



## UNIPD Double Degree testimonials: students' success stories



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Programme: Master's degree in Biologia, curriculum Génétique Moléculaire

Double Degree Programme in Biologia molecolare - curriculum "Génétique Moléculaire" with Université Paris-Cité (France)

#### Something about me

I chose Molecular Biology at Padua because of its cutting-edge programme, and I am completely satisfied with it. During my Bachelor's, I had the privilege to be hosted by Professor Alessandro Vezzi for a brief internship. His mentorship was invaluable, providing me with firsthand exposure to academic research and practical application of course concepts. Continuing with the Master's program, I was honored to be selected for the Double Degree, an opportunity that transformed my academic journey. In addition, studying abroad in a vibrant city introduced me to new perspectives, diverse cultures, and invaluable life experiences. During this time, Professor Stefano Cagnin's mentorship played a key role in shaping my current academic path. In summary, the Double Degree program was a life-changing experience. It gave me the confidence to live abroad and embrace new challenges.

#### About my UNIPD Experience

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

I highly recommend this program, because it allowed me to connect with students from around the world and step out of my comfort zone, for example by adapting to the French university system. This does not mean we are alone: the support from the University of Padua before, during and after the experience was invaluable. A major highlight of the program is the six-month internship, which provided essential hands-on experience and helped me develop practical skills.

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

The Double Degree programme I attended, the Magistère Européen de Génétique, offered a wide range of modules, allowing me to tailor my semester to match my interests. It also included numerous seminars and career development talks led by professors from across Paris. Additionally, I appreciated having lectures in various universities and research institutions, which highlighted the vibrant and dynamic scientific community that Paris has to offer.

*"The Double Degree is an excellent opportunity to grow as student, researcher and human being. You will learn a lot, gain experience and develop many important skills for the future"*

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

Gaining experience abroad is essential to be competitive in the job market, as many employers expect it. It is also a plus, as it shows that you can go out from your comfort zone. Additionally, this opportunity allows you to practice both English and French, which is invaluable for both personal and professional growth.