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*“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new
landscapes but in having new eyes”*

Marcel Proust

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA AND ITS HISTORY

1. Faculties and degrees

The University of Padova is a state university, as most universities are in Italy. There are almost 63.000 students on a total population of about 300.000 inhabitants. There is no campus system.

Our relations with other academic institutions and research centres all over the world, from America to China and Australia, are extremely active through exchanges of students, teachers, information and publications.

At present the University of Padova consists of thirteen schools: Agriculture, Economics, Education, Engineering, Humanities, Law, Medicine and Surgery, Pharmacy, Political Sciences, Psychology, Sciences, Statistics and Veterinary Medicine.

Beginning with the academic year 2001-2002 a new University Education System has been introduced in Italy, which includes a 1st cycle Bachelor's level degree course (180 ECTS credits), a 2nd cycle Master's level degree course (120 ECTS credits) and a 3rd cycle Doctoral degree course (three full years). The distinction of what in the past was a single four or five year degree plus doctoral degree into the three cycles structure is the most important piece of news. Besides, according to the new system, universities can offer out-of-mainstream qualifications/degrees: an after-Ba short specialisation course, vocationally oriented (at least 60 ECTS), an after-Ma short specialisation course, vocationally oriented (at least 60 ECTS), an after either Ba or Ma short specialisation course, academically oriented (usually less than 60 ECTS) and a Long Specialisation degree course, professionally oriented (min. 2 max. 5 years).

This reform has also adopted the notion of academic or *formative* credit, which actually coincides with the well-known ECTS credit, promoted and supported by EU. The credit is a measure of the hours of student's work, comprehensive of teaching activity in classroom, practice, individual study and other activities. According to our legislation, each credit is given by 25 work hours, 10 of which are of teaching activity in classroom and practice. For each course year, 60 credits are globally provided, perfectly according to the ECTS system. Besides *credits*, each one of the course units, which altogether form a given study course, is also characterized by the content type, as it must be classified into one of the *scientific-disciplinary sectors* (that is disciplines groups, about 350), which should cover all the academic knowledge.

2. Name of the institution and its motto

The Università degli Studi di Padova is the second oldest University in Italy and its traditional name is *il Bo* ("the Ox"). This name goes back to three possible different origins, which are not mutually exclusive. The first is the most commonly quoted:

- the place where we now see the oldest part of the central building of the University, which hosts the *Aula Magna*, the Anatomical Theatre and several Halls, was occupied in the 14th century by a hotel named *Hospitium Bovis*, whose sign was an ox;
- that same place, on the side of Via Cesare Battisti, was earlier occupied by the butcher shops of the town (together with wood, silk shops and so on; all these shops were within easy reach by means of the nearby canal);
- a family whose name was *Capo di Vacca* (Head of the Cow) used to live where later on the University premises were built.

The motto of the University is:

UNIVERSA UNIVERSIS PATAVINA LIBERTAS

(Paduan freedom (is) total, complete, general, for everybody).

3. The University of Padova in short

The University of Padova is one of the most ancient universities in Europe. Juridical, theological, philosophical and medical studies were fostered in the medieval town of Padova before the ground was prepared for the official birth of a permanent university, which took place on September 29th, 1222 (St. Michael's Day). The first professors and students came from Bologna, the only Italian city that can boast an older University. At that time their academic freedom was seriously threatened there, whereas the Paduan government was liberal, the town was commercially very active and wealthy, the natural environment - fertile plain and green hills all around - was ideal. Italian and foreign students were numerous from the start. Not even events such as Ezzelino da Romano's tyranny, Papal or imperial hostility, wars or plagues, could prevent the institution from flourishing over the centuries.

The Paduan civil authorities, powerful noblemen (the Carrara family) and local bishops extended their protection and patronage to the University, which was set up as a self-governing corporation of scholars, with its own regulations.

The students were organised in *nationes*, divided into two groups: the *cismontanes* or Italians, and the *ultramontanes* or foreigners. They were governed by two Rectors, elected every year from among the scholars and by their votes only. For more than a century jurists formed the main body of the University. In 1360 a separation took place between the school of jurisprudence (Civil and Canon law) and the group of Liberal arts teachers (Medicine, Philosophy, Astrology and literary subjects, Grammar, Rhetoric and dialectics), giving birth to the *Universitas juristarum* and the *Universitas artistarum*.

At first, professors were elected annually by the student body; but from 1445 onwards they were appointed and remunerated by the public authorities.

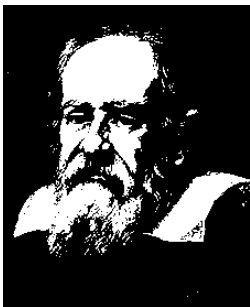
After 1404, when Padova peacefully surrendered to Venetian rule, the University enjoyed more and more protection and privileges. It rose to great splendour due to the number of students attending from every part of Italy and Europe, and because of the excellence of its professors. This favourable situation was to last until the 18th century. The Venetian Senate had the *Studio di Padova* reformed and reorganised in 1517, after the War of Cambrai. This was cleverly done, always with great tolerance even on religious matters. Professors were granted unlimited freedom in their teaching and no race or creed was banned from the Padova Studio. The University could rightly add to its coat of arms the famous motto *Universa universis patavina libertas*. Padova became the only *Studium* of The Most Serene Republic of Venice.

The first Botanical Garden in the world was founded in Padova in 1545; through it several new plants (including the potato) were brought to Europe from the New World.

In 1797 Napoleon "sold" the Venetian Republic to the Austrians. During Austrian domination, Padova - though restricted by circumstances - kept to its ideals of freedom by becoming a centre of political struggle against foreign rule. After the annexation of Venetia to Italy, our University continued its glorious traditions in many ways.

4. Eminent alumni

Throughout these centuries many professors - scientists, jurists and literati - made Padova University a centre which irradiated culture all over Europe. Many scholars came from all over Europe and often started their own cultural institutions on their return home. To name a few: Nicolaus Copernicus - Polish astronomer; Pietro d'Abano - physician and philosopher; Marcantonio dalla Torre - Leonardo da Vinci's anatomy instructor; the Flemish Andreas Vesalius - anatomist; Girolamo Fabrici d'Acquapendente - he set up a permanent anatomy theatre in 1594 and the theatre is still there today; Galileo Galilei - physicist, mathematician, astronomer and philosopher; Giovan Battista Morgagni - the founder of Pathological anatomy; William Harvey - the discoverer of the circulation of the blood; Count Giovanni Dondi - professor of Humanities and Petrarch's friend; Pier Paolo Vergerio, humanist; Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia - the first woman in the world to graduate in a university, in 1678; the English Thomas Penketh - professor of Theology; Vittorino da Feltre - lecturer in Rhetoric; Demetrius Chalkondyles - Athenian professor of Greek; Melchiorre Cesarotti - poet and translator; Pietro Bembo and Torquato Tasso - poets; Erasmus from Rotterdam - theologian and humanist; Franciscus Skarina - the father of Bielorussian literature; the Polish poets Klemens Janicki and Jan Kochanowski, Ugo Foscolo - poet; Giuseppe Tartini, musician and composer; Giacomo Casanova, traveller, author and seducer and many others.



The founder of the modern experimental method, Galileo Galilei, was a Paduan professor from 1592 on. As he asserted, these were "the best eighteen years of my life".

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

1. Academic Calendar 2009-2010

Lectures are due to begin October 1st, 2009.

Please note that lectures frequency is usually free but it may occasionally be compulsory.

In Padova almost all degree courses are organised according to a semester schedule (two terms per academic year). Each term consists of twelve lectures weeks and four weeks for examinations.

Some degree courses (usually Economics, Electronic Engineering, Computer Science, Telecommunication, Information, Automation, Biomedical Science, Physics, Materials Science) are organised according to a so called quarter schedule (three terms per academic year). Each term consists of nine lectures weeks and four weeks for examinations.

Please check details before arrival directly contacting your Departmental Coordinator in Padova.

As far as holidays are concerned, apart from Summer holidays (From August 2nd to August 21st, 2010), Christmas holidays (about 2 weeks, from 21st December on) and Easter holidays (one week only, April 2nd to 7th April) we also have one-day public or local holidays:

25th April - Liberation Day

30th April - Giustiniana Holiday

1st May - May Day

13th June - Patron Saint's day

15th August – Assumption Day

1st November - All Saints

8th December - The Immaculate Conception

8th February - University of Padova Day

Lectures and examinations dates – Academic Calendar 2009-2010

	LECTURES PERIOD	EXAMINATION PERIOD
FIRST SEMESTER	October 1 st , 2009 to January 22 nd 2010	January 25 th to February 19 th 2010
SECOND SEMESTER	February 22 nd to June 11 th 2010	June 14 th to July 31 th 2010
EXAMINATIONS RECOVERY PERIOD		August 23 rd to September 24 th 2010

2. Student workload and examinations

Italian students are given a great deal of freedom and are responsible for their own progress. The tutor system has been proposed only recently and in some degree courses it still has to be fully implemented. Attending lectures and laboratories will keep students busy for approximately 10 hours per week (this may vary according to the Faculty). Students have to study on their own in order to take examinations. Examinations may be written or oral and can usually be taken three times a year.

3. ECTS credits

According to the Italian Law and to the decision of our Academic Senate ("Senato Accademico"), 1 CFU (Formative University Credit) is equivalent to 1 ECTS (European Credits Transfer System) credit. One CFU generally corresponds to 25 hours of workload per student, time for individual study included.

The average workload of a full-time student is conventionally fixed at 60 CFU per year.

The evaluation grading system goes from 18 to 30. The highest possible grade is 30 *cum laude* which corresponds to *excellent*. Some modules and activities are evaluated with the positive assessment "Idoneità" which means that the exam/module has been passed.

4. Registration for Erasmus Students: the Application Form

All incoming students are requested to fill in the Application Form on line, to print it out and to send the original copy duly signed and stamped by the academic authorities of Home university (Erasmus co-ordinator or International Office), with a copy of their Transcript of Records and Learning Agreement, to our International Relations Office by post to:

Università degli Studi di Padova
International Relations Office
via VIII Febbraio 2
I-35122 Padova ITALY

To contact us:

tel. +39 049 827 3063

fax +39 049 827 3060

E-mail erasmus@unipd.it

The deadline for the first semester and full academic year is **15th July 2009** and for the second semester is **15th November 2009**.

After their arrival, all Erasmus Incoming students are requested to come to International Relations Office to receive all the papers necessary to their stay in Padova.

Then they must enrol at the Segreteria Studenti (Registrar's office) of the Faculty involved, stating what modules they wish to attend, with the relevant examinations.

5. Study certification

If you wish to attend modules and take the corresponding examinations, you will be requested to go to the Segreteria Studenti of the Faculty in which you are studying. Please take with you two photos and a € 14,62 “marca da bollo” (revenue stamp, it can be bought at the tobacconist's): you will have to fill in some forms asking for permission to attend the modules you have chosen, you will receive the so-called “Libretto Erasmus”. At the end of your stay, you must return your libretto Erasmus to the Segreteria Studenti: at your request they will issue an official certificate with the results of the examinations you have taken.

Finally, if you simply need to obtain a Certificate of Attendance from your tutor in Padova, you must visit him/her at least once a month and keep him/her up to date as to what you are doing.

You can find the "Segreterie Studenti" of all Faculties at the following address:
Casa Grimani, via Lungargine Piovego 2/3 (see map)

Opening hours	
Monday and Friday	from 10.00 to 12.30
Tuesday	from 10.00. to 12.30 and from 15.00 to 16.30
Thursday	from 10.00 to 15.00

For further information see <http://www.unipd.it/cittauniversitaria/segreterie.htm>

6. Attendance of Lecture Courses

You are kindly invited to introduce yourself to the teachers in charge of the modules you have chosen to attend. Please do this as soon as possible, so that they can give you advice or any other useful help. In particular, inform your tutor about any problem connected with life as a student in Padova.

Students looking for information about their Faculty and study courses can visit the following websites:

Agricultural Studies	http://www.agraria.unipd.it
Economics	http://www.economia.unipd.it
Education	http://www.scform.unipd.it
Engineering	http://www.ing.unipd.it
Humanities	http://www.lettere.unipd.it
Law	http://www.giuri.unipd.it
Medicine and Surgery	http://www.medicina.unipd.it
Pharmacy	http://www.farmacia.unipd.it
Political Sciences	http://www.scipol.unipd.it
Psychology	http://www.psicologia.unipd.it
Natural Sciences	http://www.scienze.unipd.it
Statistics	http://www.statistica.unipd.it
Veterinary Medicine	http://www.veterinaria.unipd.it

or address requests to the Erasmus co-ordinators. Please visit our webpage www.unipd.it/programmi/erasmus.html

7. Access to University Libraries

As far as access to libraries is concerned, Erasmus students enjoy the same rights as Italian students. Each library may establish an "ad hoc" procedure in order to ensure that books are brought back safely (e.g. deposit, letter from the person responsible for the mobility exchange, and so on).

8. General information about Accommodation Office and Accommodation Form

The service in charge of accommodation is S.A.S.S.A. Service. The address is:

SASSA Service powered by ESU Padova
via Tiepolo, 48 35129 PADOVA (Italy)
Tel. +39 049 792 7306
Fax +39 049 780 0187
E-mail: sassa@sassa.org
Website: <http://www.sassa.org>

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 6.30 pm (*when you decide your date of arrival, please make sure it is not Saturday or Sunday otherwise you will find the office closed!*)

As already said before, Padova is a university town with a large student population: in such a situation it is very difficult to find an accommodation once the academic year has started. Student Residences (both those run by private groups and those run by ESU, the regional authority) cannot satisfy all the requests they receive. Therefore, those who want help from the S.A.S.S.A. Service in finding accommodation are strongly advised to apply well in advance, keeping in mind that the number of single rooms is in any case very limited. The deadline for the first semester and full academic year is **15th July 2009** and for the second semester is **15th November 2009**.

Because of such a large demand and such a limited availability of places, successful applicants for Student Residences will receive a letter accompanied by a copy of contract and bank details for paying in the 215.00 Euro caution money: for detailed information about the procedure of reservation all incoming students are strongly recommended to visit the website www.sassa.org. Once place is accepted this will be considered binding for fee payment for the period booked. Students asking for SASSA's help will be offered the following accommodation options (each one limited in number):

- Student Residences run by ESU
- Private Residences
- Private flats

The new Accommodation Form 2009/2010 is available in three languages: Italian, English and Spanish. Check it at www.sassa.org

All incoming students are requested to fill in the Accommodation Form on line, to print it out and to send the original copy duly signed and stamped by the academic authorities of their Home university (Erasmus co-ordinator or International Office) to:

SASSA Service
via Tiepolo, 48
I-35129 Padova ITALY

9. First-night accommodation

For those who arrive in Padova outside reception hours (Monday to Friday 9 – 13 and 15 – 18.30), SASSA Service suggests the following list of cheap or moderately expensive first-night places to stay:

- **Youth Hostel "Città di Padova"**
budget accommodation in the city centre - near Prato della Valle
via Aleardi, 30 - 35122 Padova
telefono 0039 049 8752219
fax 0039 049 654210
e-mail ostellopadova@ctgveneto.it, pdyhtl@tin.it
book on-line: www.hostelbookers.com
Internet: www.ostellopadova.it
- **Casa a Colori**
budget accommodation near the city centre

Via del Commissario, 44 Padova
Tel: 049/680332
www.casaacolori.org
- **Hotel Casa del Pellegrino** (book well in advance)
in the city centre - in front of St. Anthony's Basilica
Via Melchiorre Cesarotti, 21
35123 Padova - ITALIA
telefono 0039 049 8239711
fax 0039 049 8239780
info@casadelpellegrino.com
www.casadelpellegrino.com
- **Hotel S. Antonio**
in the city centre
Via San Fermo, 118
35137 PADOVA
Tel.: +39 049 8751393
Fax.: +39 049 8752508
info@hotelsantantonio.it
<http://www.hotelsantantonio.it>

You can find more temporary accommodation solutions at the website www.turismopadova.it

10. Canteen

Every Erasmus student can obtain a canteen card issued by ESU (the regional authority runs several hostels and canteens). This card gives access to eight ESU canteens with a fixed price of about 4.00 Euro per meal.

11. Students with special needs

Students with special needs should address their requests to the Disability Service (serv.disabilita@unipd.it, tel.+39 049 827 5032/5033); every effort will be made to help them in organising their stay and to offer proper accommodation.

12. Italian language courses

We will organise language courses at three levels: beginners, elementary and intermediate, according to the needs of students. The levels offered are from A1 to C2 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* of the Council of Europe. An advanced course may be organised upon request. In order for a course to start a minimum of 6 to 8 students, at the same level, is required. An Italian language assessment test will be held and each student will as soon as possible be assigned to a course suitable for him/her.

Please note that the course, the initial placement and final tests are **FREE** for LLP Erasmus, Erasmus-Mundus and bilateral agreement students.

Students enrolled in Italian language courses can use the multimedial materials for autonomous study available:

1. at the Language Centre Multimedia Library (Mediateca)
2. at the multimedial language laboratories
3. on the CLA didactic website *CLAWEB*

Students must register online using the online form and choose one of the dates offered. For organization reasons it will not be possible to change the time or date of the test. Students must confirm their registration to the test only if they are certain to be free on the date and at the time chosen.

Passing the final test at the end of the course will let you achieve 3 CFU (=3 ECTS credits).

Since these courses are rather expensive, we strongly advise you to enrol only if you are seriously interested.

Further information about Italian Courses and application procedures can be found at the website: http://claweb.cla.unipd.it/cla/EN_italiano_erasmus.html

13. Erasmus Students Association

An association of Erasmus students has been founded in Padova, named AEP, member of the Erasmus Student Network (Galleria Tito Livio 7, 35122 Padova, tel: +39 049 827 3911 e-mail:esnpadova@gmail.com web:<http://www.esnpadova.it> opening hours: Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 pm to 9 pm - Thursday and Friday from 11 am to 1 pm). One of its purposes is to welcome foreign students who are guests at our University, and help them to get to know the city. In addition, during the academic year they will organise some cultural and recreative activities.

14. At the end of your Erasmus stay

In order to receive a certificate with the exams you have made in Padova (transcript of records), you should request it to "Segreteria Studenti di Facoltà" some days before your departure, giving in your "libretto dello studente Erasmus" and a third "marca da bollo" of Euro 14.62, telling them the exact address where you would like to receive the certificate. Please note that the transcript of record won't be sent to you if you don't make the request before departure and give the Segreteria Studenti the marca da bollo (Euro 14.62).

In order to receive a certificate attesting your Erasmus stay in Padova, you must go to Servizio Relazioni Internazionali Studenti, with the receipt of the "Final interview" that you can fill in on-line on

<http://www.unipd.it/programmi/erasmus/welcomeguide/welcomeguide.htm>

P.S.: the date of issue of the certificate will also attest the end of your Erasmus stay.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED AFTER YOUR DEPARTURE FROM PADOVA FOLLOWING THE END OF YOUR ERASMUS STAY.

ABOUT YOUR STAY IN PADOVA

1. How to reach Padova

Padova can be easily reached by train with direct connections from most European countries: the nearest and the most important connections are *Milano Centrale* (230 km), *Verona P.N.* (80 km), *Venezia-Mestre* (30 km) and *Bologna* (120 km).

The nearest airports are *Venezia* (35 km), *Treviso* (60 km), *Verona* (80 km), *Bologna* (120 km) and *Milano* (230 km).

2. Climate

The climate is continental, with great extremes of temperature. Bring suitable clothing with you. During the winter months (November to February), temperatures may be as low as -5 degrees and it is sometimes foggy. Spring is sunny and often warm. Summer may be hot and humid. The average temperature ranges between 0 degrees in Winter and 30 degrees in Summer.

3. Residence permit or permission to stay

a) Students from EU countries: they are required to go to the City Hall to inform of their stay in Padova; International Relations Office will give you an envelope with necessary papers to **SAOS Office** (Palazzo Bo, via VIII Febbraio 1848, 2 – Padova; opening hours: Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 12 am) that will help the students to fill in the necessary papers.

b) Students from non-EU countries: they are required to get a residence permit from the local *Questura* (the police administration). *The procedure will take place by the International Relations Office of the University of Padova.* To get permission, they need

- the Passport;
- a Photocopy of all pages of the passport;
- a Photocopy of the statement certifying the course of study to be taken, certified by the Italian Diplomatic/Consular mission when the entry visa is issued;
- a Photocopy of the Health Insurance;
- a € 14,62 “marca da bollo” (revenue stamp, it can be bought at the tobacconist's).
- 4 passport photographs

4. Health

If you need medical assistance, you must have your TEAM card, issued by your country's Health Service, or an health insurance, before coming to Italy. If you are in urgent need of hospital care, go directly to the nearest hospital, to *Pronto Soccorso* (Emergency Ward), taking your TEAM card with you. If you need other medical services you must get the green form called *carnet della salute* from:

Ufficio Estero dell'USL (Unità Sanitaria Locale)

Via Scrovegni 12 Padova

Tel. +39 049 821 40 69

Opening hours: from 8.3 am to 12 am Monday to Friday; also from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm Monday and Thursday.

A file in your name will be opened at this office and there will be a list of doctors available there. The green form contains one set of coupons used to obtain services and one set of coupons for prescriptions, specialist examination, hospitalisation and so on.

During the night, on Saturday afternoons and holidays, or in an emergency, dial 118 or *Guardia Medica* (tel. 049 880 8325), or go to the nearest hospital.

5. Insurance

As soon as students arrive in Padova, they must pay Euro 8.50 to the University, through a payment at the Bank, as insurance. This payment covers any accidents that may occur on the way from your house to university, while attending lectures, or in an *ESU* canteen while having your meal.

6. Banking

Most banks are open Monday to Friday, from 8.20 am to 1.20 pm, and from 2.35 pm to 3.35 pm. European students are advised to open a bank account to facilitate the deposit and withdrawal of money.

In order to do this you need: a fiscal code which can be obtained at the main Tax Office (*Ufficio Imposte Dirette*), Via Turazza, 37 tel. 049 791 1501 or Via Vergerio, 29 tel. 049 803 3511 (Opening hours Monday to Friday from 8.30 to 12.30 am and Monday and Wednesday also from 3 to 5 pm), a copy of your registration to the City Hall and a declaration of your Erasmus status.

7. Post offices

Post offices are usually open from 8.30 am to 2 pm (1 pm on Saturdays). The Central Post Office (Corso Garibaldi, 25) remains open until 6.30 pm (Monday to Saturday) for some services. Stamps can be also purchased at the tobacconist's.

8. Transports in Padova

Padova is quite a small town and therefore the easiest way to get around is by walking or cycling. It is very easy to buy a used bicycle. For those who want to take advantage of the "APS Mobilità" public bus service (a ticket costs Euro 1.00), we suggest the monthly bus season ticket which costs about Euro 30.00 a month. It can be obtained from "APS Mobilità", by presenting a photo and a certificate of student status prepared by International Relations Office of our University.

9. University Sports Association

Sports can be practised in several places. A special university centre (*CUS, Centro Universitario Sportivo*) offers coaches and facilities for athletics, tennis, volleyball, basketball, football, hockey (grass), baseball, softball, fencing, rowing, rugby, weight-lifting, body building. Swimming is also possible, through an agreement with the municipal swimming pool.

The following reductions are available for Erasmus and other mobility programme students, for the use of the Sports facilities of *CUS Padova*:

1. CUS Access card (free of charge).
2. Piovego Facilities (Via J. Corrado) - open Monday to Friday from 2 to 4 pm, for the course in Pre-Athletics, according to *CUS* programmes.
3. Tennis courts are available at the same price as for Italian students.

In order to obtain an access card you are invited to go to:

Segreteria Palestra CUS Via G. Bruno, 27 Padova tel. 049 880 1551

with a photo and a medical certificate. The medical certificate can be obtained at Centro di Medicina dello sport, at the same address.

The University of Padua has also an *amateur* football team registered at F.I.G.C. (*Italian Football Federation*) and it is the first Italian University that participates to its Championship.

For those who are interested in participating in such an activity, further information is available at the website of A.R.C.S., tel. 0498273344, fax 0498273343, email arcs@unipd-org.it.

10. Playing music

Students who can play an instrument may like to join the Concentus Musicus Patavinus. The members of this orchestra are students and teachers of Padova University and come from various countries.

During the concert season the orchestra goes on tour, even abroad. Rehearsals take place at least once a week.

11. Worship

There are groups of students at the University who meet regularly to pray together. There is also a Taizé group active in the town and surroundings.

In Padova there are many Catholic churches. The following faiths have places of worship: Jewish, Islamic, Christian Evangelical, Methodist Evangelical, Pentecostal Evangelical.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Students coming to the University of Padua in the framework of other international programmes should visit the web page www.unipd.it/programmi.

Foreign students wishing to come as visiting students should visit the web page www.unipd.it/en/students/single_courses.htm .

Foreign students wishing to enrol at University of Padua as regular students should visit the web page www.unipd.it/en/index.htm link "Courses".

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Application process and deadlines

Erasmus students apply directly at the International Relations Office of the University of Padova.

For the application you need the following documents:

- ✓ application form (see below instructions)
- ✓ copy of your transcript of records
- ✓ learning agreement
- ✓ a photocopy of your Identity Card (valid for your whole Erasmus mobility period)
- ✓ a photocopy of your Insurance card (valid for your whole Erasmus mobility period)
- ✓ a certificate printed and signed by your International Office attesting that you are an Erasmus student

The forms as well as further information can also be found at the following webpage:

<http://www.unipd.it/programmi/erasmus/welcomeguide/welcomeguide.htm>

Fill in the application form, print it out and send it duly signed and stamped by your University International Office to the following address:

Università degli Studi di Padova
Servizio Relazioni Internazionali Studenti
Via 8 Febbraio 1848, 2
35122 Padova (ITALIA)

Provisionally accepted students will be published on the above mentioned webpage from July 30th.

Application deadline for the first semester and the whole academic year is July 15th, 2009 and for the second semester is November 15th, 2009

Accommodation process and deadlines

It is highly recommended to apply for accommodation at one of the University student houses. Housing for international students is organized by the SASSA Service.

When you apply for studying at our University you should also apply at the same time for accommodation:

<http://www.unipd.it/programmi/erasmus/welcomeguide/ACC.htm>

Application deadlines are **July 15th 2009** for the first semester and the whole academic year and **November 15th 2009** for the second semester.

Please note that looking for private accommodation in Padova is rather difficult, especially if you do not speak Italian properly.

For further information also see: <http://www.sassa.org>

The list of accommodation assignees will be published on:

<http://www.sassa.org/en/assegnatari.html>

Italian Language Courses

You can apply for an Italian language course free of charge at the University Language Centre (CLA).

For further information please write to didattica.cla@unipd.it or check

[http://claweb.cla.unipd.it/cla/EN italiano erasmus.html](http://claweb.cla.unipd.it/cla/EN_italiano_erasmus.html)

Placement / Studio actions

According to the new *LLP – Erasmus programme* rules, the Erasmus certificate must specify if the student has been assigned a scholarship for the Erasmus study action or for the placement one.

Academic Calendar 2009-2010

General dates

Begin of lectures October 1st, 2009

Christmas Holydays from December 21st, 2009 to January 6th, 2010

Eastern Holidays from April 2nd, 2010 to 7th April 2010

Giustiniana Holiday 30th April, 2010

Summer Holidays From August 2nd to August 21st, 2010

Lectures and examinations dates – Academic Calendar 2009-2010

	LECTURES PERIOD	EXAMINATION PERIOD
FIRST SEMESTER	October 1 st , 2009 to January 22 nd 2010	January 25 th to February 19 th 2010
SECOND SEMESTER	February 22 nd to June 11 th 2010	June 14 th to July 31 th 2010
EXAMINATIONS RECOVERY PERIOD		August 23 rd to September 24 th 2010

Courses

Courses depend on the faculty you will attend. You can find a list of the faculty addresses and websites at :

<http://www.unipd.it/en/academics/faculties.htm>

Erasmus Faculty Offices

<p>Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Dott.ssa Susanne Kloehn Dean's office - Ca' Gialla – Agripolis Opening hours: Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>Tel. 049 8272538 Fax 049 8272529 E-mail: susanne.kloehn@unipd.it</p>
<p>Faculty of Economics Dott.ssa Eriselda Shkopi Dean's office – Via U. Bassi 1 Opening hours: from Monday to Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>Tel. 049 8271290 Fax 049 8271225 E-mail: erasmus.economia@unipd.it</p>
<p>Faculty of Pharmacy Dott.ssa Claudia Veronese Dean's office – Via Marzolo 5 <i>Appointment needed (phone or e-mail)</i></p>	<p>Tel. 049 8275840 Fax 049 8275334 E-mail: claudia.veronese@unipd.it</p>
<p>Faculty of Engineering and Sciences Dott. Mirco Zorzi Ex Department of “Fisica tecnica”, via Marzolo 9 Opening hours: Monday and Wednesday from 9.30 am to al 12.30 am</p>	<p>Tel. 049 8275804 Fax 049 8273060 E-mail: mirco.zorzi@unipd.it</p>
<p>Faculty of Law Dott.ssa Luisa Bortolini Department of “Diritto pubblico, internazionale e comunitario” Via Anghinoni 3 Opening hours: Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>Tel. 049 8273618 Fax 049 8273618 E-mail: luisa.bortolini@unipd.it</p>
<p>Faculty of Arts and Philosophy and Education Dott.ssa Alessandra Miola Department of “Lingue Slave” Via Beldomandi, 1 - primo piano Opening hours: Monday and Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm Wednesday from 9.30 am to 12.30 am</p>	<p>Tel. 049 8278676 Fax 049 8278679 E-mail: alessandra.miola@unipd.it</p>
<p>Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Dr.ssa Benedetta Bixio – Dr.ssa Elisabetta Zanaga Dean's office - Via Giustiniani, 2 Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 12.30 am</p>	<p>Tel. 049 8217834 Fax 049 8218680 E-mail: erasmus.medicina@unipd.it</p>
<p>Facoltà di Psicologia Dott.ssa Elena Lozano Medina Dean's office – Via Venezia 12 <i>Appointment needed (phone or e-mail)</i></p>	<p>Tel. 049 8276163 Fax 049 8276489 E-mail: erasmus.psicologia@unipd.it</p>
<p>Facoltà di Sc. Politiche Dott.ssa Luisa Bortolini Dean's office – via del Santo 28 Opening hours: Tuesday and Friday from 10 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>Tel. 049 8274040 Fax 049 8274207 E-mail: luisa.bortolini@unipd.it</p>
<p>Facoltà di Sc. Statistiche Dott.ssa Francesca Mura Dean's office – via C. Battisti 241/243 Opening hours: Friday to 11 am to 1 pm</p>	<p>Tel. 049 8274118 Fax 049 8274120 E-mail: erasmus@stat.unipd.it</p>

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