

UNIPD Double Degree testimonials: students' success stories



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Something about me

Hi! I am 24 years old and I come from a little town near Rome. In the past 2 years, thanks to my double degree programme experience, I changed house and cities 3-5 times between Padua, Ulm (Germany) and now Monza, where I started my first job. I describe myself as a cheerful, optimistic, dynamic, self-confident, witty, ambitious, headstrong, resilient and disciplined person and lots of this features have been strengthen by this experience. As a double degree student, I learned a lot, both personally and professionally. The biomedical field that mainly fascinates me is neuroscience, to which I started getting closer thanks to my thesis internship.

About my UNIPD Experience

What do you like the most about the degree programme? Would you recommend it?

This degree programme allows you to have both a broad and a specialized knowledge of biomedical sciences, with insights on the new biotechnologies and innovation that improve our understanding on them. The UNIPD professors are highly motivating and prepared, so they can really be inspiring and their explanations are clear. The relatively low number of students allow a better focus during the lectures and a more direct relation between students and with professors and mates. I recommend it to increase the passion for biomedical sciences!

What are the main features of your double degree programme?

The double degree programme allowed me to have a clear comparison of the Italian system of teaching and studying and the neighbour German system ones. Approaching both allow to get the best from each and developing a mixed learning. In Italy, the theoretical preparation is really accurate, complete and detailed, allowing a strong interdisciplinarity while in Germany, practical skills can be easily acquired and you can really understand what "working in the laboratory and for the research" mean.

"Revolutionary, educational and enriching experience! I would choose this path 100 more times!"

What is the added value in participating in these kind of programmes (academic and private)?

Going in another country, gave me the possibility to encounter different cultures, make new friends from all over the world, improve my English, learn some basis of new languages like German...

This experience increased my tolerability, adaptability and sense of community. Furthermore, a huge network of people connection can be established so that new opportunities can arise. In practical terms, having 2 degrees makes you be eligible and more competitive for better job and research positions!