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MOBILITY PROGRAMMES

Incoming exchange students

Students coming to Venice for a mobility period, within the framework of an inter-institutional mobility agreement. Our mobility programmes are: Erasmus+ KA131, Erasmus+ KA171, Overseas and SEMP.

Double or joint degree students

Students coming to Venice for a mobility period, within the framework of a dual or joint degree agreement. After their mobility, students will obtain the qualification from both their Home University and Ca' Foscari (double degree) or a joint diploma validated by all the partner institutions involved in the programme (joint degree).

Incoming visiting students (free movers)

Students enrolled in a foreign University, coming to Venice for a mobility period as free movers (not under an existing mobility agreement).

EUTOPIA

Ca' Foscari is part of EUTOPIA, an alliance of 10 European universities sharing a vision and collaborating to build the universities of the future. Within this framework, Ca' Foscari hosts incoming exchange students from other partner universities in the alliance.

EUTOPIA also promotes specific projects, such as ECOTOPIA, a mobility programme focused on topics such as economics, management, business and sustainability.



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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

Incoming exchange students (Erasmus+ KA131, Erasmus+ KA171 ICM, Overseas, SEMP, EUTOPIA, ECOTOPIA)

Fall semester (September - January) or full academic year (September - June):

Nomination deadline: April 1st;
Application deadline April 30th

Spring semester (February - June):

Nomination deadline: October 1st
Application deadline: October 30th

Contacts:

Erasmus+ KA131, Overseas, SEMP:
incoming.mobility@unive.it
Erasmus+ ICM KA171: international.cooperation@unive.it

Incoming visiting students

No nomination procedure is envisaged for incoming visiting students.

Application deadlines:

Fall semester (September - January) or full academic year (September - June):

Non-EU citizens: May 1st
EU citizens: November 1st

Spring semester (February - June)

Non-EU citizens: June 1st
EU citizens: December 1st

Contact:

incoming.visiting@unive.it

Incoming double and joint degree students

No specific deadline for nomination and application procedures is envisaged. However, partner institutions are encouraged to proceed as soon as possible in order to allow students to prepare for their mobility and find an accommodation in due time.

Contact:

jointdegree@unive.it



REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

After the official nomination, students are contacted by the staff in charge and invited to complete an online registration procedure.

To complete their applications, students should prepare beforehand and submit the following documents:

- Copy of ID or Passport (compulsory)
- B2 language certificate (compulsory) – not required for native speakers
- Transcript of records - English version
- Learning Agreement before the mobility
- Entry qualification (only for Double and Joint degree students)



TUITION FEES

Incoming exchange students (Erasmus+ KA131, Erasmus+ KA171 ICM, Overseas, SEMP, EUTOPIA, ECOTOPIA) and incoming double and joint degree students

Incoming exchange students coming to Venice in the framework of the Erasmus+, SEMP or Overseas programmes are not required to pay tuition fees at Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

As a general rule, incoming double and joint degree students are not required to pay tuition fees at Ca' Foscari University of Venice, unless otherwise specified in the relevant agreement.

Incoming visiting students

The application fee varies according to the activities visiting students intend to carry out during their stay at Ca' Foscari. For more information, please check the section "Enrolment fees" of our webpage dedicated to [Incoming Visiting Students](#).



LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Incoming exchange students (Erasmus+ KA131, Erasmus+ KA171 ICM, Overseas, SEMP, EUTOPIA, ECOTOPIA) and incoming visiting students

A proof of B2 level English language proficiency is required for enrolment.

Students willing to attend courses taught in Italian, should also prove a B2 level Italian language proficiency.

Native speakers or students coming from partner universities where English or Italian is the language of instruction do not need to prove their proficiency.

The list of accepted language certifications is available at the following link: [Recognized Certifications](#).

For clarifications, please contact: incoming.mobility@unive.it.

Incoming double and joint degree students

Language requirements for enrolment at Ca' Foscari University of Venice are defined for each programme in the relevant inter-institutional agreement. For more information please contact: jointdegree@unive.it.



VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

Non-EU citizens need to apply for a visa for study purposes (mobility) in order to enter the country. The application must be submitted through the national [Universitaly](#) portal.

Upon arrival in Italy, non-EU students also need to apply for an Italian residence permit for study purposes (mobility). Ca' Foscari University, in cooperation with the local Immigration Office (Questura), has established UNI-QUEST, a help desk to support the University's international community in applying for or renewing their residence permit. For more

information please check the section "Residence permit" on our webpage: [Students: your stay, insurance, transport](#).

Non-EU citizens residing in an EU country with a valid residence permit, might not need to apply for an Italian visa/residence permit.

For clarifications about specific situations, students can get in contact with the colleagues in charge of supporting international students with immigration-related procedures: immigrationteam@unive.it.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

As displayed in the table below, for some Departments semesters are divided into terms. 1st semester is divided into 1st term and 2nd term; 2nd semester is divided into 3rd term and 4th term.

FIRST SEMESTER (1st and 2nd Term)

Students attending semester courses have one chance to take their exams in January. Students attending 1st and 2nd term courses can take their exams at the end of each term and during the 1st semester exams period (January).

Department of Economics (DEC)
Department of Humanities (DSU)
Department of Management (DMA)
Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage (DFBC)

FIRST TERM

September 11th – October 14th
Possible rescheduled classes: October 16th – October 21st

FIRST TERM EXAMS

October 23rd – October 28th

SECOND TERM

October 30th – December 9th
Possible rescheduled classes: December 11th – December 16th

SECOND TERM EXAMS

December 18th – December 23rd

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS

January 8th – February 3rd

Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics (DAIS)

FIRST SEMESTER

September 18th – December 23rd

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS

January 15th – February 10th

Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems (DSMN)

FIRST SEMESTER

September 18th – December 23rd

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS

January 15th – February 10th
Possible rescheduled classes: January 8th – January 13th

Department of Asian and North African Studies (DSAAM)
Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies (DSLCC)

FIRST SEMESTER

September 11th – December 23rd

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS

January 8th – February 3rd



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SECOND SEMESTER (3rd and 4th term)

Students attending semester courses have two chances to take their exams (June/July – August/September). Students attending 3rd and 4th term courses can take their exams at the end of each term and during the 2nd semester exam session (June/July) and the additional exam session (August/September).

Department of Economics (DEC)
Department of Humanities (DSU)
Department of Management (DMA)
Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage (DFBC)

THIRD TERM

February 5th – March 9th
Possible rescheduled classes:
March 11th – March 16th

THIRD TERM EXAMS

March 18th – March 23rd

FOURTH TERM

March 35th – May 4th
Possible rescheduled classes:
May 6th – May 11th

FOURTH TERM EXAMS

May 13th – May 18th

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMS

May 27th – June 22nd

Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics (DAIS)
Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems (DSMN)

SECOND SEMESTER

February 12th – May 18th

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMS

May 27th – June 29th

Department of Asian and North African Studies (DSAAM)
Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies (DSLCC)

SECOND SEMESTER

February 5th – May 18th
Possible rescheduled classes:
May 20th – May 25th

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMS

May 27th – June 22nd

Bank holidays

November 1st, 2023: All Saints' Day
November 21st, 2023: Madonna Della Salute Holiday
December 8th, 2023: Immaculate Conception
December 25th, 2023 – January 6th, 2024: Christmas Holidays
April 1st, 2024: Easter Festivity
April 25th, 2024: Liberation Day and St. Mark's Festivity
May 1st, 2024: Labour Day
June 2nd, 2024: Republic Day



COURSES

Registration is not required for attending courses (except when specified, in exceptional cases), but it is mandatory for taking exams.

A comprehensive list of the courses offered by our University can be found at [this link](#). The main languages of instruction are Italian and English.

Incoming exchange students (Erasmus+ KA131, Erasmus+ KA171 ICM, Overseas, SEMP, EUTOPIA, ECOTOPIA) and incoming visiting students

Incoming exchange students can attend courses offered within first cycle (Bachelor) and second cycle (Master) degree programmes, upon approval of the Learning Agreement by both institutions.

Incoming exchange students are free to select all the courses from the course catalogue, **except for**:

- PHD courses
- “Minor” courses
- Collegio Internazionale courses (Centro di Eccellenza)
- courses providing 0 credits
- “interateneo” courses (i.e. held in other universities)
- courses from the BA Digital Management
- courses from the BA Linguistic and Cultural Mediation (Mediazione Linguistica Culturale)
- Foundation Year courses
- Vocational masters’ courses (Master di I e II livello)
- CM0609 FIS/07 Experimental Biophysics
- CM0610 ING-INF/06 Foundations of information theory and computational neurosciences
- CM0611 BIO/09 Integrative Neurophysiology

NB: Ca’ Foscari offers 12 ECTS courses that, in some cases, are divided into 2 modules worth 6 ECTS each (6 + 6 ECTS). Students interested in these courses must be aware that both modules are mandatory in order to obtain credits.

For example, the 12 ECTS course EM1A13 MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART is made of two modules worth 6 ECTS out of 12 each. Students willing to take this course must sit the exams for both modules.

Erasmus+KA131 students only (except for EUTOPIA and ECOTOPIA exchange students) should comply with the following rules for the course selection:

70% of the chosen courses must belong to the study field of the agreement under which they have been nominated; the remaining 30% can be selected with no restrictions, apart from those specified above.

Incoming double and joint degree students

Incoming students participating in a double or joint degree programme will be enrolled in a specific BA or MA programme. The study plan will have to be defined and agreed upon with the programme’s academic coordinators at both the Home and Host Universities.



ECTS AND GRADING SYSTEM

What is an ECTS?

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is a university credit transfer system commonly used across Europe, aiming at guaranteeing a transparent and efficient recognition of the exams students take during their international mobility periods.

Ca' Foscari University has recognized the equivalence between the credit system adopted in the Italian education system and the ECTS system, as follows:

1 CFU (*Credito Formativo Universitario*) = 1 ECTS

Grading system in Italy

The Italian grading system works on a scale ranging from 18/30 to 30/30.

18 is the lowest passing grade and 30 is the highest grade. In case of particularly outstanding performances, Professors can assign the so-called "lode" (30 cum laude - 30L).

Students will obtain credits, only if they successfully pass the relevant exam.

Failed exams will not be reported in the students final Transcript of Records and will not provide any credit.

The Transcript of records lists the passed exams, only if they have been approved in the Learning Agreement beforehand.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSES AT SIE

Ca' Foscari School for International Education (SIE) organizes free Italian language courses for non-native speakers, as well as courses in Italian and Venetian culture, history, art and literature, specifically designed for international exchange students spending a study period at Ca' Foscari University.

All **incoming exchange students**

(Erasmus+ KA131, Erasmus+ KA171 ICM, Overseas, SEMP, EUTOPIA, ECOTOPIA) are eligible to attend them.

Double and joint degree students can attend the courses, prior approval of the programme's academic coordinators at both institutions.

In addition, the SIE also offers standard Italian courses held by highly qualified native speakers. The courses cover all levels, from A1 to C2 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). In cooperation with the Università per Stranieri di Siena, SIE is an accredited center for the CILS examinations and also offers preparation for the CILS exam. For more information, please check the following webpages: [Standard Italian online courses](#) and [International Certification CILS](#).

Contact:

cfsie@unive.it

OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT CA' FOSCARI

Venice International University (VIU) **www.univiu.org**

The VIU is an international higher education network located on the island of San Servolo. The mission of VIU is to promote the exchange of ideas and knowledge through advanced training and education in an international context. Every year VIU welcomes professors, researchers and students of different nationalities who live together, study and learn on its campus. Moreover, it brings to the city of Venice and its mainland a prolific range of academic and scientific activities focused mainly on globalization, innovation, environmental sustainability and cultural heritage.

Contacts:
student-services@univiu.org

University Language Centre **(CLA - Centro Linguistico di Ateneo)** **www.unive.it/pag/45734**

The University Language Center offers various language courses: Arabic, Chinese, English, Korean, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Italian Sign Language, Intercomprehension. Registration to courses is compulsory and an enrolment fee is envisaged.

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LIFE IN VENICE

Housing Office

The Housing office supports students in finding suitable and affordable accommodation in either student residences or private flats.

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Welcome Guide

Students can find useful information on Ca' Foscari University, Venice and Italy in the [Welcome Guide for incoming students](#).

Buddy Program

A "Buddy" is a Ca' Foscari student who acts as a mentor, devoting free time to help international students settle into university life and become familiar with university system and services and with Venice city life and its cultural environment.



VIDEOS

Studying Beauty in Venice (IT)

http://youtu.be/Q14lwl_6RJQ

Ca' Foscari - The Place I Want to Be

<http://youtu.be/xGNJpjWnqUs>

Cafoscarini Around the World

<http://youtu.be/h4FmJ7miSD8>

Studying in English in Venice

<http://youtu.be/LdAXZv9pAQQ>

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