



## UNIPD Double Degree testimonials: students' success stories



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#### Something about me

I'm a curious guy, always searching for new experiences that can provide me with different perspectives on life. I tend to be quite shy and strict sometimes, that is why I've always felt the urge to push through my limits and widen my horizons. Since my first experience abroad when I was 16 years old, I knew I would have loved to get my luggage ready and leave again. I immediately understood that this kind of experiences are invaluable, allowing people to not only learn how to face everyday problems in an easier way, but also to reconnect with themselves.

#### About my UNIPD Experience

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

The Medical Biotechnologies programme at the University of Padua really pushes students to develop critical thinking which, together with rigorous methodology, are both attributes needed for anyone that is willing to make academic research their profession. Additionally, it provides a wide spectrum knowledge integrating virology, proteomics, bioinformatics, genetics, pathology, gene therapy, genome editing, stem cell biology and regenerative medicine.

##### What are the main features of your double degree programme?

This programme allows to gain additional practical experience, immediately exposing students to academic research as working environment and promoting innovative thinking. During the semester abroad, I had the opportunity to join two laboratories for a short internship, each lasting one month, in two completely different fields: molecular virology and neuro-oncology. This helped me in clarifying the field I would prefer to further specialise in.

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

Participating in the double degree programme in Medical Biotechnologies at UNIPD and Molecular Medicine at Ulm University has enriched my academic and professional journey. It provided access to cutting-edge research facilities and different scientific approaches. The experience boosted my career opportunities by helping me build connections with international researchers and institutions. On a personal level, studying in two different cultural and academic environments improved my adaptability, problem-solving abilities and soft-skills, other than expanding my social network to an international level. It also allowed me to improve my communication skills in English and learn a new language (German).

*Stepping out of your comfort zone might feel tough—you know what you're leaving, but not what's ahead. But that's where the magic happens, since the unknown often brings the best surprises!*