Università degli Studi di Padova

University of Padua

EXCHANGE STUDENTS FACTSHEET 2026/2027

Information for Partners and Incoming Students

non-Erasmus Bilateral Agreements/Ulisse

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1 General information

Institutional details

Full name:	Università degli Studi di Padova
Website:	www.unipd.it

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Projects & Mobility Office
Mobility Unit

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Useful websites

Bilateral Agreements - Incoming students
Course Catalogue
Key Academic Dates
Starter kit: Welcome Days, Services and Healthcare
International mobility for students with disabilities
UniverCity Life: Basic info for incoming students

Social networks

https://it-it.facebook.com/universitapadova/
https://www.instagram.com/unipd

2a Nomination and Application

Nominations:

Official nominations are to be sent by Home Universities through our online form available on Mobility Online. The Partner Institutions receive the username and password via email in order to access the form and submit the Nomination of their outgoing students.

Nomination deadlines:
Autumn/Winter Terms and Full Year – from 15th March to 30th April
Spring Terms – from 1st September to 15th October

Applications:

Application instructions will be automatically e-mailed to all nominated students after the nomination is accepted.
The online application for Exchange students is made of **3 STEPS** which must be completed by the following deadlines.

Application deadlines:
Autumn/Winter Terms and Full Year
- 15th May: step 1 and 2 (Registration and Application form on Uniweb)
- 15th June : step 3 (completion of personal details in Mobility Online and LA upload)

Spring Terms
- 31st October: step 1 and 2 (Registration and Application form on Uniweb)
- 30th November: step 3 (to fill in personal details in Mobility Online and LA upload)

Further info: https://www.unipd.it/en/before-your-arrival-bilateral-agreements

Please note that Unipd does not accept free-mover students.

Language requirements

- B1 English level, for students attending courses in English
- A2 Italian level, for students attending courses in Italian

Documents accepted: official language certificates, (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge University, etc.), Duolingo English test, attendance certificates of intensive courses, certificates issued by University officers/professors attesting language proficiency level, transcript of records including language exams results.

Required documents

- Passport
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of records
- European Health Insurance Card or private insurance valid abroad*
- Language certificate (optional at this stage)*

** for these 2 documents only, submission by:*
- *15th September (Autumn/Winter terms and full year)*
- *15th February (Spring terms)*

2a Nominations for the School of Medicine

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The Mobility Unit is responsible only for incoming students who will carry out medical traineeships/clinical rotations of at least 90 days, and who will arrive at the beginning of Unipd's academic periods (semesters or trimesters, see section 4).

Short stays for traineeships/clinical rotations
For stays under 90 days students will need to apply directly at the School of Medicine, which manages this type of activities. Visit the website or contact the School of Medicine.
Website:
https://www.medicinachirurgia.unipd.it/internazionalizzazione/incomingprospective-students/international-practical-training-incoming
Email: traineeship.medicinachirurgia@unipd.it.

Practical training / clinical rotations

- **Medicine and Surgery:**

Clinical rotations for students in Medicine and Surgery are all held at hospitals in Padua. However, due to limited and unpredictable Hospital availability, the clinical rotations specified in the Learning Agreement (LA) **cannot be guaranteed**, even after the LA has been approved. Students may therefore be required to modify their LA accordingly.

- **Nursing and Physiotherapy:**

Students in the study fields of Nursing and Physiotherapy who undertake practical training/clinical rotations during their mobility may be assigned to **different campuses**, located both in Padua and in other cities (see the next paragraph). Students will have the option to indicate their preferences; however, placements will be assigned based on availability.

- Clinical rotations in the field of Physiotherapy may take place at one of the following four campuses: Venice, Padua, Conegliano, or Schio.
- Clinical rotations in the field of Nursing may take place at one of the following eight campuses: Feltre, Mestre, Monselice, Padua, Portogruaro, Rovigo, Schio, Treviso.

Each of these campuses may serve as a venue for teaching and training activities. Incoming students will be assigned to one of these campuses after completing their application on Mobility Online. An official communication regarding the assigned campus will be sent to students after their nomination is confirmed.

Transcript of Records for practical trainings/clinical rotations
Practical trainings will not appear on the final Transcript of Records. Students will receive a separate certificate, called "Addendum to the Transcript of Records", certifying the conclusion of their practical training, including information regarding the duration, the ECTS, and the obtained score during the clinical rotations.

3 Accommodation and Canteens

Due to the limited number of places available in the students' halls of residence, only non-European students who need a study visa to enter and stay in Italy can apply for accommodation in the first round. These students will be **invited by email** to fill in an Accommodation form, in order to request a place. The rooms will be assigned based on the chronological order of the requests. We cannot guarantee that all non-European students will be assigned a room. Should any rooms be available for a second round of applications for accommodation, also students holding a European citizenship will be allowed to fill out the accommodation form.

Accommodation form for Unipd halls of residence:

Deadlines:
students will be personally invited by email to fill out the Accommodation form around May/June and October/November.

Price range: € 290 - € 420 per month
Booking fee: € 380 to be paid in advance

Housing contracts duration
The accommodation offers sent by SASSA Service will report standard dates of start/end, which correspond to the duration of the semesters. Students can always ask for customised start/end dates if their stay differs considerably from the standard dates. Students may have to arrange an alternative accommodation if they arrive earlier than their place is available.

Further information regarding on-campus accommodation in Unipd is available at:
Accommodation | Università di Padova (unipd.it)

Private housing

The Mobility Unit will send to all nominated students a guide on accommodation, containing information and tips on the search of private housing in Padua and surroundings.
Students can search for private rooms/apartments on *HousingAnywhere*, an international housing platform through which they can book a room/apartment offered by verified private landlords and by outgoing students.
To receive a Unipd VIP profile and priority access to the listings:
https://www.unipd.it/housinganywhere-pd-en

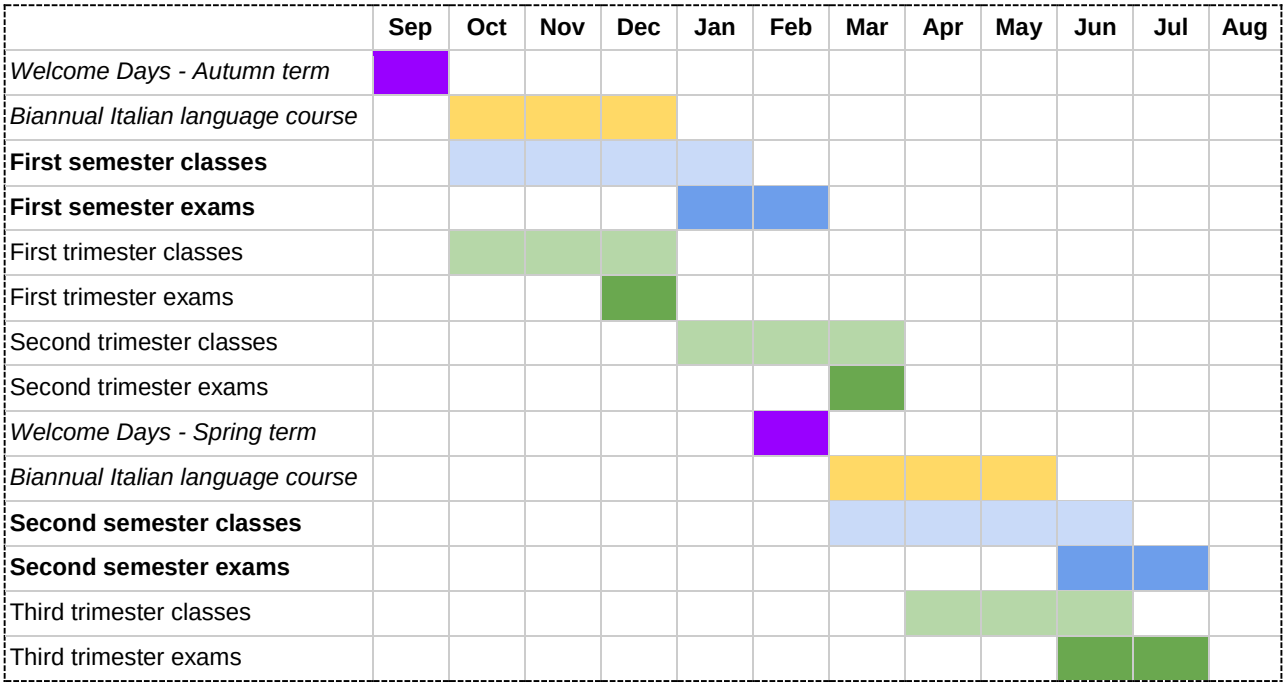
Canteens

There are 5 University canteens all around the city, 1 canteen in Agripolis Campus and other canteens in the other campuses (Rovigo, Treviso, Vicenza, Conegliano…)
Price Range for exchange students: € 4,60 - € 5,70 per meal
The canteen service is provided by ESU – Regional Agency for the Right to Study:
https://www.esu.pd.it/en/food-service/

4 Academic life

Academic calendar

The organisation of the academic activities in trimesters or semesters depends on the degree course, not on the choice of students. The term system on which the course unit is based is displayed in the Course Catalogue.



Semester System

*First (winter) Semester**
Classes, 21st September 2026 – 16th January 2027
Exams, 18th January – 20th February 2027

Second (spring) semester
Classes, 22nd February – 12th June 2027
Exams, 14th June – 17th July 2027

*Exceptions: in the 1st semester most classes start on 28/09/2026. In the 2nd semester the Bachelor's degrees in Dietetics and Nursing may start on 01/02/2027. Please check the timetable for each course unit.

Trimester System

First (fall) Trimester
Classes, 21st September – 28th November 2026
Exams, 30th November – 23rd December 2026

Second (winter) Trimester
Classes, 7th January – 13th March 2027
Exams, 15th March – 3rd April 2027

Third (spring) Trimester
Classes, 5th April – 12th June 2027
Exams, 14th June – 17th July 2027

Recommended arrival dates and ORIENTATION

Orientation activities will take place online before classes begin and face-to-face during the first week of classes. Further information: http://www.unipd.it/en/welcome-days
(The programme will be updated a couple of months before the start of the classes)

Courses available to exchange students

Course catalogue:
https://unipd.coursecatalogue.cineca.it/

Students can easily identify the course units they are allowed to attend, with the label "*The course unit can be attended by Erasmus+ and other exchange students*".
Note: This label will be visible **from June 2026.**

Please consult the **video tutorial** (English version, Spanish version) to learn how to effectively navigate our course catalogue.

Exchange students should carefully read the Guide "*How to choose courses at Unipd*" (available here, Step 3) which contains instructions on how to browse the Course Catalogue, how to fill out the Learning Agreement and on the **restrictions on course units** for exchange students.

The **start and end dates** mentioned in the course catalogue are the general term dates. You can check the real start date of your classes on the timetable portal (fully updated a few weeks before the start of the courses).

Language of instruction

The main language of instruction at Unipd is Italian, but we offer a large number of complete degree courses and course units held in English. The teaching language is stated in every course unit page in the Course Catalogue, so make sure to check this info for each course unit.

Credit and grading

Unipd uses the ECTS credit transfer system.
The grades for each exam successfully passed can range from 18 to 30. In case of exceptional performance, the grade is 30 cum laude. In some courses, the grade can be expressed instead as "fail", "sufficient", "satisfactory", "good", "very good" or "excellent".
For other courses and activities, such as the Italian Language Laboratory for exchange students (3 ECTS), the positive assessment is not expressed in terms of a grade but simply as "Pass".

Standard course load

20-30 ECTS per semester is the average/suggested amount for exchange students (**not** mandatory for Unipd!).
30 ECTS is the standard full-time semester load for degree seeking students.
1 ECTS credit equals 25 hours of study, including contact hours and self-study.

Course registration

Students do not need to enroll formally in course units.
Two online platforms are used for course and exam registration:
- "Uniweb" student portal: students must fill out a study plan here, which will allow them to sign up for exams at the end of the classes.
- "Moodle" teaching platforms: professors use it to share teaching materials with students and give info about the course unit. It is recommended to register in each course unit before classes start.

Examinations

Each exam session usually offers 1 or 2 exam dates for each course. It is possible to sit an exam on the first date and then re-sit it on the second date in case of failure (unless formally prohibited by the responsible Professor), or during the following sessions, including the remedial exam session in September.
Exception: for trimesters, exams failed in the first trimester cannot be re-sit in April.

Transcript issuance

Unipd will send the Final Transcript of Records (list of all the passed study activities and of their respective grades) directly to an email address of the student's Home University.
Students will have to request the ToR online only after all the exams are registered in the online "booklet" in the Uniweb student portal.
Failed exams are not registered in the online booklet; therefore, they will not be reported in the ToR.

5 Pre-departure

Website

https://www.unipd.it/en/before-your-arrival-bilateral-agreements

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Nomination by the Home uni.												
Application form												
Accommodation form												
Book WD restricted events												
Orientation/Welcome Days												
Arrival												

Visa and residence permit

Non-EU students residing in non-EU countries must apply for a visa before arriving in Italy. Please refer to:
Before your arrival – Visa for non-EU students
http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en

Health Insurance

Health insurances/cards for non-EU students must be valid for the whole duration of the stay. For private insurance, the insurance company must guarantee a medical coverage of at least Euro 30.000 and coverage of emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. It must also have an agency or an emergency contact based in Italy.

The detailed minimum requirements must be checked with the Italian embassy of reference, since they may vary depending on the embassy.

Cost of living

Average living costs: € 800-€ 900/month (including grocery shopping + accommodation and bills + personal extras)

- Accommodation in a dorm: € 290 - € 420/month
- Private accommodation: €400- €600/month
- Canteen: € 4,60 - € 5,70/meal
- Grocery shopping: around € 70/week
- Residence permit: around € 100/one time

Find out more here!

Italian language course

The University Language Centre (CLA) offers a 3 ECTS free course to all exchange students during the mobility period. While a certificate of participation is issued to those attending at least 70% of the lessons, students must pass a final exam , called TAL, to be awarded **3 ECTS credits**.

https://cla.unipd.it/en/language-courses/italian-courses-mobility-students/

Bilateral Agreement students can attend the Biannual Italian language course during the semester.

Only the first course attended will be free of charge.

Important!

- The Italian language course final test does not award any final grade, only “Pass”
- Language requirements for Unipd cannot be fulfilled by attending this course

Other online activities

Students will be informed by email of any other online opportunities they can take part in before their arrival in Padua.

6 Student support services

STARTER KIT:
Welcome days, Services and Healthcare

https://www.unipd.it/en/incoming-students-starter-kit

SAOS
Welcome Service for Foreign Guests

This desk of the International Relations Division assists extra-EU students on immigration-related procedures upon their arrival.

SASSA

The SASSA Service desk from ESU (Regional Agency for the Right to Study) manages the accommodation in the student residence halls and the canteens.

Buddy Service

Students can request a tutor "Buddy" by filling in the relevant section of the Application form in Mobility Online platform.
The Buddy (a University student) will welcome and support exchange students during their stay.
Buddies will contact students using their institutional email account *@studenti.unipd.it* a few weeks before the start of the semester activities.

Students with disabilities or learning difficulties

The Student Services Office organises specific initiatives for students with disabilities who wish to participate in an exchange programme.

Students with disabilities or learning difficulties and vulnerable students can arrange for favourable conditions during their stay in Padua by informing the Student Services Office of their condition before they arrive.
https://www.unipd.it/en/inclusion-international-mobility

Psychological assistance

The Psychological Assistance Service is a point of reference for any students who encounter psychological difficulties during their studies, personal problems or unease (anxiety, relationship problems, and academic performance).
The service is completely free of charge for all students of the University of Padua.
Healthcare and Primary Services | Università di Padova (unipd.it)

University Language Centre (CLA)

CLA - Italian language course for Incoming Students

http://cla.unipd.it/en/

University Sport Centre (CUS)

2 sport facilities in Padua.
Free membership for students and free access to a few sport activities: tennis, running, soccer, basket (max. 1h in some cases).
Student discount on the gym pass (1, 2 or 4 months) and on courses.
Exchange students cannot become part of the university teams due to their limited stay in Padua. You can search for any amateur sports teams in Padua on the internet.
Home | CUS Padova

ESN - ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK

The association of volunteer students who support exchange students during their international mobility in Padua.
ESN assists exchange students by answering their questions and helping them in dealing with any kind of issue they might have.

ESN also organises activities, trips and parties to promote Italian culture with the aim to create a positive environment where everybody can feel at ease and make new friends.
ESN Padova - Erasmus Student Network

7 Contacts

Mobility Unit - Central Desk

Irene Occhipinti, Elisa Zambon mobility.in@unipd.it

Students and Partner Universities can contact the central desk about:

- Nomination/Application procedure
- Accommodation
- Visa/Residence permit process
- Learning Agreement Before the Mobility
- Orientation/Welcome Days
- Buddy Service
- Arrival/Departure certificate
- Final Transcript of Records

Mobility Unit desks at the School/Department

Students and Partner Universities can contact the Mobility desks at the School/Department about:
- Learning Agreement During the Mobility
- Information about courses and exams
- Information about the School/Department services (Libraries, tutors, study rooms, etc.)

Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine	Francesca Apolloni erasmus.agripolis@unipd.it	+39 049 827 2538 Website
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For detailed info:
Desks and contacts | Università di Padova (unipd.it)