Università degli Studi di Udine
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The University

The University of Udine was founded in 1978 as part of the reconstruction plan of Friuli after the earthquake in 1976. Its aim was to provide the Friulian community with an independent centre for advanced training in cultural and scientific studies. The University currently has 10 faculties in: Agriculture, Economics, Engineering, Law, Modern Languages, Educational Sciences, Humanities, Medicine and Surgery, Veterinary Medicine and Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences. The University is actively involved in student and staff exchange projects with universities within the EU and is currently engaged in close collaboration with several universities from Eastern Europe and other non-EU countries. Moreover the University participates in many research projects at national and international level. The present number of students enrolled at the University is approximately 17000.

The University of Udine prides itself on providing various fields of intervention which include higher education, research and technology transfer, interaction with the local area and internationalisation. All these operations result in a reciprocal flow of knowledge, experiences and projects. The continuous growth of the University of Udine is in harmony with the multiplicity of ideas, initiatives and partnerships that through exchanges and enrichment have generated a unique model of education, research and knowledge transfer.

Udine and its University are a point of reference in a region which is historically a meeting place and crossroads of different worlds and cultures. Geographically situated in the centre of the European Union, the University of Udine plays an active role in a close network of relations, committed to sharing its knowledge and ideas. Since its establishment, Udine University has pursued the policy of internationalisation, aimed at preparing students and forging relations and partnerships with universities and institutions in Europe and the rest of the world.

Udine University collaborates not only within Europe but across the globe and has long-standing connections with Africa, India and China.
The International Relations Office at Udine is the department of the University with which you will have the most contact during your stay in Italy. The International Relations office is similar to University College Cork’s International Office, and will serve as your primary resource for information of the resolution of issues you might experience in Udine. To that end, if you are interested in studying in Udine or require any assistance during your stay, please do not hesitate to contact University of Udine’s International Relations Office.

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Udine (Friulian: Udin, Slovene: Videm, German: Weiden, Latin: Utinum) is a city in northeastern Italy, in the middle of Friuli-Venezia Giulia region, between the Adriatic sea and the Alps (Alpi Carniche), less than 40 km from the Slovenian border. Its population was 100,032 in 2012, and that of its urban area was 176,000.

Udine is the historical capital of Friuli. The area has been inhabited since the Neolithic age, and was later, most likely, settled by Illyrians. Based on an old Hungarian legend, Attila, the great hun emperor built a hill there, when besieging Aquileia, because he needed a winter quarters billet: he instructed his soldiers to bring soil in their helmet and shield, because, the landscape was too flat, without any hill. He established the town there, and built a square-shape tower.

After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, the area increased in importance after the decline of Aquileia and afterwards of Cividale. In 1223, with the foundation of the market, the city became finally the most important in the area for economy and trades.

In 1420, it was conquered by the Republic of Venice. Udine remained under Venetian control until 1797, being the second largest city in the state. After the short French domination which ensued, it was part of the Austrian-puppet Lombardy-Venetia Kingdom, and was included in the newly formed Kingdom of Italy in 1866.

During World War I, before the defeat in the battle of Caporetto, Udine became the seat of the Italian High Command and was nicknamed “Capitale della Guerra” (“War Capital”). After the battle, it was occupied by Austrians in 1918 until after the Battle of Vittorio Veneto in 1918. After the war it was made capital of a short-lived province (Provincia del Friuli) which included the current provinces of Gorizia, Pordenone and Udine. After 8 September 1943, when Italy surrendered to the Allies in World War II, the city was under direct German administration, which ceased in April 1945.
Travel

By Plane

- The regional airport (Ronchi dei Legionari) is 41 km from the city. There are regular daily flights to the major Italian and European cities. Public Transport company APT operates bus and coach shuttle services connecting the airport to the main cities in the region: Updated schedules and fares are available on the APT Gorizia website (available only in Italian).

  Tickets can be purchased at city bus/coach station or at the airport:
  - in the Arrivals Hall, with an automatic machine for self ticketing
  - in the Departures Hall, at the Tourist Information desk (Turismo FVG)

  For updated information on schedules visit the websites http://www.autostazionetrieste.it/ and http://www.saf.ud.it/ (available only in Italian).

By Train

- Udine is well connected with other Italian cities (Milan, Rome, Venice, etc) and also with European cities (i.e. Vienna). The railway station is in the city centre. Opposite the railway station you can easily take a bus. Bus tickets can be purchased inside the railway station at the tobacconist's shops. For more information about train timetables, please visit the Trenitalia website.

By Car

- A4/A23 motorway goes through Udine. If you come from North (Austria), take the "Udine nord" exit. If you come from all the other directions (Venice and Trieste), take the "Udine sud" exit.

Getting Around

- **Buses**
  The Coach station is near to the Train station in Viale Europa Unita. The regional (blue) coaches are based here. The orange buses travel in and around the town center.

  You must buy a ticket (1,10 €) before boarding-available from Tobacconists.

- **Taxis**

  Radio Taxi:
  - +39 0432 505858

  Taxi Car:
  - +39 0432 44966

- **Bicycles**

  The International Students Services Office can show you were you can buy a new or second-hand bike from with the possibility of selling it back at the end of your stay
Accommodation

The housing situation in Udine is quite difficult. As the number of places is limited, we recommend that you apply for housing through the ISS as soon as possible. The International Student Service cannot guarantee the availability of accommodation for all exchange students.

IMPORTANT: The request for accommodation is binding with landlords. Please make genuine requests.

The International Student Service will help you find accommodation for your stay in Udine.
http://www.uniud.it/international-area/incoming-mobility/prima_dellarrivo_before_arrival/how-to-apply/accommodation-conditions.pdf

The University has also selected some real estate agencies which will help you in searching accommodation in our city.
You can refer to them to find out availability, prices and all the information you need.
Here is the list of the four economic operators which provide accommodation in Udine:

1. Immobiliare Cierre s.n.c.
   Via Mazzini n. 7/A - 33100 Udine
   Tel.: +39 0432 289189
   E-mail: info@immobiliarecierre.it

2. Bile Immobiliare s.n.c. di Mario e Luca Bile e C.
   Via G. Muratti n. 64 - 33100 Udine
   Tel.: +39 0432 504676
   E-mail: info@bile.it

3. Consorzio Quore (Consorzio di agenzie immobiliari)
   Via Cussignacco n. 13 - 33100 Udine
   Tel.: +39 0432 664266
   E-mail: ballico@quoreimmobiliare.it

4. Studio Immobiliare “San Giacomo”
   Via San Francesco d’Assisi n. 34 - 33100 Udine
   Tel.: +39 0432 229011
   E-mail: san-giacomo@libero.it

For more information: http://www.uniud.it/international-area/incoming-mobility/prima_dellarrivo_before_arrival/alloggio-a-udine/list-of-economic-operators.pdf
Admissions

Right to Stay in Italy – EU students

Exchange students of EU/EEA countries do not need a residence permit or visa, but they need to apply for a **right to reside in Italy** at the local Municipality, if the period of study is over three months (90 days).

Documents for applying the right to reside in Italy:

- Your passport or Euro-ID
- Your European health insurance (TEAM) or your private insurance
- One passport size photo

Exchange students of EU/EEA countries will receive more information about it at their arrival at the University of Udine, during the "3-days welcome service".

Right to Stay in Italy – Non EU

Staying legally in Italy: Registering with the Italian Police

**Non-EU/EEA students** who stay in Italy for **LESS than 3 months** must register within 8 days of arrival with the local Police authorities by filling in a simple “Declaration of Presence”. The ISS will provide you with more information upon arrival.

**Non-EU/EEA students** who stay in Italy for **MORE than 3 months** must register **within 8 days of arrival** with the local Police authorities by requesting a “Permit of Stay”.

The permit of stay is granted according to the reason indicated in your visa (eg. FOR STUDY/TRAINING PURPOSES). The permit kit is requested at the Post Offices indicated below, and must be returned there with the due supporting documentation within 8 days of arrival. The permit of stay is issued by the Central Police Station (**Questura**) within 45 days of your request and entitles you to live temporarily in Italy. You will be invited to the Questura for finger-printing before the permit is issued.

If you have problems with the application form for your permit of stay, there is a network of free advice centres in Udine which the ISS can put you in contact with to provide further support. These offices are referred to as the “CAF” (**Centro Assistenza Fiscale** – Fiscal Advice Centres) or “PATRONATI”. The ‘Patronato’ can provide information about the required documentation and practical assistance in filling out the form.

Whilst you are waiting for your permit of stay (PdS) you may travel in and out of Italy with the post office receipt.
Academics

For ordinary exams, universities in Italy use a 30-point scale simply divided in two: non passing (0 to 17), and passing grades (18 to 30 cum laude). For the final score a 110-point scale is used, which is divided in two as well, with 66 being the minimum grade for passing. The 110-point takes into consideration of both exam scores and the final thesis. For outstanding results, the Lode "praise" is added to the maximum grade.

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Libraries

The University of Udine includes a wide network of libraries and services supporting study, teaching and research.

- University Hospital Library - offers University and Hospital staff a reinforced and expanded range of services while optimising utilisation of the economic and human resources of both institutions. The Library manages the bibliographical assets of the Departments of: Pathology and Clinical and Experimental Medicine, Medical and Morphological Research, Surgical Science, Biomedical Science and Technology and the Santa Maria della Misericordia University Teaching Hospital. The Library holds more than 10,000 monographs, 1,198 periodicals and numerous extracts relating to the biomedical sector.

- Economics and Law Library - Initially founded as the Library of the Institute of Finance and Economics in 1989, our library evolved along with the Faculty of Economics. As the Institute ceased and was replaced by the Economics Department, Finance Department, Statistics Department and the Law Department, the library grew into an Interdepartmental Centre which was founded in 1995. In 1999 the newborn Faculty of Law invested the Centre with the responsibility of managing its acquisitions. The Library possesses about 40,000 books mainly on economics, business, finance and banking, statistics, sociology, mathematics, history and law and its collections increase about 2,000 new books every year. It also possesses about 950 journals, for 645 of which there is a current subscription; about 2,000 electronic journals; 40 online databases.

- For more information on other libraries of the University see: http://www.uniud.it/extra/sba
Practical Matters

Health Insurance

In Italy, the national healthcare system is provided by a public healthcare service (ASL). Only foreign Citizens with a valid stay card or residence permit may apply for the service.

EU students who are in Italy for a temporary stay, are required to have the European Health Insurance Card to gain access to health care services during temporary visit.

Non-EU students must show evidence of a certified health insurance cover (it is recommended to have a copy certified by the Italian Consulate or Embassy).

Registration with the ASL

To register with the ASL, students must go to the ASL district registry office of the district where they live. To find the nearest office, you can ask the URPs - Public Relations Offices, or call the free number 800 663366 (for calls in English, please call Mon to Fri from 14.30 to 16.30, Wed, Thu and Sat from 9.00 to 12.30).

The registration provides for the assignment of a healthcare card and the selection of a general doctor. Medical examinations are free and are carried out at the doctor's study (at the patient's home visits are only for severe health conditions). Specialist examinations and must be requested are booked through the CUP service (the Unified Booking Centre - Toll Free Number 8488 84 888), or at the major city chemist's shops / pharmacies. All examinations require the payment of a "ticket", equivalent to a portion of the total cost.

Emergency situations

Carabinieri (Military police) – 112
Police – 113
Fire Brigade – 115
Emergency Medical Assistance – 118
Gas - 0432 493111
Electricity – 800 900 800
Water – 0432 493111
Train Information – 892021
Police Station - Viale Venezia, 31 – 33100 Udine, Tel: +39 0432 413515
Acclimation and Immersion

3-Day Welcome Service:

During your first days at the University of Udine particular attention and care is dedicated to each individual student to help you to settle into your new surroundings. The International Student Service’s staff will help you to register with the local authorities and the health service, provide you with access to the student canteen, libraries, computer facilities etc. They will also arrange a meeting for you with your academic tutor and give you general information about the town.

Italian Language Courses

The International Student Service’s staff will give you information about the Italian course for International Students managed by the Linguistic Centre of the University of Udine.

Sports Facilities

Students who want to practise sport at any level, from the highest to the lowest, can do so at the University Sports Centre, CUS. Students are also entitled to lower fares on memberships/activities with other associated sports centres. The CUS, Centro Universitario Sportivo, offers university students the possibility to participate in a wide variety of sports in the facilities at PalaCus.

www.cusudine.org/
Tips from UCC Students

Academic Matters

- If you can foresee having trouble in a course, let your instructor know that you are an Erasmus student and that Italian is not your first language. They may be more understandable and flexible than they would be otherwise.
- There are plenty of libraries and they are all easy to use. Don’t let this go to waste!
- Italian exams can be quite a bit of work, so it is useful to get the reading list for a course as early as you can to be sure that you’ve enough time to prepare yourself.

Accommodation

- As is the case with many university cities, student accommodation in Udine can be very difficult to find. Start your search early for the best opportunity of finding a room.
- Apartments in Udine typically do not come with kettles, linens, and the like. Be sure to go to a shop straight away to get the things you deem necessary.
- Taxis only stop at the registered taxi parks. If you want to make use of a taxi, you must go to one such park.

Travel

- Book your flight tickets early to ensure the cheapest price possible.
- Udine is well-connected to other cities by train.

Bureaucracy

- Your passport is required to do many things around Udine, so it is imperative that you keep it with you at all times.
- Unless your passport is in a language other than English, it is unlikely that you will need to have it translated.
- Be sure to have all of the materials you need whenever you engage with the Italian bureaucracy. If something is out of line, the entire process must often begin again.
- Your European Health Insurance Card should be enough to see you through all health-related issues.

Social Life

- Erasmus Nights are hosted by various Erasmus organizations in Udine, and are a great way to get to know other students.
- Local students tend to go home on the weekends, so use these times to get to know your fellow international students.

General

- The people of Udine are very friendly and like to talk, especially to international students.
- Udine has a very large student population, giving the city a young feel.