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The Rector's Profile

Prof. Giacomo Pignataro was born in Caltagirone on 23rd February 1963, full professor of Public Finance. He graduated in Business and Economics in 1986. He earned a Master Degree in Economics and, subsequently, a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of York, England (UK). Since 2002 he has been Full Professor of Public Finance. Since 13th March 2013 he is the new Rector Magnificus of the University of Catania.

WELCOME OF THE RECTOR

Dear international students and professors,

Thank you for choosing the University of Catania as your host university. I am honored to welcome you to the *Siculorum Gymnasium*. I hope you will enjoy your stay at our university, to achieve educational growth and formative experience in our town, rich in history and tradition.

The University of Catania is a public institution with a strong and ever growing international orientation and community. Our main goal is to provide international students with a stimulating learning environment, and to offer them an international dimension based on excellence and innovation, both key elements of the educational experience.

This guide is designed to help international students and professors who spend a period in Catania, taking part in stimulating learning programs and exchanging cultural experiences.

In order to ease your integration into academic and cultural life in Catania, this guide provides you with a general description of the university, and gives practical advice to be used before leaving your own country, and some information that might be useful at your arrival in Catania. Further on, you will find information on academic course, as well as a presentation of university facilities, accommodation services and practical addresses of interest that will enhance your experience here.

Moreover, through the last section, you may discover Catania, a town that has always played an active role in promoting cooperation and cultural exchanges for centuries, in the Mediterranean Area and in Europe.

May your stay here be stimulating, pleasant and fruitful. A warm welcome to all of you.

Prof. Giacomo Pignataro
Rector of the University of Catania

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1 University of Catania

A Brief Historical Background

An Institution in Continuous Development

The foundation of the University of Catania, the oldest in Sicily, dates back to 1434, when the king of Spain, Alfonso of Aragon (who was also King Alfonso I of Sicily) authorized the establishment of a *Studium Generale* with the privilege of issuing legally valid academic titles in the four core disciplines of theology, canon and civil law, physical and joint philosophy, liberal arts. In 1444, the first four faculties of Medicine, Philosophy, Canon and Civil Law and Theology and Arts were established. Students began to attend classes in 1445, however it was not until two centuries later that the university gained its own establishment in Piazza Università. It still stands in the piazza today, in the former grounds of St. Mark's hospital. The building was completely destroyed by an earthquake in 1693 and students were left without a place to continue their study. In the *interim* period, before it was rebuilt, the resourceful students, unperturbed by such events and endowed with infinite determination, transferred classes to wooden huts by the harbour. The new building, designed by Giovan

Battista Vaccarini, is a magnificent monument of Baroque architecture. The University of Catania was not only structurally powerful. It also held the exclusive right by Royal Decree to grant degrees within the Reign of Sicily. Although the hierarchical power of the university was in the hands of the Church, the Rector, an elected student in his/her last year of studies, had the power to put students on trial. 25 Chimes of the Cathedral bell marked the beginning of the academic year. Throughout the year, a porter marked daily any professor absence. The figures were then taken to a notary who subtracted a day's wages from their pay. At the end of his studies, a student was awarded his degree in the Cathedral as well as a gold ring and a blessing from the Archbishop. Although this ceremony and many other traditions have fallen into disuse, the academic structure of the university is still as strong today as it was in the first half of the 15th century when it started out with just ten students.

The University Today

Today the university buildings are spread throughout the city, with a contrast between the modern, hi-tech “University City”, and numerous historical buildings in the old city centre. It offers an attractive portfolio of academic titles and is committed in the creation of a “laboratory” where the ancient Mediterranean culture meets the new technologies, in order to offer advanced training experience. Students wishing to take an undergraduate degree will find our university to be a high quality educational institution, with degrees specifically aimed at the labour market, which prepare effectively for further studies. Excellent departments, schools and support services are offered throughout all of our university sites in Catania, Syracuse and Ragusa. Here, students may also discover a culturally dynamic environment suitable for growing as students and individuals as well. Those who are considering taking post graduate, masters or doctorate studies can choose among a wide range of academic fields, developed by internationally recognized research groups.

Students have the opportunity to commence their university career alongside the very best. The University of Catania is also attractive for those companies interested in transferring the technology generated from university departments and research centers.



Facts and Figures

Useful Information

Name: University of Catania

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I-95131 Catania

Erasmus ID code: I CATANIA 01

Erasmus charter: 29276-LA-1-2014-
1-IT-E4AKA1-ECHE

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Website: www.unict.it/en

Facebook: [universitadeglistudicatania](https://www.facebook.com/universitadeglistudicatania)

Learn about our programs, people,
innovations and campus through facts
and figures

Educational and Research Structures

- 18 Departments
- 15 Research Center
- 1 Schools
- 3 Didactic Units

Educational Programs

- 42 Undergraduate 1st Level Courses
- 7 One-Cycle Courses
- 50 Undergraduate 2nd Level Courses
- 21 Masters
- 63 Ph.D. Courses XXVIII - XXIX - XXX-
Cycle
- 26 National Ph.D. Courses
- 37 International Ph.D. Courses

Students

- 53.873 Students enrolled a. y. 2012/2013
- 6.715 Graduated a. y. 2012/2013
(latest survey available)

Staff

- 379 Full Professors
- 373 Associate Professors
- 578 Researchers
- 1.198 Non-academic staff





Governance and Management

The governing bodies of the University of Catania are the Rector, the Academic Senate, the Board of Directors, the Board of Auditors, the Evaluation Unit, the Director General, who shall exercise the powers laid down by the laws of the Republic, by the University Statute and by executive regulations.

The Academic Senate is established by a Rector's decree and is composed of:

- Rector;
- 14 full professors, representatives of the scientific-disciplinary areas of the University of Catania;
- 13 representatives of heads of departments;
- 5 students' representatives;
- 2 representatives of the administrative staff.

The Administrative Board is established by a Rector's decree and is composed of:

- Rector;
- 3 external members (not belonging to the roles of the university);
- 5 full professors belonging to the teaching body of the University of Catania;
- 2 students' representatives.

The Rector is the legal representative of the university and is the guarantor for the respect of laws, freedom of research and teaching, staff and students' rights. He is elected among full professors in service in Italian universities, is in charge for six years and is not re-eligible.

Rector

Prof. Giacomo Pignataro
Department of Economics and Business

The rector is assisted in his duties by the Vice-Rector and various delegates.

Vice-Rector

Prof. Alessandra Gentile
Department of Agriculture and Food Science



Delegates of the Rector

Prof. Roberto Cellini
Strategic Planning and Budgeting

Prof. Giuseppe Romano Compagnini
*Relationships with Students and Sport
Committee*

Prof. Giovanni Di Rosa
Buildings, Heritage and Contracts

Prof. Luciano Granozzi
Communication

Prof. Bianca Maria Lombardo
Education: Undergraduates

Prof. Vincenzo Di Benedetto
Mutual Aid Cash

Prof. Giancarlo Polizzi
Agricultural Experimental Farm

Prof. Sebastiano Battiato
Education: Postgraduates and Ph.D.

Prof. Antonio Pioletti
*Relationships with Technical-Administrative
Staff*

Prof. Andrea Rapisarda
Internationalization

Prof. Stefania Stefani
Research

Prof. Agata Copani
Museums and "Città della Scienza"

Prof. Francesco Priolo
*Scuola Superiore di Catania - Mediterranean
University Centre*

Prof. Giuseppe Inturri
Transport Facilities

Prof. Sebastiano Sciuto
Security, Risks, Prevention and Protection



Departments and Schools

The University of Catania has 18 departments, 1 schools and 3 didactic units that, additionally to the traditional assignments of scientific research, are in charge of the organization and management of educational activities.

Agriculture, Food and Environment

Address: Via Valdisavoia 5, I-95123 Catania
Director: Prof. Salvatore Luciano Cosentino
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Administrative contact for didactics: udipac1@unict.it
Website: www.di3a.unict.it

Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences

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Administrative contact for didactics: udipac2@unict.it
Website: www.dipbiogeo.unict.it

Biomedical and Biotechnological Sciences

Address: Città Universitaria
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Director: Prof. Filippo Drago
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Scientific contact for didactics: livoti@unict.it
Administrative contact for didactics: udipac8@unict.it
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Chemical Sciences

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Scientific contact for didactics: sscire@unict.it
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Civil Engineering and Architecture

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Director: Prof. Enrico Foti
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Scientific contact for didactics: dcaiso@dica.unict.it
Administrative contact for didactics: udipac6@unict.it
Website: www.darc.unict.it

Clinical and Experimental Medicine

Address: "Garibaldi Nesima" Hospital
Via Palermo 636, I-95122 Catania
Director: Prof. Francesco Purrello
General contact: medbio@unict.it
Scientific contact for didactics: rerizzo@unict.it
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Website: www.medicina.unict.it





Drug Sciences

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 General contact: dsf@unict.it
 Scientific contact for didactics: milena.rizzo@unict.it
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Economics and Business

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 Scientific contact for didactics: imazza@unict.it
 Administrative contact for didactics: udipac7@unict.it
 Website: www.dei.unict.it

Educational Sciences

Address: Via Biblioteca 2, I-95124 Catania
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 General contact: dpf@unict.it
 Scientific contact for didactics: rpiazza@unict.it
 Administrative contact for didactics: udipac3@unict.it
 Website: www.disfor.unict.it

Electric, Electronic and Computer Engineering

Address: Città Universitaria (Polifunctional Building)
 Viale Andrea Doria 6, I-95125 Catania
 Director: Prof. Vincenzo Catania
 General contact: dieei@unict.it
 Scientific contact for didactics: riccardo.caponetto@dieei.unict.it
 Administrative contact for didactics: udipac6@unict.it
 Website: www.dieei.unict.it/en

General Surgery and Medical-Surgical Specialities

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 Via Plebiscito, 628, I-95124 Catania
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 Scientific contact for didactics: abiondi@unict.it
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Humanities

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Industrial Engineering

Address: Città Universitaria (Building 3)
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Director: Prof. Francesco Patania
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Administrative contact for didactics: udipac6@unict.it
Website: www.diim.unict.it

Law

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Director: Prof. Roberto Pennisi
General contact: giur@unict.it
Scientific contact for didactics: adistefano@lex.unict.it
Administrative contact for didactics: udipac5@unict.it
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Mathematics and Computer Sciences

Address: Città Universitaria
Viale Andrea Doria 6, I-95125 Catania
Director: Prof. Giuseppe Mulone
General contact: dmi@unict.it
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Administrative contact for didactics: udipac4@unict.it
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Medical and Surgical Sciences and Advanced Technologies

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Administrative contact for didactics: udipac8@unict.it
Website: www.medicina.unict.it

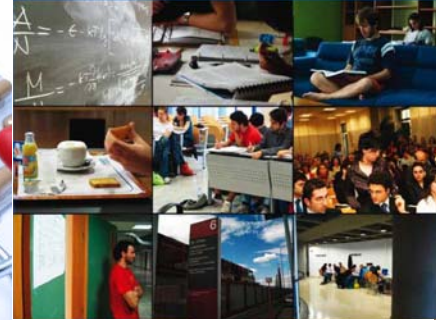
Physics and Astronomy

Address: Via Santa Sofia 64, I-95123 Catania
Director: Prof. Valerio Pirronello
General contact: dfa@unict.it
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Political and Social Sciences

Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele II 8, I-95131 Catania
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Foreign Languages and Literatures (Didactic Unit)

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Architecture (Didactic Unit)

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School of Medicine

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 Scientific contact for didactics: agodia@unict.it
 Administrative contact for didactics: udipac8@unict.it
 Website: www.medicina.unict.it

Scuola Superiore di Catania - Mediterranean University Centre

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 Website: www.scuolasuperiorecatania



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European Policy Strategy



The University of Catania considers the internationalization process to be of deeply importance for its development, therefore, it is willing to adopt strategic plans aiming at improving such process, thanks to some different actions to be realized in a short time and some others requiring longer times for their effectiveness but all pursuing the goal of rising its visibility, reputation and attractiveness.

The University of Catania is the oldest of the Italian South-Centre universities and it manifests some excellences in terms of didactics and research thanks to particular synergies and specific collaborations with several research institutes operating in its territory, such as C.N.R., I.N.A.F., I.N.F.N., I.N.G.V. Furthermore, Catania geographic position, even if off-centered from North-center European countries, is certainly in a focal point with respect to Mediterranean area countries, with whom it is certainly possible to organize cooperation activities of great importance. Other key points can be considered the different enterprises working on the territory, representing a reference point for study, research and industrial collaboration initiatives.

Therefore, in order to improve the internationalization process, the university will adopt the following strategic actions.

Short-term actions:

- Enhance international activities communication through a more attractive web site and the creation of university of Catania profile in the most important social networks.
 - Increase the educational offer in English language, thanks to the activation of new courses and the creation of “course packages”, useful for incoming students in the creation of their learning agreements.
 - Reinforce English language courses in all degree courses in order to boost students’ linguistic competencies and let them be more competitive within the international job market.
 - Enlarge the number of agreements with European countries and in particular with France, United Kingdom, Germany and North European countries.
 - Formalize pre-existent international cooperation and use contacts and best practices sharing policy among similar disciplinary areas.
- Stimulate international mobility (European and Non-European) of teachers and administrative staff using simple administrative procedures.
 - Implement services and facilities for incoming students, teachers and staff, with better accommodations services and dedicated procedures to obtain the stay permission.
 - Enhance Italian language courses offer for foreign students.





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Studying at the University of Catania

Italian Higher Education System

Italian higher education is structured in a binary system, consisting of 2 main articulations:

University Sector

It includes:

- State Universities
- Non-State Universities (legally recognized by the State)
- Higher Schools specialized in postgraduate university studies
- Telematic Universities.

The University of Catania is a state University that is a public entity endowed with scientific, teaching, managerial, financial and bookkeeping autonomy and may draw up its own statute and regulations, issued by rectoral decrees. Since 1999, the Italian University

System has been reformed so as to meet the objectives of the “Bologna Process” and is now organized in 3 cycles:

- 1st Cycle Studies - Bachelor Degree;
- 2nd Cycle Studies - Master Degree;
- 3rd Cycle Studies - Ph.D. and Specialization Courses.

Non - University Sector

It includes:

- Higher Education in Art, Music and Dance (AFAM)
- Higher Education in Language Mediation
- Higher Integrated Education (FIS) and Programs of Higher Technical Education & Training (IFTTS)
- programs in a few specific fields (e.g. archiving, diplomatic, restoration, military studies, etc.).

For further information
www.study-in-italy.it



ECTS System

The University of Catania has adopted the CFU accreditation system which corresponds to the European Community Course Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

What is ECTS?

The ECTS system is based on the principle of mutual trust and confidence between the participating higher education

institutions. The few rules of ECTS, concerning Information (on courses available), Agreement (between the home and host institutions) and the Use of Credit Points (to indicate student workload) are set out to reinforce this mutual trust and confidence. Each ECTS department will describe the courses it offers not only in terms of content but also adding credits to each course.

ECTS credits

The ECTS credits are a value allocated to course units to describe the student workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each course requires in relation to the total quantity of work necessary to complete a full year of academic study at the institution, that is, lectures, practical work, seminars, private work in the library or at home and examinations or other assessment activities. ECTS credits express a relative value.

In ECTS, 60 credits represent the workload of a year of study; normally 30 credits are given for a semester and 20 credits for a term. It is important that no special courses are set up for ECTS purposes, but that all ECTS courses are mainstream courses of the participating institutions, as followed by home students under normal regulations.

It is up to the participating institutions to subdivide the credits for the different courses.

Practical placements and optional courses which form an integral part of the course of study also receive academic credit. Practical placements and optional courses which do not form an integral part of the course of

study do not receive academic credit. Non-credit courses may, however, be mentioned in the transcript of records. Credits are awarded only when the course has been completed and all required examinations have been successfully taken.

ECTS grading scale

The ECTS grading scale provides a common currency to measure the quality of student achievement. It is important to note that it is not meant to replace the local grade but to be used optionally and in addition to it.

ECTS Definition normally achieving the grade of successful students	
A	EXCELLENT: outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	VERY GOOD: above average standard but with some errors
C	GOOD: generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	SATISFACTORY: fair but with significant shortcomings
E	SUFFICIENT: performance meets minimum criteria
F	FAIL: some more work required before the credit can be awarded
FX	FAIL: considerable further work is required

ECTS students and Erasmus program

The students participating in ECTS receive full credit for all academic work successfully carried out at any of the ECTS partner institutions. They will be able to transfer these academic credits from one participating institution to another on the basis of prior agreement on the content of study programs abroad between students and the institutions involved.

When the student has successfully completed the study program previously agreed between the home and the host institutions and returns to the home institution, credit transfer will take place, and the student can continue the study course at the home institution without any loss of time or credit. Students may be awarded a student mobility grant if they fulfill the general conditions of eligibility for the Erasmus program. They shall not be required to pay tuition fees at the host institution and continue to pay normal tuition fees to the home institution during the study period abroad.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/ects

Enrolment Procedures

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For further information
please contact the Foreign
Students Office.

Address: Piazza Bellini 19,
I-95131 Catania

Fax: (+39) 095 326161

E-mail: sestat@unict.it

EU and non-EU citizens can equally enroll at the University of Catania. In case of dual citizenship, the Italian citizenship prevails (L. 31 May 1995, n. 218 art. 19).

Distinct application rules apply to:

- EU citizen;
- non EU citizen;
- Italian citizens with foreign academic qualifications.

1. EU citizens

EU citizens who wish to apply for an Italian degree course must observe the same deadlines and procedures of Italian citizens.

Citizens from Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Republic of San Marino and Liechtenstein are treated as EU citizens; the same rule is applied for Non-EU citizens owning a residence permit (permesso di soggiorno) or a residence card (carta di soggiorno) for work, family, religion or asylum, and political refugees.



Prospective students can apply for only one degree course, although they may pre enroll in several courses and take multiple admission tests.

EU nationals and EU-equated citizens are not requested to take the Italian language test.

They do not belong to places reserved to non-EU citizens (contingente riservato). They should respect, as Italian students, the deadlines provided by the calls of each course of study.

In order to enroll at the university it is compulsory to fulfill the online registration procedure on the “Portale Studenti”¹ and submit the documents, described in the following paragraph, to the Foreign Students Office.

¹ In order to accomplish the online enrollment, applicants must be provided with the tax code (codice fiscale). To obtain the code, foreign citizens must present a valid document (if EU citizens) and a residence permit (if non-EU citizens) at the Italian Tax Agency (Agenzia delle Entrate).

For 1st cycle and One-long Cycle 2nd degree programs:

- original copy of secondary school diploma obtained after at least 12 years of schooling. The diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- certificate assessing the student's passing of the academic admission/proficiency test (where required), if provided for home country university access;
- any university study certificate or non-university post-secondary study certificate (exams passed and exam programs) for the obtainment of the enrolment to an academic year after the first one (shortening of the program time limits) or for the completing of the 12 year schooling required for the access to Italian universities;
- a copy of the residence permit is also needed for non-EU applicants resident in Italy.

For 2nd cycle degree programs:

- original copy of secondary school diploma obtained after at least 12 years of schooling. The diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- 1st cycle degree obtained at any university the diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the degree to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- certificate released by the relevant academic institution, translated and duly validated, assessing the passed exams as well as the detailed programs and time plan devoted to the teaching and laboratory activities provided for each subject area;
- a copy of the residence permit is also needed for non-EU applicants resident in Italy.

Admission is subject to specific course requirements determined by each Master Degree board.

In order to get a pre-evaluation of their studies and know if they've got the knowledge required to enter the Mater Degree Program they're interested in prospective students should fill in an online form at: <http://151.97.232.85/app/index.php?sid=78133&newtest=Y&lang=en>

2. Non EU citizens

Every study program sets an annual quota of places available for non-EU students. To request pre-enrolment for a program, citizens should contact the Italian embassy-consulate in the student's country of residence, they cannot apply for a degree course (either for a first or a second cycle degree) directly to the University of Catania.

Application deadline is established annually by the Italian Ministry of Education.

At the Italian embassy or consulate, applicants fill a pre-registration request form and they can choose only one degree course. The documents needed are the following.

For 1st cycle and One-long Cycle 2nd degree programs:

- secondary school diploma (original

copy) obtained after at least 12 years of schooling. The diploma must be translated and duly validated;

- declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- certificate assessing the student's passing of the academic admission/proficiency test (where required), if provided for home country university access.
- any university study certificate or non-university post-secondary study certificate (exams passed and exam programs) for the obtainment of the enrolment to an academic year after the first one (shortening of the program time limits) or for the completing of the 12-year schooling required for the access to Italian universities;
- any certification assessing Italian language knowledge.

For 2nd cycle degree programs:

- original copy of secondary school diploma obtained after at least 12 years of schooling. The diploma must be translated and duly validated;



- declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- 1st cycle degree obtained at any university the diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the degree to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the university belongs to;
- certificate released by the relevant academic institution-translated and duly validated-assessing the passed exams as well as the detailed programs and time plan devoted to the teaching and laboratory activities provided for each subject area;
- any certification assessing Italian language knowledge.

The Italian embassy or consulate will transmit the form to the university along with all the required documents and it will be informed about the approval of the student's request. Only Italian embassies and consulates can grant an entry visa for Italy. In order to be granted a visa, applicants

must provide the Italian embassy or consulate with all the required documentation. Tourist visa is not accepted for enrolment in a degree course.

The documents written in a foreign language must be handed in the original copy together with the official translation into Italian; the translation is a responsibility of the applicant and must be certified by the relevant Italian diplomatic representation abroad. The translation may also be carried out in Italy by official translators or by the diplomatic representation operating in Italy of the country where the document has been released. The documentation handed in by the applicant does not allow for a direct access/admission to a degree program, as, to be admitted to a program, a student must pass an Italian language test and an admissions test to program with a limited number of places as well as other tests required for Italian citizens.

For 2nd cycle degree program, admission is subject to specific course requirements determined by each Master Degree board.

In order to get a pre-evaluation of their studies and know if they've got the knowledge required to enter the Mater Degree Program they're interested in prospective students should fill in an online form at: <http://151.97.232.85/app/index.php?sid=78133&newtest=Y&lang=en>

Italian language test

Students with the following qualifications are exempt from taking the Italian language test:

- 2nd level secondary school qualification obtained following four or five years of study at Italian schools abroad, or one of the secondary school final qualifications described in annex 2 of the provisions of the MIUR Memorandum;
- certificate obtained in conjunction with a school diploma from Argentina that certifies that the program included an Italian language course for at least 5 years;
- diploma in Italian language and culture from the University for Foreigners of Perugia and Siena, obtained after a course of at least one academic year;



- Italian language proficiency certificates equivalent to levels C1 and C2 of the Council of Europe issued by the III University of Rome and by the University for Foreigners of Perugia and Siena, also issued in agreement with Italian cultural institutes abroad.

Students with Italian language proficiency certificates equivalent to levels not lower than B2 of the Council of Europe, are exempt from the Italian language test, however admission in this case is determined by the number of places assigned to foreign citizens. Every year the date of the test (usually in early September) is set before the beginning of the academic year. Failing of the test will prevent students from being admitted to any degree course in any Italian university; that's why so an adequate knowledge of Italian language is very important. Eventually, enrolment will be completed only after all the tests will be passed (Italian language test and entrance test).

3. Italians citizens with foreign academic qualifications

Italian citizens with foreign academic qualifications are admitted to the university under the same conditions as other Italian students. The only difference concerns the certification of the foreign academic qualifications. Foreign academic qualifications must fulfill the requirements of the Annual memorandum of the Ministry of Education University and Research for foreign academic qualifications.

Enrolment in a 1st cycle course

Italian citizens in possession of a high school or university degree obtained abroad, must attach to the form of enrolment the High School Diploma (original copy) authenticated and translated into Italian with its declaration of value done by the Italian Diplomatic Representation abroad.

Moreover, depending on the following cases, candidates must add the following documentation authenticated and translated into Italian:

- original copy of the certificate proving that he has passed such selections (for example Selectividad in Spain, Prova de Aferiçao or

Prova General de Acesso ao Ensino Superior in Portugal) if in the country where the degree was issued the admission to universities is subject to competitive exams:

- certificate issued by a university abroad (or original certificate of educational qualification issued by a non-university institute) stating the years of enrolment to prove that the candidate has reached the 12 years of studying requested by law, if you have a High School Diploma which has been obtained after less than 12 years;
- certificate issued by the university abroad with the list of passed exams, their contents (official study program), the number of theoretical-practical teaching hours and given marks, if the candidate is going to ask to be admitted to an year following the first (abbreviazione di corso). This certificate must be authenticated and officially translated into Italian.

Enrolment in a 2nd level degree course

Italian citizens in possession of a High School or university degree obtained abroad, must attach to the form of enrolment the following documentation:

- original copy of University diploma legalized and officially translated into Italian together with the declaration of value of the University diploma done by the Italian Diplomatic Representation;
- original copy of the certificate of taken exams, issued by the university abroad, with the list of passed exams, given marks and their contents. Students must provide the detailed study program for each exam, and the number of theoretical-practical teaching hours necessary for the issuing of the academic qualification. This certificate must be authenticated and officially translated into Italian.

Assessment of the degree qualification

Admission is subject to specific course requirements determined by each Master Degree board.

In order to get a pre-evaluation of their studies and know if they've got the knowledge required to enter the Master Degree Program they're interested in prospective students should fill in an online form at: <http://151.97.232.85/app/index.php?sid=78133&newtest=Y&lang=en>



General Information

Academic calendar

The academic year is organized into 2 semesters, and each semester lasts around 20 weeks. The 1st semester begins in September - October and ends in January - February; the 2nd semester begins in February and ends in July. Subjects may be semester - long or year-long and exams are held in January - February and June - July.

Vacation periods

- Christmas break (end of December to the first week of January)
- Easter break
- Summer break (from 1st to 31st August)

Local and national holidays:

1st November All Saints' Day
8th December Immaculate Conception
5th February St Agatha's Feast Day
(Patron Saint of Catania)
25th April Anniversary of Liberation
1st May Labor Day
2nd June Republic Day

Teaching and learning

Most teaching takes place in large lecture halls and laboratories; students are also expected to carry out a considerable amount of self-study in order to prepare for exams.

Assessment

Exams are held after the teaching period and are mainly oral although some courses have written tests taking place during the semester or before the oral exam. Each exam has a number of dates offered during the exam session and students can choose which date they wish to take it.

Students are also entitled to turn down a mark and take the exam again if they are not satisfied with the result.

Examination grading systems

Examinations are graded according to a scale ranging from 0 to 30, with 18 as a pass mark. A "cum laude" may be added to the highest grade as a mention of special distinction. All examination results are used to calculate the overall degree mark on a scale of 0-110. The final result is based on exam results plus the presentation of a project or dissertation in front of a board of examiners.

The pass mark is 66 and students who obtain full marks of 110 may also be awarded "summa cum laude".

Credits recognition procedures

On February 21 - 2011, the Academic Senate of the University of Catania, deliberated The Course Credits Recognition System Guidelines. This Guidelines establishes the principle parameters that characterize student's credits recognition in a range of activities carried out in foreign institutions. The course credit recognition should be done before the student's departure through a formal application that indicates the foreign hosting institution data and the possible study plan he intends to follow up with the indication of the corresponding teaching programmes in attachment. Subjects recognition has to be based on a precise coherence between curricular activities and the course of study purposes. The mark obtained by the student during his foreign didactic period is calculated by the office in accordance with the rules fixed by the University of Catania's official Grading Scale and its integration. The official Grading Scale is available on-line at www.unict.it/en/ects

Educational Offer



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please contact the Didactic
Division

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I-95131 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 316057

Fax (+39) 095 326161

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urp-studenti@unict.it

Bachelor Degrees (1st Cycle Studies)

Aim: guarantee students an adequate command of general scientific methods and contents as well as specific professional skills.

Access requirement: the school leaving qualification awarded on completion of 13 years of global schooling and after the relevant State examinations; also comparable foreign qualifications (obtained after at least 12 year of global schooling) may be accepted.

Admission: restricted entry.

Credits: 180. The completion of a training period and the discussion of a final thesis may also be required.

Duration: 3 years

Courses

- Cultural Heritage
- Philosophy
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Arts
- European Euroamerican and Oriental Languages and Culture
- Linguistic and Intercultural Mediation
- Biology
- Basic Degree in Tourism
- Science of Administration and Organization
- Business Administration
- Education and Formation Science
- Sciences and Languages for Communication
- Land and Landscape Planning and Protection
- Exercise and Sport Sciences
- Psychological Sciences and Techniques
- Agricultural Science and Technology
- Food Science and Technology
- Chemistry
- Industrial Chemistry
- Applied Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Physics
- Computer Science
- Environmental and Natural Sciences
- Economics
- Geological Sciences
- Mathematics
- History, Politics and International Relations
- Sociology and Social Work
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Techniques
- Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Orthoptic and Ophthalmologic Assistance
- Dietistic
- Audioprothetic Techniques
- Imaging and Radiotherapy Techniques
- Biomedical Laboratory Techniques
- Cardiocirculatory and Cardiovascular Perfusion Techniques

Master Degrees (2nd Cycle Studies)

Aim: provide students with an advanced level of education for the exercise of a highly qualified activity in specific areas.

Access requirement: Bachelor Degree or a comparable foreign degree.

Admission: is subject to specific course requirements determined by individual universities.

Credits: 120. The discussion of a final thesis is required.

Duration: 2 years

Courses

- Archaeology
- Biodiversity and Environmental Quality
- Sanitary Biology
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Agricultural Biotechnology
- Modern Philology
- Classical philology
- Physics
- Computer Science
- Chemical Engineering for Sustainability Industrial Development
- Water and Transportation Civil Engineering
- Structural and Geotechnical Civil Engineering
- Automation Engineering and Control of Complex Systems
- Telecommunication Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Management engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering



- Comparative Languages and Literatures
- European and Extra-European Languages and Culture
- Languages for International Cooperation
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- International Trade Relations
- Organic and Bioorganic Chemistry
- Chemistry of Materials
- Biomolecular Chemistry
- Economics and Management of Public Administrations
- Global Politics and Euromediterranean Relations
- Public Administration Sciences
- Communication of Culture and Entertainment
- Sciences and Techniques of Preventive and Adaptative Motor Activities
- Agricultural Science and Technology
- Food Science and Technology
- Geological Sciences
- Science of Environmental Protection
- Territorial, Environmental and Landscape Protection
- Business Management
- Corporate Finance
- Philosophical Science
- Geophysics
- History and Culture for Territorial Management in Mediterranean Region
- Pedagogic Science and Educational Planning

- Planning and Management of Policies and Social Services
- Sociology
- History of Art and Cultural Heritage
- Nursing and Midwifery Sciences
- Health Professions of Rehabilitation Sciences

One Cycle Degree Courses (2nd Cycle Studies)

A limited number of programs (dentistry, human medicine, pharmacy, veterinary, medicine, architecture and law), are defined One Cycle Degree Courses (one block LM courses).

Aim: provide students with an advanced level of education for the practice of a highly qualified activity in specific areas.

Access requirement: school leaving diploma or a comparable foreign qualification.

Admission: selective entrance exams.

Credits: 300

Duration: 5 or 6 years

Courses - Master Degrees (D.M 270/04)

- Law
- Architecture
- Building Construction
- Pharmacy
- Chemical and Pharmaceutical Technologies
- Medicine and Surgery
- School of Dentistry

Ph.D. Courses (3rd Cycle Studies)

Aim: knowledge of the most advanced level of a scientific field and the ability to extend, improve, redefine or innovate the existing knowledge through original research contribution. Part of a research work of a Ph.D. course can be carried out at Italian/foreign partner institution. The University of Catania offers National and International Ph.D. courses.

International Ph.D. courses are offered in collaboration with foreign institutions. In this case, the final degree can also be awarded by the foreign partner institution (double degree).

Access requirement: university degree corresponding to the 2nd cycle of studies.

Admission: can be based on evaluation of qualifications; evaluation of qualifications, written and oral examinations; evaluation of qualifications and oral examination; evaluation of qualifications and written examination. Candidates with the highest scores are granted a scholarship. All Ph.D. students have to pay admission fees whose amount is fixed every academic year by the University's Administrative Board.

Duration: minimum of 3 academic years. The course duration can be extended for motivated reason.

On completion of the Ph.D. course, every student delivers a written dissertation. Successful students are awarded a Ph.D. degree.

Courses

- Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences
- Basic and Applied Biomedical Sciences
- Translational Biomedicine
- Physics
- Law
- Systems, Energy, Computer and Telecommunication Engineering
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Neurosciences
- Materials Science and Nanotechnologies
- Chemical Sciences
- Geological, Biological and Environmental Sciences
- Political Sciences
- Cultural Heritage Studies
- Evaluation and Mitigation of Urban and Land Risks

For further information, please contact the PhD. Office

Address: Piazza Bellini 19
I-95131 Catania

E-mail at: dotric1@unict.it

Specialization School

Aim: provide knowledge and skills for the execution of highly qualified functions required by certain professional activities (D.M. 270/2004).

The University of Catania has Medical and non Medical Specialization Schools. In particular Medical Area Specialization Schools aim at providing Medicine and Surgery graduates with deep qualification in the different specialties issuing a specialist qualification necessary for the fulfillment of their profession within the National Sanitary Service. Doctors' specialistic training is a full-time activity.

Access requirement: university degree.

Admission: restricted entry

Duration: from 4 to 6 years

For further information about Medical Area Specialization Schools, please send an e-mail at: specializzazione.areamedica@unict.it

For further information about non Medical Area Specialization Schools, please send an e-mail at: specializzazione.areanonmedica@unict.it

Further Studies

University Master Courses

Aim: reinforce and broaden skills and expertise of graduates and postgraduates to meet the demands of the professional world.

There are both 1st and 2nd level University master courses that consist in advanced scientific courses or higher continuing education studies.

Access requirement: 1st or 2nd level degree.

Admission: subject to additional conditions.

Credits: 60

Duration: 1 year

For further information, please contact the Master Office

Address: Via San Lorenzo, 4
I-95131 Catania,

Phone: 095 7307953

E-mail: venera.fasone@unict.it



Advanced Course

Aim: refresher/permanent training course that allows students to develop their expertise and skills in order to further improve their professional qualities. No academic qualification is awarded; students will receive a certificate with details on the acquired skills.

Every year the University of Catania activates specialization courses propaedeutic to background training and useful for professional integration.

Access requirement: 1st or 2nd level degree.

Admission: restricted entry

Duration: variable

For further information, please
send an e-mail at: ac.adi@unict.it

Summer and Winter Schools

Aim: meet new cultural and interdisciplinary focus needs. They are intensive course programs with a varied didactic offer, lessons, workshops and also activities aiming also at the discovery Sicilian culture and tradition. Most of them are taught in English.

Access requirement: Italian and international students and newly-graduates and, in some cases, to specific professional figures

Duration: variable (from 1 to 4 weeks).

For further information, please
send an e-mail at: uri@unict.it



Professional Qualifications and State Exams

Possessors of foreign qualification titles need to gain the Italian title recognition in order to legally practice their profession. Titles can belong to Italian or foreign citizens from European or Extra-European countries.

The recognition title degree allows professionals to practice their profession in Italy and is published on the general site of the Official State Gazette. Recognition application must be submitted to the Italian Ministry of Justice.

Possessors of a foreign professional title in the sanitary area willing to practice their profession in Italy, need to gain their title recognition from the Ministry of Health website.

For further information, please send an e-mail at:
ac.adi@unict.it

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Educational Offer in English



Study Courses entirely provided in English

Department of Electric, Electronic and Computer Engineering

Master degree in:

- Automation Engineering and Control of Complex Systems
- Electrical Engineering

Scientific contact for didactics

riccardo.caponetto@dieei.unict.it

Department of Industrial Engineering

Master Degree in Chemical Engineering for Industrial Sustainability

Scientific contact for didactics

afichera@diim.unict.it

Department of Political and Social Sciences

Master degree in Global Politics and Euro-Mediterranean Relations (GLOPEM)

Scientific contact for didactics

dirrera@unict.it

Subjects provided in English

Department of Economics and Business

- Business Valuation and Financial Planning
- Public Finance
- International Economic and Financial Policy
- Probability for Finance
- Finance and Strategic Management
- Industry Dynamics and Business Models

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Department of Architecture

- Hydrology
- Pavement Engineering
- Dynamics of Structures with Applications to Earthquake Engineering
- Watershed Hydraulic Protection

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Department of Electric, Electronics and Computer Engineering

- Electrotechnics II
- Electrical Machines
- Electrical Energy Systems
- Industrial Electromagnetic Compatibility
- Power Electronics
- Electrical Drives
- Dynamics and Control of Electrical Systems
- Numerical Methods for Electromagnetic fields and Circuits

- Electrical and Electronics Measurements
- Measurements for Automation and Industrial Production
- Electronics
- Industrial Automation
- Modeling and Simulation of Mechanical Systems
- Modeling and Control of Electromechanical Systems
- Biomedical Systems and Control
- Robust Control
- Robotics
- Complex Adaptive Systems
- Process Modeling and Control
- Microelectronics
- Sensors and Advanced Measurement Systems Biorobotics

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Department of Industrial Engineering

- Science and Technology of Materials
- Principles of Chemical Engineering
- Industrial Chemistry and Technology
- Metallurgy
- Chemical Plants
- Elements of Sustainable Green Chemistry
- Sustainable Energy Conversion

- Techniques
- Mechanical Engineering
- Equipment Design for Chemical Industry
- Systems Eco-Friendly Design for Innovative Processes
- Control of Chemical Processes

Scientific contact for didactics

afichera@diim.unict.it

Department of Humanities

- Christian and Medieval Archaeology
- Semitic philology
- Egyptology
- Archaeology of religious practices in the Ancient Near East
- Methodologies for the study of Material culture in the classical world
- Prehistory of the Mediterranean up to the II millennium
- Protohistory of the Aegean and the Mediterranean from the II to the I millennium b. C.
- The English novel: types, texts, critica analysis
- English linguistics and translation
- Language - Langage & Cognition
- Textual Criticism and Tradition of Ancient and Medieval Germanic Literatures
- English linguistics and translation

- Semitic philology
- Gender Studies: The Invention of Gender: Masculinity, Femininity and Other
- Gender Studies: The Politics of Gender
- Cultural Studies

Scientific contact for didactics:

d.baumann@unict.it

mdamore@unict.it

crizzo@unict.it

Department of Law

- Selected Topics in Public International Law
- Comparative Criminal Procedure
- International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters
- Selected Topics in International Criminal Law
- European Contract Law
- European Intellectual Property Law

Scientific contact for didactics

adistefano@lex.unict.it

Department of Physics and Astronomy

- Advanced Quantum Mechanics
- Structure of Matter
- Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics
- Advanced Statistical Mechanics

- Environmental Physics
- Image Analysis and Colorimetry
- Archaeometry
- Elements of Dosimetry and Radiation
- Protection
- Bio Physics
- Electronics and Applications
- Environmental Radioactivity
- Environmental Physics Laboratory
- Matter Physics Laboratory
- Materials and Nanostructures Laboratory
- Semiconductors and Superconductors
- Quantum Optics
- Quantum phases of matter
- Physics of Materials
- Photonics
- Laboratory for Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics
- Elementary Particle Physics I
- Nuclear Structure
- Experimental Methods for Elementary Particles
- Experimental Methods for Nuclear Physics
- Nuclear Astrophysics
- Subnuclear Interactions Theory
- Quantum Field Theory
- Physics of Complex Systems
- Theory of Nuclear Systems
- Theory of Nuclear Reactions
- Radiation-Matter Interaction
- General Relativity

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alessia.tricomi@ct.infn.it

Department of Political and Social Sciences

- World institutions and Policies
- Mediterranean Politics
- Global History and North Africa History
- Methodology of Political Research
- English Language
- Human Rights: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives
- EU Public Policies
- Comparative Political Economy and Social Policy
- Economic and Political Geography
- International Business
- Global Civil Society
- Regional Economics and Location Theory
- Local Development and Territorial Competitiveness
- Foundations of the Economics of Strategy
- The Economics of Competitive Advantage.
- Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy.
- Methodology of Comparative Law
- World Economy: Present Issues and Challenges

- Globalisation: The Evolving Scenario
- Globalisation and the Multinational Enterprise
- Strategy and Organization of the Multinational Enterprise
- New Issues in IB
- The WTO Legal System
- International Law on Foreign Investments
- Conflict of Jurisdictions and Conflict of Laws: General Issues
- The Law applicable to Commercial Companies, Contractual and Non-Contractual Obligations

Scientific contact for didactics

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Foreign Languages and Literatures (Didactic Unit)

- Geography

Scientific contact for didactic:

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3 Practical Information for International Exchanges

International Relations Office

Useful Information

Address: Piazza Università 2
I-95131 Catania

Operative seat: Via della Loggetta 10
I-95131 Catania

Receiving hours: Wednesday and
Thursday from 9.30 to 12.30 am

Phone: (+39) 095 7307110

Fax: (+39) 095 7307105

E-mail: uri@unict.it

Website: www.unict.it/en/





The International Relations office (IRO) is the administrative unit that contributes to the enhancement of the University of Catania international dimension. This ambition involves, in particular, a significant collaboration with universities and partner institutions abroad and taking care of the participation of the university to the most relevant mobility and international cooperation initiatives. It also prominently collaborates with other strategic divisions, in order to enhance the Internationalization process as a focus development point of the University of Catania.

Fields of competence

- Promotion of exchange mobility programs for students, researchers, professors and staff.
- Management of the Erasmus Studio action that allows students to spend a mobility period abroad in order to attend university courses or to do research for their final paper.
- Coordination of the main international internship programs for students and graduates to spend professional training periods in companies and institutions abroad.
- Selection of professors for a teaching period in a partner institution with a

financial support by the EU (Erasmus Teaching Mobility action - STA).

- Implementation of welcome initiatives and training period for foreign students, teachers and administrative staff.
- Enlargement of cooperation agreements with foreign universities in order to facilitate the mobility of students, graduates, faculty and staff incoming and outgoing.
- Strengthening the participation of the university to EU education and training programs, national and international cooperation programs providing technical and expert guidance and assistance



Useful Contacts

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Internships and Placements
E-mail: uri3@unict.it

Communication
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VISA

A VISA is necessary for all students and professors from non EU countries who plan to reside in Catania for more than 90 days. A student VISA to enter and legally remain in Catania must be requested at the Italian embassy or consulate in the student's country of origin or residence.

Before coming to the University of Catania, students must:

1. Apply for students visa.

The International Relation Office of the University of Catania (IRO) will issue an acceptance letter indicating:

- type of mobility;
- if it is covered by scholarship;
- accommodation.

2. Take the acceptance letter and all the documents required to the Italian Embassy or consulate in their country to process the visa application.





Residence Permit

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Once in Italy, students and professors remaining for more than 90 days must apply for a residence permit drawing up the application that must be presented within 8 days of their arrival. Students have to get the KIT which is an envelope containing the forms and instructions on how to fill them in, available at any “sportello AMICO” of any authorized post office. In order to facilitate the kit comprehension, the University of Catania has provided for 5 translation of the forms in English, French, Spanish, German and Arabic languages.

The different version are available on-line at: www.unict.it/en/node/407 and an administrative officer is available to help.
Contact: maria.sanfilippo@ssc.unict.it

After filling in the Italian version (which is the only accepted by Italian offices) and signing it, students must go to any post office and deliver the following documents:

- a duty stamp worth € 16;
- a full copy of the passport;
- a photocopy of the health and accident insurance policy.

The policy must cover the whole period of stay, and if it was purchased abroad it must be stamped by the Italian consulate;

- the declaration from the University of Catania issued by the IRO at the time of registration (for exchange students);
- the certificate of registration at the University of Catania (if the student has already completed enrolment) or a photocopy of the certification confirming the degree program to be followed, stamped by the Italian Consular/Diplomatic Representation on issue of the entry visa.

Only for students enrolled in degree programs or single course units applying for the first issue of their residence permit;

- the certificate of registration at the University of Catania confirming the passing of at least one exam for the first renewal and at least two exams for subsequent renewals, without prejudice to any cases of force majeure.

Only for students enrolled in degree programs applying for a renewal of their residence permit.

Moreover, when presenting the application to the post office, students must:

1. fill in a payment slip (bollettino postale) for the electronic residence permit. Cost of the residence permit for study purposes with a duration of more than 3 months.
Cost: € 107,50
2. fill in a registered letter form for sending the kit.
Cost: € 30,00

When delivering the kit to the post office, students will be given an appointment at the Immigration Office for a photographic registration.

Important

Students must respect the given appointment. Only in case of serious reasons, in order to postpone the appointment, students can send a communication to the Immigration office.

Finally, students must:

1. provide a correct domicile address to the post office for the reason that the Questura will send any notices or calls

in the event of problems in issuing the residence permit to the indicated address. It is important that the student's name is correctly indicated on the letterbox/door entry phone;

2. keep the receipt given by the post office. In case of police checks, it proves that the student has applied for the residence permit;
3. give a copy of the receipt to the International Didactic Unit in your department - IDU (for students enrolled in degree program or single course units) or to the IRO.

In order to track the status of their application, after the appointment at the Questura, students can enter on www.poliziadistato.it the code allocated to the file or the password written on the receipt given by the post office). After collecting the residence permit, students must provide a copy as soon as possible to the IDU in their department (for students enrolled in degree programs and single course units) or IRO, where they registered on arrival.

Support in applying for Residence Permits and Fiscal Codes

Maria Sanfilippo

Address: Via Valdisavoia 9
95123 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 2338526

Receiving hour: by appointment

E-mail: maria.sanfilippo@ssc.unict.it

Immigration Office

(Questura of Catania)

Address: Corso delle Provincie 218
95100 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 7194911

Receiving hour: Monday to Friday
from 9:00 to 12:00 am

Scientific Police Office

Address: Via Roccaromana 18/20
95100 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 7306711

Receiving hour: Monday to Friday
from 9:00 to 12:00 am and from 15:00
to 16:30 pm



VAT Office

Address: Via Monsignor Domenico Orlando 1
I-95126 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 4036880/882/883

Receiving hours: Monday, Wednesday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00
to 13:00 am - Tuesday and Thursday from
14:30 to 16:30 pm

Fiscal Code

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The Fiscal code is a code made up of letters and numbers on the basis of first name, family name, date and place of birth and it is used by the Public Administration to identify the citizens living in Italy. All those living in Italy need to have one.

This code is necessary in order to be enrolled at the University of Catania, to apply for the residence permit, to open

a bank account, to enter into a tenancy agreement, to receive the payment of a scholarship, to earn a salary and carry out other procedures or activities.

In order to obtain the Italian Fiscal Code students will have to go to the local VAT Office, bringing along their passport.

If the Fiscal Code is lost or stolen, a duplicate can be requested at the local VAT Office.



Insurance

For more information,
please send an e-mail at:
uri7@unict.it

All incoming students and professors will take out an insurance policy limited to participation at didactic/training activities, excluding sport activities.



Medical Assistance

For more information,
please send an e-mail at:
uri7@unict.it

Medical assistance is recognized to EU students, and professors only if they have the European Sanitary Card. Conversely, non-EU students and professors need to have their own medical insurance.



Accommodations

For more information, please send an
e-mail at: erasmus@ersucatania.gov.it

Erasmus foreign students have to contact autonomously institutions proposing accommodation solutions and they will be glad to accept them at special prices through an e-mail reservation in English.

Search for accommodation consulting the website:
www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals

Consulates

Caltanissetta

Slovenia
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(+39) 0934 563168

Catania

Belgium
Via Escriva, 2 Tremestieri Etneo
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Finland
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Great Britain
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Malta
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Netherlands
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Switzerland
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Messina

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Czech Republic
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(+39) 091 336892

Luxembourg
Via Siracusa, 34
(+39) 091 6256218

Munich
Via Principe Villafranca, 57
(+39) 091 333901

Russian Federation
Via S. Meccio, 16
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Siracusa

Spain
Contrada Isola, Via delle Fornace, 68
(+39) 0931 721030



Italian Language Courses

The University of Catania, through its Department of Humanities, offers for free an Italian Language and Culture crash course (10 hours) for Erasmus students. Moreover and Courses of Italian as a Foreign Language to non-Italian communities who want to live in Sicily and who need a legal certificate (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 of the Common European Framework) and Courses for CILS Certification are provided at special conditions.

At the end of each course every student receives a certificate of participation stating the number of hours attended.

Finally the Department arranges a linguistic consultancy service organized by native Italian teachers and trainees and one to one courses to take CILS certification exams.

For more information, please contact
the Department of Humanities

Address: Piazza Dante, 24
I-95124 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 7102272

E-mail: italstra@unict.it

Website: www.italstra.unict.it

Administrative Procedures



For further information, please contact the International Relations Office

Address: Piazza Università 2
I-95131 Catania

Operative seat: Via della Loggetta 10
I-95131 Catania

Receiving hours: Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30 to 12.30 am

Fax: (+39) 095 7307105

E-mail: uri@unict.it

Website: www.unict.it/en/international-mobility

Introduction

The University of Catania gives foreign students (EU/non EU students and Ph.D. students), professors/scholars and staff the possibility to spend a period in Catania for study, training, teaching and research activities, in the framework of International and European exchange programs or under International Cooperation Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding signed by their institution and the University of Catania.

Students and professors will receive administrative assistance and logistic support from the University of Catania but should request mobility funds to their home institutions.

A basic Italian language knowledge is required (an A2 level of Italian language as for the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) as, even if some courses are held in English language (generally postgraduates courses within international educational offer), the majority are in Italian. Below the instructions to follow for a mobility at the University of Catania.

Important Notice for non-EU Students and Scholars

Non-EU students can be accepted at the University of Catania:

1. if regularly enrolled, following Italian laws, for one or more academic years and if inscribed for single courses (free movers) and managed by Foreign Students Office of the Didactic Division;
2. if selected under International Cooperation Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding signed by their institution and the University of Catania, for less than one academic year and free of enrolment charges, as indicated by the administrative guidelines managed by the IRO;
3. if selected under international and European cooperation programs. Whether the program provides for a regular enrollment at hosting institution, they will be managed by Foreign Students Office; on the contrary, if the program provides for a short mobility and doesn't require a regular enrolment at hosting institution, they will be administrate by IRO.

Non-EU Ph.D. students can be accepted at the University of Catania:

1. if passed a regular Ph.D. call, even if foreigner. They will be managed by the Ph.D. Office of the Didactic Division;
2. if they are in mobility for 6 months or less. They will be managed by IRO.

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Students in mobility in the framework of Erasmus Program

General Information

The University of Catania participates in the Erasmus Program, which is a European Community action in the sphere of student mobility.

This program enables students, selected by their home higher education institutions in the frame of agreements (in specific thematic areas) stipulated between their institutions and the University of Catania, to study for a full academic year or a semester.

Erasmus program also allows students to spend a traineeship period in an enterprise or organization in Catania to develop specific skills including language skills and improving understanding of the economic and social culture of the country in the context of acquiring work experience. Students receive an Erasmus grant from their own institution and the placement period is recognized in their academic career.

Within Erasmus Studio it is possible to

undergo a placement activity but only if it is regularly included in the learning agreement and if it is preceded or followed by, at least, 3 months of didactic activities, for at least 2 months. Placement activity must be done in a company linked, for that purpose, with the University of Catania and must be tutored by a professor belonging to the student's study course in Catania, who will be in charge of the relationships between the University of Catania and the hosting company.

Erasmus students do not pay any inscription or taxes fees and can activate their mobility from 1st October and 31st July of every academic year (in August and September there is no provision of didactic activities).

Mobility for study

Preparing the departure

If student wish to come to the University of Catania, they have to be selected by their home institution. This means that students must not apply directly for admission to the University of Catania. The office in charge of international relations or mobility at one's university of origin is in charge of sending the list of students selected for an Erasmus grant to the International Relations Office of the University of Catania

(IRO), and informs in the same way, students about admission procedures at the University of Catania.

Before coming to the University of Catania

1. Fill in the application form on-line, respecting the deadlines.

This application form is essential to enroll as an Erasmus student at the University of Catania.

The document is available at:
unict.llpmanager.it/studenti/default.asp

2. Wait for the acceptance letter that will be send by IRO to the e-mail address that students has indicated on the application form. The document specifies the assigned study course and didactic tutors.

Important

The University of Catania does not register students who haven't filled in the online application form and obtained the acceptance letter.

3. Fill in learning agreements, indicating the courses they want to attend and related ECTS credits and send them to the International Didactic Unit (IDU) related to their field of studies who will proceed with their approval.

For information on courses to choose it will be necessary to get in contact with didactic tutor and IDU.

The maximum ECTS credits for the entire academic year is 60, for one semester is 30 and for a term is 15. The minimum ECTS credits to be accepted in Catania is 9. A learning agreement must include at least 70% of courses given within the destination department and maximum 30% of



courses given in other departments, if previously agreed among them.

Important

The University of Catania will not accept students who haven't regularly transmitted their learning agreements before their arrival.

4. search for a provisional accommodation consulting the information on-line at www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals

Upon arriving at the University of Catania

Participate to the obligatory Welcome Days (one for each semester), representing an event organized by IRO to provide incoming students with complete information about our university services. The Welcome Day is also the occasion to get in contact with Italian students and specifically with students' Associations in charge of:

- supporting foreign colleagues upon their arrival;
- helping them in getting familiar with Italian culture and environment;
- assisting them in finding a stable accommodation for all their mobility length.

Important

The dates of the welcome day correspond to the official starting date indicated on the attendance certificate and are available at: www.unict.it/en/erasmus-welcome-day

At the welcome day, students must bring: the acceptance letter, the learning agreements and one passport-size photo, and they receive a university card to be kept during all the mobility period in Catania, shown at exams and given back to IRO before their departure.

Important

The University of Catania will not accept students arriving after Welcome Days, with the exception for those who, for very relevant reasons (documented by their International Relations Office), cannot take part to the event and therefore receive a formal authorization by the IRO.

During mobility period

1. Remember that it is necessary to get registration attendance to all classes indicated in learning agreements.

Professors will regularly register date and classes hours attended, as a minimum 60% rate of classes attendance is required in order to be admitted to the exams;



2. Download the evaluation certificate for each exam and, before starting, provide the document to the professor who, at the end of the exam, will fill it in entirely (it must be filled in even if the exam has been failed).

Furthermore, during their mobility students can:

1. Interrupt their mobility only for very important reasons within the minimum 3 month mobility period. In this case, it is possible to start again the mobility period. Conversely, in case of interruption after 3 months, it is not allowed to continue with Erasmus mobility (host university holidays are not considered as mobility interruption).
2. Extend the Erasmus mobility period, providing the authorization of home institution by filling in the form on-line. The authorization has to be transmitted to IDU, who will proceed with its acceptance and communication to the IRO. Only if their request has been accepted, students can extend their mobility period.

Before getting back home

At the end of mobility period, students must:

1. Go to IDU with the following documents in original:
 - student card;
 - learning agreement;
 - evaluation certificates;
 - proof of participation to the courses;
 - Italian language course certificate.

IDU, once checked all documents, issues a recognition outcomes certificate.

2. Go to the IRO (personally and during the receiving hours) with the recognition outcomes certificate in original and the office will complete the document that will be given to the students in a closed envelope addressed to partner universities. Students are responsible for the envelop that has to arrive undamaged to the International Relations Office of the their own universities.

Important

On planning their departure trip, students must take into consideration IRO public opening days and hours (Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30 am to 12.30 am).

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/383 or send an e-mail at uri7@unict.it



Mobility for traineeship

Preparing the departure

If student wish to come to the University of Catania for a training period, they have to check if there is an Erasmus Placement agreement between their home university and University of Catania and, if the case, contact the professor in charge of the agreement in order to verify his/her availability to accept them. Once accepted by the professor, they jointly define the content of the training agreement.

Important

Only in this case, students are accepted to do a training in Catania.

Students with an Erasmus Studio grant can ask to do a training only if it is indicated in their learning agreement at the condition established by the specific action.

Before coming to the University of Catania

1. Fill in the application form available on-line and wait for the IRO official acceptance sent by e-mail;

2. Search for accommodation consulting the website:

www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals

Furthermore, students can get in contact with Italian student associations helping them in getting familiar with the Italian culture and environment and assisting them in finding a stable accommodation for all their mobility length.

Upon arriving at the University of Catania

1. Go to the IRO, on receiving hours, with one passport- size photograph and a copy of the training agreement signed by all the parts. They will receive the student card and all useful information for their stay in Catania.
2. Meet their tutors and complete the registration process at IDU.
3. Begin their training in the host institution.

Before getting back home

On planning their departure trip, students must take into consideration IRO public opening days and hours as,



at the end of mobility period, students must go to the IRO in order to give back their student card and get the transcript of record and the attendance certificate.

The documents are delivered in a closed envelope addressed to partner universities and students are responsible for any damages to the envelope. Students do not have to meet neither the tutor nor the IDU, because the recognition outcomes certificate is directly sent by the tutor to IDU that is in charge of issuing the transcript of records and sending it to IRO by e-mail.

For further information, please consult the website:
www.unict.it/en/node/402
or send an e-mail at: uri5@unict.it

Professors in mobility in the framework of Erasmus Program - Erasmus STA mobility

The University of Catania admits professors for didactic mobility period under the Erasmus Program, under inter institutional Erasmus agreements signed between their institution and the University of Catania.

Such mobility is financed by partner universities. IRO provides logistical support for incoming professors. Mobility can take place from 1st October and 31st July every academic year.

In August and September there is no provision of didactic activities.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/382 or send an e-mail at: uri5@unict.it

Professors and Administratives staff in mobility in the framework of Erasmus Program - Erasmus STT mobility

Every year the University of Catania organizes an “International Administrative and Teaching Staff Training Week”. This event is primarily targeted to International Relations officers, but it is also open to any motivated person interested in internationalization.

The topics will be addressed to explore possibilities to strengthen and improve students’ mobility opportunities and to describe University of Catania best practices. Cultural visits and a social event will be included. European Union participants have the possibility to apply for Erasmus Staff

Training mobility grants from their home institutions.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/410 or send an e-mail at: uri7@unict.it

International Undergraduates Placement

In order to support training activities, the University of Catania promotes internal curricular training for foreign students. The training can take place in teaching or research structures of the University. Students from foreign Universities are advised to address all their queries to the relevant office in charge at their institution.

The foreign University shall submit a request to the International Relations Office of the University of Catania (IRO), therefore an Internship Agreement has to be made in advance in order to activate the mobility. The IRO shall be responsible for all the administrative procedures, including the Rector's

signature. Students enrolled at foreign University can be the beneficiaries of the initiative; the internship shall take place for a maximum length of time of 12 months.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/631 or send an e-mail at: uri5@unict.it

International Graduates Placement

In order to support the development of vocational training, the University of Catania is committed to implementing in-house job training promoted by worldwide partners. The training can be carried out across the University structures, service centers and within any other related structure belonging to University's general administrative office. Newly graduates from foreign universities, within 12 months after graduation, are advised to address all their queries to the relevant office of their own institution for the activation of a traineeship. The

foreign University shall then submit a request to the International Relations Office (IRO) of the University of Catania. An Internship agreement has to be signed in advance in order to activate the internship. The IRO shall be responsible for all the administrative process of the internship agreements. The initiative is designed to be used across the facilities and the departments of the University of Catania. The longest length is up to six months and this includes any further extension. The trainee shall be paid by the host

structure where the traineeship is supposed to take place. An allowance of at least €800/00 gross pay per month shall be given after a minimum of 70% of the whole training activity. The provision of compensation for attendance and its exact monthly amount shall be subject to a specific clause under the agreement.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/632 or send an e-mail at: uri5@unict.it



EU and non-EU students in mobility in the framework of International Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding

International students can carry out a mobility period according to International Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding stipulated among the University of Catania and their institutions. Such mobility, free of inscription fees, can take place from 1st October and 31st July every academic year (in August and September there is no provision of didactic activities).

In case of a single student application, it is necessary to refer to home International Relations Office to get their authorization and to formally transmit the application form.

In case of a group of students applications, the sending International Relations Office will send to IRO an annual mobility program indicating students number, personal data, mobility periods (1st/2nd semester or academic year) and their study plans.

Such didactic information will be formalized, in case of acceptance, in the learning agreements.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/384 or send an e-mail at uri10@unict.it

EU and non-EU students in free mobility

International free movers coming from universities who don't have any international agreement with the University of Catania and interested in attending one or more courses activated at the University of Catania, can inscribe to single courses (maximum 5 single courses and maximum 40 ECTS credits each year). It is, in any case, impossible

to inscribe to single courses belonging to degree courses with limited entrance at national level.

EU and non-EU citizens regularly living in Italy (as for the Italian Law 286/1998 art. 39, paragraph 5 and further modifications) interested in attending one or more single courses, can inscribe by producing their uni-

versity card or other translated and legalized foreign university certificate.

Non-EU citizens living abroad can inscribe by applying at Italian diplomatic representation.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/385 or send an e-mail at: e.magnano@unict.it

EU and non-EU Ph.D. students in mobility for a short period

International Ph.D. students can carry out a mobility period (max. 11 months) at the University of Catania.

Such mobility can be done in every moment of the academic year compatibly with departments didactic or research activities.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/386 or send an e-mail at: uri10@unict.it

International visiting scholars professors, researchers and scholars

UE and non-UE professors/researchers/scholars can carry out a mobility period (from 2 weeks up to an academic year) at the University of Catania.
Such mobility can be done in every

moment of the academic year compatibly with Departments didactic or research activities.

For further information, please consult the website: www.unict.it/en/node/377 or send at: uri7@unict.it



4 Partnerships

Introduction

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Cooperation relations between universities in different countries and between universities and other economic and social actors are one of the most important aspects of university life as well as the most reliable element to assess the impact that an institution fails to have, both in the national context, as in the international market. The main instruments for the implementation of cooperation with foreign universities for developing joint research and teaching and encouraging mobility of students and professor are Erasmus Agreements, Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) and International Cooperation Agreements (I.C.A.).



Erasmus Agreements

The implementation of the Erasmus activities requires the activation of specific interinstitutional agreements, under which mobility flows of students and teachers, both outgoing and incoming are planned to carry out the following activities:

- mobility of students for study purposes;
- mobility of students for internships;
- mobility of teaching assignment (STA).

The Erasmus agreement is an official contract binding two institutes/universities involved in cooperating within the Erasmus framework (i.e. providing funds and support for student, teaching and staff mobility). Institutes/universities interested in entering into a new Erasmus agreement with the University of Catania shall contact the IRO specifying:

- institution name, ID code and Erasmus Charter number;
- duration of contract in academic years;

- names and contact details of both the institutional/departmental coordinators and central administration officer;
- details on incoming/outgoing student mobility: subject area and code, level (1st cycle degree, 2nd cycle degree, Ph.D. courses), numbers of students and total months;
- details on incoming/outgoing teaching mobility: subject area and code, duration of week;
- information about academic calendar, educational programs, foreign language knowledge requirements, services offered to incoming students and professors.

Useful Information

Name: University of Catania

Erasmus ID code: I CATANIA 01

Erasmus charter:

29276-LA-1-2014-1-IT-E4AKA1-ECHE

Important Notice

Institutes/universities interested in entering into a new Erasmus agreement with the University of Catania shall contact the IRO at the e-mail address:
uri9@unict.it



Erasmus for Study Agreements List

Agricultural Sciences

A WIEN03
B BRUXEL04
B GENT01
CAIRO UNIVERSITY, GIZA, EGYPT
CZ BRNO02
CZ PRAHA02
D HANNOVE01
E MURCIA04
E PAMPLON02
E VALENCI02
E ZARAGOZ01
F RENNES47
G THESSAL01
HU DEBRECE01
IRLDUBLIN01
P EVORA01
P FUNCHAL03
P LISBOA03
P VILA-RE01
PL GDANSK02
PL POZNAN04
TR ADANA01

Architecture (School of Architecture - Syracuse)

G ATHINE02
G VOLOS01
P EVORA01
P PORTO02
RO TIMISOA04
F PARIS129
F TOULOUS24
E MADRID05

E SEVILLA01
E GRANADA01

Business and Administration

TR AYDIN01
TR ISTANBU14
D FRANKFU01
LT VILNIUS24
F NANTES01
F ANGERS01
F BORDEAU41
F LILLE01
B LIEGE01
D WORMS01
E BARCELO45
E LA-CORU01
E SANTAND01
E SANTIAGO1
E TARRAGO01
E MADRID14
SK NITRA02

Engineering

AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY
B GENT01
CZ BRNO01
CZ PRAHA10
D REGENSB02
D HANNOVE01
D MUNCHEN02

DK ALBORG01
 E BILBAO01
 E JAEN01
 E VALENCI02
 E VALLADO01
 EE TALLINN04
 F AMIENS01
 F LYON12
 F NANTES01
 F PARIS083
 F VAULX-V02
 G KOZANI02
 G PATRA06
 G THESSAL01
 HOLY SPIRIT UNIVERSITY OF
 KASLIK LEBANON
 HU GYOR01
 N TRONDHE01
 PL KRAKOW03
 PL WARSZAW02
 S VASTERA01
 SF TAMPERE02
 SK ZILINA01
 TR GAZIANT03
 TR ISTANBU01
 TR ISTANBU04
 TR ISTANBU05
 TR ISTANBU07
 TR ISTANBU14
 TR IZMIR03
 UK EXETER01
 UK HATFIELD01

Humanities and Languages

A SALZBUR01
 A WIEN01
 B ANTWERP01
 B BRUXEL04
 B GENT01
 B LEUVEN01
 B LIEGE01
 BG SOFIA06
 CY NICOSIA01
 CZ PLZEN01
 CZ PRAHA07
 D AUGSBUR01
 D BAYREUT01
 D BOCHUM01
 D DUSSELD01
 D EICHSTA01
 D ERFURT05
 D ERLANGE01
 D ESSEN04
 D FREIBUR01
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 D HEIDELB01
 D JENA01
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 D POTSDAM01
 D SAARBRU01
 DK ARHUS01
 E ALMERIA01
 E BADAJOZ01

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 E JAEN01
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 F CORTE01
 F LILLE03
 F NANCY 43
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 F PARIS008
 F PARIS010
 F PARIS012
 F PARIS057
 F ROUEN01
 F STRASBO48
 F TOURS01
 G ATHINE01
 G KOMOTIN01

G KRITIS01
 G THESSAL01
 HR PULA01
 HR ZADAR01
 HU BUDAPES01
 HU BUDAPES12
 HU DEBRECE01
 LT VILNIUS01
 MT MALTA01
 N BERGEN01
 P COIMBRA01
 PL KRAKOW01
 PL LODZ01
 PL SZCZECI01
 PL WARSZAW01
 PL WARSZAW80
 PL WROCLAW01
 RO BUCURES09
 RO IASI02
 RO SUCEAVA01
 RO TIMISOA01
 ROSSIJSKIJ GOSUDARSTVENNYJ
 GUMANITARNYJ UNIVERSITET
 SK BANSKA01
 TR ISTANBU11
 TR IZMIR01
 TR KONYA01
 TR MARDIN01
 TR MUGLA01
 UK CARDIFF01
 UK DURHAM01
 UK EDINBUR01

Languages (School of Foreign Languages and Literatures - Raguse)

A SALZBUR01
 B GENT01
 B LIEGE01
 D BAYREUT01
 D FREIBUR02
 D HAMBURG01
 D MAINZ01
 E BARCELO01
 E MURCIA01
 E SANTIAGO1
 E VALLADO01
 F AVIGNON01
 F LILLE03
 F STRASBO48
 HR SPLIT01
 PL KRAKOW01
 PL SZCZECI01
 PL WARSZAW01
 SK BANSKA01
 SK BRATISLO2
 UK EDINBUR01

Law

A GRAZ01
 B LOUVAIN01
 D BOCHUM01
 D BONN01

D EICHSTA01
 D GREIFS01
 D HEIDELB01
 D KOLN01
 D MAINZ01
 D OLDENBU01
 D SAARBRU01
 E ALICANT01
 E ALMERIA01
 E BARCELO01
 E BARCELO02
 E BARCELO15
 E BILBAO01
 E BURGOS01
 E CIUDA-R01
 E HUELVA01
 E JAEN01
 E LA-CORU01
 E LOGRONO01
 E MADRID03
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IS AKUREYR01
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P COIMBRA01
P PORTO02
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PL SZCZECI01
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RO ALBAIU01

Life Science, Biology and Geology

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A WIEN03
D ERLANGE01
E CADIZ01
E GIRONA02
E GRANADA01
F LYON01
F PARIS006
G ATHINE01
HR ZAGREB01
HU PECS01
HU SZEGED01
IS REYKJAV01
MT MALTA01
P LISBOA109
SI LJUBLJA01

Medicine

E CADIZ01
E GRANADA01
E TARRAGO01
HU BUDAPES08
INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OF SERBIA “DR MILAN JOVANO-
VIC BATUT”
LV RIGA01
P PORTO02
PL WARSZAW06
SK BRATISL02
UK CARDIFF01

Pedagogical and Psychological Sciences

E GRANADA01
F ANGERS01
F POITIER01
HU SOPRON01
PL OLSZTYN01
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TROIS-RIVIÄRES

Pharmacy and Chemistry

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B NAMUR01
D DUSSELD01
D HALLE01

E BARCELO01
E MADRID21
G THESSAL01
IRLDUBLIN02
N OSLO01
N TROMSO01
P LISBOA109
P PORTO02
PL KRAKOW02
SF HELSINK01
SF KUOPIO01
TR ISTANBU05
UK MANCHES04

Physics, Mathematics and Computer Sciences

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 SF ESPOO12
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 UK PLYMOUT01

Political and Social Sciences

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Agricultural Sciences

CH WINTERT 03
SI LJUBLJA 01
CZ PRAHA 02

Life Sciences, Biology and Geology

HU SZEGED 01
SK NITRA 02

Humanities and Languages

DK CTR
D BSB Muenchen
CZ PRAHA 07
G IRAKLIO 01
E GRANADA 01

Physics, Mathematics and Computer Sciences

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D AACHEN 02
E CENIEH
F IRAMAT
NL GRONING 01
UK HATFIEL 01
RO CRAIOVA 01

Pharmacy and Chemistry

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A CEMM
F VERSAIL 11
N OSLO 01
PL WROCLAW 02
S GOTEBO 01
B NAMUR 01
D FRANKFU 01
D GOTTING 01
D HALLE 01
E BARCELO 01
E PAMPLON 01
F ARRAS 12
N TROMSO 01
NL AMSTERD 02
E PCB
PL KRAKOW 01
TR ISTANBU 05
E MADRID 21

Engineering

S VASTERA 01
UK HATFIEL 01
E ICRA

Medicine

G ATHINE 01

Political and Social Sciences

B OIJJ
D BERLIN 05
F ESSEC IRENE
CZ CPVP
B LIEGE 01
B SG

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Memorandum of Understanding and International Cooperation Agreements



The University of Catania establishes agreements with public and private institutions for educational and scientific purposes. In fact, one of the easiest ways to improve dialogue and experience transfer between scientific communities, develop joint research and tuition activities and facilitate the exchange of teaching staff and students, is to establish an agreement. Therefore, Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) and International Cooperation Agreements (I.C.A.) are the first tools for the realization of all cooperation activities with foreign universities and institutions for educational and scientific purposes.

Memorandum of Understanding

Within its internationalization policy, the University of Catania stipulates Memorandum of Understanding aiming at establishing and intensifying collaboration relationships with research agencies and universities all over the world in order to develop joint didactic and research activities and for increasing academic and cultural exchanges in education and research fields, as well as students, researchers and professors mobility. These agreements don't have any financial backing.

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International Cooperation Agreement

The International Cooperation Agreements, unlike the memorandum of Understanding, regulates the relationships among one or more departments of the University of Catania and the foreign partner faculties/departments. These agreements have a specific and defined objective (e.g.: mobility programs, joint study courses creation, specific research activities, international summer schools organization, etc.). International Cooperation Agreements, therefore, don't have a fixed format but they are created and adapted to the needs of the promoting faculty/department. If the agreement is proposed by a foreign university, it is advised to contact a promoting Italian professor or a departmental scientific coordinator to the scientific field the cooperation is focused on.

Important notice

In order to stipulate a Memorandum of Understanding and an International Cooperation Agreement it is first of all necessary that professors promoting the agreement have a preliminary contact with an Italian professor or the departmental coordinator, acting as scientific contact within the University of Catania. The agreement will be put into effect once it is duly signed by both partners.

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International Cooperation Agreements List

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EUROPE

Austria

- University of Graz

Belgium

- Haute Ecole Paul Henri Spaak
- Université de Liège

Bulgaria

- European Polytechnical University
- University of Food Technology - Plovdiv

Cyprus

- Eastern Mediterranean University of Cyprus

France

- Université de Droit, D'Economie et des Sciences - Aix Marseille
- Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis
- Université de Savoie
- International Agency for Research on Cancer - IARC- (Lyon)

Germany

- Munich Intellectual Property Law Center
- Heidelberg University
- Aachen Sciences University
- Helmholtz International Center for Fair (HIC for FAIR)
- Freie Universität - Berlin

Greece

- Agricultural University of Athens
- National and Capodistrian University of Athens

United Kingdom

- University of Greenwich
- University Court of the University of Edinburgh
- Cardiff University
- University of Hertfordshire

Malta

- University of Malta

Poland

- University of Warsaw
- University of Szczecin (ECONET)
- University of Szczecin
- Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology Polish Academy of Sciences
- European University School of Law and Administration of Warsaw
- University of Warsaw - Faculty of Law and Administration

Romania

- Gheorghe Asachi - Technical University of Iasi
- Titu Maiorescu University of Bucharest
- University of Alba Iulia

Spain

- Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
- Fundacion e Instituto Universitario de Investigacion Ortega y Gasset
- Universidad de Salamanca
- Universidad de Valladolid

Sweden

- University of Gothenburg

Ukraine

- Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University

Hungary

- Pazmany Peter Katolikus Egyetem University

ASIA

Middle East Area

Iran

- Payame Noor University - Tehran
- Tabriz University

Israel

- Tel Aviv University

Kazakhstan

- Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Turkey

- Selcuk University
- Adyaman University

Russia

- Gosudarstvennyj Institut Iskusstvoznanija - Moscow
- Russian State University for the Humanities
- Perm State Academy of Medicine

PACIFIC AREA

China

- Xinjiang Agricultural University-Urumqi - Xinjiang
- Tongji University - Shanghai
- Zibo N.1 Municipal Hospital
- Guanxi Academy of Specialty Crops
- University of Science and Technology - Beijing
- Guangxi Citrus Research Institute
- Hunan Agricultural University
- Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences – Institute of Vegetable Crops
- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences

India

- Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing
- Heart Institute, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital

Japan

- University of Nagoya
- Kansai University
- Waseda University, Faculty of Science and Enineering

South Korea

- University of Pusan

Sri Lanka

- University of Colombo

Vietnam

- Hanoi University

AFRICA

Algeria

- Università Badji Mokhtar - Annaba

Egypt

- Alexandria University
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina-Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center (Alex-Med)

- Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology
- University of Minufia
- Suez Canal University Helwan
- University, Cairo

Mozambico

- Universidade Eduardo Mondlane

Tunisia

- Université de Carthage et Fondazione CUTGANA
- Abderrahmen Mami Hospital, Ariana

AMERICA

North America

United States of America

- University of California - Berkeley
- California University (UCLA) - Los Angeles
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- North Caroline University at Greensboro
- Seaton Hall University
- Arcadia University - Philadelphia
- College of Liberal Arts of Auburn University
- Colorado School of Mines

- Northeastern University, Boston, The McKim Scxhool of Business
- Mississippi State University

Central America

Cuba

- Universidad de Oriente Santiago de Cuba

Jamaica

- University of the West Indies, Mona Campus - Kingston

Mexico

- Universidad Autonòma de Baya - California

South America

Argentina

- Universidad Nacional de Rosario
- Universidad Nacional de Còrdoba

Brasile

- Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)

Cile

- Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria - Valparaíso

Uruguay

- Universidad de Concepción de Uruguay

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- University of Otago



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Students Associations

The associations of students enrolled in the University of Catania are involved in the organization of cultural, sport and social activities related with Erasmus program. In order to have access to some academic services and facilities the associations recognized by the

University of Catania have to be recorded in an official register.

Associations dealing with international activities are:

- Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE).
- Erasmus Student Network (ESN).

Associations are in charge of:

- supporting foreign colleagues upon their arrival;
- helping them in getting familiar with Italian culture and environment;
- assisting them in finding a stable accommodation for all their mobility length.



Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE)

AEGEE was born 27 years ago bringing together students with different cultural backgrounds. Today, AEGEE is Europe's largest interdisciplinary youth organisation: 40 countries, 200 cities, 13.000 friends.

This network provides the ideal platform for young volunteers to work together on cross-border activities such as international conferences, seminars, exchanges, training courses and case study trips. In line with the challenges young people are currently

facing in Europe, AEGEE's work is focused on three main areas: Youth Participation, Bridging Europe and Inclusion of Minorities.

The most important event promoted by the association is the Summer University, that takes place during summer between one and four weeks in one of the cities where AEGEE is present. Understanding and exploring the multicultural dimension of the European continent, removing national

borders, fighting for tolerance and creating open-minded citizens are some of the reasons why up to so young students from all over Europe come together in the Summer University to taste the diversity of multiculturalism.



To know all the services offered,
please contact AEGEE

Address: Via Etnea 570
I-95128 Catania

E-mail: contact@aegee-catania.org

Website: www.aegee-catania.org/

Facebook: [aegee catania](https://www.facebook.com/aegee.catania)

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

In 2009 Esn Ase Catania joined the ESN network, showing throughout the years a great deal of motivation. Esn Catania plays a key role on a local, regional and national level. It promotes, plans and manages all sorts of events, some including cooperation with other sections of the Italian network. Currently there are 25 active board members of ESN, providing a wide range of activities every semester. Among all activities, Esn Catania pays special attention to the Social Erasmus Programme. In fact, Catania was the first to promote Erasmus blood donation day, in partnership with AVIS. Esn Catania also takes part in a non-competitive yearly marathon charity named “Corri Catania” joined enthusiastically by Erasmus students and Esn members. Welcoming incoming students is a priority. Each semester is begun with a Welcome Week, during which, through formal and informal activities, the students get familiar with the association and the services provided. These services include tutoring, a housing program, and many leisure activities



such as treasure hunts, excursions, sightseeing tours and parties. Integration and language support are stimulated by a “tandem language learning program” and a biannual cinema club where movies in Italian language are screened and discussed at the end, creating opportunities for debates and exchange of views.

To know all the services offer, please contact ESN:

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I-95100 Catania

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Website: www.esncatania.it

Housing: www.esncatania.it/housing/ho-una-casa.html

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City of Catania

Catania at a glance

Catania is Sicily's second largest city, with a population of around 300,000. It lies on the Ionian Sea, under the shadow of Mount Etna. Mount Etna is ever-present and has to a large extent shaped both the history and the actual existence of Catania. On several occasions volcanic eruptions destroyed the city, the most devastating of which happened in the 17th Century. In 1669 Catania was covered in lava and then, just 24 years later in 1693 an earthquake shook the town down to its foundations.

If Etna has been the cause of Catania's destruction, it has also been a vital source of the construction of the city, as much of the black volcanic rock which characterizes Catania's beautiful Baroque architecture was spewed from the heart of Etna. The way in which these past eruptions have formed the land, gives rise to the origins of the city's name. The historian Plutarch suggested that

it came from the word Katane meaning "grated", referring to the uneven surface of the land surrounding Etna, upon which Catania stands.

Catania is essentially a "grey" city and unique in the world for this.

Visiting Catania is quite easy, as the old town center is relatively small. An ideal starting point would be the main square, Piazza Duomo. This delightful square and all its surrounding buildings was designed by Giovanni Battista Vaccarini.

The Cathedral, dedicated to St. Agata, the city's patron saint, stands on the site of an 11th Century church that was almost entirely destroyed in the 1693 eruption. Its replacement is a very

impressive, imposing Baroque structure that incorporates some Roman columns taken from the Amphitheatre. These are not the only Roman elements, however, as underneath are some Roman baths. Inside, the Baroque theme continues with several ornate chapels and a fresco recording the 1693 earthquake. Bellini, Catania's most famous son, is buried here, as are (in ash form) three Aragonese kings: Frederick II, Louis and Frederick III.

The other sides of the square are equally impressive and include the Diocesan Museum and the Municipio, (town hall) built in 1741. In the center stands the city's symbol, a lava elephant fountain carrying an obelisk. It bears



an enigmatic inscription, MSSHDEPL, which according to some is an acronym for "The mind of St. Agata is sane and spontaneous, honoring God and liberating the city". Such is the devotion to St. Agatha in Catania that there are another two churches named after her, one just across the road from the Cathedral, the other just a short walk away off Via Etnea. Heading south from the piazza you will go under the 17th Century arch of Porta Uzeda towards the port. A quick right here will take you into Catania's colorful, bustling and odorous fish market. Get here before lunch and you will enter a different world, an atmosphere that has remained virtually unchanged for hundreds of years.

If you don't get lost in the hullabaloo of the market and head south west, you will come to Piazza Federico di Svevia and the old fortress of Castello Ursino. This imposing structure was built by Frederick II of Hohenstaufen in the 13th century on a rocky cliff overlooking the sea. However, the massive lava spill of the 1669 eruption pushed the sea back, creating in one fell swoop a new coastline and stripping Castello Ursino of its strategic position.

Moving back northwards you will come across a rather different aspect of the city: its ancient origins. Catania was founded in the 8th Century BC by Greeks from Chalcis. It subsequently became a Roman city and amazingly, considering the dramatic series of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes that have so afflicted the area, three theatres have survived from this period. The Teatro Romano, in Via Vittorio Emanuele, was built on the site of a Greek theatre in the 2nd Century AD. The use of lava stone demonstrates how long the excretions of Etna have been put to good use. Next door is the Odeon, a smaller theatre used for more intimate occasions, such as musical performances. The Amphitheatre, found in Piazza Stesicoro at the crossroads of

Via Etnea and Corso Sicilia is and not usually open to the public, though can be viewed from outside. It is well worth enquiring about a special tour, however, as it was the largest Amphitheatre in Sicily, said to accommodate around 15,000 spectators. A fascinating warren of passages runs underneath it, bringing to mind its more famous cousin the Colosseum.

The area around the first Amphitheatre is given over to a series of churches and the Museo Belliniano, dedicated to Catania's most famous son, the composer Vincenzo Bellini. A short walk north east will take you to another building dedicated to his memory, the opera house Teatro Massimo Bellini. The opera season runs from around October to June and is well worth a visit if opera is your thing.



How to get to Catania



By plane

If you arrive by plane, please consult available flights and useful information about the International airport “Vincenzo Bellini” Fontanarossa.

From the Airport to the city centre and to the Train Station the “Alibus Service” leaves every 20 minutes from 5.00 am to midnight.

By train

If you reach Catania by train we recommend you to check the Italian railway services online (www.trenitalia.it). The Catania Railway Station is located in Piazza Giovanni XXIII
Phone: (+39) 095 532226
Switchboard: (+39) 095 532710
Ticket Office: (+39) 095 532227

By ship

It is possible to get to Catania by ship from Naples with the companies Tirrenia (www.tirrenia.it) or TTT Lines (www.tttlines.it). Moreover you can sail from Genova to Palermo with “Grandi Navi Veloci” (www.gnv.it) and then take the motorway A19 from Palermo to Catania (Km 190).

By car

Arriving by car from Milan, Motorway A1 Napoli-Milano, then take the Motorway “Salerno-Reggio Calabria”, exit at “Villa San Giovanni” and get on the boat to Sicily. Then from Messina to Catania Toll-Motorway A18 (km 95). From Palermo to Catania: Motorway A19 (km 195).

Updated information about the current road situation are available on-line at: www.autostrade.it



Living in Catania

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Climate

The climate of Sicily is Mediterranean, with warm summers with a high humidity level and mild winters.

On the coast, especially the south-west, the climate is affected by most of the African currents occur and hot summers. Along the Tyrrhenian coast, and in general in inland areas the temperature is lower, the winters are colder and rainfall increases. On the Etna the climate is alpine.

Especially in the summer it is very common to face the south wind, the wind from the Sahara. Rainfall is scarce, and the water deficit is revealed in some provinces where there are frequent water shortages.

We recommend that appropriate winter garments be brought to be used on colder days.

Cost of living

The cost of living in Catania is not particularly high. Below are some prices to-day products:

- Water min. € 0,50 max. € 1,00
- Coffee € 0,80
- Sandwich € 2,50
- Cigarettes min. € 4,30 max. € 5,50
- Bus ticket € 1,00
- Bread € 2,50 (1 Kg)
- Beer € 2,00
- Italian newspaper € 1,50
- Admission to the cinema min. € 3,00 max. € 7,00





How to get around the city

If you approach Catania by car from the capital towns of the Sicilian provinces the distances are:

168 km from Agrigento

110 km from Caltanissetta

85 km from Enna

95 km from Messina

195 km from Palermo

104 km from Ragusa

60 km from Syracuse

317 km from Trapani

Local Transport

Catania's Municipal Transport Society

Urban buses (the orange ones) are managed by the A.M.T. company and reach the whole town area. A single ticket costs € 1 and is valid for 90 min. Free number: 800 018696

Out of town buses

F.C.E. CircumEtnea (Railway - Bus Service)
Phone: (+39) 095 534323/(+39) 095 541250
Departures: via Dusmet, near the Port, from 7.00 am to 20.00 pm.

A.S.T.- S.p.a - Azienda Siciliana Trasporti
Phone: (+39) 095 7461096

SAIS Autolinee

Phone: (+39) 095 536168

Departures: via D'Amico181, near Piazza Giovanni XXIII to Central Station.

ETNA Trasporti

Phone: (+39) 095 530396

Departures: via Archimede, in front of Central Station.

INTERBUS

Phone: (+39) 095 530396

Departures: via Archimede, in front of Central Station.

Markets

Clothes, fruit and vegetable market in Piazza Carlo Alberto from Monday to Saturday in the morning and Saturday afternoon.

Fish market in Piazza Di Benedetto from Monday to Saturday in the morning.

Antique market in Piazza Dante every Sunday morning.



Shopping

The city center has a wide range of shops, which are open from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 4.00 to 8.00 pm in the winter.

In summer working hours are from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 4.30 to 8.00 pm

Pharmacies are also open at these hours, but it is always possible to find some open at night. Shopping centers are continuously open from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm. Shops are closed on Monday morning.

Medical Care

Students from EU member states should have the sanitary card before departure for Catania. This card should then be presented at an ASL office in case of medical necessity.

Local festivities and special events in the city

Catania is a city rich in festivals and events. There are music, art, film and theater festivals year round. Sant'Agata is Catania's patron saint and is celebrated in February from the 3rd to the 5th with one of the largest religious processions in Italy. This three-day festival includes an offering of candles, fireworks, and a procession carrying the image of the saint along the streets until



A glance at Cultural site - Churches

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San Biagio

Piazza Stesicoro

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San Francesco Borgia

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San Nicolò l'Arena

Piazza Dante

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San Michele Arcangelo ai Minoriti

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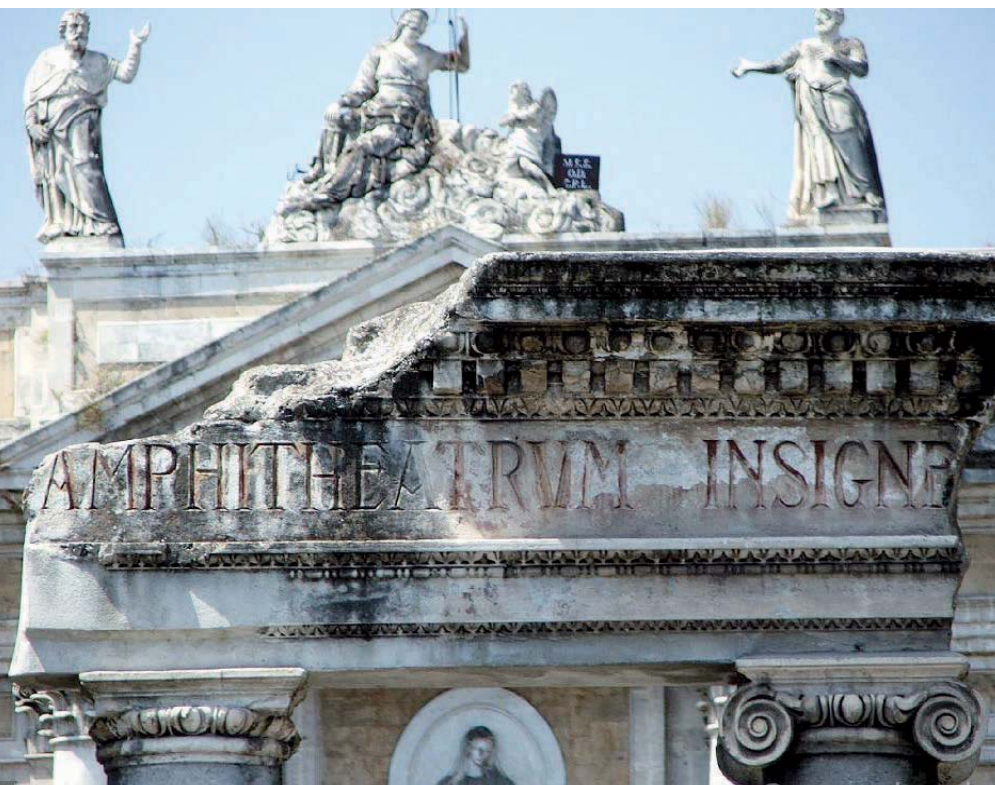
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A glance at Monuments

Porta Uzeda
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Piazza Dante, 32
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Piazza Federico II di Svevia
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Porta Garibaldi
Piazza Garibaldi

Villa Cerami
Via Crociferi, 91



A glance at Historical Buildings

Palazzo degli Elefanti

Palazzo dei Chierici

Address: Piazza Duomo

Palazzo dell'Università

Palazzo San Giuliano

Address: Piazza dell'Università

Palazzo Bruca

Palazzo della Cultura (Platamone)

Palazzo Cutelli

Palazzo Gattadauro di Reburdone

Palazzo Valle

Palazzo Biscari

Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele II

Palazzo Libertini-Scuderi

Palazzo Gioieni d'Angiò

Palazzo Minoriti

Palazzo delle Poste

Palazzo S. Demetrio

Address: Via Etnea

Palazzo Manganelli

Address: Piazza Manganelli, 16

Palazzo del Toscano

Palazzo Tezzano

Palazzo Beneventano

Address: Piazza Stesicoro



A glance at Museums

Museo storico dello Sbarco in Sicilia - 1943

Address: Viale Africa ,170

Phone: (+39) 095 533540

Entrance: € 4,00

Reduced: € 1,00

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Sunday from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 to 5.00 pm

Closed on Monday

Museo del Cinema

Address: Viale Africa ,170

Phone: (+39) 095 4011922

Entrance: € 4,00

Reduced: € 1,00

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Sunday from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 to 5.00 pm

Closed on Monday

Museo Civico Belliniano

Address: Piazza S. Francesco D'Assisi, 3

Phone: (+39) 095 7150535

Entrance: free

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Closed on Sunday

Casa Museo di Giovanni Verga

Address: Via S. Anna, 8

Phone: (+39) 095 7150598

Entrance: € 3,00

Reduced: € 2,00

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Friday from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

and from 3.00 to 16.00 pm

Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Closed on Sunday

Museo Emilio Greco

Address: Piazza S. Francesco d'Assisi, 3

Phone: (+39) 095317654

Entrance: free

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 to 6.00 pm

Museo Diocesano

Address: Via Etnea, 8 - Piazza Duomo

Phone: (+39) 095 281635

Entrance: € 4.00

Reduced: € 2.00

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 7.30 pm

Closed on Monday

Museo Civico del Castello Ursino

Address: Piazza Federico II di Svevia

Phone: (+39) 095 345830

Entrance: free

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Closed on Sunday

Museo Mogam

Address: Via Galermo, 171

Entrance: € 10,00

Reduced: € 6,00

Opening hours:

Sunday to Monday from 9.30 to 12.30 am and

from 3.30 to 6.00 pm

(visited only by reservation)

Museo Tattile Multimediale

Address: Via Etnea, 602

Phone: (+39) 095 500177

Opening hours:

Monday from 3.00 to 7.00 pm

Tuesday to Friday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

and from 3.00 to 7.00 pm

Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

(visited only by reservation)

XVI Museo Biscari - Museum&Fashion

Address: Piazza Duca di Genova, 27 -

Via Museo Biscari, 16

Phone: (+39) 095 2503188

Entrance: € 5.00

Reduced: € 3.00

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Sunday from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm

Closed on Monday



Museo di scultura in pietra lavica

“Valeriano Santangelo”

Address: Via A. Santangelo Fulci, 55/a

Phone: (+39) 095 7221642

Entrance: free

Opening hours:

Upon request

Museo del Mare

Address: P.zza Ognina, 14-17

Via dei Corzari, 18

Phone: (+39) 095 7127050

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Museo dell’Arte del Carretto Siciliano

Address: Via Luigi Capuana, 38

Phone: (+39) 095 525342

Entrance: € 1,00

Opening hours: Upon request



Theatres

Abc

Via P. Mascagni, 92

(+39) 095 535382

Ambasciatori

Via Eleonora D'Angiò, 17

(+39) 095 431440

Anfiteatro Le Ciminiere

Viale Africa 108 (+39)

(+39) 095 4011906

Angelo Musco

Via Umberto, 312

(+39) 095 363545

Brancati

Via Sabotino 2/C

(+39) 095 531018

Camera Teatro Studio

Viale Mario Rapisardi, 443

(+39) 095 7311264

Collegio D'Aragona

Via Monsignor Ventimiglia, 184

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Del Canovaccio

Via Gulli, 12

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Don Bosco

Viale Mario Rapisardi, 56

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Grotta Smeralda

Via Antonello Da Messina, 11

(+39) 095 271576

Magma

Via Quiete, 22

(+39) 095 441728

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Massimo "Vincenzo Bellini"

Piazza Vincenzo Bellini

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Metropolitan

Via S. Euplio, 21

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Nuovo Teatro
S.Orsola Via Macallè, 3/A
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Piccolo Teatro
Via F. Ciccaglione, 29
(+39) 095 447603

Piscator
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Sala De Curtis
Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 6/a
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Sala Harpago
Via Vittorio Emanuele, 67
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Sala Magma
Via Adua, 3
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Sangiorgi
Via A. San Giuliano, 233
(+39) 095 316 860

Scenario Pubblico
Via Teatro Massimo, 16
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Stabile - Verga
Via Giuseppe Fava, 35
(+39) 095 363545

Teatro Inn
Via Guerrera, 32
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Tezzano
Via Tezzano, 40
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Valentino
Via San Nicolò al Borgo, 73
(+39) 095 448926

Zig Zag
Via Canfora, 69
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Cinemas

The ticket price ranges from a minimum of € 3.00 to a maximum of € 7.00.
On Tuesday admission cost is usually low in any cinemas.

Abc

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Alfieri

Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 8
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Ariston

Via Balduino, 17/B
(+39) 095 441717

Capitol

Via Vicenza, 14
(+39) 095 506471

Corsaro

Via S. Nicolò al Borgo, 49
(+39) 095 502690

King

Via A. De Curtis, 14
(+39) 095 530218

Lo Po'

Via Etnea, 256
(+39) 095 326210

Odeon

Via Filippo Corridoni, 19
(+39) 095 326324

Planet

Viale della Costituzione, 47
(+39) 095 334866

Recupero

Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 69
(+39) 095 383596

Tiffany

Via Agnini, 26
(+39) 095 325851

Open air Cinemas

Arena Paradiso

Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 69
(+39) 095 383596

Arena Corsaro

Via S. Nicolò al Borgo, 132

Arena Argentina

Via Vanasco, 10
(+39) 095 322030

Arena Adua

Via S. Nicolò al Borgo
(+39) 095 2275493



Useful numbers

Dangerous situation?

Here are all the emergency numbers to use to request the timely intervention of the police or an ambulance for first aid.

Emergency 112

Police 113

Fire Brigade 115

Financial Police 117

Health emergency 118

Forest Fire brigade 1515

Traffic police (+39) 095 493170

Sea Rescue Team 1530

Carabinieri

Piazza Verga Giovanni 8
(+39) 095 530230

Police

Via Ventimiglia Monsignore 18
(+39) 095 7346111

Fire Brigade

Via Beccaria Cesare 31
(+39) 095 7248111

Financial Police

Via Fontanarossa
(+39) 095 347585

Health emergency

Croce Verde, Via Vezzosi 31
(+39) 095 373333

Croce Rossa Italiana

Via Ebe 2
(+39) 095 492486

First Aid

Corso Italia 234
(+39) 095 377122





Forest Fire brigade
Via Fontanarossa
(+39) 095 7233068

Harbour Master's office
Via Cardinale Dusmet
(+39) 095 538888

Prefecture
Via Prefettura 14
(+39) 095 4011111

Police Headquarters
Piazza S. Nicoletta 8
(+39) 095 7367111

Cannizzaro Hospital
Via Messina 829
(+39) 095 7263030

Garibaldi Hospital,
P.zza S. Maria di Gesù 5
(+39) 095 7591111

Vittorio Emanuele Hospital,
Via Plebiscito 628
(+39) 095 7435252

Municipal Tourism Board
Via Vittorio Emanuele 173
800 841042

Provincial Tourism Board
Via Etnea 63
(+39) 095 4014070

Postal Services
Viale Africa
(+39) 095 7201111

Internet Point
Via Cibebe 34/A
(+39) 095 7312052

Phone Center
Via Etnea 678
(+39) 095 434999



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