visa and residence permit

Non-EU students residing in non-EU countries must apply for a visa before arriving in Italy.

Please refer to:

[Before your arrival](#) – Visa for non-EU students
<http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

Health Insurance

Health insurances/cards for non-EU students must be valid for the whole duration of the stay. For private insurance, the insurance company must guarantee a medical coverage of at least Euro 30.000 and coverage of emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. It must also have an agency or an emergency contact based in Italy.

The detailed minimum requirements must be checked with the Italian embassy of reference, since they may vary depending on the embassy.

Cost of living

Average living costs: € 800-€ 900/month (including grocery shopping + accommodation and bills + personal extras)

- Accommodation in a dorm: € 245 - € 420/month
- Private accommodation: €300- €500/month
- Canteen: € 4,60 - € 5,70/meal
- Grocery shopping: around € 70/week
- Residence permit: around € 100/one time

[Find out more here!](#)

Italian language course

The University Language Centre (CLA) offers a 3 ECTS free course to all exchange students during the mobility period:

<https://cla.unipd.it/en/language-courses/italian-courses-mobility-students/>

Bilateral Agreement students can attend the Biannual Italian language course during the semester.

Only the first course attended will be free of charge.

Important!

- The Italian language course final test does not award any final grade, only “Pass”
- Language requirements for Unipd cannot be fulfilled by attending this course

Other online activities

Students will be informed by email of any other online opportunities they can take part in before their arrival in Padua.

6 Student support services

STARTER KIT:

Welcome days, Services and Healthcare

<https://www.unipd.it/en/incoming-students-starter-kit>

SAOS

Welcome Service for Foreign Guests

This desk of the International Relations Division assists extra-EU students on immigration-related procedures upon their arrival.

SASSA

The SASSA Service desk from ESU (Regional Agency for the Right to Study) manages the accommodation in the student residence halls and the canteens.

Buddy Service

All students will be assigned a tutor “Buddy” student before their arrival in Padua. The Buddy (i.e. a senior University student) will welcome and support exchange students during their stay.

Buddies will contact students using their institutional email account *@studenti.unipd.it* a few weeks before the start of the semester activities.

Students with disabilities or learning difficulties

The Student Services Office organises specific initiatives for students with disabilities who wish to participate in an exchange programme.

Students with disabilities or learning difficulties and vulnerable students can arrange for favourable conditions during their stay in Padua by informing the Student Services Office of their condition before they arrive.

<https://www.unipd.it/en/inclusion-international-mobility>

Psychological and Psychiatric assistance

The Psychological Assistance Service and the Psychiatric Consultancy Service are a point of reference for any students who encounter psychological difficulties during their studies, personal problems or unease (anxiety, relationship problems, and academic performance).

Both services are completely free of charge for all students of the University of Padua.

[Healthcare and Primary Services | Università di Padova \(unipd.it\)](#)

University Language Centre (CLA)

[CLA - Italian language course for Incoming Students](#)

<http://cla.unipd.it/en/>

University Sport Centre (CUS)

Sport (athletics, rugby, volleyball, basketball, boat races...) both at competitive and amateur levels; two sport facilities in Padua.

[Home | CUS Padova](#)

ESN - ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK

The association of volunteer students who support exchange students during their international mobility in Padua.

ESN assists exchange students by answering their questions and helping them in dealing with any kind of issue they might have.

ESN also organises activities, trips and parties to promote Italian culture with the aim to create a positive environment where everybody can feel at ease and make new friends.

[ESN Padova - Erasmus Student Network](#)

7 Contacts

Mobility Unit - Central Desk

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Students and Partner Universities can contact the central desk about:

- Nomination/Application procedure
- Accommodation
- Visa/Residence permit process
- Learning Agreement Before the Mobility
- Orientation/Welcome Days
- Buddy Service
- Arrival/Departure certificate
- Final Transcript of Records

Mobility Unit desks at the School/Department

Students and Partner Universities can contact the Mobility desks at the School/Department about:

- Learning Agreement During the Mobility
- Information about courses and exams
- Information about the School/Department services (Libraries, tutors, study rooms, etc.)

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For detailed info:

[Desks and contacts | Università di Padova \(unipd.it\)](#)