

# **University of Messina**



## **International Guide**

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## Welcome to the University of Messina

*Dear international Guest,*

welcome to the University of Messina.

As You know, academic mobility is vital to enhance competitiveness and contributes to building up a knowledge-based society where awareness of cultural diversity and traditions is an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation.

The University of Messina, hereby *UniMe*, is strongly committed to create new partnerships with foreign Universities and to promote research projects and exchange programmes by using opportunities offered by the European Union. Outstanding results have been achieved both in terms of mobility, mostly within the European *Lifelong Learning Programme* - Erasmus as well as in terms of European and International academic partnerships and cooperation.

This Handbook is designed to assist You while you are preparing to study or carry out your stay in Messina and to advise you on how to organize it. Nevertheless, international guests who plan to spend a period of study or research at the UniMe can rely on assistance from the International Relations Unit – IRU.

For further information visit: <http://www.unime.it/relint/index.html>

The International Relations Unit

## **The University of Messina**

### **A short historical outline of the University**

The University of Messina has an old dated cultural and educational tradition.

After the foundation of a School of law at the end of XIII century and the establishment of a famous Greek school in the XV century, the local *Studiorum Universitas* of the Pontefice Paolo III was established in November 1598. However, the regular functioning of the University was palsied by the controversy at that time with the Jesuits, which would not renounce of the control of the Institution, as well as with the city of Catania which claimed her position of cultural monopoly.

After a very short period of existence in 1678 the University was closed again because of the revolution against the Spaniards. During this phase, studies took place in the *Accademia Carolina*, the University was refunded in 1838 from King Ferdinando II. In 1847 as result of revolution of the City against the Borboni dynasty, the University was again closed and reopened after two years, with restrictions to students from regions other than Sicily.

The earthquake in 1908 destroyed a great part of the University including its famous library and the scientific equipment. But only a year later in 1909 the Faculty of Law was reopened, while the Faculties of Science, Pharmacy and Medicine reopened in the years 1914/15. In the following decades the University of Messina enriched its academic offer with the establishment of the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Economics, Education, Engineering, Political Science and Veterinary Medicine.

### **Presentation**

The UniMe includes ten Faculties, covering the widest range of disciplines, and is located in different parts of the town.

More precisely the University has four main sites.

The University Hospital, *Policlinico Universitario "G. Martino"*, hosting the Faculty of Medicine, is located in the southern area of Messina.

The Faculties of Law, Economics, Political Science and Education are located in the city centre along with the *Rectorate*, the University's Administration Offices and Faculties' secretariats .

The *Papardo campus*, hosts the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Natural Sciences and together with the Faculty of Engineering is located in northern area of Messina.

The *Annunziata Campus*, with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, is located in the northern area of the city. It also includes the Sports Campus with a fully equipped gym, football pitches, tennis courts, basket volley and baseball courts, and two swimming pools.

All University sites can be easily reached by public transport.

### **Governing Bodies**

#### **The Rector**

The Rector, the official representative of the UniMe, calls and chairs meetings of the Academic Senate, the Administrative Council. The Rector supervises the university's teaching, scientific and service structures, and gives appropriate guidance.

The Rector also acts as ombudsperson for the teaching and research autonomy of academic staff.

## **Deputy Rector**

The Deputy Rector provides support for the Rector in leading the University and replaces him/her in case of him/her absence.

## **The Academic Senate**

The Academic Senate is responsible for programming and coordinating teaching and research at the University. The Senate consists of: University Rector, Deputy Rector (consultative vote), Administrative Director (consultative vote), Deans of each Faculty, 1 representative of Directors of Departments, 9 representative of academic staff (one for each scientific area), 2 elected representatives from the technical-administrative staff and 6 elected representatives from the student bodies.

## **The Administrative Council**

The Administrative Council exercises comprehensive authority over the University's financial management and use of assets. The Administrative Council consists of the Rector, Deputy Rector, Administrative Director, 6 representatives from the teaching staff, 2 representatives from the technical-administrative staff, 3 representatives from the student body, 3 selected representatives from political bodies at regional and local level (consultative vote) and 1 representative of the Italian Revenue Agency.

The Council members are elected in conformity with the rules laid down under the University Statute. It achieves the objectives established by the Academic Senate and controls how administrative funds are distributed, approves the annual budget, authorises public contracts and international agreements.

## **Rector**

Prof. Francesco Tomasello

## **Deputy Rector:**

Prof. Rita De Pasquale

## **Administrative Director**

Adv. Giuseppe Cardile

## **Director of Didactic Services, Research and Higher Education**

Dr. Fausto Gennuso

## **Pro Rectors:**

Prof. Giuseppe Pio Anastasi (Council of Pro Rectors coordinator)

Relations with the University Hospital "*G. Martino*";

Prof. Rita De Pasquale

Higher Education;

Prof. Francesco Gatto

Accreditation of Academic degrees;

Prof. Giacomo Maisano

Evaluation procedures of the University system;

Prof. Pietro Navarra

Fiscal policies of the University and coordinator of Autonomous no-Departmental Bodies;  
Prof. Antonio Ruggeri  
Regulations and Statute modification;  
Prof. Angelo Sindoni  
University Historical, Literary and Artistic heritage

**Rector's Delegates:**

Prof. M'hammed Aguenouz,  
*International Relations;*  
Prof. Maria Chiara Aversa,  
*Research - Scientific and Technological Area;*  
Prof. Daniela Baglieri,  
*Triennial Academic Programming;*  
Prof. Maurizio Gandolfo Ballistreri,  
*Relations with Trade Unions;*  
Prof. Carlo Busacca,  
*Mainstreaming of the Academic offer for the constitution of future Departments and degree programmes accreditation;*  
Prof. Filippo Cammaroto,  
*Procurement and human and financial resources of Departments;*  
Prof. Luigi Chiara,  
*Almalaurea and job placement;*  
Prof. Vincenzo Ciancio,  
*Technological innovation and information technology;*  
Prof. Sebastiano Coglitore,  
*Relations with Administrative Service of the University Hospital - "G. Martino";*  
Prof. Domenico Fusco,  
*Masters*  
Prof. Giuseppe Gembillo,  
*Research – Humanities;*  
Prof. Marianna Gensabella,  
*Didactics – Humanities;*  
Prof. Antonino Germanà,  
*Industrial Liaison Office;*  
Prof. Francesco Mallamace,  
*VII Framework Programme and Institutional Relations with the European Commission;*  
Prof. Anna Murdaca,  
*Relations with students;*  
Prof. Antonella Saija,  
*Internationalisation;*  
Prof. Stefania Scarcella,  
*University orientation and tutorship;*  
Prof. Gaetano Tortorella,  
*Disability*  
Prof. Giuseppe Vita,  
*Didactics – Scientific and technological area.*

## **Didactic and Research structures**

### **Faculties**

Teaching activity is managed by Faculties and Departments, while research activity is managed by Departments and Research Centers.

Faculties have the primary objective of defining, organising and connecting the academic activities of the degree courses. Corresponding to the defined scientific-disciplinary fields, the Faculties have one or more first cycle degree courses which are followed by second cycle degree courses. Moreover, didactic activities is complemented by third cycle degree courses.

The UniMe has 10 Faculties:

Faculty of Arts and Humanities;

Faculty of Economics;

Faculty of Education;

Faculty of Engineering;

Faculty of Law;

Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Natural Sciences;

Faculty of Medicine and Surgery;

Faculty of Pharmacy;

Faculty of Political Science;

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

### **Departments**

Departments are financially and administratively autonomous structures in which teaching and research come together in order to promote the scientific activity of the various fields of higher education. Departments are in charge of research doctorate programmes as well as Master degree programmes and integrate activities belonging to one or more of the Faculties. The UniMe Departments of are coordinated by a Director belonging to the teaching staff of the University.

The Departments at the UniMe are:

Department of Animal Biology;

Department of Bio-morphology and Biotechnological Science;

Department of Chemical Science and System Engineering;

Department of Inorganic Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry Chemical Physics;

Department of Biological and Medical Chemistry;

Department of Experimental Medicine and Pharmacology;

Department of Civil Law and Theory of Law;

Department of Roman Law and History of Romanist Science;

Department of General and Specialist Medical Surgery;

Department of Economics, Statistics Mathematics and Sociology "W. PARETO";

Department of Biological Pharmacology;

Department of Chemical Pharmacology;

Department of Philosophy;

Department of Physics and Electronic Engineering;

Department of Physics;

Department of Hygiene, Diagnostic Pathology and Public Health;

Department of Civil engineering;

Department of Languages, Literatures and Foreign Cultures;  
Department of Mathematics;  
Departments of Internal and Specialist Medicine;  
Department of Social Medicine of Territory;  
Department of Morphology, Biochemistry and Physiological Science and Animal Production;  
Department of Neuroscience, Psychiatric and Anesthesiologist Science;  
Department of Odonto-stomatology;  
Department of Pathology and Experimental Microbiology " ELIE METCHNIKOFF";  
Department of Human Pathology;  
Department of Environmental, Health, Social and Industrial Protection;  
Department of Veterinary Public Health;  
Department of Cognitive and Training Science;  
Department of Agronomic and Environment Science "G. Stagno d'Alcontres";  
Department of Science of Earth;  
Department of Science of Antiquity ;  
Department of Economic, Financial, Social, Environmental Sciences;  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine;  
Department of Juridical, Historical and Political Sciences;  
Department of Juridical Science "TEMISTOCLE MARTINES";  
Department of Pedagogical and Physiological Sciences "Giuseppe Catalfamo";  
Department of Pediatrics, Medical and Surgical Sciences;  
Department of Engineering and Architectural Science;  
Department of Radiological Science;  
Department of Experimental Science and Applied Biotechnology;  
Department of Surgical Science;  
Department of History and Human Sciences;  
Department of International, Communitarian English and Anglo-American Studies;  
Department of Study and Research on Economic entrepreneurship;  
Department of European and Mediterranean Studies;  
Department of Linguistic and Philological Studies and Historical and Geographical Documentation;  
Department of Modern Civilisation and Classic Traditions;  
Department of Medieval and Humanistic Studies.

### **Research centers**

Research centers promote and organize advanced international and interdisciplinary research activities at the University of Messina.

The Research Centers at the UniMe are:

Interdisciplinary Centre for Training and Research in the Euro-Mediterranean – *CIRFEM*

University Study Centre on Euro-Mediterranean Transportation - *Elio Fanara*

National Interuniversity Consortium for Material Physics Science

Study Centre for Training and Research on European Civil Law

Study Centre on Myth and Symbol

Interuniversity Centre for the Research on Sociology of Law, Information and Legal Institutions

Experimental Ittiopathology Centre of Sicily

Interdepartmental Centre for Humanistic Studies

Interdepartmental Study Centre on Performance Arts – *Universi Teatrali*



## Italian Immigration Rules

### **EU citizens and non-EU citizens with equivalency**

EU citizens and non-EU citizens with equivalency (i.e. citizens coming from Switzerland, Republic of San Marino, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) are allowed to circulate freely in Italy but must carry with them an identity document.

EU citizens who wish to stay in Italy for **periods not exceeding 3 months** should report their presence on Italian territory to the local Police authorities handing over the relevant form (available at <http://www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/view/10930>) filled in and signed. They will be issued a duly stamped copy of it that must be shown whenever requested by Police. If they fail to comply with the obligation to report their presence, they will be deemed to stay in Italy for a period exceeding 3 months. The EU citizens must have the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or an insurance policy covering all health risks in which they might incur in during the whole period abroad. The insurance company will also need to fill in an additional form to certificate the compliance to the Italian law (*Certificato di Conformità alla legge italiana*).

EU citizens who wish to stay in Italy for a **period exceeding 3 months** should register at the local *Anagrafe population register* of the district (*Comune*) they reside in. The relevant form is available at <http://www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/view/10930/>). The registration is free of charge and documents needed for it should attest that applicants work or attend vocational training courses. Otherwise evidence must be given to have sufficient financial resources as well as to be covered by a sickness insurance policy for the duration of one's stay in Italy.

Documents (and a copy of it) needed in order to apply are:

- Passport or any ID card
- Certification of enrolment at a University academic programme with details of its duration;
- The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or an insurance policy covering all health risks that international visitors might incur in during the whole period abroad. The insurance company will also need to fill in an additional form to certificate the compliance to the Italian law (*Certificato di Conformità alla legge italiana*). The Ufficio Anagrafe **will not carry out the registration procedure unless this form is duly filled in and attached to the policy itself**. Please note: the EHIC can be used for medical assistance within the first 3 months afterward international visitors will need a Health Insurance (see below).
- Proof of economic means of subsistence. EU citizens can submit a self-certification, but must provide information on the kind of economic support they have (i.e. grant, support from parents etc.) and give the details of their bank account or a photocopy of a credit card, which must be suitable for Italy.

### **Non-EU citizens residing abroad**

Non-EU nationals who wish to enter Italy **must** enter through an official border crossing point, hold a valid passport or equivalent travel document authorizing them to cross the border, hold an entry or transit visa (if required), not be listed in the Schengen Information System as an inadmissible person, not be considered to be a threat to public order, national security, public health, or international relations and have sufficient means of subsistence to cover their intended stay and return to their country (showing a return ticket is sufficient proof). Entry may be refused at the border, although a valid entry or transit visa is held, if one of the above requirements are not met. From 8th August 2009 a new bill (Law no. 94 of 15 July 2009) makes it a crime to enter or stay in Italy illegally. Therefore, foreign nationals caught entering or staying in Italy without permission commit the offence of illegal immigration. Non-EU citizens are required to apply for a

**visa** which allows to enter Italy. It is a printed visa sticker that is attached to the passport. To know whether - depending on the citizenship, country of residence, duration and reason of the stay - applicants need a visa, please check on the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: [http://www.esteri.it/visti/home\\_eng.asp](http://www.esteri.it/visti/home_eng.asp).

International visitors should start visa application process as soon as possible since the procedures can require a considerable amount of time. To obtain a visa, applicants need to go in person to the Italian Embassy or Consulate in their home country.

Documents required for **study visa** are:

1. visa application form (available at: [http://www.esteri.it/visti/home\\_eng.asp](http://www.esteri.it/visti/home_eng.asp));
2. recent passport size photo;
3. passport or travel document valid for at least three months after visa expiry date;
4. proof of means of support in Italy of not less than €417.30 for each month of the academic year. This availability can be proven through:
  - proof of personal or family resources;
  - guarantee of financial resources by accredited Italian institutions or agencies, local governments, or foreign institutions or agencies considered trustworthy by the Italian Diplomatic Representation;
5. declaration of the availability in Italy of appropriate lodgings.

Documents required if non-EU citizens benefit of a **study grant** are:

1. visa application form;
2. recent passport-size photo;
3. passport or travel document valid for at least three months after visa expiry date;
4. proof of having been awarded a study grant by the Italian Government, recognized foundations or cultural institutes, international organizations, foreign Governments or Universities. Where the amount of the grant is in need of supplementation to satisfy the required amount of means of support, economic resources can also be demonstrated by proof of available means of support for the stay in Italy of an amount not less than that established in Table A annexed to Ministry of Interior Directive 1/3/2000;
5. declaration of the availability in Italy of appropriate lodgings as well as the funds necessary for repatriation, possibly to be demonstrated in the form of a return airline;
6. insurance coverage or medical treatment and/or hospitalization, to be demonstrated by means of:
  - a) consular declaration attesting to the applicant's right to healthcare in the presence of specific agreements between Italy and the applicant's country of origin; or
  - b) foreign insurance policy or one underwritten with Italian bodies or firms that must not include limitations or exceptions to the fees established for emergency hospitalization.

To obtain a study visa selected applicants must submit the required documents to the Italian Embassy/General Consulate in their country. These documents must be certified through the "*legalizzazione*" and translated into Italian, together with the "*Certificazione di valore*". For additional information please also visit the Italian Ministry of Education and research website: [www.study-in-italy.it](http://www.study-in-italy.it). or the Italian Foreign Affairs Ministry website [www.esteri.it/visti/index\\_eng.asp](http://www.esteri.it/visti/index_eng.asp).

Embassies or Consulates have the authority to request any other type of document if they deem it necessary. Before applying non-EU citizens should have a **health insurance** in their home country and make sure that the Italian Consulate validates it (which means putting a stamp on it) before departure. Without the stamp the insurance will not be considered legally valid when applying for the residence permit (if required) and applicants will be obliged to buy an Italian insurance.

## Types of Visa

Only for non-EU citizens:

- **“C” visa (short term):** has a validity of maximum 90 days and cannot be converted or extended.
- **“D” visa (long term):** has a validity of more than 90 days. Non-EU citizens in Italy for over 90 days require a “stay permit” (Permesso di Soggiorno).
- **Multi-entry visa:** allows you to go back to your country and to re-enter Italy even without the Italian stay permit, provided you do not travel through other Schengen States and you pass through the same border. Air stops are allowed only if there are no direct flights. The visa also indicates the overall maximum amount of days that you can stay in Italy. A National visa does not allow you to leave and re-enter Italy unless you have a valid Italian stay permit.
- **Schengen visa** allows you to move around in the Schengen Area (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Hungary) for up to 90 days as a tourist only.
- **Tourist visa** has a 90-day-validity and cannot be converted nor extended. A tourist visa can be issued only once every 6 months.
- **D+C (Schengen)** Allows you to move around in the Schengen Area for up to 90 days within the first validity period of the D visa.

## Residence Permit

Non-EU citizens wishing to stay in Italy for **less than three months** are not required to apply for a stay permit. International visitors need to report their presence directly to the border authorities when entering the country if they arrive from non-Schengen States and the border authority will stamp their travel document with a Schengen mark. If they are arriving from other Schengen States, they can report their presence directly to the Questura (Central Police Station) completing the relevant form **within eight days of arrival** in Italy. If Non-EU citizens are staying in a hotel/guest house, the hotel management are legally obliged to provide the police with a copy of the hotel report.

Non-EU citizens wishing to stay in Italy for **more than three months** must apply for a **stay permit**. **Within eight (8) days of arrival**, non-EU foreign nationals who hold a study visa for Italy must apply for a “stay permit” for study purposes. The stay permit is issued by the local *Questura Centrale* (Central Police Station) for the place of residence in Italy.

In order to obtain a stay permit applicants must take the envelope containing all forms and the instructions (so called **kit**) at the Post Office. Please note that “*Patronati*” (institutions offering advice and social assistance to worker) may give assistance in the application procedure. Once applicants have filled in the forms and attached all the required documents, they have to go to the Post Office to send the application.

Documents required are:

- Application form completed and signed by the interested party - “Modulo” 1 of the envelope **yellow stripe for non-EU citizens**;
- Acceptance letter stamped by the UniMe (it will be given to the applicants when they register at the University);
- Photocopy of all passport pages. Non-EU citizens will also need to show their passport itself;
- Copy of insurance policy against the risk of illness and injury. This must be valid throughout Italy and for the entire period of validity of the stay permit. If applicants bought it into their home country it must be validated by the Italian Embassy or Consulate in your home country.
- € **14.62** “*Marca da Bollo*” Italian duty stamp, available from any tobacco shop;
- Non-EU applicants must also submit a copy of the € 27.50 receipt of payment made at the Post Office on a form to issue the stay permit electronically (only for requests exceeding 90 days).

The cost of sending the application is € 30.00 to be paid at the post office. Once the documentation has been checked, applicants will get a registered letter receipt (mod. 22A), which gives them a user ID and password so that they can check the state of progress of their application at [www.portaleimmigrazione.it](http://www.portaleimmigrazione.it).

Non-EU citizens must keep all the payment receipts that legally prove that they have applied for the residence permit. Some months after having applied, they will receive a registered mail by the Police Immigration Office. Applicants will be asked to go there and be fingerprinted and to collect the residence permit. Applicants must provide the Questura with the following extra documents:

- Passport or other equivalent document.
- Four identical passport size photographs.
- Original health insurance policy against the risk of illness and injury and a photocopy, valid throughout Italy and for the entire period of validity of the resident permit.

If applicants miss the appointment the application will be filed away. For further information, visit: [www.portaleimmigrazione.it](http://www.portaleimmigrazione.it) or [www.interno.it](http://www.interno.it) or <http://www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/view/10619/>.  
*Free help line:* 800 309 309.

## **Health insurance**

### **EU citizens**

EU foreign nationals must be sure to have made arrangements for health cover before arriving in Italy. They need to obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from the local Health Authority, which enables them to register freely with the Italian National Health Service. Enrolment with the Italian Health Service also entitles to register with a family doctor and have special discounts. Alternatively, EU citizens may be covered by a private health insurance policy. In this case, they need to bring an official Italian translation of the policy, issued at the Italian Consulate or Embassy in their country, along with a declaration that the insurance will provide complete cover while in Italy.

### **Non-EU citizens residing abroad**

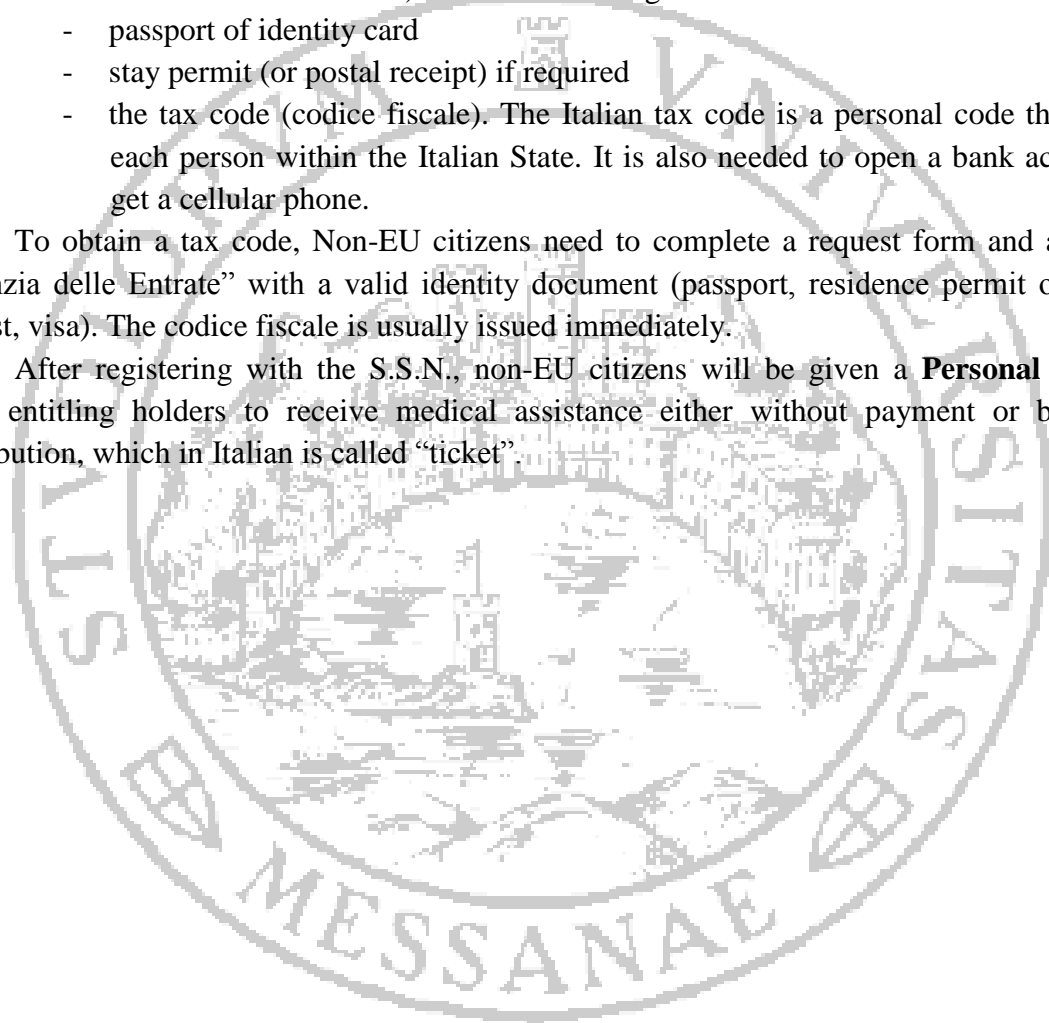
Health insurance coverage is compulsory in order to **obtain your stay permit in Italy**. Non EU foreign nationals can voluntarily register with the National Health System (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale - S.S.N.) by paying a fee per year. Students will be guaranteed all the services enjoyed by Italian nationals. Payment for the Servizio Sanitario Nazionale must be made at the Post Office. Non-EU citizens can purchase an insurance policy in Italy - valid throughout Italy with an Italian or foreign insurance company - which covers sickness, accidents and prenatal care, as well as pregnancy - such as INA Assitalia Insurance but, they will only cover expenses in the event of emergency treatment and / or urgent hospitalization.

In order to **register with the S.S.N.** Non-EU citizens need to go to the nearest Local Health Unit (*Azienda Sanitaria Locale –ASL*) with the following documents:

- passport of identity card
- stay permit (or postal receipt) if required
- the tax code (codice fiscale). The Italian tax code is a personal code that identifies each person within the Italian State. It is also needed to open a bank account, or to get a cellular phone.

To obtain a tax code, Non-EU citizens need to complete a request form and apply to the “Agenzia delle Entrate” with a valid identity document (passport, residence permit or receipt of request, visa). The codice fiscale is usually issued immediately.

After registering with the S.S.N., non-EU citizens will be given a **Personal Healthcare Card** entitling holders to receive medical assistance either without payment or by paying a contribution, which in Italian is called “ticket”.



## **Study at the University of Messina**

### **The National Higher Education System**

Since 1999, National Higher Education System, hereby NHES, has been fully reformed so as to meet the objectives of the "Bologna process".

According to the Italian legislation (DM 270/04), the NHES is now organised in 3 cycles: the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle academic degree is the "*Laurea*" which grants access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle academic degree. The "*Laurea Magistrale*" is the main degree of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle. It gives access to 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle degree programmes resulting either in "*Dottorato di Ricerca*" (Doctorate research programmes) or in *Scuola di Specializzazione* (School of Specialization) or *Master Universitario di 2° livello* (2<sup>nd</sup> level university master).

Hence, the structure of the Italian Higher Education System may be reviewed as follows:

#### **Primo ciclo/First cycle**

Laurea/ bachelor (3 years)

#### **Secondo ciclo/Second cycle**

Laurea magistrale/Master's degree (2 years)

Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico/ one long cycle degree (5/6 years)

Master universitario di I livello/ first level vocational Master

#### **Terzo ciclo/Third cycle**

Dottorato di ricerca/ research doctorate

Scuole di specializzazione/ Specialization Schools

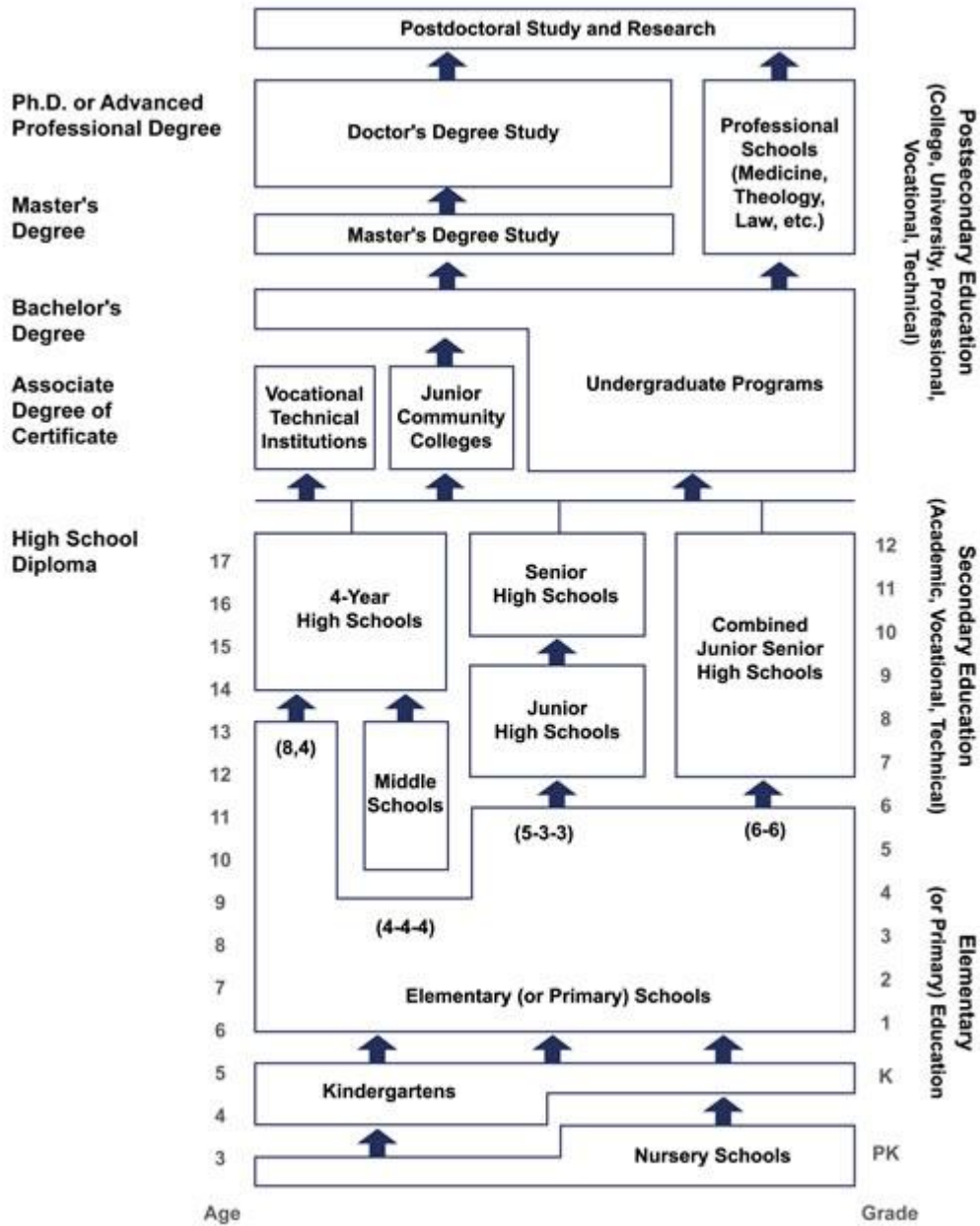
Master universitario di II livello/ second level vocational Master

In addition to the abovementioned degree sequence the NHES offers other degree programmes and related degrees both within the 2nd and 3rd cycle.

The latest university legislation has defined the academic titles corresponding to the degrees of the Bologna sequence. The *Laurea* entitles to be called "*Dottore*", the holders of a "*Laurea Magistrale*" have a right to the title of "*Dottore Magistrale*", the *Dottorato di ricerca* awards the title of "*Dottore di Ricerca*", the *Scuola specializzazione* awards the title of "*Specialista*".

Italian universities are allowed to establish all the degree programmes in cooperation with foreign partner universities, both European and non-European. They may therefore design integrated curricula on completion of which joint or double/multiple degrees are awarded.

For further information regarding the structure of the NHES, please consider the comparison between the Italian the USA education system as listed in the following table:



## Academic Calendar

The academic year in Italy is made up of two semesters.

The first semester starts in September/October and ends in January/February. The second semester starts in February and ends in July. Each semester lasts around 20 weeks and is made up of a teaching period lasting around 14 weeks and an exam period lasting around 6 weeks. For further information visit. [www.unime.it](http://www.unime.it)

## Teaching and learning

Generally teaching takes place in large lecture halls but this will depend very much on the single course of study. Students are also expected to carry out a considerable amount of self study outside the classroom in order to prepare for exams.

## Credits

Degree courses are usually structured in credits. A university credit (*Credito Formativo Universitario* - CFU) generally corresponds to 25 hours of global work per student, time for personal study included. The average workload of a fulltime student is conventionally fixed at 60 credits per academic year.

## Assessment

Exams are held after the teaching period and are mainly oral exams. However, some courses may have written tests taking place during the semester or before the oral exam.

Each exam can be taken in different dates during the academic year. Students after having attended the lectures can choose the date they wish to take the exam. They are also entitled to turn down a mark and take the exam again if they are not satisfied with the result. Rules apply as to how often a student can take an exam within an examination period.

## Grading systems

Examinations are graded according to a scale ranging from 0 to 30, with 18 as a pass mark. A "cum laude" may be added to the highest grade (30; 30 e lode) as a mention of special distinction.

All exam marks are used to calculate the overall degree mark on a scale of 0– 110. The final mark results from the average of all marks earned during the studies plus the mark awarded to a final examination during which candidate defend a project or a dissertation before a Board of Examiners. The pass mark is 66 and students who obtain full marks of 110 may also be awarded 'summa cum laude' (110 e lode).

## Academic degrees

**First cycle academic degree.** Undergraduate studies consist exclusively in degree courses, *Laurea* – L, aimed at guaranteeing undergraduate students an adequate command of general scientific methods and contents as well as specific professional skills. General access requirement is the Italian school leaving qualification (*Diploma di Superamento dell'Esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di Istruzione Secondaria Superiore*), awarded on passing the relevant state examinations, after completion of 13 years of global schooling. Also foreign comparable qualifications may be accepted. Admission may be subject to specific course requirements and to limited/restricted access determined by single University. First degree courses last 3 years. The *Laurea* (L) corresponds to the bachelor-level of the Bologna process. It is awarded to undergraduates who have earned 180 CFU. The *Laurea* allows transition to the labour market, access to the civil service and/or regulated professions. It also may grant access to second cycle academic degrees.



**Second cycle academic degree.** Postgraduate studies consists of *Laurea Magistrale* - LM; and *Master Universitario di 1° livello* - MU1 (1<sup>st</sup> level university master).

LM courses are aimed at providing postgraduates with an advanced level of education for the exercise of a highly qualified activity in specific areas. Access to LM is granted by the Italian 1st degree course or a foreign comparable degree. Admission is subject to specific course requirements or to limited/restricted access determined by single University. The LM lasts 2 years and the workload is 120 CFU. The final degree, *Laurea Magistrale* (LM) corresponds to Master-level of the Bologna process. It is awarded to those graduates who, once satisfied all curricular requirements, have also defended an original dissertation in the final degree examination. A limited number of 2nd cycle programmes, namely those leading to professions regulated by a EU directives (Architecture, Dentistry, Medicine and Surgery, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine), are defined "one long cycle degree programmes" (*Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*- LMU). Access to LMU is granted by the Italian school leaving diploma or a foreign comparable qualification. Admission is always subject to entrance exams, curricula consist of just one long cycle of 5-6 years and a total number of 300-360 CFU. The final degree of LMU is awarded to those graduates who, once satisfied all curricular requirements, have also defended an original dissertation in the final degree examination. All LM and LMU allow transition to the labour market, access to public employments and/or regulated professions. They also grant access to doctorates programmes as well as to all other degree courses of the 3rd cycle.

MU1 courses consist in advanced scientific courses or higher continuing education studies, open to the holders of a Laurea (L) or a foreign comparable degree. Admission may be subject to additional conditions determined by individual Universities. Course length is min. 1 year. The degree *Master Universitario di 1° livello* is awarded to graduates who have earned 60 CFU at least. The MU1 does not give access neither to research doctorate programmes nor to other 3rd cycle degree courses.

**Third cycle academic degree.** It covers the following typologies of degree courses: *Dottorato di Ricerca* - DR (Research doctorate programmes), *Scuola di Specializzazione* - SS (school of specialisation) and *Master Universitario di 2° livello* -MU2 (2nd level university master courses).

DR programmes aim at training postgraduates for very advanced scientific research or for professional appointments of the highest consequence. They envisage the use of suitable teaching methodologies such as updated technologies, study periods abroad, stages in specialist research centres. Access is granted by an Italian 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree or a comparable degree. Admission is subject to the passing of a competition. Legal length is 3 years. The drawing up of an original dissertation is necessary for the awarding of the title of *Dottore di Ricerca*.

SS courses are envisaged to provide postgraduates with knowledge and abilities as requested in the practice of highly qualifying professions. The majority of them concerns medical, clinical and surgical specialties, but SS have been also established for the advanced education and professional training in different contexts. SS courses may be established exclusively in accordance to specific Italian laws or EU directives. Access is granted by an LM or LMU or by a comparable degree. Admission is subject to the passing of a competitive examination and course length is generally 3-4 years.

MU2 programmes consist in advanced scientific courses or higher continuing education studies, open to the holders of an LM or a comparable degree. Admission may be subject to additional conditions established by single University. Course length is min. 1 years. The degree *MU2* is awarded to postgraduates who have earned min. 60 CFU.

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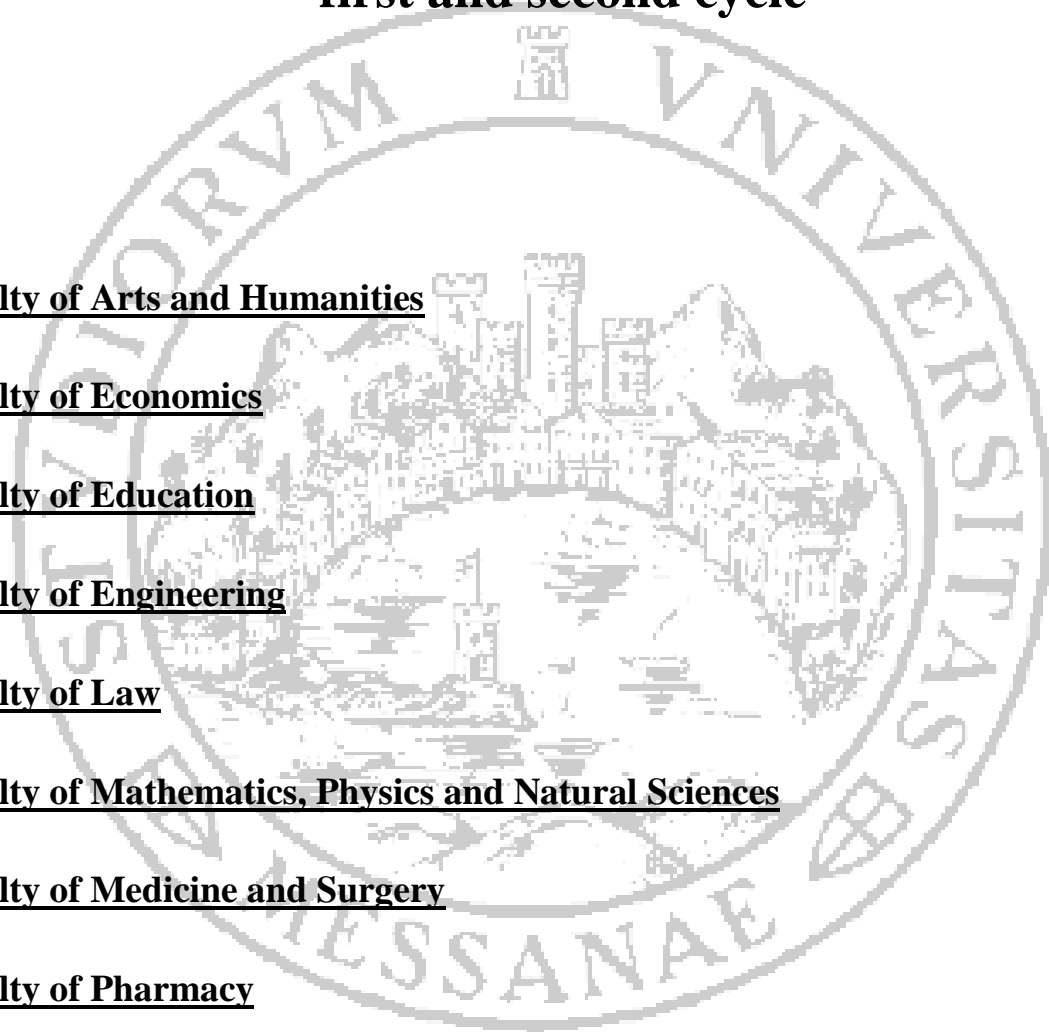
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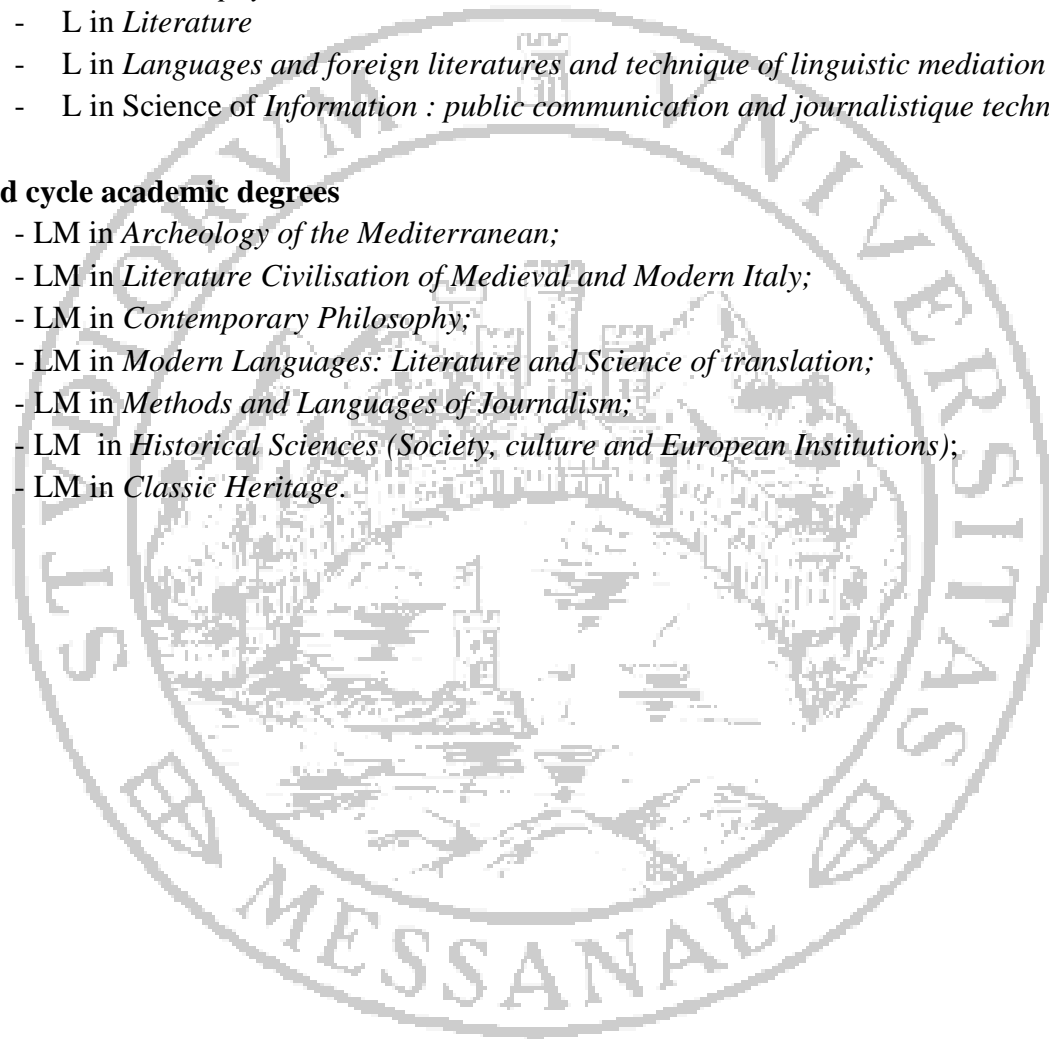
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- L in *Philosophy*;
- L in *Literature*
- L in *Languages and foreign literatures and technique of linguistic mediation (interclass)*;
- L in *Science of Information : public communication and journalistic techniques* ;

**Second cycle academic degrees**

- LM in *Archeology of the Mediterranean*;
- LM in *Literature Civilisation of Medieval and Modern Italy*;
- LM in *Contemporary Philosophy*;
- LM in *Modern Languages: Literature and Science of translation*;
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- L in *Statistics*;

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- LM in *Science of Business Administration*;
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- L in *Cultural Tourism and Drama, Arts, Music Studies*;
- L in *Psychological Sciences and Techniques*;
- L in *Communication Sciences*;

**Second cycle academic degrees**

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- LM in *Tourism and Drama*;
- LM interfaculty in *Cognitive Sciences and Theory of Communication*;
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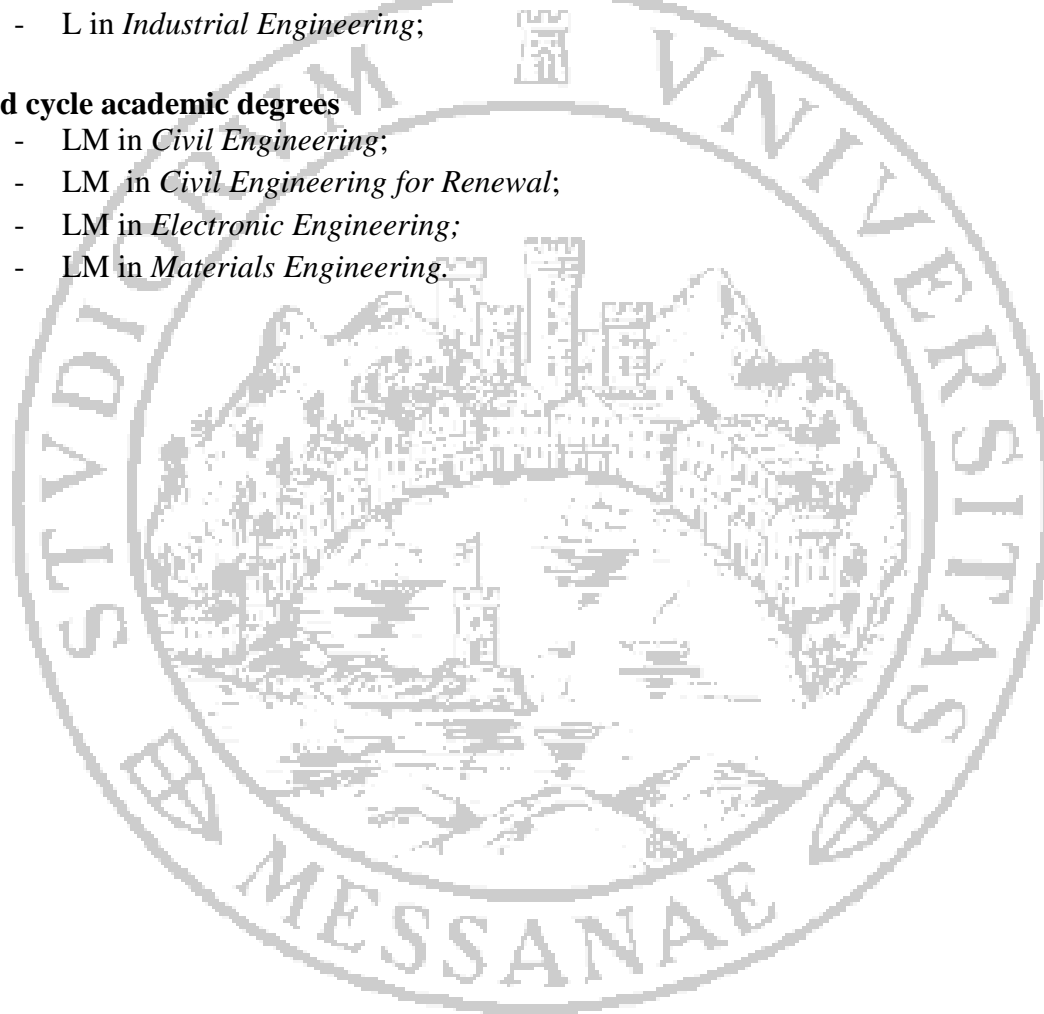
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- L in *Civil Engineering and Building Systems*;
- L in *Electronic and Computer Engineering*;
- L in *Industrial Engineering*;

**Second cycle academic degrees**

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- L in *Physics*;
- L in *Chemistry*;
- L in *Industrial Chemistry*;
- L in *Computer Science*;
- L in *Marine Biology and Ecology*;
- L in *Environmental and natural Sciences*;
- L in *Analysis and Management of Natural and Anthropic Risks*;

#### **Second cycle academic degrees**

- LM in *Biology*;
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- LM in *Chemistry*;
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- L in *Nursing*;
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- L in *Pediatric Nursing*;
- L in *Obstetrics*;
- L in *Physiotherapy*;
- L in *Logopedy*
- L in *Orthotics and Ophthalmic Assistance*;
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- L in *Audio-prosthesis technique*;
- L in *Biomedical Laboratory techniques*;
- L in *Neurophysiopathology*;
- L in *Medical Radiology, Imaging and Radiotherapy techniques*;
- L in *Workplace Health and Safety*;

### **Second cycle academic degrees**

- LM in *Health Biotechnologies* (interfaculty);
- LMU in *Medicine and Surgery*;
- LMU in *Dentistry and Dental Protheses*;
- LM in *Health Professions and Rehabilitation Sciences*;
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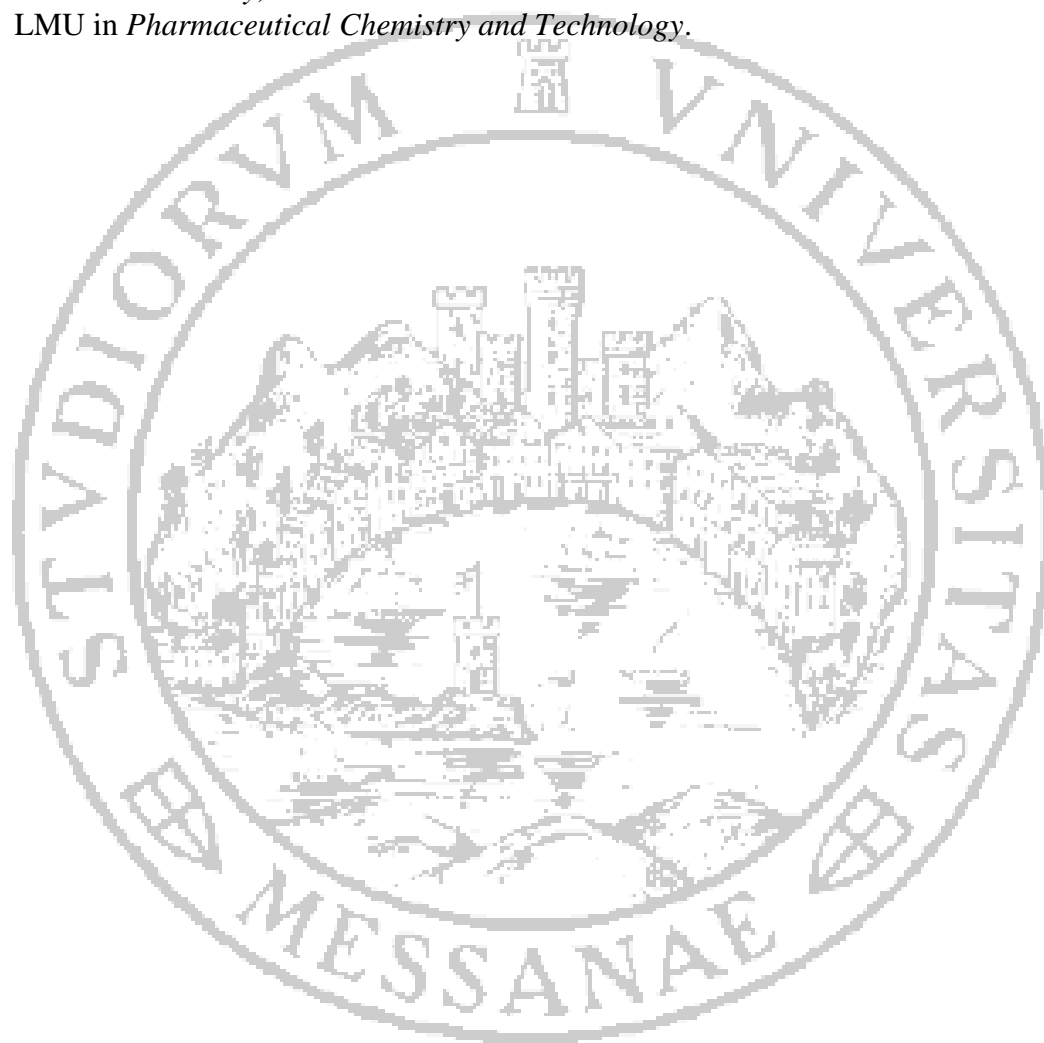
**Educational opportunities:**

**First cycle academic degrees**

- L in *Applied Pharmaceutical Sciences to health products*;

**Second cycle academic degrees**

- LMU in *Pharmacy*;
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### **Educational opportunities:**

#### **First cycle academic degrees**

- L in *Public Administration and Economic Development Science*;
- L in *International Relations*;
- L in *Social Services*;
- L in *Socio-cultural Mediation and Social Sciences for Cooperation and Development*  
(interclass);

#### **Second cycle academic degrees**

- LM in *Public Administration and Development Cooperation Science*;
- LM in *International Relations and European Studies*;
- LM in *Political Studies*;
- LM in *Social Work, Social Policies, Social Studies and Research*.

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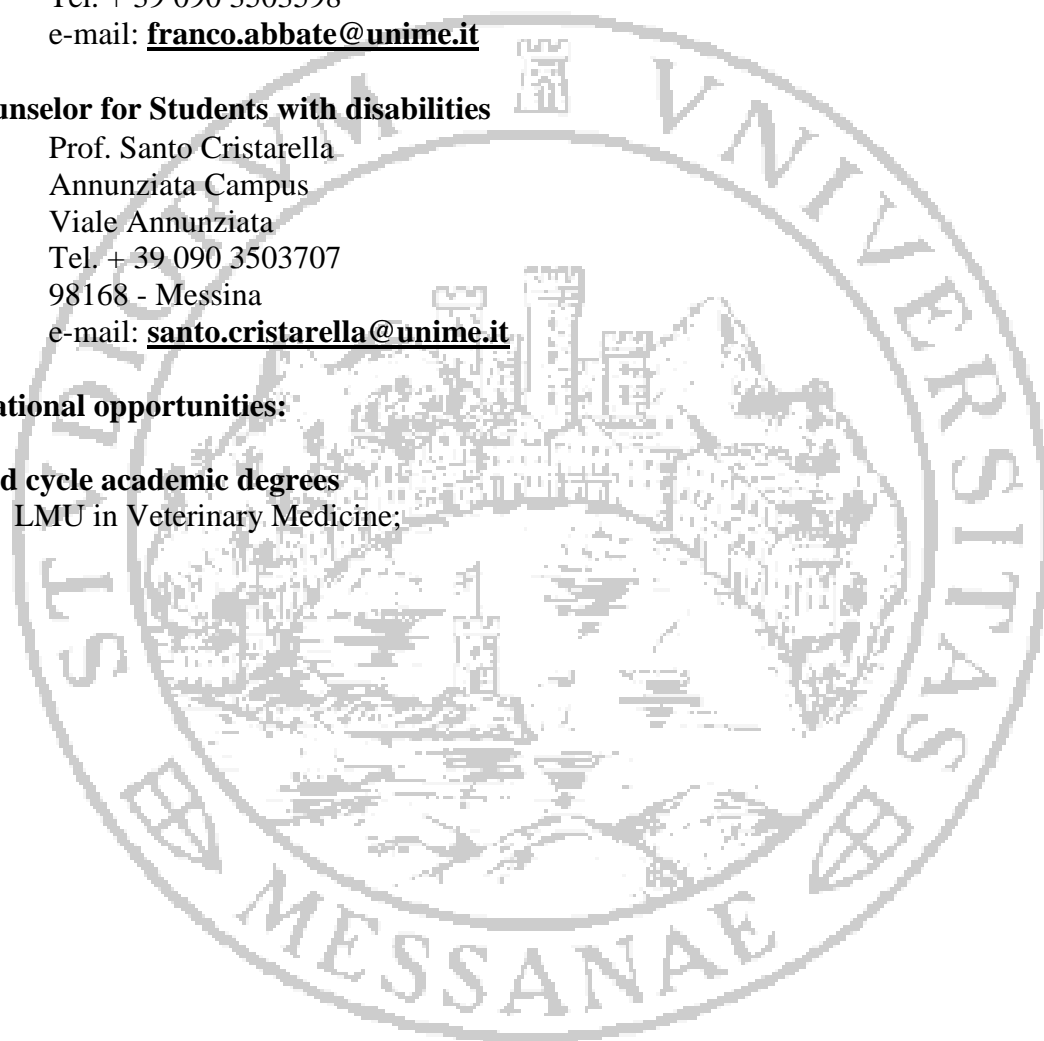
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### **Educational opportunities:**

#### **Second cycle academic degrees**

- LMU in Veterinary Medicine;



## Admission to first and second cycle degree programmes for foreign students

### General conditions

In principle, **all international students** may get admission to one of the 1st , 2nd and 3rd cycle programmes of the Italian Higher Education System. Nevertheless, the two essential admission conditions are that they hold the minimum educational requirements and have a good competence in Italian. Admission regulations are established by the Italian Education and Research Ministry (MIUR) and available at the following webpage: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>.

### EU citizens and non-EU citizens with equivalency

#### Conditions for admission to *Laurea* and *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico* courses

EU students and non-EU students with equivalency are excluded from the foreign students quotas (see below). For them access is provided to on the basis of equal opportunities with Italian citizens and citizens having equivalent rights. EU students and non-EU students with equivalency as well as Italian students may have to take an entry test for admission to limited/restricted access degree programmes. According to the relevant Italian legislation, EU students and non-EU students with equivalency are not required to take an exam of language proficiency.

Students should contact the Secretariat of the chosen Faculty (*Segreteria Studenti*) to make sure that they are satisfying all enrolment requirements: general conditions agreed upon at national level as well as those autonomously decided by the Faculty (for instance deadlines for admission exams, if any).

#### Enrolment procedures

The enrolment at the UniMe *Laurea* and *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico* courses is carried out online following the procedure outlined at the webpage: [www.unime.it/english](http://www.unime.it/english).

Students have to **attach to the enrolment application** the following documents:

1. Secondary school diploma (original copy) obtained after at least 12 years of schooling;
2. Declaration of value for the diploma;
3. Certificate assessing the student's passing of the academic admission/proficiency test (where required), if provided for the access to home country university;
4. Any university study certificate or non-university post-secondary study certificate (concerning passed exams and exam programmes) in order to enrol to an academic year other than the first one or for the completing of the 12-year schooling required for the access to the Italian universities;
5. Two passport-size photos;
6. For non-EU citizens having equivalent rights only: copy of the stay permit or stay card (see procedures above).

Please note that the documents written in a foreign language must be handed in original copy together with the **official translation into Italian**. The translation is a responsibility of the applicant and must be certified by the relevant Italian diplomatic representation abroad.

Applicants **must contact the Italian diplomatic representation**, in the country which the school/institute releasing the certificate belongs to, in order to require:

1. The authentication (and official translation) of the secondary school diploma;

2. The declaration of legal value for the secondary school diploma.
3. The authentication of one passport-size photo.

These documents must be attached to the enrolment application as specified above. Translations of programmes of the university exams already passed, if these are written in English, French, German or Spanish are not required.

### **Conditions for admission to *Laurea Magistrale* courses**

EU students and non-EU students with equivalency have access to second cycle degree programmes on the basis of equal opportunities with Italian citizens. EU students and non-EU students with equivalency as well as Italian students may have to take an entry test for admission to limited/ restricted access degree programmes. EU students and non-EU students with equivalency are not required to take an exam of language proficiency. Students should contact the Secretariat of the chosen Faculty (*Segreteria Studenti*) to make sure that they are satisfying all enrolment requirements: general conditions agreed upon at national level as well as those autonomously decided by the Faculty (for instance deadlines for admission exams, if any).

### **Enrolment procedures**

The enrolment at the UniMe *Laurea Magistrale courses* is carried out online following the procedure outlined at the webpage: [www.unime.it/english](http://www.unime.it/english). Students have to **attach to the enrolment application** the following documents:

1. Laurea (First cycle degree/Bachelor degree- 180 CFU) awarded by any University (European Union citizens can self-authenticated the academic qualification)  
*or, alternatively*
2. a post-secondary qualification obtained in a non-university Higher Education Institute allowing for the continuation of the university studies in the subsequent level;
3. certificate released by the relevant academic institution - duly signed by the diplomatic authority - assessing the exams already passed;
4. detailed programmes of the university exams and time plan devoted to the teaching and laboratory activities provided for each subject area, for the purposes of the qualifications as for points 1) and 2);
5. two passport-size photos;
6. non-EU citizens with equivalency must attach a copy of residence permit or residence card. (see procedures above).

Please note that documents written in a foreign language must be handed in original copy together with the official translation into Italian.

Applicants **must contact the Italian diplomatic representation**, in the country which the University/Institute releasing the certificate belongs to, in order to require:

1. The authentication and translation of the first cycle degree certificate;
2. The declaration of legal value for the degree certificate;
3. The authentication of one passport-size photo.



These documents must be attached to the enrolment application as specified above. Translations of the "programmes of the university exams" passed, if these are written in English, French, German, Spanish, are not required.

Applicants should be aware that the documentation handed in **does not allow for a direct access/admission** to the *Laurea Magistrale*. The UniMe must also assess if the degree/diploma/certificate owned by the applicant can qualify for the application.

## **Non-EU students residing abroad**

### **Conditions for admission to *Laurea* and *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico* courses**

Every degree programme sets an annual **quota** of places available for non-EU students. The number of places (quotas) reserved at the UniMe are shown at the following webpage: [http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/elenco2011/cerca\\_corsi.php](http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/elenco2011/cerca_corsi.php). (digit *University of Messina* and select the *degree programme*). Within each annual quota a certain number of places is specifically reserved to Chinese students (see below). Moreover, non-EU students participating to Erasmus Mundus projects are excluded from national quotas.

To pre-enroll to a second cycle degree programme, non-EU citizens with residence outside Italy should contact the Italian Diplomatic representation in the student's country of residence. Application deadline is established annually by the Italian Education and Research Ministry (MIUR).

Non-EU students living outside Italy:

1. If benefit a scholarship allocated by the Italian Government on the basis of protocols executing cultural agreements, or of development cooperation programmes, have to follow specific enrollment instructions issued by the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. For further information please visit: [www.esteri.it](http://www.esteri.it);
2. If benefit a scholarship granted by their respective Governments to cover the whole duration of their studies in Italy, in the framework of agreements between Italian universities and those of their own countries, have to meet the admission conditions included in such agreements.

Candidates from both the above categories have access to the Italian degree programmes concerned **in addition to the quotas** reserved by individual institutions.

### **Pre-enrolment procedure**

Applicants must hand in to the Italian diplomatic representation, in the Country where the school/university/institute releasing the certificate is based, the following documents by the deadline established by single diplomatic authorities:

1. the original final diploma of secondary studies;
2. the certificate attesting that the University entrance examination in the country of origin has been passed and any other certificates relating to academic studies partially completed (exams passed and official documentation regarding examination programmes). These documents are required to enroll to a year other than first one (or to complete the compulsory 12 years of schooling required for admission to Italian Universities);
3. a post-secondary academic qualification gained at a Higher Education Institute that is not a University, in cases the diploma of secondary studies has been gained following a period of less than 12 years of schooling;

4. two passport-size photos.

Applicants **must require to the Italian diplomatic representation** the following documents:

1. authentication and translation of the final diploma of secondary studies (this must be done by the Italian Embassy-Consulate offices in the country where the school that issued the diploma is based, if this is different from the student's country of residence);
2. declaration of the legal value of the final diploma of secondary studies (this must be done by the Italian Embassy-Consulate offices in the country where the school that issued the diploma is based, if this is different from the student's country of residence);
3. authentication of one passport-size photos.

Documents written in a foreign language must be accompanied by an official translation in Italian. Non-EU students who are already in Italy can contact official or “sworn” translators or the appropriate local Court office.

To be admitted to a degree programme non-EU students **must pass an Italian language proficiency test** and may also have to pass an admissions test to degree programmes with a limited/restricted access as well as other tests required for Italian citizens. **Students can enroll only once they have passed the tests.** To be admitted to the test, on the day of the test non-EU student must show his/her passport and entry visa for study reasons or his/her residence permit, or the receipt issued by immigration office of the police for the application of the residence permit. A candidate waiting for the residence permit shall be admitted to the tests “with reserve”. The date of the Italian language proficiency test is established by the MIUR (generally in September)

However, students with the following qualifications are exempt from taking the Italian language proficiency test:

1. second level secondary school qualification gained after 4-5 years of study at Italian school abroad
1. “Diploma in Lingua e cultura italiana” issued by the University for foreigners of Perugia and Siena, after a course of at least one academic year.
2. Italian language proficiency certificates equivalent to levels C1 and C2 of the Council of Europe issued by the *III University of Rome* or by the *University for Foreigners* of Perugia or Siena or by the private *University for Foreigners “Dante Alighieri”* of Reggio Calabria.

For further information please visit: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri>.

### **Enrolment procedure**

The enrolment at the UniMe *Laurea and Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico courses* is carried out online following the procedure outlined at the webpage: [www.unime.it/english](http://www.unime.it/english). Non-EU students have to **attach to the enrolment application** the abovementioned documents accompanied by the official translation in Italian. Please note that applicants must also show a **copy of the residence permit** or the receipt issued by the Questura confirming that a residence permit has been applied for.

### **Conditions for admission to *Laurea Magistrale* courses**

Second cycle degree programmes also sets an annual quota of places reserved to non-EU citizens resident abroad. Quotas reserved at the UniMe are shown at the following webpage: [http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/elenco2011/cerca\\_corsi.php](http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/elenco2011/cerca_corsi.php). (digit *University of Messina* and select the *degree programme*). Within each annual quota a certain number of places is specifically reserved to Chinese students (see below). To pre-enroll to a specific degree programme, applicants should contact the Italian representation in the Country of residence. Application deadline is established annually by MIUR.

### **Pre-enrolment procedure**

Applicants must hand in to the Italian diplomatic representations, in the Country where the University/Institute releasing the certificate is based, the following documents by the deadline established by single diplomatic authorities:

1. Laurea (First cycle degree/Bachelor - 180 CFU) obtained at any University or, alternatively;
2. a post-secondary qualification gained at a non-university Higher Education Institute allowing for the access to the university studies;
3. certificate released by the relevant academic institution assessing the exams already passed as well as the detailed programmes and time plan devoted to the teaching and laboratory activities provided for each subject area, for the purposes of the qualifications as for point 1) and 2);
4. the "Diploma di lingua e cultura italiana", obtained at the *University for Foreigners* of Perugia or Siena, at the end of a study programme of at least 1 academic year or any other Italian language certificate released by: *Roma Tre University* or *University for Foreigners - Perugia*, *University for Foreigners - Siena*, private *University for Foreigners "Dante Alighieri"* of Reggio Calabria" (applicants may directly turn to the above said universities, including the Italian Cultural Institutes abroad, to learn how to obtain such certificates);
5. two passport-size photos.

Applicants **must require to the Italian diplomatic representation** the following documents

1. The authentication and translation of the first cycle degree (this must be done by the Italian Embassy-Consulate offices in the country where the school that issued the diploma is based, if this is different from the student's country of residence);
2. The declaration of the legal value of the degree certificate or the certificate released by the relevant academic institution assessing the exams already passed as well as the detailed programmes and time plan devoted to the teaching and laboratory activities (this must be done by the Italian Embassy-Consulate offices in the country where the school that issued the diploma is based, if this is different from the student's country of residence);
3. authentication of one of passport-size photos.

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However, students with the following qualifications are exempt from taking the Italian language proficiency test:

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2. Italian language proficiency certificates equivalent to levels C1 and C2 of the Council of Europe issued by the *III University of Rome* or by the *University for Foreigners* of Perugia or Siena or by the private *University for Foreigners “Dante Alighieri”* of Reggio Calabria.

For further information please visit: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri>.

### **Enrolment procedure**

The enrolment at the UniMe *Laurea Magistrale* courses is carried out online by following the procedure outlined at the webpage: [www.unime.it/english](http://www.unime.it/english). Non-EU students must also have to show a copy of his residence permit or the receipt issued by the Questura confirming that a residence permit has been applied for. Applicants should be aware that the documentation handed in **does not allow for a direct access/admission** to the *Laurea Magistrale*. The UniMe must also assess if the degree/diploma/certificate owned by the applicant can qualify for the application.

### **“Marco Polo” project for Chinese Students**

“Marco Polo” is a Project aimed to ease the attendance of Chinese students enrolled at Italian University degree programmes. Chinese students wishing to enroll at the UniMe under the framework of the “Marco Polo” project will benefit of a certain number of places specifically reserved to them. To find out the number of places (quotas) reserved, Chinese students should visit the MIUR web site: [http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/elenco2011/cerca\\_corsi.php](http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/elenco2011/cerca_corsi.php). (digit *University of Messina* and select the degree programme).

According to the Agreement between the Italian and Chinese Government entered into force in 2006, Chinese students wishing to enroll at Italian Universities can get a visa even without the required knowledge of the language, provided that they enroll in one of the Italian language courses offered by Italian Universities part of the programme. At the end of the course the students will reach a B1/B2 level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Pre-enrolment applications for first, second and for single-cycle degree programmes should be submitted to the Italian Consular and Diplomatic Representations in China. For further information visit the MIUR web page: <http://www.study-in-italy.it/php5/study-italy.php?lang=EN&idorizz=3&idvert=167>.

## Research doctorate programmes

A research doctorate is the highest academic degree in the Italian education system (see above). It is awarded to those who have acquired the necessary knowledge and skills enabling them to carry out high level research at universities, public organisations as well as in the private sector. Research doctorate programmes involve planning and carrying out a research project both through advanced taught components and individual study, which may also take place abroad, and concludes with the writing of a thesis containing original research outcomes. By the end of the programme, the student will have to defend the dissertation in front of an examination committee.

Conditions for admissions to a research doctorate programmes are established by the MIUR (<http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>) and are different from those envisaged for admission to first and second cycle degree programmes.

In order to be apply to a research doctorate programme candidates must hold an Italian university degree (Laurea Magistrale and equivalent) or an academic degree awarded by a foreign University validated as equivalent to an Italian degree by the relevant academic authorities of the UniMe. EU citizens have to attach to the application form documentation issued by the relevant foreign academic institution duly signed and validated by the Italian diplomatic authorities in the country where the school that issued the diploma is based (if this is different from the student's country of residence). Applicants who are already in Italy can contact official or “sworn” translators or the appropriate local Court office. Non-EU citizens, upon confirmation of acceptance to the selected Research doctorate programme, have to hand in documentation duly signed and validated by the Italian diplomatic authorities in the country where the school that issued the diploma is based, if this is different from the student's country of residence. Non-EU selected students will also apply to the Italian diplomatic representation abroad for a “study visa” (see above) with the same length of the Research doctorate programme. In case of the selection procedure is based on an examination (see below), non-EU applicants have to apply to the Italian diplomatic representation abroad for a “short term visa”. Please note that non-EU citizens staying in Italy for more than three months **must apply for a stay permit** within eight (8) days of arrival (see Italian immigration rules).

Every year, the UniMe issues a public announcement where **no citizenship limits are foreseen**. The relevant application form (“*domanda di partecipazione*”) is available at <http://www.unime.it/ateneo/bandiconcorsi/dottorati.html> and must be submitted online to the *Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca* of the UniMe according to yearly announcements.

To be accepted in such research doctorate programmes, candidates have to pass an **oral and a written examination** as stated in the public announcement issued by the UniMe and published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy. Half of positions available through the public competition will be covered by a scholarship granted by the MIUR or by external public/private organisations. All the information regarding deadlines for applications, number of positions (with/without scholarship), admission requirements, dates and venues of the examinations, as well as enrolment procedures are specified in each research doctorate announcement available at: <http://www.unime.it/didattica/corsidottorato/index.html>. To take examinations, non-EU applicants must require to the relevant Italian diplomatic representation abroad an entry visa for study purpose. (see above)

With the aim of promoting the internationalization of its research doctorate programmes the UniMe, upon financial availability, may fund every year a certain number of doctorate research positions with scholarships **reserved to non-EU citizens**.

The selection procedure announcement is published in the Italian Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy. The relevant application form (“*domanda di ammissione*”) is available at <http://www.unime.it/ateneo/bandiconcorsi/dottorati.html>

To be accepted in a research doctorate programme reserved to non-EU citizens, candidates have to participate in a call for applications based on the **evaluation of their academic and professional qualifications**.

Details about research doctorate programmes, number of scholarships, deadlines for applications, evaluation of academic and professional qualifications as well as enrolment procedures are specified in each research doctorate announcement available at: <http://www.unime.it/didattica/corsidottorato/index.html>.

### **Specialization School Courses**

Specialization School courses provide postgraduates with knowledge and skills as requested in highly qualifying professions. The Specialization School courses generally last at least two years concluding with the issue of a diploma. Conditions for admissions to a School of Specialization courses are established by the MIUR (<http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>) and are different from those envisaged for admission to first and second cycle degree programmes.

Every year, the UniMe issues a public announcement published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy. To be accepted to a Specialization School course candidates have to pass an **admission examination** (*concorso*) and assessment of candidates' qualifications as stated in the abovementioned announcement. In order to apply candidates must hold an Italian university degree or an academic degree awarded by a foreign University validated as equivalent by the relevant academic UniMe authorities.

### **Medical Specialization Schools**

Medical Specialization Schools aim at providing graduates with a thorough preparation in the various fields of specialization of medicine and surgery. Medical Specialization Schools courses are held at the Faculty of Medicine located in the University Hospital – G. Martino. The MIUR annually determines the available number of places and scholarships as well as posts reserved for foreign students. For further information please visit: <http://attiministeriali.miur.it/anno-2011/febbraio/nota-04022011.aspx>.

At the end of the specialization school students have to take a final exam consisting of a defense of a thesis.

For information regarding the Medical Specialization Schools established at the UniMe, curricula, deadlines for applications as well as enrolment procedures and requirements for EU and non-EU applicants, please visit: <http://www.unime.it/didattica/scuolespecializzazione/specialareamedica.html>

### **Specialization School for Legal Professions**

The School provides the necessary knowledge for new generations of legal practitioners engaged in a more and more competitive environment. The course lasts two years and admission to the School is by means of an annual examination and assessment of candidates' qualifications.

For further information regarding the Specialization School for Legal Professions, curriculum, deadline for applications as well as enrolment procedures, please visit: <http://ww2.unime.it/scuolafor/>

## Master degree programmes

In the framework of a continuing education system, the UniMe offers a variety of MU1 and MU2 (see above). Upon successful completion of 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree courses, students can attend job-oriented Master degree programmes of first or second cycle respectively, which generally include an internship experience.

Conditions for admissions to a Master degree programme are established by the MIUR (<http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>) and are different from those envisaged for admission to first and second cycle degree programmes.

In order to apply to a Master degree programme, candidates must hold an Italian university degree, respectively *Laurea* (MU1) or *Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale* or *Diploma di Laurea "vecchio ordinamento - 4 years"* (MU2) or an academic degree awarded by a foreign University validated as equivalent to the required Italian degree by the academic authorities of the UniMe.

Information regarding Master degree programmes, their area of discipline, application form ("*domanda di partecipazione*"), deadlines for applications, conditions for admissions as well as enrolment procedures are available at <http://www.careci.it/index.php/home-master>. Enrollment is generally based on the **evaluation of academic and professional qualifications**.

EU citizens have to attach to the application form certificates released by the relevant academic institution duly signed and validated by the Italian diplomatic authorities in the country where the school that issued the diploma is based, if this is different from the student's country of residence. Applicants who are already in Italy can contact official or "sworn" translators or the appropriate local Court office. Non-EU citizens, upon confirmation of acceptance to the selected Master degree programme, have to hand in documentation duly signed and validated by the Italian diplomatic authorities in the country where the school that issued the diploma is based, if this is different from the student's country of residence. Non-EU selected students will also apply to the Italian diplomatic representation abroad for a "study visa" (see above) with the same length of the Master degree programme.

In case of the selection procedure to the Master degree programme is based on an examination, non-EU applicants have to apply to the Italian diplomatic representation abroad for a "short term visa". Please note that non-EU citizens staying in Italy for more than three months **must apply for a stay permit** within eight (8) days of arrival (see above).

## State examinations (*Ufficio Esami di stato*)

In order to legally practice some specific professions, graduated have to pass a state examination (*Esame di stato*). Only upon successful passing of the state examination, people can be registered in a public register (*Albo professionale*) and are entitled to practice the profession related to their studies. State examinations are regulated by national legislation: the MIUR issues every year a public announcement published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy establishing the date of the examination throughout the country.

The UniMe provides state examinations for the following professions:

Professions regulated by DPR n.328 of 5<sup>th</sup> June 200:

1. Access granted by LM:

- Chemist
- Engineer
- Biologist
- Social assistant

Psychologist  
Professional public accountant  
Accountant  
Pharmacist  
Dentist  
Veterinary

2. Access granted by L:

Junior chemist  
Junior engineer  
Junior biologist  
Junior social assistant  
Junior psychologist

Professions regulated by DPR n.445 of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2001

Doctor of Medicine

For further information regarding state examinations procedures, admission requirements, deadlines for applications, certificates as well as dates and venues of the examinations, please visit: [http://www.unime.it/ateneo/struttura\\_amm/ufficioesamidistato/index.html](http://www.unime.it/ateneo/struttura_amm/ufficioesamidistato/index.html). The state examination Office provides applicants with the necessary assistance in order to fulfill administrative procedures.

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## **International Relations**

One of the main commitments of the UniMe is the promotion of cooperative international activities in different fields as well as the implementation of the "European Area of Higher Education" within the framework of a higher education reform implemented all over Europe (Bologna Process). With this regard, the UniMe strives to implement new partnerships with foreign Universities, Research centers and other Institutions to promote research projects, exchange programmes and more generally of mutual growth at the international level.

The UniMe welcomes international guests from around the world to teach and do research as well as to attend its didactic study programmes . Outstanding results have been achieved both in terms of mobility, mostly within European programmes' activities, and in terms of European and International academic partnerships and cooperation.

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### **EU education and training programmes to improve international mobility**

EU education and training policies have gained impetus since the adoption of the Lisbon Strategy in 2000 according to which knowledge and the innovation are the EU's most valuable assets, particularly in light of increasing global competition. The "Europe 2020" strategy adopted in 2011 emphasises that education and international mobility have a key role in achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the Union.

The European's *Lifelong Learning Programme* (LLP) provides funds for a range of actions including exchanges, study visits and networking activities involving people at all stages of their lives to take part in stimulating learning experiences. The LLP consists of four sub-programmes which fund projects at different levels of education and training: *Comenius* for schools, *Leonardo da Vinci* for vocational education and training; *Grundtvig* for adult education and *Erasmus* for higher education.

The UniMe has been awarded by the European Commission of the *Erasmus University Charter* (both standard and extended). As consequence, the UniMe committees itself to ensure the highest quality in the organisation of transnational student, teaching and staff mobility by actively participating in the LLP/Erasmus *mobility for study*. Moreover, within the framework of the LLP/Erasmus *mobility for placement*, students of the UniMe may spend a placement period (traineeship/internship) lasting 4-5 months in an enterprise or organisation in another European country.

**LLP/Erasmus mobility for study: bilateral agreements between UniMe and European universities.**

The American University in Bulgaria – Sofia (Bulgaria)	Universidad del País Vasco – Bilbao (Spain)
New Bulgarian University – Sofia (Bulgaria)	Universidad de Granada – Granada (Spain)
Ceska Zemedelska Univerzita V Praze – Prague (Czech Republic)	Universidad de Sevilla – Sevilla (Spain)
Universidad de Extremadura– Badajoz (Spain)	Universidad de Zaragoza –Zaragoza (Spain)
Universidad de Granada – Granada (Spain)	Ethniko kai Kapodistriako Panepistimio Athinon – Athens (Greece)
Universidad de Huelva – Huelva (Spain)	Semmelweiss Orvostudományi Egyetem – Budapest (Hungary)
Universidad de Jaén – Jaén (Spain)	Universitetet i Bergen Bergen - Norway
Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria – Las Palmas (Spain)	Instituto Politecnico de Lisboa – Lisbon (Portugal)
Universidad de Vigo (Spain)	Akademia Medyczna im. Karola Marcinkowskiego Poznan (Poland)
Université des sciences et technologies de Lille – Lille (France)	Ankara Üniversitesi Eczacılık Fakültesi – Ankara (Turkey)
Vilnius Universitetas –Vilnius (Lithuania)	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität – Heidelberg (Germany)
International Business School at Vilnius University – Vilnius (Lithuania)	Universität Osnabrück - Osnabrück (Germany)
Akademia Ekonomiczna im. Karola Adamieckiego - Katowice (Polnad)	Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen (Germany)
Uniwersytet Jagiellonski – Cracow (Poland)	Universidad de Almería – Almeria (Spain)
Akademia Ekonomiczna – Cracow (Poland)	Universidad de Cádiz - Cadiz (Spain)
Akademia Podlaska – Siedlce (Poland)	Universidad de Córdoba – Cordoba (Spain)
Uniwersytet Szczecinski - Szczecin (Poland)	Universidad de la Coruña –La Coruna (Spain)
Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika – Torun (Poland)	Universidad Complutense de Madrid – Madrid (Spain)
Universitatea Romano-Americana – Bucarest (Romania)	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid – Madrid (Spain)
Academia de Studii Economice din Bucuresti – Bucarest (Romania)	Universidad de Santiago de Compostela – Santiago (Spain)
Universitatea "Politehnica" din Bucuresti - Bucarest (Romania)	Universidad de Valencia – Valencia (Spain)
Universitatea "Stefan Cel Mare" din Suceava - Suceava (Romania)	Universidad de Vigo – Vigo (Spain)
Univerzita Komenskeho v Bratislave – Bratislava (Slovak)	Universite de Poitiers – Poitiers (France)
Univerzita Karlova V Paze – Prague (Czech republic)	Aristotelio Panepistimio Thessalonikis – Thessaloniki (Greece)
	Szegedi Tudományegyetem Mezőgazdasági Főiskolai Szegedi (Hungary)
	Università tà Malta (Malta)

Uniwersytet Wrocławski – Wrocław (Poland)
Univerza v Mariboru – Maribor (Slovenia)
Haute Ecole de la Province de Liege – Liege (Belgium)
Universidad de Alcalá – Alcalá (Spain)
Universidad de Salamanca – Salamanca (Spain)
Universidad de Sevilla – Sevilla (Spain)
Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Electronique et de Radioelectricite' de Bordeaux – Bordeaux (France)
Technologiko Ekpedeftiko Idrima – Thessaloniki (Greece)
Panepistimio Thessalias – Volos (Greece)
Instituto politécnico de Leiria – Leiria (Portugal)
Universidade Nova de Lisboa – Lisbon (Portugal)
Politechnika Swietokrzyska – Kielce (Poland)
Politechnika Warszawska - Warsaw (Poland)
Slovenská Technická Univerzita v Bratislave – Bratislava (Slovak)
Facultes Universitaires Saint-louis – Bruxelles (Belgium)
Universite Catholique de Louvain – Louvain (Belgium)
Universite' de Fribourg – Fribourg (Switzerland)
Universität Augsburg – Augsburg (Germany)
Otto-Friedrich-Universität – Bamberg (Germany)
Technische Universität Dresden Dresden (Germany)
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg im Breisgau – Freiburg (Germany)
Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg Halle (Germany)
Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena – Jena (Germany)
Universität Gesamthochschule Kassel – Kassel (Germany)
Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (Germany)
Syddansk Universitet (Denmark)
Universidad de Castilla La Mancha – Ciudad Real (Spain)
Universidad de Murcia – Murcia (Spain)
Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca – Salamanca (Spain)
Universität Rovira i Virgili – Tarragona

(Spain)
Universidad de Valladolid – Valladolid (Spain)
Universite Charles de Gaulle Lille III – Lille (France)
Universite de Nice - Sophia Antipolis – Nice (France)
Universite de la Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris III) – Paris (France)
Universite de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV) – Paris (France)
Universite de Rouen – Rouen (France)
Universite de Strasbourg – Strasbourg (France)
Universite de Toulouse le Mirail (Toulouse II)- Toulouse (France)
Institut Catholique de Toulouse – Toulouse (France)
Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem – Budapest (Hungary)
Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem – Budapest (Hungary)
Klaipėda University – Klaipėda (Lithuania)
Uniwersytet Łódzki – Lodz (Poland)
Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika – Torun (Germany)
University of Sussex – Brighton (UK)
University of Warwick – Coventry (UK)
Oxford Brookes University – Oxford (UK)
University of Central Lancashire – Preston (UK)
Universite Libre de Bruxelles – Bruxelles (Belgium)
Ruhr Universität Bochum – Bochum (Germany)
Universidad de Córdoba – Cordoba (Spain)
Universidad Miguel Hernandez de Elche – Elche (Spain)
Universite Victor Segalen Bordeaux II – Bordeaux (France)
Universidade de Lisboa – Lisbon (Portugal)
Escola Superior de Tecnologia da Saúde de Lisboa – Lisbon (Portugal)
Akademia Wychowania Fizycznego Józefa Piłsudskiego – Warsaw (Poland)
Veterinarní a Farmaceutická Univerzita V - Brno (Czech Republic)
Tierärztliche Hochschule – Hannover (Germany)
Universidad de Oviedo – Oviedo (Spain)
Universidad de Zaragoza – Zaragoza (Spain)
Universite' de Lausanne – Lausanne

(Switzerland)
Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität - Mainz (Germany)
Universidad de Málaga – Malaga (Spain)
Pécsi Tudományegyetem – Pécs (Hungary)
Vytauto Didziojo Universitetas – Kaunas (Lithuania)
Kauno Technologijos Universitetas – Kaunas (Lithuania)
Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences – Vilnius (Lithuania)
Ondokuz Mayıs University – Samsung (Turkey)
Akademie für den Diätendienst und Ernährungsmedizinischen Beratungsdienst – Graz (Austria)
Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck – Innsbruck (Austria)
Medical University of Innsbruck – Innsbruck (Austria)
Universiteit Gent – Gent (Belgium)
Univerzita Obrany (University of Defence) – Brno (Czech Republic)
Technische Universität München – München (Germany)
Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster – Münster (Germany)

Universität des Saarlandes – Saarbrücken (Germany)
Universite Nancy 1 – Nancy (France)
Universite d'Orleans – Orleans (France)
Universite Pierre et Marie curie – Paris (France)
Institut Polytechnique Lasalle Beauvais - Beauvais (France)
Ethniko Metsovio Ppolytechnio – Athens (Greece)
Universidade do Algarve – Faro (Portugal)
Instituto Politécnico de Leiria – Leiria (Portugal)
Stockholms Universitet – Stockholm (Sweden)
Zilinská Univerzita v Ziline – Zilina (Poland)
King's College - University of London – London (UK)
Sofiiski Universitet "Sveti Kliment Ohridski" – Sofia (Bulgaria)
Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität – Frankfurt (Germany)
Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem – Budapest (Hungary)
Latvijas Universitāte – Riga (Latvia)
Bratislavská Vysoká Škola Prava – Bratislava (Czech Republic)

### International cooperation and agreements

The UniMe partners with several Universities Research centers and other Institutions and of all over the world to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research, to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.

A partnership may be established through an *International Cooperation Agreement* in which both partner Institutions express the intention to engage in cooperative academic or research activities. Each agreement represents an outstanding opportunity for UniMe faculties, teaching and non-teaching staff and students to improve their knowledge and learn through contact with international colleagues.

### List of cooperation agreements

University of Havana (Cuba)
Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain)
University of Cordoba (Spain)
St. Petersburg State University (Russian Federation)
Moscow State Institute of International Relations – MGIMO (Russian Federation)
Flerov Laboratory – Joint Institute for

Nuclear Research di Dubna (Russian Federation)
M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russian Federation)
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (USA)
State University of New York at Stony Brook (USA )

Connecticut State University (USA)
Academia of Economic Bucharest (Romania)
University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)
Academia of Economics – University of Cracow (Poland)
Jagiellonian University of Cracow (Poland)
University of Addis Abeba (Ethiopia)
University of Jimma (Ethiopia)
Virginia Commonwealth University (USA)
Bangladesh Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Bangladesh)
Institute of Food Research Norwich (UK)
Donga University (South Korea)
Babes-Bolyai University (Romania)
Mariupol State University of Humanities (Ukraine)
University of Paris -Sorbonne - Paris IV (France)
University of Architecture and Engineering of Kazan (Russian federation)
University of Cayetano Heredia (Peru)
The Sbarro Institute for Cancer Temple University (Philadelphia USA)
University of Lodz (Poland)
University of Graben (Congo)
Southeastern Louisiana University, Louisiana Hammond (USA)
University of Tunis (Tunisia)
University of Murcia (Spain)
Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem
Federal University of Para (Brazil)
University of Tolima (Columbia)
University “Ovidius” of Constanta (Romania)

University of Monash (Australia)
University Michoacana of San Nicola’s de Hidalgo (Mexico)
Federal University Fluminense (Brazil)
University Abdou Moumouni de Niamey (Niger)
University Mohammed V Souissi of Rabat (Morocco)
University of Gdansk (Poland)
Klaipeda University (Lithuania)
University of Malaysia Terengganu (Malaysia)
Justus Liebig University of Giessen (Germany)
University de Cocody – Abidjan (Ivory Cost)
Tufts University - Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center - Boston ( USA)
University of Nis (Serbia)
Institute of Mathematics "Simion Stoilow" of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest (Romania)
Queen’s University of Belfast (Ireland)
Technical University of Cataluña (Spain)
University of Barcelona (Spain)
University of Marrakesh (Morocco)
Minia University (Egypt)
Catholic Institute of Paris (France)
University of Valencia (Spain)
Leatherhead Food Research – (UK)
University of Ferhat Abbas- Séfit (Algeria)
University of Fortaleza (Brazil)
University of Stettinius (Poland)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

### **University Centralized Library System** (*Sistema Bibliotecario d'Ateneo – SBA*)

The UniMe has a well-stocked library including the most relevant national and international scientific publications and academic reviews. The SBA is an updated database of academic and research reviews and journals which are freely available on the University Website at the following page: <http://www.unime.it/biblioteche/index.html>. Access is granted upon authorization.

### **European Documentation Centre** (*Centro di Documentazione Europea – CDE*)

The European Documentation Centre Network (CDE) was set up by the European Commission in 1963. The purpose of this network is to serve the reference needs of researchers, students and citizens. Therefore, CDE are contractually entitled to receive, free of charge, most publications of the institutions of the European Communities. There are now more than 600 such centres, mainly in universities. A Directory of EU information relays and networks lists the addresses and other details of members of the CDE network.

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### **UniMe Language Centre** (*Centro Linguistico d'Ateneo di Messina - CLAM*)

CLAM encourages the study of languages and to support the learning activities of different study courses available at the UniMe. Within its program, the CLAM includes courses for the curricular languages – English, Spanish, French, German – and upon request courses of Russian, Chinese and Arabic as well as courses of Italian for Foreign students.

Learning activities are carried out both under the tutorship of a teacher and in an autonomous manner, using the language facilities available in the Centre for self-learning. At CLAM the teaching personnel includes mother-tongue teachers, teaching experts, and qualified information technicians to provide service for the users of the electronic linguistic facilities. For further information visit: <http://clam.unime.it/content.asp?iMenu=1&id=4>.

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**University Orientation and Tutorship Centre** (*Centro Orientamento e Tutorato di Ateneo-C.Or.T.A.*)

The C.Or.T.A. is the reference point to get information about degree courses, faculty guide books as well as study and job opportunities.

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**Center for Fund raising and spin-offs** (*Centro Attrazione Risorse Esterne e Creazione d'Impresa - CARECI*)

The CARECI is an economic autonomous centre of the UniMe. It was established in 2009 and is engaged in networking the University with public and private administrations, small and big enterprises as well as research centers located in the territory of Messina.

The CARECI was designed to bridge the gap between the University and job market in an effort to enrich scientific and applied understanding of important human resource of the University. CARECI manages and coordinates activities related to research programmes of strategic relevance for UniMe and vocational Masters courses. CARECI activities are implemented to serve students, graduates, Departments, Faculties and Research Centers.

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### **Office for Persons with Disabilities** (*Ufficio Studenti Disabili e Ausilioteca*)

In order to improve the access of both undergraduate and postgraduate students with disabilities to their courses, facilities, buildings and social life, the Office for persons with disabilities of the UniMe offers technical support to the counselors for students with disabilities of each Faculty in programming and managing all didactic issues.

The Office also overlooks counseling activities of each Faculty counselor as well as the supply of free transportation. For further information visit: <http://www.tutoratodisabili.unime.it/>

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### **Gender Equality Committee** (*Comitato Pari Opportunità*)

The Committee is established with the aim of promoting, fostering and coordinating actions for the realization of gender equality. According to the relevant national legislation and its Statute, the Committee seeks to overcome any impediments for a substantial equality among sex and any order situation that represents a direct or indirect discrimination related to sex differences among people working or studying at the UniMe.

For any query please visit: <http://ww2.unime.it/pariopp/normativa.htm>.

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## **FACILITIES**

### **Libraries and reading rooms**

Each Faculty has its main Library as well as individual departmental specialized libraries which provides students with the texts and books relevant for the academic curriculum. Each Faculty provides students with reading rooms and computer access by which students may have access to SBA (see above). In the University premises there is also a Wi-Fi service. In order to use a LAN connection students should register and obtain the ID card at the UniMe.

### **Accommodation and canteens**

The Regional Agency for the right to higher education (“*Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario*” – ERSU) cooperates with the regional government and the University to promote higher education, accessibility at university courses and achievement of high degrees of professionalism for deserving students by means of economic support and orientation activities.

The ERSU offers its services to all national and foreign students, PhD students, trainees and visiting professors of the UniMe.

To rent a room the application must be sent to the ERSU well in advance, before the start of the academic year, to allow scheduling of arrivals and booking of rooms. Since the number of rooms for foreign students and visitors is limited, assignment of rooms is subject to availability.

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Web pages: [www.erasmus.me.it](http://www.erasmus.me.it) / [www.ersuorienta.me.it](http://www.ersuorienta.me.it)

Living in a hall of residence will provide students with a good base to settle down, so be close to other students, as well as being near the University.

University Halls of Residence are located at:

- **Annunziata Campus:** V.le SS Annunziata
- **Papardo Campus:** Contrada Di Dio
- **Casa dello studente :** Via Cesare Battisti
- **Guest House:** Via Pietro Castelli

The average monthly rent is 170,00 euro, including bed linen and blankets. Laundry service is not available. Access to room cannot be arranged if arrival is scheduled on Saturday or Sunday.

## **Canteens**

The ERSU runs four main canteens located in different areas, all close to Faculties:

- “Mensa Casa dello Studente” - Via Ghibellina n. 141 – located in the city centre, at walking distance from University buildings, close to the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Law
- ”Mensa Policlinico” located in the southern part of Messina near the Faculty of Medicine
- “Mensa Papardo” close to the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering;
- “Mensa Annunziata” located at Annunziata Campus (contrada Citola), not far from the City centre, close to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

In order to have access to the canteens, beneficiaries must apply for a CARD available at ERSU.

## **Private Accommodation**

For those foreign students who cannot/do not want to be lodged at a University Hall of Residence, the International Office offers assistance in the search of accommodation in private shared flats through contact with Erasmus Students Network, an association of former Erasmus students (email: [esn\\_messina@hotmail.it](mailto:esn_messina@hotmail.it)). ESN provides regularly updated lists of private flats and houses and helps students in their search. For further info please visit the ESN Messina web site: <http://www.esn-messina.it/>

Furthermore, foreign students can look for a private accommodation directly logging to the ERSU website: <http://www.ersu.me.it/>

## **Transportation**

From Monday to Friday (and Saturday for students enrolled at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery) foreign students enrolled at the UniMe can use local public transport (A.T.M.) free of charge. Foreign guests of the UniMe have also access to free transports by bus-shuttles to reach all the Faculties far from the city centre. Foreign guests are required to show the certificate of enrollment provided by International Relations Unit.

## **E-learning**

The UniMe provides students regularly enrolled a Learning Management System in order to foster didactic activities of each Faculties through web resources. For further information visit: <http://elearning.unime.it/index.html>

## **Sports Facilities**

Sports facilities are offered by *UniMe Sport* which is committed to promote the growth of practice of amateur sports by means of beginner or advanced courses as well as recreational sporting tournaments for University students.

Sports facilities available at the UniMe are among the most advanced in Italy and people can practice and take courses on all main indoor and outdoor sports.

Sports Facilities are located at:

### **“Conca d'Oro” Campus:**

Baseball pitch (15.000 sm.)

Multifunctional Gym (1.425 sm.)

**“Annunziata” Campus:**

Rugby, hockey and soccer pitches (7.000 sm.)

Multifunctional Gym (1.197 sm.)

Multifunctional Gym(1.128 sm.)

Indoor swimming pool (sm.).

Outdoor swimming pool (1.050 sm.)

3 indoor tennis courts (2.517 sm.).

2 multifunctional tennis- five a side soccer courts (1.433 sm.).

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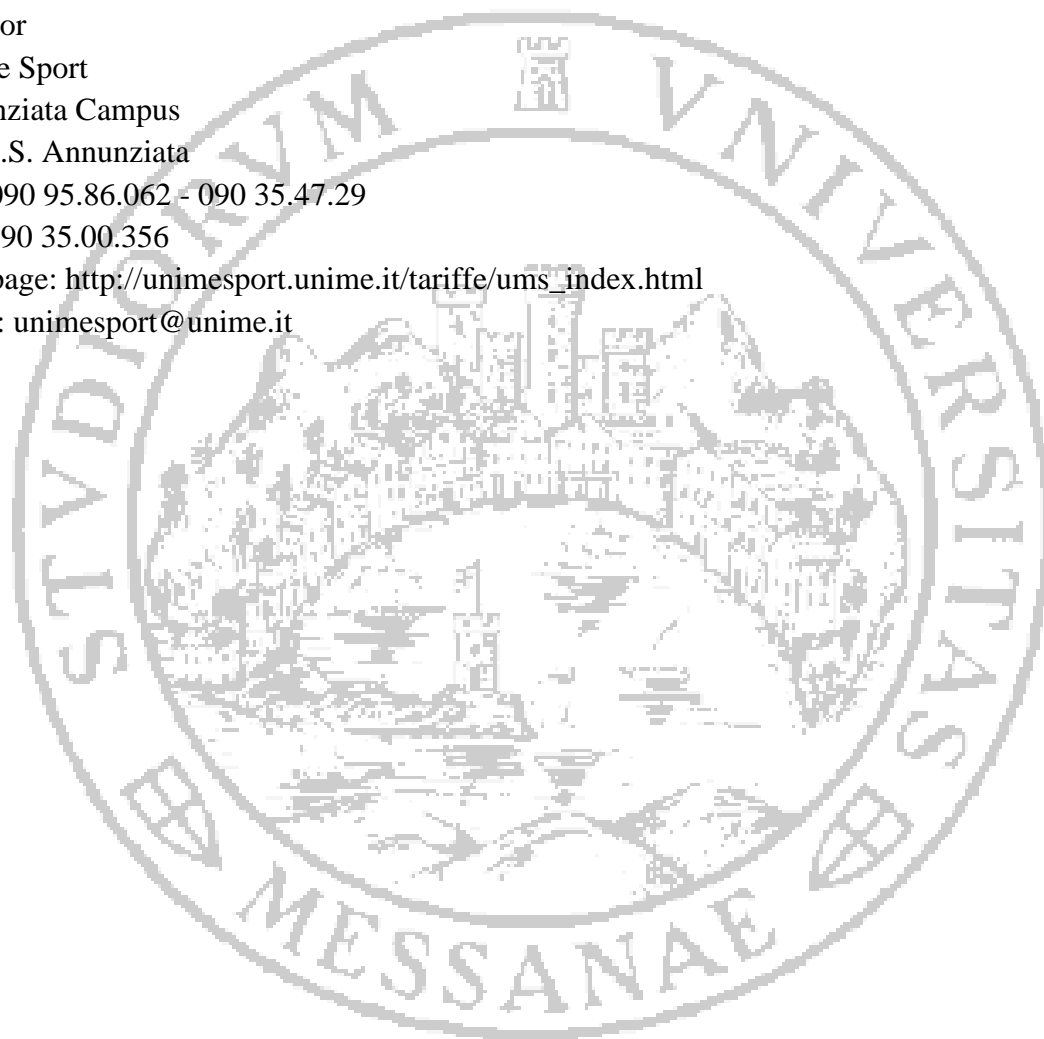
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## **Other information**

### **The Town of Messina**

Many times destroyed, many times rebuilt, the ancient *Zancle* later called *Messanion*, was stubbornly reconstructed always there in the same natural "arm of land" where wars, earthquakes and destructions changed its look but not its inhabitants' determination.

History tells us that the City of the Strait was always enriched by some elegant buildings. Among them was the courtly "*Palazzata*" along the port. The first terrible 1783 earthquake reduced it to dust and the same happened in 1908 when there were more than hundred thousand victims. After this earthquake the new Messina was rebuilt using some anti-seismic systems and a modern urban design. Nowadays, even if only a few things are left of its ancient heritage, the enchanting restored Cathedral (Duomo) can still be admired in its original form dating back to the 12th century. Close to the Norman Church, it can also be admired one of the Montorsoli's masterpieces: the Fountain of Orion.

The Cathedral square is the heart of the historical centre. A few meters away, there are the Church of the Catalans in Arab-style and the 19th century "Vittorio Emanuele III" Gallery. The most impressive testimony of Messina's faith and tradition is the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Letter - *Madonna della Lettera* - the Patron of Messina. The statue is placed on a tall column at the mouth of the port. The Blessed Virgin Mary of the Letter blesses Messina and all foreign people arriving to or departing from the City of the Strait. In front of the religious statue there is the Fountain of Neptune. The synthesis of the historical-artistic patrimony of Messina is held in the Regional Museum where it is possible to see two magnificent Caravaggio's paintings

### **How to get to Messina**

Messina is situated in eastern part of Sicily in the South of Italy and is easily reachable:

#### **By plane**

Although Messina does not have its own airport, it can be easily reached flying direct to Catania, Palermo or Reggio Calabria Airports, via Milan Malpensa Airport ([www.sea-aeroportimilano.it](http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it)) or via Roma Fiumicino Airport ([www.adr.it](http://www.adr.it)). Direct Bus Service connections are available from Catania Airport (<http://www.saisautolinee.it/regionali.htm>) as well as from Reggio Calabria Airport to Villa San Giovanni (<http://www.autolineefederico.it>). From Palermo Airport there are no direct connections; those who fly to Palermo should go to the Central Railway Station (info on [www.gesap.it](http://www.gesap.it)) and take a bus or a train to Messina.

#### **By train**

Messina may be reached by train. Detailed information and timetables are available on [http://trenitalia.it/homepage\\_en.html](http://trenitalia.it/homepage_en.html). Tickets can be bought at the railway station or booked online.

#### **Postal service**

There are many post offices in the city centre of Messina which are usually open from 8 am to 1 p.m. However, some of these are open continuously from 8 am to 6 pm.

To find the closest Postal Office visit:

<http://messina.paginegialle.it/sicilia/messina/poste.html>

#### **Climate**

Sicily is famous for its mild climate, greatly influenced by sea currents. Because of its location, stretching along the sea in the Strait, Messina is windy and in wintertime the average

temperature is about 10° C, while the average summer temperature is about 30-35° C, with a high humidity level.

### **Cost of livings**

The cost of living in Messina is not particularly high. Below are some average prices of day-to-day products:

Cigarettes from € 4,00 -4,90€

Coffee € 0,80

Beer € 3,00- 6,00

Bread € 2,50 (1 Kg)

Bus ticket € 1,20

Italian newspaper € 1,00- 1,50

Sandwich € 3,00-

Ticket for the cinema € 7,00

### **Useful phone numbers**

Phone numbers listed below may be useful especially in case of an emergency for foreign guests staying in Messina.

Carabinieri (*Italian Police Officers*) 112

Emergency (*Pronto Intervento*) 113

Police Station Immigration Office (*Ufficio immigrati Questura di Messina*) 090/366227

First Aid and ambulance (*Ambulanze*) 118

University Hospital - G. Martino switchboard (*Ospedale*) 090/3991

Road Accidents (*Incidenti Stradali*) 116

Fire Brigade (*Pompieri*) 115

Urban Police (*Polizia Municipale*) 090/771000

Messina City Hall (*Municipio*) 090/7721

ENEL(*Electricity supply*) 800- 011322

Servizio Acqua (*Water supply*) 090/675505

Servizio Gas (*Gas supply*) 800- 900999

### **National and Local Holidays**

1st January - New Year's Day

6th January – Epiphany

Early April - Easter Monday

25th April - Liberation Day

1st May - Labour Day

2nd June – Italian Republic Holiday

3rdh June - Patron Saint's day, "Madonna della Lettera" (Blessed Virgin Mary of the Letter)

15th August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st November - All Saints Day

8th December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

24th December - Christmas Eve

25th December - Christmas Day

26th December – St. Stephen's Day



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