



UNIPD Double Degree testimonials: students' success stories



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Something about me

I did a double degree programme in Innsbruck between September 2022 and November 2023 with two other students from my UNIPD course in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies. The experience really enriched my academic and professional skills leading me to a position at the Veneto institute for molecular medicine, studying glioblastoma.

About my UNIPD Experience

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

I particularly enjoyed the focus on pharmaceutical development and the programme's international environment, I think the academic plan at each university really complemented the other. This meant that rather than studying the same thing twice, I was exposed to new research topics, teaching methods and hands-on experiences.

What are the main features of your double degree program?

In Padua, the programme focused on biotechnologies' medical/pharmaceutical aspects while in Innsbruck it was way more technical and focused on the industrial applications of biotechnology. It's modelled on the pharmaceutical industries of the area (Novartis, Roche). As such, most people write their thesis while working in the industry; however, it is possible to do it in the university labs. This means that whatever your path, you have the possibility to choose. I really appreciated the flexibility.

*"Per aspera ad astra"
(A rough road leads
to stars)*

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

First and foremost, it allowed me to gain independence and confidence. It also allowed me to gain some first-hand experience in the industrial setting, which is very different from the academic one, particularly on documentation. The program really transitions your academic skills to professional working skills, making it ideal for those looking to improve their resume and employability.