



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI  
DI PADOVA



University of Padua  
**EXCHANGE FACTSHEET**

Information for Partners and Incoming Students  
**Erasmus+ KA131, SEMP, Coimbra Group, Open Arqus, UK**

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# 1 General information

## **Institutional details**

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Full name: Università degli Studi di Padova  
Erasmus code: I-PADOVA01  
Website: [www.unipd.it](http://www.unipd.it)

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### **Projects & Mobility Office**

#### **Mobility Unit**

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## **Useful websites**

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[Erasmus+ for Studies - Incoming students \(ENG\)](#)  
[Erasmus+ Studio - Studenti in ingresso \(ITA\)](#)  
[The Course Catalogue](#)  
[Key Academic Dates](#)  
[Starter kit: Welcome Days, Services and Healthcare](#)

## **Social networks**

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<https://it-it.facebook.com/universitapadova/>  
<https://it-it.facebook.com/universitypadova/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/unipd>  
<https://twitter.com/UniPadova>

## 2 Nomination and Application

### Nominations:

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Official nominations are to be sent by Home Universities through our online form in [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:

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Application instructions will be automatically e-mailed to all nominated students. 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-erasmus-studies>

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:* OLS test results, official language certificates, attendance certificates of intensive courses, certificates issued by University officers/professors attesting language proficiency level, transcript of records including language exams results.

#### Required documents in the Application form

- Identity card or passport
- Passport photo
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of records
- European Health Insurance Card or private insurance valid abroad \*
- Language certificate \*

\* for these 2 documents only, submission by:

- 15th September (Autumn/Winter terms and full year)
- 15th February (Spring terms)

## 3 Accommodation and Canteens

Further information regarding accommodation in Padua is available at <https://www.unipd.it/en/accommodation-erasmus-semp>

### Halls of residence

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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. 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 applicants will be assigned a room.

In case a few places are still available after the first round of room allocations, **European students** will be invited via email to apply for a place in the dorms.

Price range: € 245 - € 420 per month

Booking fee: € 350 to be paid in advance

Further info and deadlines will be sent via email to students eligible for accommodation.

#### 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.

### Private housing

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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.

As an alternative to on-campus accommodation, 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. Rooms offered by outgoing students can be easily recognized thanks to the "Verified Student" VIP badge on their profile.

To receive a Unipd VIP profile and priority access to the listings:

<https://www.unipd.it/housinganywhere-pd-en>

### Canteens

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There are 4 University canteens all around the city and 1 canteen in Agripolis Campus.

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/our-main-activities/food-services-canteens>

## 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.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Welcome Days - Autumn term</i>												
<i>Biannual Italian language course</i>												
<b>First semester classes</b>												
<b>First semester exams</b>												
First trimester classes												
First trimester exams												
Second trimester classes												
Second trimester exams												
<i>Welcome Days - Spring term</i>												
<i>Biannual Italian language course</i>												
<b>Second semester classes</b>												
<b>Second semester exams</b>												
Third trimester classes												
Third trimester exams												

#### Semester System

##### *First (winter) Semester\**

Classes, 23rd September 2024 – 18th January 2025

Exams, 20th January – 22nd February 2025

##### *Second (spring) semester*

Classes, 24th February – 14th June 2025

Exams, 16th June – 19th July 2025

\*Exceptions: in the first semester most classes start on the 30<sup>th</sup> September; in the second semester the Bachelor's degrees in Dietetics and Nursing may start on 03/02/25. Please check the timetable for each course unit

#### Trimester System

##### *First (fall) Trimester*

Classes, 30th September – 30th November 2024

Exams, 2nd December – 21st December 2024

##### *Second (winter) Trimester*

Classes, 6th January – 15th March 2025

Exams, 17th March – 2nd April 2025

##### *Third (spring) Trimester*

Classes, 9th April – 14th June 2025

Exams, 16th June – 19th July 2025

### Recommended ARRIVAL dates and ORIENTATION

Orientation activities usually take place before classes begin or during the first week of classes.

Further information: <https://www.unipd.it/en/welcome-days-mobility>

(The programme will be updated a couple of months before the start of the classes)

## **Courses available to exchange students**

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### **Course catalogue**

English version: <http://en.didattica.unipd.it/>

Italian version: <http://didattica.unipd.it/>

List of courses held in English:

<http://en.didattica.unipd.it/catalogues>

In the Course Catalogue the Educational offer is divided per School. The language of the course is indicated in every course page.

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”*.

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**

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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. Make sure to check in our Course Catalogue the teaching language for each course unit.

### **Credit and grading**

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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**

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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**

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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: due to the online teaching, it is required to register in each course unit before classes start.

## **Examinations**

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Each exam session usually offers 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).

## **Transcript issuance**

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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/exchange-students/erasmus-studies/your-arrival-erasmus-studies>

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Nomination by the Home uni.	Grey	Grey				Grey	Grey					
Application form		Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue			Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue			
Accommodation form non-EU stud.			Teal	Teal			Teal	Teal	Teal			
Request a Buddy				Purple	Purple				Purple	Purple		
Book WD restricted events							Purple					Purple
Orientation/Welcome Days							Orange	Orange				Orange
Arrival	Orange						Orange	Orange				Orange

### Visa and residence permit

Non-EU students residing in non-EU countries must apply for a visa before arriving in Italy. Non-EU students residing in EU countries might not need to apply for a visa, if they hold a valid Residence Permit issued by a EU country.

Please refer to:

[Before your arrival](#) - See section "VISA for non-EU students"

<http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

### Health Insurance

EU, EEC (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) and Swiss students must bring their [EHIC - European Health Insurance Card](#)

Non-EU students residing in a EU country may use the [EHIC](#) if it is valid abroad.

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.

### Cost of living

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

- Accommodation in a dorm: €245 - €420/month
- Private accommodation: €300- €500/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 free course of 3 ECTS to all exchange students during the mobility period: <https://cla.unipd.it/en/courses/italian-courses/biannual-courses/>

*Important!*

- Registration is mandatory (limited places!!!)
- 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

### Website

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#### **Starter Kit: Welcome days, Services and Healthcare**

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

### **SAOS**

#### **Welcome Service for Foreign Guests**

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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**

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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. Extra-EU students and students with disabilities do not need to request this service: a Buddy is assigned to them automatically.

### **Students with disabilities or learning difficulties**

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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 and Psychiatric assistance**

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The Psychological Assistance Service and the Psychiatric Consultancy Service are a point of reference for any students who encounter psychological difficulties during their studies, personal problems or unease (anxiety, relationship problems, and academic performance).

Both services are completely free of charge for all students of the University of Padua.

[Healthcare and Primary Services](#)

### **University Language Centre (CLA)**

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[Italian Language course for incoming students](#)

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

### **University Sport Centre (CUS)**

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Sport (athletics, rugby, volleyball, basketball, boat races...) both at competitive and amateur levels; two sport facilities in Padua.

[Home | CUS Padova](#)

### **ESN - ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK**

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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

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Students and Partner Universities can contact the central desk about:

- Nomination/Application procedure
- Accommodation
- Orientation/Welcome Days
- Buddy Service
- Arrival/Departure certificate
- Study Plan
- Final Transcript of records

### Mobility Unit desks at the School/Department

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Students and Partner Universities can contact the Mobility desks at the School/Department about:

- Learning Agreement and changes
- Information about courses and exams
- Information about the School/Department services (Libraries, tutors, study rooms, etc.)

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