

Summer School
iMOVES & FB: Food safety, Public health and Animal Welfare.



This Summer School is directed primarily to Veterinary Students and Food Biotechnologists.

The School will investigate crucial matters on food safety, public health and animal welfare at a global level. These topics all display an interconnected relationship as students will learn more about their implications in an interdisciplinary environment.

Blended Learning (8-10th June): Taking place over three days, these classes aim to familiarize students from different institutions with each other, introduce the topics while highlighting the diversity of various international contexts, and introduce students to new-generation IT tools. This portion is dedicated to accommodating students from programmes other than veterinary medicine.

Hands-on experience (22-26th June): The in-person part will take place over five days, with practical activities and guided visits to production facilities operating in the primary sector and terrestrial and aquatic animal product transformation (including seafood and poultry).

Possible experience in USA: Universities such as TexasA&M, PennVet, Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Kansas State University may host Italian students the following summer.

This course is your chance to combine innovative online learning with real-world application. Don't miss the opportunity to enhance your skills, make meaningful connections, and explore the exciting intersections of animal welfare, legislation, and global industry practices in wonderful locations such as Padova, Chioggia and Venice.



The participation fee includes field trips as part of the programme. Other expenses, such as meals and travel expenses, are not included.

Applications to the Summer School will be evaluated by a dedicated committee. Each applicant will then receive a participation offer or a refusal. Applications by students enrolled in previously co-financing universities (Texas A&M, Kansas State University, University of Pennsylvania and Colorado State University) will be taken into particular consideration.

A 20% fee waiver is available for students enrolled in partner Universities. This includes Universities collaborating in this Summer School: Masaryk University (Brno, CZ), Queen Mary University (UK); Texas A&M University, Kansas State University, Colorado State University, University of Pennsylvania (USA), University of KwaZulu-Natal (ZA), University of Sydney (AUS). A 50% fee waiver is available for students enrolled in Universities that are part of the ARQUS alliance, including UNIPD.

KEY INFO

Dates: 8th June 2026 – 10th June 2026 (Online) and 22nd June 2026 - 26th June 2026 (in person)

Target: Bachelor's, Master's, Single-Cycle's, and PhD students, including DVM

Minimum number of participants: 20

Location: Legnaro (PD)

ECTS: 4

Fee: 500 euros / 20% fee waiver for students of partner universities / 50% fee waiver for Arqus students (including UNIPD students). A maximum number of waivers might apply.

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Application dates: 15th November 2025 – 15th March 2026