## NICE

Programme	NICE - Intercultural Competence to facilitate Entrepreneurship
Overall description	NICE is a Virtual Exchange programme which envisages seven didactic modules with the aim of promoting the development of transversal competences and in particular entrepreneurial and intercultural competences, relationship and collaboration skills, team-working skills, problem-solving approach, with the purpose of promoting professional growth and insertion in the world of work. The students will work both individually and in interdisciplinary and multicultural groups with the aim of solving an operational question (Global Challenge), together with colleagues from other universities participating in the programme. The 10 most outstanding students will also be able to participate in the NICE Summer School that will take place from 28 June to 5 July 2025 at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland, UK).
Contents	The project is broken down into seven educational modules aimed at developing soft skills, namely entrepreneurial, intercultural, and interpersonal skills, ability to cooperate, team-working skills, and problem-solving approach, in order to promote the students' professional growth and entry into the labour market. Students will work both on an individual basis and in interdisciplinary and multicultural teams to solve a "Global Challenge", together with colleagues from the other universities involved in the programme. Through collaborative research into these areas, students will provide solutions on how we can rethink food systems for better health and sustainability.
Number of places	30
Programme dates	Virtual component 3 March - 23 June 2025 NICE Summer School (physical component for 10 selected students only) from 28 June to 5 July 2025
Mode	Blended
Host institution (if applicable)	The University of Edinburgh (UK)
Credits and recognition	3 CFU that can be included in the study plan as INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE TO FACILITATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

	(EPQ3102928) <sup>1</sup> , if the President of the degree programme and the
	Student Office of the student's degree course agree.
Financial support	<ul> <li>The NICE programme makes use of mobility grants from the Erasmus+ Programme (2021 - 2027) to support students participating in the Summer School, which consist of: <ul> <li>mobility grant, amounting to EUR 79 per day. The grant is awarded for each day of activity; two additional days for travel are also recognised.</li> <li>There are no additional supplements or reimbursements for travel costs or other expenses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The duration is counted on the basis of the actual days spent abroad as certified by the host institution and against the achievement of the results of the activities. The Erasmus+ scholarship will be transferred after the confirmed arrival at the host institution. The disbursement by the University does not correspond to the debiting of the beneficiary's bank account</li> </ul> No funding is provided to students participating in the online programme component only.
Eligible degree courses	NICE is open to students of the University of Padua regardless their degree course.
Selection criteria and application documents	<ul> <li>University selection criteria + motivation</li> <li>Documents required: <ol> <li>English language certification</li> <li>Copy of Bachelor degree with transcript ONLY for students enrolled in the first year of a Master degree course or in the Second Year of a Joint Programme (having spent the first year abroad)</li> <li>Motivation video (in English, max 2min)</li> </ol></li></ul>
Application link	link
Language requirements	English - B2 level or higher
Further requirements	Students participating in the NICE programme can also apply to take part in the Summer School that will take place from 28 June to 5 July 2025 at the University of Edinburgh. Interested students should apply from 7 to 14 April 2025 on Uniweb according to the specific instructions that will be sent to all NICE participants. From the applicants, 10 students will be selected to participate in the Summer School receiving an Erasmus+ mobility grant. Students will be selected on the basis of academic merit and the level of involvement and participation demonstrated during the virtual part.
Restrictions	<ul> <li>The following students cannot apply to this programme:</li> <li>First year's students (bachelor level)</li> <li>Students from a partner university currently on exchange at</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> <u>https://didattica.unipd.it/off/2024/LM/EP/EP2444/001PD/EPQ3102928/N0</u>

## the University of Padua - Double / joint degree students