



UNIPD Double Degree testimonials: students' success stories



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Something about me

Women's rights and art have always guided my journey, inspiring my bachelor's in international studies and a thesis on gender-based violence. Hungry to make a bigger impact, I joined the Human Rights and Multilevel Governance Master's at the University of Padua, seizing the opportunity for a double degree with Lyon Catholic University. This experience opened my eyes to global issues and cross-cultural human rights protection. My path took an exciting turn when an internship with an Italian NGO brought me to Ecuador. Working alongside indigenous women, I fell in love with storytelling and social media as powerful tools for change. After this experience, I returned to Europe and began an internship with UNESCO's social media team, which then led to consultancy role, perfectly blending my passions for advocacy and communication.

About my UNIPD Experience

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

What I love most about the HRG program at Padua is its multi-disciplinary approach, offering a comprehensive understanding of human rights from legal, political, and social perspectives

What are the main features of your double degree program?

The University of Padua provided me with an extensive theoretical foundation allowing me to transfer my knowledge to practical classes and workshops in Lyon. This combination has equipped me with a versatile toolkit for my career in human rights.

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

Having the opportunity to develop my academic skillset as well as my language skills by studying in another country broadened my horizons and enriched my relationships. Overall, the program's blend of practical learning and international exposure has enhanced my career opportunities and enriched my personal growth in invaluable ways.

"Always stay gracious; the best revenge is your paper." This quote reminds me of the resilience and determination needed to succeed in my studies.

About my Padua Experience

The city is incredibly student-centered, making it easy to navigate and enjoy life here. I loved the many initiatives for students, including cultural events and discounts. The cost of living is reasonable, allowing for a comfortable lifestyle without breaking the bank. Plus, its proximity to Venice is a major bonus! My favorite places include Caffè Carlotta, Bar Boh and the lovely Santa Giustina rose garden. For new students, embrace the vibrant atmosphere and explore all the hidden gems around the city!

Have you used any support services?

The resources available made a real difference in my academic journey, ensuring that I could graduate with confidence and a well-rounded education. I truly appreciate the dedication of the staff in facilitating this experience.