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Welcome of the Rector

This International Prospectus is intended to provide all relevant information on the variety of training courses offered by the University of Catania for Italian and European students.

The interest of our University towards the European, Mediterranean and other foreign countries, witnessed by the increasing number of exchanges of students and professors and by their research activities, is represented by the contribution offered for the promotion of a new culture based on cooperation and peace.

The International Prospectus aims to present to professors and young students a “laboratory” in which the ancient knowledge of the Mediterranean culture meets the new technologies in order to offer an original and advanced training experience.

Our goal is to provide young students, from all over Europe, the opportunity to exchange experience with our students and to develop human and scientific resources similarly to the experience shared within the Cultural Community of the Medieval Universities.

For these reasons, we would like to present the didactic and scientific structures of our University along with the facilities and accommodation services, within the context of our hospitable town open to cultural exchanges, which has been for centuries the meeting point of relations among Europe, Africa and Asia.

The University of Catania, with all its members, worked on the revision and the reorganization of its study courses, either identifying the ways and the topic areas more interesting for students, or establishing the didactic choices in line with their selected objectives.

A particular attention, in the building of a new didactic model, has been given to teaching planning units, able to guarantee the best balance between the needs of a qualified education and the development of the students’ overall personality.

The wish expressed by all teaching staff is to guarantee the best achievement of students’ educational objectives, and the complete realization of their hopes in the field of professional and cultural education along with concrete job perspectives.

Aware that this presentation is on one side an invitation to attend our University whereas on the other the proposal of a stimulating experience for achieving educational growth in an ancient town rich in history and tradition, I have the pleasure to give you my warmest welcome in the *Siculorum Gymnasium.*

Prof. Antonino Recca
University Rector
The University
In 1434 the king of Spain and Sicily, Alfonso of Aragon, and Pope Eugene IV authorised the foundation of a university in Catania. Prior to this, the main centres of education had been Palermo, Messina and Trapani but none of them had held the “jus doctorandi”, the right to grant degrees which could only be given by the Pope. It was not until 1444, however, that the first four faculties were established in Medicine, Philosophy, Canonic & Civil Law and Theology & Arts. In 1445, the first students attended classes but it was not until almost two centuries later that the university gained its own establishment in Piazza Università, where it stands today, in the former grounds of the hospital of St. Mark’s. The former hospital building was completely destroyed in 1693 by an earthquake and although rapidly rebuilt, in the interim period, the resourceful students, unperturbed by such events and endowed with infinite determination, transferred classes to wooden huts near the harbour. The new building, a magnificent monument of Baroque architecture, was designed by Giovan Battista Vaccarini.

The University of Catania, however, was not only structurally powerful, but held the exclusive right, by Royal decree, to grant degrees within the reign of Sicily as well. Although the hierarchical power of the university laid in the hands of the Church, the Rector who was an elected student in his last year of studies had the power to put students on trial.

The start of the academic year was marked by 25 chimes from the Cathedral bell and during the course of the academic year, a porter daily marked any absences on the part of professors. 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 and many other ceremonial 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 10 students.

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.

More than 50,000 students attend lessons given by over 1,500 professors in the 12 faculties, which in turn are staffed by over 1,200 administrative employees.
Governance and Management

Academic Senate:
- University Rector
- Vice-Rector (consultative vote)
- Administrative Director (consultative vote)
- Deans of Faculty
- 13 professor’s representatives of the various scientific areas
- 2 elected representatives from the technical-administrative staff
- 5 elected student’s representatives

The Senate members are elected in conformity with the rules laid down under the University Statute. It establishes the main directives for the University’s political orientation and the academic objectives useful for the development and the coordination of research and teaching activities.

Administrative Council:
- Rector
- Vice-Rector
- Head of Administration
- 2 elected representatives of each department
- 1 elected representative of the Student Service Bodies
- 6 elected representatives of the Teaching Body
- 3 elected representatives of the Administrative Staff
- 5 elected Student’s representatives
- Elected representatives of national, regional and local administratives units

The Administration Board are elected in conformity with the rules laid down under the University Statute. It achieves the objectives established by the Academic Senate and controls how administrative funds are distributed, approves the annual budget, authorises public contracts and international agreements.

Rector:
He is elected among fulltime professors and is the legal representative of the university. He gives the final approval for the projects presented to the Senate and Administrative Council and has supreme disciplinary authority. He is the guarantor for freedom of research and teaching. He is assisted in his duties by the Vice-Rector and numerous delegates.
Rector: Prof. Antonino Recca
Vice-Rector: Prof. Maria Luisa Carnazza

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  Institutional Relations with the Presidency of “Regione Siciliana”
- Prof. Santo Carnazzo
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  Disabled students activities coordinator
  Third Sector coordinator
- Prof. Sebastiano Bruno Caruso
  President of CEA (Electronic Data Processing)
- Prof. Filippo Drago
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- Prof. Fabio Galvano
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  Scientific Strategic Research
- Prof. Grazia Maria Lombardo
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- Prof. Andrea Mangiameli
  Relations with National Health Service and in particular with A.O.U.
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  Spain and Catalunya cultural and Scientific relations
Agricultural Science
Cultural area and aims

The Faculty of Agricultural Science was founded in the Academic Year 1947-1948, with support from the regional government of Sicily. A few years later, in 1951-52, the Faculty received full approval, which was confirmed in 1977-78.

During the over 60 years lifespan of the Faculty, significant social change have occurred, especially in the way to use natural resources to meet our needs. In particular, the society has come to expect insistence, continuous improvement in the quality of agricultural production and, more in general, of the whole agricultural systems and products, as well as in the protection of the environment, and the optimal use of resources and products. At the same time, the teaching offered by the Faculty has been adapted to the previous trend and followed research objectives which have become progressively relevant to the needs of the Sicilian territory as well as the whole Mediterranean region.

Today the Faculty of Agricultural Science offers different degree qualifications, at both BSc and MSc level, and hosts in its departments many thematic doctorate courses, some of which some are managed in partnership with foreign institutions. Since 2006-2007, the Faculty is fully involved in the Erasmus Mundus program of the European Union, as a partner in different training tracks within the international Master Agris Mundus; in the same programme, the Faculty is now also partner in the international PhD course AgTrain, recently by the European Commission. The Faculty is also involved in many research projects which make use of modern, innovative equipment, and it has established an presence through scientific initiatives.

The Faculty is well-connected in real time with institutions worldwide through the University’s telematics network. Among the services available to students the tutoring, the general library and several study rooms are worth being mentioned.
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Cultural area and aims

The Faculty of Architecture, located in Siracusa on the island of Ortygia, was under great demand from students. The choice of the site had been a main point for the University and for the local Administrations, who granted in Ortygia important historical buildings in order to set library, lecture-halls and research offices. The “Siracusa project” is definitely ambitious: a high research and educational pole, a residential university. It is a great chance to spread restoration interventions on bigger as well as on minor architecture: within few years this unique historical town will certainly become a cultural hearth on national and international domain.

The cultural pattern is, of course, European, but the peculiar location of Syracuse in the Mediterranean context and the important technological culture of emergent nations, strongly remarked in the last architecture exhibitions, advise a particular care to Mediterranean patterns, too.
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Cultural area and aims

The Faculty of Literature and Philosophy’s three year degree courses provide realistic educational programs that are directly aimed at professional work placement and, at the same time, allow for specialisation in the external environment. The Faculty wants to guarantee Catania University’s young students the opportunity to acquire cultural and technical competencies that they can use immediately in the employment market and that will also stand them in good stead in all environments including those away from Sicily and the south of Italy. Secondly, but just as important, the three year degree courses provide flexible learning paths so that transferring from one Faculty course to another (for example, from Literature to Communication Science, to Cultural Heritage or Philosophy etc.) is both possible and easy. With a view to integrating the traditional educational offer of the Degree in Literature (Classical and Modern), Degree in Foreign Languages and Literatures, and the Degree in Philosophy with more current educational needs, the Faculty has developed Professional Profiles that unite a sound cultural base with the management and communicative competencies required in both public or private companies and in the Cultural Heritage field. Italian University uses course credit system (Credits) as its criterion for evaluation. Credits are defined in terms of the hours of educational activity required to complete the degree. One credit equals 25 hours of study and includes both lessons and individual study. The Faculty’s definition of a credit is 6 hours of lessons plus 18 hours of study. For the most part, credits are obtained by passing a final exam (with the result of the exam being expressed as a score out of 30), and the results take account of in itinere tests. The remaining part of the credits is earned by attending educational labs, and doing traineeships and internships that are organised during the course of the three year degree.

To get her/his degree, a student must earn 180 credits (60 per year) during the three year period. Then he/she may enter the jobmarket immediately or decide to do a two-year specialisation. The three year degree therefore provides the training necessary for professional placement (that is, it provides the specific competencies required to enter the workforce) as well as providing the background for further specialisation (e.g. Teaching).

The three year degree also provides for periods of study abroad as part of the LLP Erasmus program. Courses attended and exams passed during this
period of approved study are recognised as credits for the completion of the degree. At the end of the three year degree program, students can decide to continue their studies by undertaking specialisation courses. Students can undertake Doctoral studies through research or can enrol in the Faculty’s Master’s programs. Currently the following Doctoral programs are available: Modern Philology (which consists of three curricula: Modern Philology, English and Anglo-American Studies, French Studies), Greek and Latin Philology, Geography, Italian (Lexicography and Semantics of Literary Italian), History (History of the Culture of the Territory and Society), and, Philosophy and the History of Ideas. The following Master’s programs are currently available: History and Analysis of the Territory, Professional Writing, Aesthetics and Fashion and Show Business communication. Students who are already enrolled (four year degrees) can opt to either continue their studies as outlined in the old programs, or, convert to the new programs. The credits already acquired will be converted as outlined in the Regulation of Study Programs.
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Cultural area and aims
The Faculty is one of the most popular faculties among students, not only because of the career opportunities it offers, but also because of the wide range of subjects covered.
The numerous programmes now offered by the Faculty give the students access to a large number of job options, including academic openings, professional economists, financial trading, marketing, business management and human resources management.
The Faculty participates actively in cultural exchanges with foreign universities and is included in the European Universities’ students exchange programmes (Socrates-Erasmus).
A period of traineeship is included in order to give the students the opportunity to acquire direct experience of the working world in both private and public institutions and companies. The traineeship office deals with the running, organization and monitoring of these training periods.
Most of the subjects taught in the degree courses are based on modules and the relevant subject requirements lay out the professional aims, the teaching methodology, the methods and criteria used in assessment.
The internet site www.economia.unict.it gives all the available information on Faculty activities.
Lectures take place in “Palazzo delle Scienze”, the main Faculty building, situated in Corso Italia, 55, one of the main streets in the city, and in Palazzo Fortuna, situated in Corso delle Province, 36, behind the main building.
Students can use all the Faculty equipment, among which there are laboratories (a language lab, a computer room, an internet room) and a library with over one hundred thousand books and eight hundred journals, constituting a support to the students’.
For the Academic year 2011-2012, the Faculty offers various programmes, ranging from undergraduate to postgraduate levels.
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In 1882, on the initiative of Francesco de Sanctis, the ‘Women’s Superior Institute of Education’ was founded. Its aim was to increase the cultural level, above all, of women. The institute was changed into the Faculty of Magistero in 1935. Sixty years later, in 1995, the Faculties of Magistero underwent another transformation and became the Faculties of Educational Science, no longer limited to turning out teachers, but ultimately aimed at creating new professional figures such as educators and professional guides operating in different social institutions, apart from schools.

The Faculty of Education of our university began in 1949 as a College of education (Istituto Universitario di Magistero), financed by Catania City Council, and in 1951 officially recognized on the same level as the faculties of Magistero in state universities. In 1990 the Institute is nationalized and becomes the tenth faculty of Catania University. With the reform of the system of organization in the academic year 2001/2002, our Faculty, too, underwent a radical change in its study courses, owing to the need to conform to European criteria, to update didactics and fit in with the new conditions of the labour market.

Structure and services of the Faculty

Library (Via Casa nutrizione s.n. - Via biblioteca n. 4)
The Faculty libraries, stocked with over 130,000 volumes is a service both for teachers and students at the university, and for the general public. It has a completely computerized catalogue to which users have access through twenty terminals situated in the reading room, or externally via Internet. There is also an assistance service via E-mail, operated by trained staff for bibliographic research, requests for exchange volumes or photocopies of articles in journals.

Informatics room (Via Ofelia s.n. - Via biblioteca n. 4)
There is a modern informatics room available for students’ use with twenty-two work stations linked to the Net, and printing facilities. A video projector enables teachers to hold multimedia lectures by projecting the display on their monitor onto a large screen.

Language laboratory (Via Ofelia s.n.)
The Faculty is equipped with a sixteen place language laboratory where language practice and lessons of mother- tongue teachers are held.
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Engineering
Cultural area and aims

The Faculty of Engineering, started its activities in 1971 and is located at Cittadella Universitaria in Catania. Its main objective is to create high professionals in the different areas of Civil, Architectural, Industrial and Information an Communication Technology (ICT) Engineering, with particular attention given to multidisciplinary knowledge. The Faculty includes several research and didactic laboratories and is involved in many international collaborations. Deeply integrated in the territory, it provides students with a great number of educational opportunities and several contacts with the job world.
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Foreign Languages and Literatures
*Foreign Languages and Literatures*

**Cultural area and aims**

For quick reference, essential information on the Faculty’s Ragusa site is summarised here. The administrative offices and teaching areas are located in the recently renovated buildings of an old convent, immersed in the splendid baroque surroundings of Ragusa Ibla in Via Orfanotrofio. The Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literature is undergoing major organisational restructuring scheduled for the academic year 2011/2012. Degree courses offered at the Faculty focus on the following languages and cultures: Anglo-American, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, English, Italian, Spanish. Complementing the modules on foreign languages and teaching foreign languages, the courses also include literary, artistic and historical subjects. At the end of a three year undergraduate course, students obtain a first degree in Linguistic and Intercultural Mediation. A further two year’s postgraduate study on the “magistrale” course (second level) leads to a qualification (between master and PhD level) in European and Oriental languages and Cultures. The Faculty is equipped with a state of the art multimedia language laboratory.
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Law
Cultural area and aims

The Law School is the oldest one among the twelve Schools of the University of Catania. It was established in the 14th century, and its old-age tradition has been very appreciated up to the present. The Law School has symbolized, in the past, and it still represents both an important point of reference in a rapidly changing world and a centre of excellence for the island’s cultural élite, by promoting and by practicing an ethos where research is encouraged and highly valued.

It is widely recognised that its reputation for teaching and research dealing with a wide range of legal disciplines in many specialist fields has significantly contributed to the distinctive legal culture in Italy, during the last decades and promises to keep on doing so successfully in the future.

The Law School is by no means willing to rest on its laurels or to cling to the past: the understandable pride in its own tradition acts as a stimulus to keep under constant review the social, economical, political and cultural changes, which confront and challenge everybody on a daily basis. For that reason, the courses not only aim at providing our students with an in-depth knowledge of the structure of the legal system; they also aim at allowing them to understand and to manage these dynamics, through acquiring the tools needed to respond to an extremely competitive and even more “globalized” labour market. Moreover, the courses aim at thinking in European terms since the process of integration affects, at very different speeds, domains such as the productive, economic, financial, legal and social ones.

A solid legal education, today, opens up more opportunities ranging over and beyond the classic career paths, the judiciary or the legal professions. There are new job opportunities in the business world, in legal firms, in the field of international organizations, in journalism and management, in public authorities and in the private field.

That is why a sound knowledge in Law is increasingly regarded as a necessary prerequisite for career advancement and professional achievements.

What knowledge, what skills do we look for in a lawyer today? What kind of lawyer does society need? How should he or she be educated and trained for the legal profession?

These issues and concerns have lead to a 5 year course, “Laurea Magistrale”, which offers students the opportunity to further specialise through post-graduate
courses (master programs) and doctorate courses, as well as courses devised by the School of Specialization for Legal Professions.

Starting from the academic year 2009-2010, the course offer includes a number of courses in English. Such an initiative is aimed at offering to both Italian and foreign students an opportunity to attend some of the elective courses through classes entirely taught in English and could result in an increasing number of foreign students coming to Catania in the context of exchange programs for short-term or long-term students mobility. A wider English spoken course offer will allow foreign students, whose fluency in Italian can be quite poor, to choose an adequate package of courses and seminars to be attended during their staying in Catania. So far agreements have been made with around 35 Universities from all over Europe.

Starting their university career freshmen need straight answers to a series of questions, requiring essential information. Above all, mainly (but not only) new students need information about course and exams timetable, about the teaching staff, teaching activities, the multimedia centre, the Legal Research Centre (CDG), about opening hours and procedures of the Library, about the reference service for the consultation of journals and periodicals.

There is a Student Information Service (SIS) especially intended to provide students with such information, which is part of the Teaching Service, the office that coordinates teaching activities.

In these supporting structures students will often find other students “behind the desk” or on the other side of the counter: they are students from the Law School that offer their support to these structures on a part-time basis. Teaching activities and all other related activities that positively “breathe life” into the Law School take place in Villa Cerami, one of the most beautiful buildings in the town centre and seat of the Law School since 1964.
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Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences
Cultural area and aims

The Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences (Facoltà di Scienze Matematiche, Fisiche e Naturali) covers, both from the research and the teaching standpoints, all the branches of science. For what concerns teaching, the first aim of the Faculty has always been to provide the students of its several degree courses with a good basic training both in science and technology, leading to the parallel acquisition both of the scientific method and the ability of dealing with the most recent technological developments. This allows to reach a successful integration in a demanding job market in constant evolution, as well as the possibility of pursuing research or teaching careers.

In our Faculty we have now 8 first level degree courses and 12 second level degree courses. The number of enrolled students is today about 5,000. One of the main non-academic goals pursued by our Faculty has always been nurturing and reinforcing the scientific culture in our society, as well as arousing the interest of young people towards science. We strongly believe in the relevance of conforming the degree courses among Universities in Europe in order to promote the mobility of students. Promising experiences in this direction are in progress. Finally, we want to stress the strong connection in our Faculty between teaching and scientific research, which enables our students to open their minds to the excitement of the scientific discovery.
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Medicine and Surgery
Cultural Area and Aims

The History of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery is one of the oldest among the Schools of The University of Catania. In fact, the birth of the Faculty dates back to 1443, when, together with the School in law and theology, it gave way to the educational mission of the University of Catania.

The School is also the second born in the South and Central Italy. Through an extensive educational range of opportunities, the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery offers to its student the correct tools to access the world of work in the medical and healthcare field. In fact, besides the traditional School in Medicine and Surgery and the School of Dentistry, there are also First and Second Level Degree Courses that provide students with adequate training for access to technical and rehabilitation professions that are of vital support to the medical activity.

It is offered, also, to the students the opportunity, to further specialize through post graduate courses (master programs), School of Specialization and PhD courses, some of them in collaboration with foreign universities. Through all of this teaching programs, the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery aims to educate students to be knowledgeable about the scientific basis of medicine and associated techniques, including its most recent achievements.

In addition, paying particular attention to the complete formation of its students, the Faculty provides them the tools to be caring, honest and competent to maintain good clinical practice and to show respect for their patients, understanding also the importance of physical, psychological and social aspects of their care.

Besides clinical scope, the Faculty aims to underpin research in basic, clinical and translational research in local, national and international contests and research with excellence in supporting disciplines and technologies. The Faculty participates actively in cultural agreements and European’s University student exchange.
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Faculties - Medicine and Surgery
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The faculty of Pharmacy has updated its formative offer fitting in line with the strategy of the EHEA and the EU Directive for the profession of pharmacist. Three-year courses take also place in Catania. Specialist courses of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology and Pharmacy, both leading to obtaining the license to work as a pharmacist, remain of 5 years since the legislator provided an exception to the “3+2” for courses regulated by the European Community. Both specialist courses need at least six months of professional practice before graduating and preparation of a thesis. International Joint PhD courses in Pharmaceutical Sciences with the Universidad de Granada (Spain) and the Semmelweis University (Budapest - Hungary), post-degree activities and a School of Specialization in Hospital Pharmacy are also offered by the Faculty.
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Cultural area and aims
Politics is the science that deals with the ‘Polis’. In its widest sense it deals in rules and dynamics that our associated living, in communities that have variable dimensions, from the town to Europe, from micro-groups to the global village of the information network. Historical, social, political, economic and judicial themes all play an important role. The Faculty aims to present each of these areas in its own specificity yet at the same time to present their mutual relationships. The graduate in Political Sciences is above all a person who is able to think in complex terms. He/she is able to apply different methods of analysis according to the problems and variables that may emerge.
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School of Excellence
Heart and Mind of the Mediterranean

The Scuola Superiore di Catania is an university centre for outstanding students. Based on a famously successful model - the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa - it was founded in 1998 to hand-pick only the best of the best and invest in their talents by providing them with all the support their imaginations need for exploration, research and experimentation.

The mission of the Scuola is to get these young scholars involved into research right away as well as to encourage international interest from all around the Mediterranean and further afield. On offer are innovative courses at the highest level: pre-undergraduate additional teaching, Masters, Advanced Post-graduate Courses and PhD courses in close conjunction with public and private sector research establishments. Together with the Scuola Normale Superiore and the Scuola Sant’Anna di Pisa, the SISSA di Trieste, the ISUFI di Lecce and the IUSS di Pavia, the Scuola has joined the National Network of Scuole Superiori.

The Scuola is in the centre of the Mediterranean, in one of the most venerable and learned regions, in which the first model of academia was born.

Facilities

The Scuola is based in the prestigious Villa San Saverio.

Built in 1880, it covers 13,000 mq of self-catering flats, library, gymnasium/sports centre, reading rooms, lecture halls and laboratories equipped with the latest ICT, and all amid a large park setting a natural stage for the meeting of the talented.

All research and study takes place in the Etna Building, a magnet for transnational research which houses research laboratories, post-graduate lecture halls for innovative and strategic subjects as well as a hall of residence for foreign students and lecturers.

Students and course members all share the same environment, a meeting place for people - managers and students, researchers and professionals, entrepreneurs and youngsters with winning ideas - and cultures - university and business, technology and art, management and ICT, communication and law.
Educational Opportunities
The Scuola provides its undergraduate students with advanced teaching in addition to their university courses, training as well as with research periods to guarantee students an extensive, diversified and qualified cultural experience. Undergraduate education is organised into two classes:
- Literature and Social Sciences
- Experimental Sciences.
Apart from providing students with the competences and instruments needed, the Scuola guarantees them access to university laboratories and those of external agencies including those for national research like the National Institute for Nuclear Physics, the Astrophysical Observatory, the National Research Council (CNR).
Students can benefit from various occasions promoted by the Scuola: fortnightly conferences, lectures and seminars. They offer an opportunity for enrichment as well as links with the highest professionals in work and in research.
There is a highly selective entry exam to enable talented youngsters to enter the Scuola. Apart from the courses of the University Programme, each student of the Scuola follows a personalised study programme with at least 7 courses, plus seminars and laboratories, supervised by a tutor. From the beginning, students will be involved in the Scuola laboratories as well as in those working on national and international research projects.

Masters
The Master in Economia e Gestione del Settore Culturale aims at developing skills and expertise in various fields of the cultural sector, keeping the overall view of bounds (scarce economic and human resources), capability (social and economic benefit) and existing connections among heritage and cultural activities.
The master Coordinator is Prof. Romilda Rizzo - University of Catania.

Post-graduate Educational Opportunities
The Scuola offers a varied programme of high specialization and Masters. All the courses are on cutting-edge themes which are highly stimulating, Europe centred and open to different cultures. The courses provide concrete feedback to students, promoting managerial and entrepreneurial competence, as well as managerial innovation through personal development. The Scuola prides itself in its innovative didactics which aims at professional growth and personal and individual development. The study routes guarantee qualified content and rigorous methodology always linked with innovation,
creativity and imagination. Above all, it is offered to students the opportunity to immerse themselves in life-changing experiences both individually and professionally.

**International Educational Opportunities**

The Centres of Excellence are crossroads of knowledge which originates from all over the world. The Scuola is one of the most prestigious cultural intersection in the Mediterranean Area. The intent on excellence is indissolubly projected towards the international scientific community.

Our network of foreign universities also includes the University of California at Berkeley, Cairo University, Nagoya University, Nara Institute of Science and Technology (National University Corporation), the Munich Intellectual Property Law Centre, Heidelberg University, the University of Buffalo, The State University of New York - Department of Anthropology and many others.

**International Masters**

The Master in Mininvasive Surgery and New Technologies aims at developing skills in mininvasive surgery and computer technologies in order to promote the development of specific competences and skills in relation to us of equipment and technical support, offer surgeons the opportunity to master applications and to acquire manual ability as well as operating experience while providing with practical expertise.

The master Coordinator is Prof. Domenico Russello - University of Catania. An Organising Committee oversees the overall academic organisation of the course.

**Research and Technological Application**

Research excellence is Scuola’s main objective. From the beginning, undergraduate students join research groups having the chance to publish in journals and take part in national and international conferences.

The Scuola has its own experimental laboratories and has invested in industrial research thanks to contributions from many firm of the Etna Valley.

**Laboratories**

**Laboratory for the Protection of Human Rights**

Human rights, which have always been regarded as an extremely interesting issue, have a crucial relevance under a different point of view.
First of all, technical and scientific development has drawn attention to new issues, highlighting interests which could be called “rights”. The root of such issues has probably to be found in the law regulation of scientific and technological research, follows the special relevance acknowledged - as far as it concerns the right to health, and therefore the right to access to drugs - to biotechnological research, as well as to the related patent system, and, more in particular, to boosting research concerning rare diseases.

Secondly, facing the threat of global terrorism both the state and the constitutional principles reach a dimension which emphasizes the notion of security, claimed and appreciated as a right by itself, not only as a pre-condition for enjoying other rights.

In fighting international terrorism criminal policy strategies have to be shaped according to criteria which are deemed to be largely consistent with the principles of a state subject to the rule of law and with international law standards, rather than aiming at targets and methods that could turn out to be symptomatic of dangerous cultural retreats in the field of safeguards concerning the balance of state powers and the protection of fundamental rights.

Laboratory responsible: Prof. Vincenzo Di Cataldo

Laboratory for Landscape and Green Area Planning
Sustainable development has to be meant as a strategy to promote social and economic development using territorial and environmental resources in a equitable way. The Laboratory aims to be closely linked to its surrounding territory so as to furnish the local community, as well as society in general, analytical and objective work methods to help understand the landscape and its complexities. It aims to offer instruments of knowledge that will lead to active management programmes, planning, design and integrated management for the sustainable development of the territory. In light of the above, the research project is articulated along this program: Sustainable landscape development in agro-urban Mediterranean coastline within desertification.

Nowadays with climatic changes, global warming and desertification, attention and concrete responses, rational use of the planet’s resources and safeguarding the global ecosystem become essential presuppositions for sustainable development together with economic prosperity and balanced social quality. It is well known that these tensions are most exacerbated in strongly anthropic areas like the agro-urban Mediterranean coastline ones where extensive overbuilding due to urban, industrial and tourism sprawl, and intensive
agriculture (reaching sometimes the sandy shores) have above all impoverished the coastline, depleted typical Mediterranean vegetation, eroded the soil, and therefore modified the environment. Furthermore, even though a numerous variety of coastal zones have been urbanised, they should still be regarded as interactive, dynamic and fragile systems which need safeguarding.
Laboratory responsible: Prof. Antonino Failla

Laboratory for Complex Systems
It is a multi-disciplinary laboratory focusing on researches on “Complex Systems”, and aiming at the training of the students of Scuola Superiore to work in this and in related fields. The laboratory is based on the strong interaction of students and researchers from diverse fields such as physics, mathematics, biology, medicine, chemistry, engineering and computer science, and consists in two experimental and two theoretical research lines/units:
- Structure and dynamics of complex networks: this research line deals with the analysis of the statistical and dynamical properties of complex systems, and with their representation as complex networks;
- Control of non linear circuits and complex dynamics: line based on the design, construction and control of non-linear circuits;
- Molecular biology and network genomics: this line deals with the development of advanced experimental methodology for the production and analysis of gene expression data;
- Advanced numerical methods for complex systems: this line provides a simulation environment for the other research lines, and carries out original research on innovative numerical methods.
Laboratory responsible: Prof. Vito Latora

Spin-offs
“Etnalead: Integrated Platforms to Predict Molecular Bioactivity”
“MicroSensor s.r.l.” - Innovative Micro-optical Sensors

International PhD Courses
The Scuola has activated International PH.D. Courses in collaboration with prestigious foreign Universities, shouldering joint responsibility in the planning and management of educational and training program, student mobility as well as titles. The courses are held in English language and the research activities are carried out in an international environment.
International PhD in Energy
The International Ph.D. course is developed on two different curricula: Energy Production and Generation and Sustainable Use of Energy.
PhD Coordinator: Prof. Alfio Consoli

International PhD in Translational Biomedicine
Subjects of the PhD program are Stem cells, Molecular diagnostic and Molecular epidemiology.
PhD Coordinator: Prof. Daniele Condorelli

International PhD in Nanosciences
Subjects of the PhD program are Mesoscopic Electronics, Nano-Photonics, Molecular Biophysics, Advanced Functional Materials and Nanobiosciences.
PhD Coordinator: Prof. Mariagrazia Grimaldi

International PhD in Nuclear and Particle Astrophysics
The objective of the mentioned PhD is to transfer to the new generation of physicist the experiences and the know how of the partners. The mentioned objective includes close collaboration of the existing network or those foreseen at a European and extra-European level.
PhD Coordinator: Prof. Umberto Lombardo

International PhD in Global politics and European integration
This PhD is organised in order to give graduates with a strong background in the social sciences the opportunity to enrich their scientific knowledge by carrying out their original research project on a momentous issue of global politics and European integration, in association with the scientific experience and resources of an international network of scholars and academic institutions.
PhD Coordinator: Prof. Fulvio Attinà

Vocational Guidance
Every year the Scuola organises vocational guidance seminars for final year students based on the idea that vocational guidance is a structural component in education which helps them prepare for their future empowering them in study and at work.
These seminars are dedicated to those outstanding students who would like to be involved in a completely unique experience in contact with the university world and that of scientific and technological research. The aim of the seminars is not to present the Scuola, but to outline an ample panorama
of experience and study themes in the university world, in research and in the work of institutions and professionals.

**Placement and Careers**

The Scuola maintains close links with industry to ensure that the students professional projects are in line with the labour market. The Scuola is assiduously committed to employability as a systematic component of career management: individual counselling, promotional events, conferences and workshops. Over 98% of Scuola graduates are employed within 6 months. Placement activities materialise into informing, orienting and supporting students and graduates, lecturers and businesses, to bridge the gap between the expectations of the newly qualified and the diverse requirements of industry.

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**The 24 Departments**

- Analysis of Political, Social and Institutional Processes
- Anatomy, Biology and Genetics, Legal Medicine, Neuroscience, Diagnostic Pathology, Hygiene and Public Health (Gian Filippo Ingrassia)
- Architecture (Darc)
- Clinical and Molecular Biomedicine
- Surgery
- Economics and Quantitative Methods
- Physics and Astronomy
- Agri-Food and Environmental Systems Management
- Enterprises, culture and Society
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electric, Electronic and Computer Engineering
- Industrial and Mechanical Engineering
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Internal Medicine and Systemical Pathologies
- Training Processes
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences
- Chemical Sciences
- Surgical Sciences, Transplants and Advanced Technologies
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Agri-Food Production Sciences
- Humanistic Sciences
- Law
- Medical Surgery Speciality
The Research centres are established by the Rector’s decree submitted by the researchers and the teaching staff, after the approval of a complex procedure. Some of them, as agreed, can benefit from public and private financings. Moreover, in Catania there are also the institutes of the CNR (the National Research Council), which is a public organization; its main duty is to carry out, promote, spread, and improve research activities in the main sectors of knowledge growth and of its applications for the scientific, technological, economic and social development of the country.

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Museo di Zoologia - Casa delle farfalle
Via Lago di Nicito, 388/B
Phone: (+39) 095 7306018
Opening hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9.00–12.00 am
Entrance: Free
Website: http://www.casadellefarfalle.unict.it/

Museo di Botanica dell’Università di Catania: Erbario ed Orto Botanico
Via Antonino Longo, 19
Phone: (+39) 095 430901
Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 8.30 am–1.30 pm /2.30–5.30 pm
Saturday 8.30 am–1.30 pm
Closed on Sunday
Entrance: Free
Website: www.dibpot.unict.it

Museo dello Studio
Piazza dell’Università, 2
Phone: (+39) 095 311022
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00 am–1.00 pm
Closed on Saturday Sunday and Holiday
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Palazzo delle Scienze - Corso Italia, 55
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Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.00 am-2.00 pm
Closed on Saturday Sunday and Holiday

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Piazza Dante, 32 Room 4
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Teaching Activities
Italian Higher Education System

Italian higher education is structured in a binary system, consisting of two main articulations:
- the university sector
- the non-university sector

At present, the university sector is made up of 89 university institutions which are classified in:
- 60 State universities including 2 Polytechnics and 2 Universities for Foreigners
- 17 non-State universities (legally recognized by the State)
- 6 higher schools specialized in postgraduate university studies
- 11 telematic universities.

The non-university sector includes 4 education typologies with their institutions:
- Afam institutions (Higher Education in Art and Music and Dance): polytechnics for the arts, academies of fine arts, higher institutes for applied arts, music conservatories and recognized music institutes, higher institutes for musical and choreographic studies, national academies;
- higher education in language mediation: higher schools for language mediators;
- higher integrated education (FIS): programmes of higher technical education & training (IFTS);
- a few specific fields (e.g. archiving, diplomastics, restoration, military studies, etc.) which, along with their respective institutions, fall under the supervision of ministries other than that of Education.

Website: http://www.study-in-italy.it/php5/study-italy.php?lang=EN&idorizz=2&idvert=2

University Sector

State universities are public entities endowed with scientific, teaching, managerial, financial and book-keeping autonomy; they have full legal capacity in matters of both public and private law. Their major tasks are scientific research and higher education.
Due to the principle of university autonomy, each university may draw up its own statutes and regulations, issued by rectoral decrees.

Since 1999, Italian university system have been reformed so as to meet the objectives of the “Bologna process”. The university system is now organized in 3 cycles: Laurea – Bachelor Degree (1st cycle academic degree), Laurea Magistrale – Master Degree (2nd cycle academic degree), Dottorato di ricerca – PhD and Scuole di Specializzazione – Specialisation Courses (3rd cycle).

Website: http://www.study-in-italy.it/php5/study-italy.php?idorizz=2&idvert=1&lang=EN

**First cycle studies - Bachelor Degree Courses:** are aimed at guaranteeing students an adequate command of general scientific methods and contents as well as specific professional skills. The general access requirement is 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.

Bachelor Degree courses last 3 years, and the Degree is awarded to students who have earned 180 credits; the completion of a training period and the defence of a thesis may also be required.

The Bachelor Degree grants access to competitions for the civil service, to regulated and non-regulated professions, and to 2nd cycle courses.

**Second cycle studies - Master Degree courses:** they are aimed at providing students with an advanced level of education for the exercise of a highly qualified activity in specific areas.

Access is usually by a Bachelor Degree or a comparable foreign degree; admission is subject to specific course requirements determined by individual universities.

Master Degree courses last 2 years, and the Degree is awarded to students who have earned 120 credits; the defence of a thesis is required.

A limited number of programmes (dentistry, human medicine, pharmacy, veterinary, medicine, architecture, law), are defined Syngle Cycle Degree Courses (one-block LM courses). Access is by the school leaving diploma or a comparable foreign qualification; admission is subject to selective entrance exams and each degree course is organized in just one-block of 5 or 6 years.

Master Degree courses grant access to competitions for the civil service, to regulated and non-regulated professions, research doctorate programmes and all the other degree courses of the 3rd cycle.
Third cycle studies include the following typologies:

A) PhDs courses aim at training students for very advanced scientific research; they adopt innovative teaching methodologies, updated technologies, training periods abroad and supervised activities in specialized research centres. Admission requires a Master Degree (or a comparable foreign degree) and to pass a specific competition; studies last a minimum 3 years; the doctoral student must work out an original dissertation to be defended in the final examination.

B) Specialisation Courses are devised to provide students with knowledge and abilities as requested in the practice of highly qualified professions; they mainly concern medical, clinical and surgical specialities. Admission requires a Master Degree (or a comparable foreign degree) and the passing of a competitive examination.
Course length varies in relation to subject fields. The final degree, Specialisation Diploma, gives the right to the title as Specialist.

University Master Courses (Master Universitari): the aim is to reinforce, broaden and hone the skills and expertise of graduates and postgraduates, utilizing and expanding upon previous training to meet the demands of the professional world. There are both 1st and 2nd level University Master courses.

A) University 1st level Master Courses consist in advanced scientific courses or higher continuing education studies open to the holders of a Bachelor Degree or a comparable foreign degree. Admission may be subject to additional conditions.
Master courses last 1 year, and the qualification is awarded to students who have earned 60 credits. It does not give access to the 3rd cycle.

B) University 2nd level Master Courses consist in advanced scientific courses or higher continuing education studies, open to the holders of Master Degree or a comparable foreign degree. Admission may be subject to additional conditions.
Master courses last 1 year, and the qualification is awarded to students who have earned 60 credits.

Advanced Course (Corso di Perfezionamento): is a refresher/permanent training course that allows students to develop their expertise and skills in order to further improve their professional qualities. To be admitted you must hold a 1st or 2nd level degree. The courses vary in length.
It differs from a master, in that no academic qualification is awarded; students will receive a certificate that details the skills that have been acquired.

GLOSSARY

Credit Transfer Unit: the university educational credits system was introduced to facilitate the mobility of students at both national and international level. Credits (CFU) are units that are used to measure the total amount of coursework required from a student, in terms of hours of study and tuition. One credit corresponds to 25 hours of work. An academic year requires a total of 60 credits. Credits are obtained by passing examinations or through other forms of assessment established by each university. They do not count towards the overall mark and are therefore independent of the grade obtained with examinations or assessments of other kinds.

Classes of degree courses: all degree courses sharing educational objectives and teaching-learning activities are organized in groups called Classes. The content of individual degree courses is autonomously determined by universities, however, when establishing a degree course, individual institutions have to adopt some general requirements fixed at national level. Degrees belonging to the same class have the same legal value.

Academic titles: the Bachelor Degree confers the title of “Dottore”, the Master Degree that of “Dottore magistrale”, the PhD that of “Dottore di ricerca”.

Joint degrees: Italian universities may establish degree courses in cooperation with foreign partner universities; on completion of integrated curricula joint or double/multiple degrees are awarded.
ECTS - General Information

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

What is ECTS?
ECTS, the European Community Course Credit Transfer System, was developed by the Commission of the European Union in order to provide common procedures to guarantee academic recognition of studies abroad. It provides a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements, and transferring them from one institution to another. 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.

The ECTS credits
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 required 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.

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<td>EXCELLENT: outstanding performance with only minor errors</td>
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<td>GOOD: generally sound work with a number of notable errors</td>
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<td>SATISFACTORY: fair but with significant shortcomings</td>
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**ECTS students**

The students participating in ECTS will receive full credit for all academic work successfully carried out at any of the ECTS partner institutions and 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 programmes abroad between students and the institutions involved. The learning agreement will be signed by the student 2 to 3 weeks after his/her arrival abroad to allow him/her to judge if the course chosen does in fact correspond to his/her expectations and his/her level of competence. Any changes will be made in agreement between all parties within this period. Most students participating in ECTS will go to one single host institution in one single European Union Member State, study there for a limited period and then return to their home institution. Some may decide to stay at the host institution, possibly to gain a degree.
Some may also decide to proceed to a third institution to continue their studies. In each of these three cases, students will be required to comply with the legal and institutional requirements of the country and institution where they take their degree.

When the student has successfully completed the study programme previously agreed between the home and the host institutions and returns to the home institution, credit transfer will take place, and the student will continue the study course at the home institution without any loss of time or credit. If, on the other hand, the student decides to stay at the host institution and to take a degree there, he or she may have to adapt the study course due to the legal, institutional and departmental rules in the host country, institution and department.

Students selected by each institution to participate in ECTS may only be awarded a student mobility grant if they fulfil the general conditions of eligibility for the ERASMUS grant.

**These are:**

- students must be citizens of one of the European Union Member States or citizens of one of the EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries (or recognized by one Member State or one EFTA country as having an official status of refugee or state-less person or permanent resident); as to EFTA nationals, students will be eligible provided they are moving within the framework of ERASMUS from the respective EFTA home country to an EU Member State. EFTA nationals registered as students in ECTS participating institutions in other EFTA countries or in Community Member States are only eligible for participation in ECTS if they have established a right of permanent residence;

- students shall not be required to pay tuition fees at the host institution; the student may, however, be required to continue to pay his/her normal tuition fees to the home institution during the study period abroad, the national grant/loan to which a student may be entitled for study at his/her institution may not be discontinued, interrupted or reduced while that student is studying in another Member State and is receiving an ERASMUS grant; one study period abroad should not last less than three months or more than one year.
Educational Offer
First Cycle Degree Courses (3 years)

One Cycle Degree Courses (3+2 years)

Second Cycle Degree Courses (2 years)

Third Cycle Courses (Masters Courses - Ph.d.)
First Cycle Degree Courses (3 years)

Bachelor Degree Courses

Agricultural Science

Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Agricultural Science and Technology (I, II year)
- Food Science and Technology (I, II year)
- Planning, design and management of territory and environment (I, II year)

First Level Degree (D.M. 509/99)
- Agricultural Science and Technology (III year)
- Food Science and Technology (III year)
- Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Science and Technology (III year)
- Technology and Planning for the Territory and Environment (III year)

Architecture

First Level Degree (D.M. 509/99)
- Architecture and Building Sciences (III year)

Arts

Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Philosophy (I, II year)
- Communication Science (I, II year)
- Literature (I, II year)
- Cultural Heritage (I, II year)
- Italian Language and Culture for foreigners (In cooperation with ICON- Italian Culture On The Net)
- Foreign Languages for International Communication (I, II year)
- European Euro-American and Oriental Languages and Cultures (I, II year)
First Level Degree (D.M. 509/99)
- Literature (III year)
- Philosophy (III year)
- International Communication Science (III year)
- Philosophy (III year)
- European Languages and Cultures (III year)

Contents

Economics

Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Business Administration (I, II, III year)
- Economics and Management of Tourist Enterprises (I, II, III year)
- Economics (I, II, III year)

Educational Science

Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Education and Formation Science (I, II, III year)
- Basic Degree in Tourism (I, II, III year)
- Child education science (III year)
- Psychological Sciences and Techniques (I, II year)

Engineering

Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Civil and Environmental Engineering (I, II year)
- Electronic Engineering (I, II year)
- Computer Engineering (I, II year)
- Industrial Engineering (I, II year)
First Level Degree (D.M. 509/99)
- Civil Engineering (III year)
- Electronic Engineering (III year)
- Computer Science Engineering (III year)
- Telecommunications Engineering (III year)
- Electrical Engineering (III year)
- Mechanical Engineering (III year)
- Management Engineering (III year)

Foreign Languages and Literatures - Ragusa

Bachelor's Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Linguistic and Intercultural Mediation (I, II year)

Mathematical, Physical And Natural Sciences

Bachelor's Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Biology (I, II, III year)
- Chemistry (I, II, III year)
- Industrial Chemistry (I, II, III year)
- Computer Science (I, II, III year)
- Geological Sciences (I, II, III year)
- Mathematics (I, II, III year)
- Environmental and Natural Sciences (I, II, III year)
- Physics (I, II, III year)
- Technology for conservation and restoring (III year)
Medicine And Surgery

**Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)**

Local Restricted entry
- Exercise and Sport Sciences (I, II year)

**Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)**

National Restricted entry
- Nursing (I year)
- Midwifery (I year)
- Physiotherapy (I year)
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Techniques (I year)
- Orthoptic and Ophthalmologic Assistance (I year)
- Speech and Language Therapy (I year)
- Biomedical Laboratory Techniques (I year)
- Imaging and Radiotherapy techniques (I year)
- Dietistic (I year)
- Audioprothesic Techniques (I year)

**First Level Degree (D.M. 509/99)**

- Sport Science (III year)

**First Level Degree (D.M. 509/99)**

National Restricted entry
- Nursing (II, III year)
- Midwifery (II, III year)
- Physiotherapy (II, III year)
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Techniques (II, III year)
- Orthoptic and Ophthalmologic Assistance (II year)
- Speech and Language Therapy (II year)
- Biomedical Laboratory Techniques (II, III year)
- Imaging and Radiotherapy techniques (II, III year)
- Dietistic (II, III year)
- Audioprothesic Techniques (II year)
- Neurophysiopathology techniques (II year)
- Cardiocirculatory and Cardiovascular Perfusion techniques (II, III year)
Pharmacy

**Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)**
- Local Restricted entry
- Herbal drugs and nutraceuticals (I, II year)
- Food and environmental toxicology (I, II year)

**First Level Degree - 3 years (D.M. 509/99)**
- Scientific Information on Drugs (III year)
- Herbal Sciences (III year)
- Environmental Toxicology (III year)

Political Science

**Bachelor’s Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)**
- Local Restricted entry
- Administration Sciences (I, II, III year)
- History and Sciences in Administration and Management (I, II, III year)
- Politics and International Relations (I, II, III year)
- Sociology and Social Work (I, II, III year)

**First Level Degree - 3 years (DM 509/99)**
- Social Work Science (III year)
- Politics and International Relations (III year)
- Administration Sciences (III year)
- Sociological Science (III year)
- History and Political Science (III year)
Interfaculty Degree Courses

**Bachelor's Degree - first cycle - 3 years (D.M. 270/04)**

Local Restricted entry
- Faculty of Educational Science, Arts and Medicine and Surgery: Psychological Science and Techniques (I, II year)
- Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and Educational Science: Sport Science (I, II year)

**First Level Degree (D.M. 509/99)**
- Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences and Faculty of Agricultural Science: Technology and Planning for Territory and Environment - (III year)
- Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and Educational Science: Sport Science (III year)
One Cycle Degree Courses (3+2 years)

**Architecture**

*One cycle Master Degree* - 5 years (D.M. 270/04) - Siracusa  
National Restricted entry  
- Architecture (I – II year) - Siracusa

*One Cycle Specialistic Degree (D.M. 509/99)*  
- Architecture (III, IV, V year) – Siracusa

**Engineering**

*One cycle Master Degree (D.M. 270/04)*  
National Restricted entry  
- Building Construction (I, II year)

*One Cycle Specialistic Degree (D.M. 509/99)*  
- Building Construction (III, IV, V year)

**Law**

*One cycle Master Degree - 5 years (D.M. 270/04)*  
Local Restricted entry  
- Law (I, II, III, IV, V year)

**Medicine And Surgery**

*One cycle Master Degree - 6 years (D.M. 270/04)*  
National Restricted entry  
- School of Dentistry (I, II, III year)  
- Medicine and Surgery (I, II, III year)
One Cycle Specialistic Degree (D.M. 509/99)
National Restricted entry
- School of Dentistry (IV, V year)
- Medicine and Surgery (IV, V, VI year)

Pharmacy

One cycle Master Degree 5 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Chemical and Pharmaceutical Technologies (I, II year)
- Pharmacy (I, II year)

One Cycle Specialistic Degree (D.M. 509/99)
- Chemical and Pharmaceutical Technologies (III, IV, V year)
- Pharmacy (III, IV, V year)
Second Cycle Degree Courses (2 years)

Masters Degree Courses

Agricultural Science

Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Agricultural Science and Technology (I, II year)
- Territorial, environmental and landscape protection (I, II year)
- Food Science and Technology (I, II year)
- Agricultural Biotechnology (I, II year)

Arts

Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)
Local Restricted entry
- Modern Philology (I, II year)
- Science of the Performing Arts and Multimedia Communication (I, II year)
- European and Extra-European Languages and Cultures (I, II year)
- Languages for international cooperation (I, II year)

No restricted entry
- Archeology (I, II year)
- Classical Philology (I, II year)
- Philosophical Science (I, II year)
- History of Art and Cultural Heritage (I, II year)

Economics

Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)
No restricted entry
- Economics and Management of Public Administration (I, II year)
- Business Management (I, II year)
- Corporate Finance (I, II year)
Educational Science

*Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)*

Local Restricted entry
- Pedagogic Science and Educational Planning (I, II year)
- Psychology (I, II year)

Engineering

*Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)*

Local Restricted entry
Water and Transportation and Civil Engineering (I, II year)
Structural and Geotechnical Civil Engineering (I, II year)
Automation Engineering and Control of Complex Systems (I, II year) - in English
Telecommunications Engineering (I, II year)
Electrical Engineering (I, II year) - in English
Electronic Engineering (I, II year)
Management Engineering (I, II year)
Computer Engineering (I, II year)
Mechanical Engineering (I, II year)
Environmental Engineering (I, II year)

Foreign Languages and Literatures - Ragusa Site

*Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)*

Local Restricted entry
- European and Extra-European Languages and Cultures (I, II year)

Mathematical, Physical And Natural Sciences

*Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)*

Local Restricted entry
- Biodiversity and Environmental Quality (I, II year)
- Molecular and Cellular Biology (I, II year)
- Sanitary Biology (I, II year)
- Physics (I, II year)
- Computer Science (I, II year)
- Mathematics (I, II, year)
- Chemistry of Materials (I, II year)
- Organic and Bio-organic Chemistry (I, II year)
- Biomolecular Chemistry (I, II year)
- Geological Sciences (I, II year)
- Science of Environmental Protection (I, II year)
- Geophysics (I, II year)

**Medicine And Surgery**

*Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)*

**Local Restricted entry**
- Sciences and techniques of preventive and adaptative motor activities (I, II year)

*Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)*

**National Restricted entry**
- Nursing and Midwifery Sciences (I year)
- Health Professions of Rehabilitation Sciences (I year)
- Health Professions of Technical Sciences (assistential) (I year)
- Health Professions of Technical Sciences (diagnostic) (I year)

*Specialistic Degree (D.M. 509/99)*
- Nursing and Midwifery Sciences (II year)
- Health Professions of Rehabilitation Sciences (II year)
- Health Professions of Technical Sciences (assistential) (II year)
- Health Professions of Technical Sciences (diagnostic) (II year)

**Political Science**

*Master Degree - second cycle - 2 years (D.M. 270/04)*

**Local Restricted entry**
- International Trade Relations (I, II year)
- Global Politics and Euro-Mediterranean Relations (I, II year)
- Public Administrations Science (I, II year)
- History and Culture for territorial Management in Mediterranean Region (I, II year)
- The planning and management of policies and social services (I, II year)
- Sociology (I, II year)

## Interfaculty Degree Courses

*Master Degree - second cycle – 2 years (D.M. 270/04)*

**Local Restricted entry**
- Faculty of Educational Science; Art and Medicine and Surgery: Psychology (I, II year)
- Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and Educational science: Techniques of Preventive and Adaptive Sport Science (I, II year)
Third Cycle Courses

University Masters Courses

Agricultural Science

1st Level Master
- International Master Erasmus Mundus in “Sustainable Development in Agriculture” (Agris Mundus)

Architecture

1st Level Master
- Environmental Quality of Architecture

2nd Level Master
- Architecture’s integration into landscape

Arts

1st Level Masters
- International Master course in “ Territory’s History and Analysis – European Territories”

Economics

1st Level Masters
- Marketing Management

Medicine And Surgery

1st Level Masters
- Vulinology: skin injuries
2nd Level Masters
- Enabling Master for Occupational Physician
- Drugs Regulatory Disciplines
- Video-didactics applied to Health Science and ICT in Medicine (MATAM)
- Oral Complex Rehabilitations
- Ultrasound application
- Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology

Political Science

1st Level Masters
- Customer Care and Protection
- Integrated Tourist Offer in the Noto’s valley

2nd Level Masters
- Local Development’s Public Management
- Planning and Management of Statistical-Information Systems for Territorial and Security Facilities Innovation
- Teacher for Profession and Disability
- Evaluation of Territorial Development Intervention
- Professional of self-assessment and of internal and external evaluation in schools.
- Criminological Science.

Ph.D. General Description

General Description
The Ph.D. (Dottorato di Ricerca) is a qualification awarded by the Rector of the University of Catania on completion of the third cycle of studies (Dublin descriptors) whose principal learning outcomes are the 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. The research work of a Ph.D. course can be conducted either at the University of Catania or at Italian/foreign partner institution.
Duration
A Ph.D. course normally lasts a minimum of three academic years. The course duration can be extended. The extension of the duration must be properly motivated.

Organization
The University of Catania issues two types of qualifications corresponding to the Ph.D.

1. Dottorato di Ricerca “Nazionale”. Generally referred to as “National” Ph.D., this course is offered, organized and implemented by the University of Catania exclusively or in collaboration with other Italian Universities. The University of Catania as administrative seat delivers the final degree.

2. Dottorato di Ricerca Internazionale (International Ph.D.). International Ph.D. courses are offered, organized and implemented by the University of Catania in collaboration with foreign institutions. The University of Catania as administrative seat (coordinating institution) delivers the final degree. The final degree can also be awarded by the foreign partner institution on condition that the student carries out a substantial part of his/her research at the partner institution and this latter shares the educational project.

A Board of Professors is formed for each Ph.D. for the purposes of organizing and coordinating course activities. The Board of Professor is led by a Coordinator elected by the Board itself among its members. An academic tutor is assigned to each Ph.D. student in order to supervise his/her research work through the duration of the Ph.D. course.

Requirements and selection
Ph.D. courses offered for a specific academic year by the University of Catania, general requirements, selection and admission procedures are properly made public in an official document (Bando Dottorato di Ricerca) published on the Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana (Official Journey of the Italian Republic) and available at the University’s website www.unict.it

To apply for a Ph.D. post candidates must hold a university degree corresponding to the second cycle of studies (Dublin descriptors). Candidates’ selection varies according to the type of Ph.D.

Regarding “National” Ph.D. courses, the selection is based on the evaluation of qualifications and an oral exam. Pass mark is 80/120 with 40/60 for the
oral exam. As for International Ph.D. courses, the selection is exclusively based on the evaluation of qualifications. Pass mark is 80/120. Selected candidates with the highest scores might be granted a scholarship for the entire duration of the course. An annual admission fee is fixed for Ph.D. students who are not granted a scholarship. The amount of the fee is fixed each year by the University’s Board of Trustees.

**Intermediate evaluation and final dissertation**

An intermediate evaluation of the implementation of each student’s research is conducted by the Board of Professors at the end of each academic year. Students successfully passing the intermediate evaluation are admitted to the following year of the course. On completion of the Ph.D. course, every student delivers a written dissertation to be defended in front of a jury. The dissertation is expected to represent an original contribute to the scientific research on the chosen field. Successful students are awarded a Ph.D. degree.

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### Ph.D. Running Courses

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Educational Offer in English

Agricultural Science

1st level International University Master “Erasmus Mundus” in “Sustainable Development in Agriculture” (Agris Mundus)

The Agris Mundus Master course is a two-year training programme of 120 ECTS (European Credits Transfer System) in agricultural development and management of natural resources.

Six of the most important european universities (Wageningen University and Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Life Sciences, University College Cork, Universita degli Studi di Catania, Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Montpellier SupAgro) convene into a consortium and design the Agris Mundus Master of Science. Their large experience in training and research, the international cooperation in which each partner is involved, are key factors in facilitating the linkage with the profession.

Graduates will acquire the qualifications and skills to identify and critically analyse key factors shaping the development of crops, forests and animal production, the management of research and rural development projects and finally, the sustainable use of natural resources and the environment.

The Agris Mundus MSc has been selected by the Erasmus Mundus programme. Thus, EU-funded scholarships are provided for third country nationals participating in this Master courses.

Website: http://www.agrismundus.eu/

Arts

1st level International University Master course “TEMA European territories”

The 2nd year-long (120 ECTS) European Master Course (civilisation, nation, region, city): identity and development proposes the analysis of political use and scientific representation of territorial units (civilization, nation, region, city) in an interdisciplinary, research-based curriculum.

TEMA Master Course is offered by a consortium of the following European universities: Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest, Hungary, École des
Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales of Paris, France, University of Catania, Italy, and Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic. Organised in four major modules: civilization, nation, region and city, representing four research scales, as well as four different approaches to historical, political, social and cultural issues of space and those of territory, the TEMA Master provides students with an in-depth understanding of European cohesion policy and regional development emphasising on legal framework and scientific analysis.

According to the two objectives of the Master Course, i.e. guaranteeing a certain homogeneity in training as well as highlighting the specificities of each partner university, the TEMA curriculum is divided into two parts: a common study core of fundamental and methodological courses on one hand, and specialised research courses on the other hand. The curriculum also offers two intensive weeks focusing on a specific subject of the TEMA programme. Students are required to study at two partner universities at least.

To apply for Master TEMA students must hold a first degree (BA/BSc /180 ECTS/) in History, Geography, Anthropology, Ethnography, Cultural studies, Urban Studies, Nationalism Studies, Law, Economy, Administration. The selection is based on academic excellence and proficiency in English and in French, which are the languages of instruction.

TEMA graduates receive double or multiple degrees (according to their mobility track), as well as a diploma supplement at the end of their studies, allowing them to enter into the professions in the area of local, regional, national and European territorial administration, in urban planning and research institutions.

Website: http://www.mastertema.eu/

**Engineering**

Master Degree Course in “Automation Engineering and Control of Complex Systems” is held totally in English language and aims to provide students with a deep knowledge of the fundamentals of technical as well as scientific aspects of the disciplines which characterize the field of Automation Engineering, without discarding affine and integrative subjects.

Website: http://masterinautomation.ing.unict.it
### Official Plan

#### 1st year - 1st semester
- Microelettronics
- Modeling and Simulation of Mechanical Systems
- Sensors and advanced measurement Systems

#### 1st year - 2nd semester
- Robust Control
- Fundamentals of Bio-Engineering
- Modeling and control of electromechanical systems

#### 2nd year - 1st semester
- Process Modeling and Control
- Complex Adaptive Systems and Biorobotics

#### 2nd year - 2nd semester
- Industrial Automation
- Robotics

Master Degree Course in *Electrical Engineering* the course is held in English language and aims to train high specialists in electronics and digital electronics with particular reference to electronic circuit board.

### Law

The Law School’s course offer is not only aimed at providing our students with an in-depth knowledge of the structure of the legal system, but also at allowing them to understand and to manage these dynamics, through acquiring the needed tools to respond to an extremely competitive and even more
“globalized” labour market. Increasingly, it’s necessary to think in European terms: this brings about a process of integration, which, at very different speeds, affects domains such as the productive, economic, financial, legal and social ones.

For that reason, starting from the academic year 2010-2011, the course offer includes a number of courses in English language. Such an initiative is aimed at offering to both Italian and foreign students an opportunity to attend some of the elective courses through classes entirely taught in English. The students will be presented with cases and study materials in English. Each course is generally built around four hours-seminar or lecture per week and is concluded with an oral or written examination. In some courses participants could be required to write a term paper. Courses may be run in first semester, second semester or both semesters, depending on the module assigned. All the above-mentioned courses will be started up only if a minimum number of students (3 at least for each course) will have applied for them.

Courses
- Comparative Criminal Procedure
- European Contract Law
- European Intellectual Property Law
- Selected topics in International Criminal Law
- International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters
- Legal Theory
- Public Policies
- Selected Topics in Public International Law
- Sovereignty in Roman Law

Detailed course syllabuses (course content, textbooks and class timetable) are available on the Law School website (http://www.lex.unict.it/didattica/corsilingua.asp)

Political Science

Master Degree Course in Global Politics and Euro-Mediterranean Relations
The Course is a two-year full-time programme entirely taught in English language. The year is divided in two semesters. All courses are divided in modules and adopt a range of learning and teaching approaches from political science, political theory as well as history and economics. Training includes
stages in non-academic organizations and institutions. Study periods in foreign academic institutions are encouraged. The successful completion of the two-year programme, ending with a final exam on a written dissertation, qualifies the student for the award of the Master Degree. Emphasis is on current issues and analytical methods. Seminars, often held by visiting scholars, are included in the programme.
Website: http://www.fscpo.unict.it/europa/glopem/faculty.htm

Official plan

1st year

| English language                  | EU public policies       |
| History of European integration  | Mediterranean politics   |
| and North Africa                 |                           |
| Methodology of political research| Political theory and thought |

World institutions and policies

2nd year

| International business           | Comparative political economy and social policy |
| Economic and Political geography|                                           |
| Transnational organisations and social movements |                                       |
Further Studies

Advanced Course
Is a refresher/permanent training course allowing students to develop their expertise and skills in order to further improve their professional qualities. To be admitted it is necessary to have a 1st or 2nd level degree. The courses have different duration.
An Advanced Course differs from a master as 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, with restricted entry, propaedeutic to background training and useful for professional integration.

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Specialization Schools
Specialization school is a post-lauream course of variable duration (from 4 to 6 years), aiming at providing knowledge and skills for the execution of highly qualified functions required by certain professional activities (D.M. 270/2004).
The qualifications and examinations call for applications is issued once a year and only students with a Laurea Magistralis University Degree can apply.
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 fulfilment of their profession within the National Sanitary Service.
These schools are in keeping with EU directives for typology and duration or, anyway, are activated for the National Sanitary Service specific needs. Doctors’ specialistic training is a full-time activity. There is a restricted entry and it is necessary to participate to the call.
For information on activated courses, see the single calls in the university website: www.unict.it
Summer Schools

Summer and Winter Schools are intensive course programmes with a varied didactic offer intended to meet new cultural and interdisciplinary focus needs.

They are international courses with a variable duration (from one to four weeks). Didactic plans schedule front lessons, workshops and also activities aiming at the discovery of culture and tradition of the sites. Most of them are taught in English language. Courses are addressed to Italian and international students and newly-graduates and, in some cases, to specific professional figures. Final certificates are inclusive of ECTS credits.
Professional Qualifications and State Exams

Possessors of foreign qualification titles need to gain the Italian title recognition in order to legally practise their profession. Titles can belong to Italian or foreign citizens from European or Extra-European countries. The recognition title decree allows professionals to practice their profession in Italy and is published on the general site of the Official State Gazette available for everybody.

Recognition Application must be submitted to the Italian Ministry of Justice
- Exchange Broker
- Agro-technic
- Welfare Officer / junior Welfare Officer
- Actuary / junior Actuary
- Lawyer
- Charted Accountant and Expert Accountant
- Biologist / junior biologist
- Chemist / junior chemist
- Labour Consultant
- Graduate Agronomist and Forester/ Zoonomist / Agricultural biotechnologist
- Geologist / junior geologist
- Building Surveyor and Graduate building surveyor
- Journalist
- Civil and Environmental Engineer, Industrial Engineer, Computer Science Engineer, Civil and Environmental junior Engineer, Industrial junior Engineer, Computer Science junior Engineer
- Agronomist and Graduate Agronomist
- Industrial Expert and Graduate Industrial Expert
- Auditor
- Dietary Expert

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.
**Enrolment Procedures**

**Bachelor’s degrees and Laurea Magistralis (Italian Law d.m. 270/04)**

In order to enrol in the first year of the Bachelor’s Degrees (3 years) and in the first year of the Second Cycle Degree Courses (Laurea Magistrale - 2 years) as stated in the D.M. 270/04 it is compulsory to take an admission test which aims to verify the adequacy of the initial preparation.

The admission tests are open to:
- Italian citizens;
- EU citizens;
- Foreign students with residence permit for employment, self-employment, family causes, political asylum, humanitarian asylum or religious causes;
- Foreign students having regularly stayed in Italy for at least one year and who have an Italian High School Diploma certificate;
- Foreign students, anywhere resident, who:
  - have a final High School Diploma issued by either Italian schools abroad, or foreign or international schools in Italy or abroad, which have bilateral agreements or special regulations concerning the recognition of study qualifications;
  - satisfy the general conditions required for entry in Italy for study purposes (Italian Law L. n. 189/02).

The list of the Bachelor’s and Master Degrees Courses and the procedures for enrolment can be found at the following website:
http://www.unict.it/Pagina/Portale/Orientamento/Manifesto_degli_Studi_2011_2012.aspx

**Bachelor’s Degrees**

Applicants must possess:
- Secondary school diploma;
- Study qualifications obtained abroad, after a twelve-year study period, which gives admission to University and to the chosen course in the country where the study qualification has been obtained.

The amount of the participation fee for each test is 40.00 Euros (forty/00). There is no limit to the number of tests that a student can sit for.
To join one or more admission tests, students shall submit between 7 July and 5th August 2010, an online application form in which they shall specify the tests they want to sit for and the order of preference among the courses to which the selected test gives access.

For the admission tests to sanitary professions courses, students can indicate no more than three courses.

Admission to a course of study will be granted to those students placed in a good enough position on the list drawn up according to the results of the admission tests and the number of places available.

If a student has not obtained the pass mark in the entrance test but is still in good position in the ranking he will be admitted as provisional and he must meet, within the first year, the additional educational requirements consisting in attending additional educational activities and passing their examinations; provisionally admitted students cannot take exams until passing the additional educational requirements.

For courses where the number of places is fixed locally these include non-EU and Chinese students reserved places.

For courses (Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry, Sanitary Professions, Architecture, Building Engineering and Architecture) where the number of available places is set at national level, non-EU and Chinese students reserved places are additional to the available ones.

Non-EU students resident abroad, after meeting the procedures provided by the Italian legislation, that can be found at http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/, shall take the Italian Language Test, passing which is a prerequisite for enrolment in university courses. The test will be the same for all courses and will consist in a dictation and an interview.

EU students and non-EU students legally staying in Italy, students with Italian high school diploma certificates or with study qualifications from foreign or International schools providing with direct access conditions, do not have to take the Italian Language test. Students included in the categories indicated by the “Italian Ministry of Education - M.I.U.R. - prot. n. 1790 del 26/05/2004 - Parte I capitolo 1.5 e Parte II” are also exempt from the Italian Language test.

The call to join the admission tests can be found at the following website: http://www.unict.it/Pagina/Portale/Didattica/Accesso_ai_Corsi_di_Studio_2011_2012.aspx
Second Cycle Degree Courses (Laurea Magistrale)
Applicants must possess either a Bachelor’s Degree, a three-year university degree or other qualification obtained abroad recognized valid by Italian legislation, the must also possess the curricular requirements as set in the calls.

Enrolment to these courses takes place through calls, made by each Faculty, which can be found at the following website: http://www.unict.it/Pagina/Portale/Didattica/Accesso_ai_Corsi_di_Studio_2010_2011/Accesso_ai_corsi_di_Laurea_magistrale.aspx.

Ph.D.s
In Italy to obtain a PhD scholarship it is necessary to participate to a yearly call which is the same for all Faculties and can be found at the following website: http://unict.ugmanager.it/documenti http://www.unict.it/Pagina/Portale/Ricerca/Dottorati_di_ricerca.aspx

Foreign students enrolment
EU and non-EU citizens can equally enrol at the University of Catania. In case of dual citizenship, the Italian citizenship prevails (L. 31 May 1995, n. 218 art. 19).
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, Repubblica di 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.
Non EU citizens residing abroad should contact the Italian Embassy-Consulate in their country of residence and follow the indications of the circular of the Italian Ministry of Education n. 602 del 18/05/2011 (http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/).
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.
Non-EU students resident abroad shall take the Italian Language Test, passing which is a prerequisite for enrolment in university courses. The test will be the same for all courses and will consist in a dictation and an interview.

EU students and non-EU students legally staying in Italy, students with Italian high school diploma certificates or with study qualifications from foreign or International schools providing with direct access conditions and students that want to enrol to a degree course held totally in English do not have to take the Italian Language test. Students included in the categories indicated by the “Italian Ministry of Education - M.I.U.R. - prot. n. 602 18/05/2011” are also exempt from the Italian Language test.

All students possessing a study qualification obtained abroad must present a “Declaration of value” for the diploma (and/or for the first cycle degree, if they mean to enrol to a second cycle degree course) to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to.
Research Division

Fabio Canò “In arrivo” (Bollettino D’Ateneo - Calendario 2009)
International Relations Office

The International Relations Office aims at developing and confirming the University of Catania international dimension. It has recently been reorganized and it prominently collaborates with other strategic Departments such as Didactic Department, Research Department and Catania Higher School of Excellence with the aim of enhancing the Internationalization process which is the focus development point of the University of Catania.

In particular:
- it increases the number of cooperation agreements with foreign universities in order to enhance incoming and outgoing mobility at all levels for students, postgraduates, professors and administrative staff members;
- it coordinates the participation to mobility, research and cooperation international projects;
- it supports professors interested in submitting proposals within International projects;
- it administrates the University of Catania participation to Higher Education and Research International networks such as EPUF, SANTANDER Group and Anna Lindh Foundation, also running EMUNI Summer Schools and Souk.

The office is organised in two units operating in synergy with respect to the above mentioned objectives: International Mobility and International Cooperation.

International Mobility

It deals with the main European and Extra-European programmes for students, post-graduates, professors and administrative staff members aiming at studying, training and teaching in universities, companies and other international structures.

Within the European Programme LLP (Lifelong Learning Programme) it deals with the participation of the University of Catania to the Erasmus Programme, European Community Programme aiming at cooperation in the education sector, which gives, through Erasmus action, the possibility to grant university students with scholarships in order to attend university courses abroad and pass exams or to do research for the final paper with the help of a tutor.

With Erasmus Study Action it provides students with mobility scholarships to study in universities around Europe. It also coordinates the main programmes dealing with professional training periods for students and graduates in companies and institutions abroad. Furthermore, it welcomes foreign incoming students providing them with information and assistance support.
In particular it deals with:
- LLP Student Studio
- LLP Student Placement
- LLP Leonardo da Vinci Programme
- MAE–CRUI Training Programme
- ASSOCAMERE–CRUI Training Programme
- International Internship Programme
- Vulcanus in Japan
- Erasmus Short Term Teaching Mobility (TS)

**International Cooperation**

It deals with scientific cooperation agreements between the University of Catania and foreign Universities. It also, communicates with, manages and provides technical/operative assistance to those interested in presenting project proposals within European and Extra-European programmes, National and International cooperation programmes promoting didactics and research actions.

In particular is in charge of:
- Education and Training programmes managed by EACEA (LLP programme, Culture, Europe for Citizens, Youth in Action, Erasmus Mundus, Tempus IV and Media) and bilateral cooperation (UE ICI-ECP).
- External cooperation programmes managed by European Commission (EUROPEAID programmes for Mediterranean, China and India and Alfa III).
- International Cooperation National programmes managed by CRUI, MIUR e MAE.

Every year elaborate the, ECTS International Prospectus (Information Package) and finally offers consulting services on post-lauream specialization programmes, research programmes, pre-lauream university courses, summer university courses, English language courses and internship in USA.

The office also organizes international events with particular interest given to priority areas (Mediterranean, China). It is involved in the organization of summer schools in the mainframe of Mediterranean activities.
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- Erasmus Interinstitutional Agreements
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- Erasmus Outgoing Students
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**International Training**
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- ASSOCAMERE – CRUI
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- Vulcanus in Japan
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**International Cooperation Programmes**
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- EU-ICI ECP Education Cooperation Programme Australia, Japan, New Zealand and Republic of Korea
- Interuniversity International Cooperation (MIUR)
- LLP Jean Monnet
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- Tempus IV 2007/2013
- EUROPEAID 2007/2013
- Executive Programmes for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (MAE)
- Europe for Citizens 2007/2013
- LLP Programme (with exception for Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci and Jean Monnet)
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- Culture 2007/2013
- Youth in Action 2007/2013
- MIUR-CRUI Mobility Programmes
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**Inter-institutional Erasmus Agreements**

The Erasmus Inter-Institutional Agreement is an official contract binding two institutes/universities involved in cooperating within the LLP/Erasmus framework (i.e. providing funds and support for student, teaching and staff mobility).

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**Procedures**

Those institutes/universities that may be interested in entering into a new LLP/Erasmus Inter-Institutional agreement with the University of Catania shall contact the International Relation Office at the following e-mail address erasmus.accordi@unict.it, 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;
- details of incoming/outgoing student mobility: subject area and code, level (first cycle degree, second cycle degree, research doctorate), numbers of students and total months;
- details of incoming/outgoing teaching mobility: subject area and code, duration of week;
- details of incoming/outgoing staff mobility;
- information about academic calendar, educational programmes, foreign language knowledge requirements, services offered to incoming students and professors.

The list of partner universities of the University of Catania can be found in http://unict.llpmanager.it/studenti/menu_info_paesi.asp

Deadlines of new bilateral exchange agreements are as follows:

- within the month of September the International Relations Office will provide professors with the received proposal for starting and/or renewing the Erasmus bilateral agreements in the subsequent academic year;
- by 31st October the agreements, duly completed and signed by both Institutions, shall be sent to the foreign partners so as to proceed with the mobility call.
Useful information:
Name: UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA
Erasmus ID Code: I CATANIA 01
Erasmus Charter n°: 29276 – IC – 1 – IT – ERASMUS – EUCX – 1

Contact
E-mail: erasmus.accordi@unict.it
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International Partnerships

The University of Catania establishes agreements with public and private institutions for educational and scientific purposes. Infact, 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. Memorandum of Understanding and International Cooperation Agreements are, therefore, the first tools for the realization of all cooperation activities with foreign universities and institutions. The University of Catania has signed various different international agreements with universities all around the world.

This webpage is meant to provide prospective partner Universities with some basic but relevant information on how to cooperate with the University of Catania. You will find details of existing agreements, as well as information on how to propose new ones.

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

International Cooperation Agreements
International Cooperation Agreements, unlike Memorandum of Understanding, regulates the relationships among one or more Faculties/Departments of the University of Catania and the foreign partner Faculties/Departments. These agreements have a specific and defined objective, such as, for example, mobility programmes, joint study courses creation, specific research activities, international summer schools organization and so on. International Cooperation Agreements, therefore, don’t have a fixed format but they are created and adjusted to the needs of the promoter Faculty/Department.

If the agreement is promoted by a foreign university, it is advised to refer to a promoter Italian professor or an Internationalization Delegate acting as scientific contacts within the University of Catania.

Procedures
Memorandum of Understanding
In order to stipulate a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.), it is first of all necessary that the professors promoting the agreement makes preliminary contact with a promoter Italian professor or an Internationalization Delegate acting as scientific contact within the University of Catania.

The agreement will be put into effect once it is duly signed by both partners. The formalisation of M.O.U. at the University of Catania requires approval by the Academic Senate and Administrative Board. So, it is advised to use the form already deliberated by the University Boards available in English, French, Spanish and German languages.
In this case the agreement will be transmitted, by the Territory Relations Area, directly to the Rector’s board for the signature. In case of a different form, it should be approved by the University Boards before the Rector’s signature. 

All Forms are available at following website:
http://www.unict.it/Pagina/Portale/Relazioni_Internazionali_1/Accordi_Quadro.aspx

If a different language form or a different form is needed, it should be translated by the proposing professor or by someone appointed by the professor himself/herself. The form must be provided together with a declaration of conformity of the text to the Italian one. M.O.U. may have different durations. Agreements lasting for more than five years will require a renewal request that will be directly sent to the Rector’s board, however these forms must be submitted in the same form as the original. If a renewal request contains form integrations and/or changes, it must be submitted to the Academic Senate and Administrative Board approval.

Territory Relations Area (ARIT) is in charge of Memorandum of Understanding stipulation.

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International Cooperation Agreements
In the presence of a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.), the International Cooperation Agreement, approved by the Faculty Board/Department Board or provided with an approval letter signed by the Faculty Dean/Department Director, will be signed only by the Dean/Director. In the absence of a M.O.U previously signed by the two Universities, instead, the International Cooperation Agreement needs a double signing by the Rector and the Faculty Dean/Department Director and must be approved by the University Boards before all signatures, with the same procedure used to stipulate a M.O.U. In both cases, get in contact to an Italian professor that will become the promoter of the agreement or to an Internationalization Delegate acting as scientific contact within the University of Catania. The International Relations Office (I.R.O.), in charge of International Cooperation Agreement stipulation, is available to support you and your Italian colleague in drawing up a draft agreement whose final version has to be approved by the Manager of the Research Area before the final submission to the Governing Bodies.

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Agreements list

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Cyprus
Eastern Mediterranean University of Cyprus

Denmark
Aalborg University

France
Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris III
Université Victor Segalen Bourdeaux 2
I.N.R.A. Institut National Recherche Agronomique, Corsica
Université Francois-Rabelais de Tours
Université de Droit, D’Economie et des Sciences - Aix Marseille
Université de Limoges

Germany
Clausthal University of Technology - Institute of Polymer Materials and Plastic Processing
Munich Intellectual Property Law Center
Bielefeld University
Universität Heidelberg
Aachen Sciences Universität

Greece
Agricultural University of Athens
The National and Capodistrian University of Athens

United Kingdom
University of Lancaster
University of Greenwich
University Court of the University of Edinburgh
Ireland
National University of Ireland Maynooth

Iceland
University of Iceland, Reykjavik

Italy
Catania Unesco Center

Poland
University of Warsaw
University of Szczecin (ECONET)

Romania
The National Institute for Earth Physics of Bucarest
Technical University of Cluj – Napoca
Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi
Polytechnical University of Bucurest
Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi

Spain
Universidad Miguel Hernandez de Elche
Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Istitut de Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalientàries (IRTA)
Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Barcelona
Fundacion e Instituto Universitario de Investigacion Ortega y Gasset
Universidad de Zaragoza
Universidad de Salamanca

Sweden
The University of Goteborg

Switzerland
Institut Suisse de Droit Comparé
Neighbourhood & Russia

Mediterranean and Middle East

Egypt
Alexandria University

Iran
Payame Noor University, Tehran

Israel
Tel Aviv University

Libya
Alfateh University, Tripoli
Egalibya (Environment General Authority)

Tunisia
Université de Tunis El Manar

Turkey
Selcuk University

Russia
MGIMO University, Moscow
Gosudarstvennyj Institut Iskusstvoznanija, Moscow

Africa

Burundi
Université du Burundi
North America

Canada
Université de Sherbrooke, Quebec

United States of America
The Mississippi State University
Clarkson University, Postsdam, NY
U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy
CET Academic Programs
Nonlinear Electronic Laboratory (NOEL) University of California, Berkeley
The University of Buffalo - SUNY (The State Universities of New York)
California University (UCLA), Los Angeles
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
North Caroline University at Greensboro
The University of Pittsburgh
Arcadia University - Philadelphia

Latin America

Argentina
Italian University Institute of Rosario (IUNIR)
Universidad Nacional de Rosario
Universidad Nacional de Córdoba

Brasile
Universidade Comunitaria Regional de Chapeco
Universidade do Oeste de Santa Caterina - UNOESC
Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina -UFSC

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Universidad de Oriente Santiago de Cuba
Universidad de La Habana
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Universidad Catolica Agropecuaria del Tropico Seco di Esteli

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Universidad de Concepciòn del Uruguay

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Cina
The Institute of Modern Physics, Lanzhou
The China Institute of Atomic Energy, Beijing
The China Institute for Theoretical Physics, Beijing
The Centre for Chaos and Complex Networks - City University of Hong Kong
Xinjiang Agricultural University, Urumqi, Xinjiang
Tongji University - Shanghai

India
Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing

Japan
University of Nagoya

South Korea
University of Pusan

Sri Lanka
The University of Colombo

Vietnam
Hanoi University
Scientific Research Office

The main goal of the University of Catania is the development of scientific research and the consolidation of competitive positions within national and international scientific fields. Moreover, great attention is paid to the promotion of financing programs, the improvement of its “excellence points” in various scientific areas, and the qualification of research training, through a stronger international partnership.

In order to carry out the above mentioned aims, the Research Office is a point of reference for professors, researchers, graduates on matters related to scientific research activities and funding sources. In particular, the Research Office provides information and advice in the following fields of activity:

- Regional Research Funds
- National Research Funds
- International Research Funds
- VII Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development
- Research Scholarships
- Research Projects Registry (Catalogo di Ateneo)

The Research Office comprises the following sections: the National and Regional Research section, the International Research section and the section dealing with the management of young researcher grants.

The Regional Research section comprises: the POR Sicily (support for the submission of periodic reports), POR Sicily and other calls for research.

The National and Regional Research section supports the activities of professors to obtain the following funds: PRIN, FIRB, Decree Law 297/1999, PON, PNR, “Centres of Expertise”, Law 6/2000 for the dissemination of scientific culture and other national calls for research, Regional Funds of Cultural Department, Environmental and Public Education, POR and other regional research funds.

The International Research section gives advice and assistance for the submission of applications and for the negotiation and management of projects funded by the following programs: Seventh Framework Programme, LIFE Programme, INTERREG III-A, INTERREG IV-C, Italy-Malta Programme, INTERREG MED, Programme ENPI (Cross-border Cooperation – CBC MED), ENPI Italy – Tunisia and other international calls for research.
Moreover, the Research Office manages the “Catalogo di Ateneo”, a list of scientific publications produced by researchers – updated every year – which is the base for an objective assessment of the scientific activities. The Office is also responsible for administrative procedures relating to research grants and it provides support for the work of the Scientific Research Committee of the University of Catania.

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Division for
Institutional Didactics
**Division for Institutional Didactics**

The Didactic Division coordinates all the activities relating to students. It is organised in three sub-areas and one service.

- **Management:** it includes the secretary office, the public relations office, the didactics regulatory office, the didactics management office, the Right to Study office, the State Examination and Foreign Students Admission Office;
- **The students’ secretariats:** it includes the Students Enrolment Office and the Students’ Secretariats (divided in five sectors: 1- Medical for the Faculty of Medicine and surgery, 2- Scientific for the Faculties of Science and Pharmacy, 3- Technical for the Faculties of Agricultural Science, Engineering and Architecture, 4- Economic, Political, Social and Legal Sciences for the Faculties of Economics, Political Science, Law, 5- Humanistic for the Faculties of Arts, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Educational Science).
- **Postgraduate:** it includes the PHD Office, the Scholarship Office, the Specialization School Office (teaching and medical areas), Master Office.
- **The data processing system service** provides technical support for the empowerment of didactics and the student’s secretariats.

**The offices**

- **The Right to Study Office** offers numerous services and facilities (scholarship, accommodations, part-time collaborations with university offices) to students in a state of need “for the payment of taxes and contributions. Moreover it provides services and facilities to all students (books price discount, students’ associations, subsidized loan, refectories, facilitations...).
- **The Foreign Students Admission Office** deals with the management procedures for the admission of non-EU students, and handles relations with the Italian Embassies and Consulates abroad. The office provides general information about enrolment for incoming international students and Italian students with qualifications gained abroad, inter alia the office is responsible for:
  - information regarding the documentation required for enrollment at our university;
- information concerning enrollment in degree courses to be applied to foreign and Italian citizens holding a foreign degree;
- transmission to the Ministry of the quota reserved for non-EU students resident abroad and of the quota reserved for Chinese students of the Marco Polo Project
- pre-enrolment procedures for foreign students

- The Students Enrolment Office provides first information about the wide and articulated formative offers and a support for the institutional fulfilsments to the students who are going to matriculate at the University of Catania.

- The Students’ Secretariats undertake the management of student’s careers, enrolment procedures, curriculum, transfers form other Universities.

- The PHD Office deals with all the administrative and managing procedures related to Ph.Ds.

- The Scholarships Office attends to the fulfilsments for the awarding of post-degree scholarship.

- The Specialization Schools Office is dived in two sections, medical and non medical, and deals with the administrative procedures to access the specialization schools in the in the medical, scientific, legal and archaeological fields. The SISSIS (Scuola Interuniversitaria Siciliana di Specializzazione per l’Insegnamento Secondario) is a specific specialization school dealing with teachers training.

- The Master Office is responsible for the managing of activation procedures related to Master Courses that are scientific specialization courses that can be attended after the obtainment of a 1st cycle University degree (1st level Master) or of a 2nd cycle Master Degree (2nd level Master).
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University Facilities

Everywhere...

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CInAP  CLMA
CDE
C.O.F.
Career Guidance and Education Centre

The Career Guidance and Education Centre of the University of Catania was established in 1995. Since then the activity and the projects of the centre have constantly been increasing and our management has developed in order to satisfy the strong demand in education and training both from the academic world and professional environments. The “Decreto Direttoriale” dated 10th August 2007 no.7360 has defined the activities and the tasks of our structures: management, PR office, career guidance office, career service, university internship office, project office, masters and training office.

C.O.F. mission
The Career Guidance and Education Centre provides:
- career guidance service, helping the self-evaluation and promotion of everyone’s skills, information on academic syllabus and professional possibilities;
- education inside and outside the university in order to tailor the different professions to the business world’s requests;
- strategies and facilities in planning and management of projects which benefit from public and private financing, working in partnership with: some Italian and foreign universities, public and private companies, with many professional associations and with some enterprises that work in the area.

With a such complex mission, the C.O.F. may effectively contribute to:
- changing the social function of the university, providing skills that mark the growth and the richness of our area;
- qualifying the university of Catania as a “customer oriented institution”, it means that we may offer high quality education, study facilities and an additional high standard service giving our clients great satisfaction.

Who are our human resources?
- High school students who are just about to take their high school diplomas. With the school office of the Province and schools of 5 provinces in the south east of Sicily, we give all of the necessary support in order to help students make an informed choice regarding their academic path (pre-university orientation).
University students making easier their university life. We offer tutoring and psychological support strictly linked with different faculties in order to perform that culture education planned in our syllabus (intra-university orientation).

Recently graduated students to introduce them different professional figures and job environments through apprenticeship internships in different companies and institutions and consultant activity, (post-university orientation).

**Our target**

- To reduce the number of students dropping out and to avoid spending too long at university.
- To create an effective career guidance strictly linked with institutions and entrepreneurs.
- To facilitate the job possibilities to graduates.

**What is our education target?**

- Specific education through the making of specialization courses and post-graduate masters.
- The promotion of self-entrepreneurial skills for current university students with special attention to upcoming economic sectors linked to our area’s development.
- External clients through education and training events.

**Our target**

- To increase the professionalism of our graduates required by intellectual jobs.
- To guarantee a “permanent and continuous education” for the whole job life career.

**Service and activities:**

**Pre-university career guidance**

- the career guidance desk
- the orientation fair
- preparation courses for the admission exam to some restricted university courses
- teacher orientation counselling
- training courses for high school teachers
Intra-university career guidance
- psychological counselling for students with difficulties
- monitoring and analysis of university student dispersion

Career guidance and post-university education
- masters
- higher education courses
- seminars
- workshops
- career days
- apprenticeship and internships

Post-university career guidance in the working world and professions
- career services
- University internship desk
- University permanent job desk

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According to the statement of the laws 104/92 and 17/99, University of Catania welcomes students with disability and specific learning difficulties (SpLDs). From 1999 it is committed to improve the access of both undergraduate and postgraduate students to their courses, facilities, buildings and social integration.

The Disability Advisory Centre started its activity as part of Academic Guidance Division Manager and it has been independent since May 2003. President, Directive Committee and Technical multidisciplinary commission are bodies of the Centre.

The entire staff strongly encourages students to disclose their disabilities and to discuss their needs so that appropriate support can be arranged. They want to provide an inclusive and supportive environment, and to make reasonable adjustments to enable disabled people to study effectively, fulfill their academic potential, and get the most out of their overall student experience.

You can discuss your needs before starting your course at Catania University, or at any time during your studies with us. However, it can take time to arrange support. If you tell us what your needs are then we can discuss appropriate solutions and put support in place as early as possible to prevent unnecessary delay later on.

**Services**

The activity of the CInAP is organized as follows:

Students can disclose during registration their disability or specific learning difficulties (SpLDs), at the same time, require services to the CInAP. Their assessments will be confidentially filled in the Student Support Service where staff can invite the students to discuss the required provisions.

However if the student choose not to disclose a disability or specific learning difficulties (SpLDs), she/he is unlike to receive maximum benefit from our support framework.

In each Faculty there is a Co-ordinator for students with disabilities with specific responsibility for personal and practical assistance on a range of issues: the timetabling of suitable teaching rooms, extra time at examinations, relationship between the Teachers and personal Tutor etc.
Depending on the nature of the disability/specific learning difficulties (SpLDs) a number of services can be designed to ensure that all the students have the opportunity to reach their full potential:
- individual process of arranging support;
- tutoring for general support and for study assistance and examination;
- lectures (note-takers, copies of lectures, tape-recording);
- special examination arrangements (extra time and/or the use of a word processor for students with SpLDs or physical disabilities/illnesses that make writing difficult, individual instructions for those with a hearing impairment);
- accessibility to the libraries on campus, as well as on departments;
- PC (large screens, text enhancement software, open book scanner, etc.) are present in the Centre, in each Faculties and can be utilized by all the requiring students;
- students accommodation;
- sport and social facilities;
- case manager assistance to monitor the efficacy of the individual assigned services seeking feedback, guidance, follow-up and proposals, if it is necessary, the redefinition of the services.
- job placement;
- “Counselling Centre” providing welcoming services, assistance and integration necessary to help a fully participation to university life;
- interpreter for hearing-impaired students;
- curriculum counselling;
- specialist mentoring for students who is distressed by mental health difficulties;
- assistance and escorting to/from the university;
- information tools purchasing;
- collaboration with the Technical Office - Risk and Prevention unit of the University of Catania, for the monitoring of existing architectural barriers within the university;
- organization of workshop.

**Accessibility**

The majority of the University buildings are accessible at least on the ground floor. The access to upper floors is provided by lift or mobile chairs. However in some historical buildings requiring some careful advance planning, part-time or voluntary students are giving hands to their colleagues. In any case improvements have been made or are on-going.
JOB Opportunities
The Job Placement Service provides information and guidance in postgraduate study and employment as well as in the important task of choosing a career, if it is possible, performing a joint between the offer and the demand.

Future plans
The University of Catania continues to pursue best practice and high standard of service for all the students; staff training on disability awareness will be a high priority, according to national/international initiatives.

The NUMBER of students with disability higher than 66% admitting to Catania University are growing:
- 366 on acc. year 2003/2004
- 428 on acc. year 2004/2005
- 437 on acc. year 2005/2006
- 484 on acc. year 2006/2007
- 527 on acc. year 2007/2008
- 541 on acc. year 2008/2009

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The European Documentation Centre Network (CDE) was set up by the European Commission in 1963. The purpose of this network is to serve the reference needs of researchers, students and citizens. Therefore, EDCs are contractually entitled to receive, free of charge, most publications of the institutions of the European Communities. There are now more than 600 such centres, mainly in universities. A Directory of EU information relays and networks lists the addresses and other details of members of the EDC network.

Please find the information at the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/europedirect/visit_us/directory/index_en.htm

Catania’s Centre aims at being an operative tool to promoter and develop communication, information, teaching and research in the field of European integration in the territory. Its objective is to make information on the European Union and relevant policies accessible to the specific and general public.

Services
Reference
- Targeted research on available data bank with the help of an expert in European law
- Consultation of the main data banks available
- Reproduction of European literature and magazines
- A monthly newsletter “Documenti Europei” about the EU legislation, EU opportunities and concourses, European literature is edited by the staff
- Dossiers and research activities on European Union issues

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- European Union Bulletin
- National and European magazines and journals
- European Commission documents
- Opinions of the Social Economic Committee (SEC) and Committee of Regions (COR)
- Court of Justice: legal activities and collection of material of the Court and Court of First Instance

Opening Hours
Monday to Friday: 9.00 am–1.00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 3.00-5.00 pm
The Centre is closed over Christmas and New Year and on public holidays, and is normally closed during the summer holiday period, from late July to late August.
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CBD
Libraries and Documentation Centre

The Library and Documentation Centre, (http://www.sida.unict.it/) was created in 1992 to coordinate and develop the activities of the University Library System and aims at restoring and exploiting the historical, scientific and documentary heritage of the University of Catania. It is the starting point for the institution of an integrated network between all libraries of the University of Catania.

The Library and Documentation Centre is in charge of:
- coordinating the University documentary information system following the lines defined by the University Governing Border;
- performing a consulting role with the Academic Senate and the Administration Committee for the University documentary policy development;
- assisting single libraries in reaching their institutional goals favouring connections and information exchanges among them;
- proposing services development projects and enhancing library and documentary cooperation with Universities and Research Institutions;
- guaranteeing libraries and documentary transmission networks information products continuity and development.

Services and activities
- Orientation and assistance to users for researches on the bibliographic heritage of university libraries and on bibliographic references to documents (books, magazines articles, projects, final papers).
- Updating and maintenance of the University Catalogue: the online catalogue contains all necessary information to obtain University libraries bibliographic material (http://catalogo.unict.it/).
- Management and renewal of Reviews Catalogue and Online Databases (http://www.sida.unict.it/ita/risorse%20el/risorse.html).
- Issuing of ECDL (European Computer Driving License), International recognised certificate stating the necessary mastery to use a pc in a work environment. The Centre is accredited as Test Center from 2001 (http://www.sida.unict.it/ita/ecdl/ecdl.html).
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The Centro Linguistico Multimediale d’Ateneo (CLMA) was founded in 1995 by the University of Catania for the promotion of foreign languages and is supported by the use of multimedia aids. The Centre joined the AICLU (the Italian body for all University Language Centres in Italy) in 1998 using qualified mother tongue speakers and a variety of other highly skilled professionals to best teach foreign languages. Teachers and trained IT experts work together closely for the creation and the establishment of teaching methods and processes. All courses are open to the general public and not only to university students. The CLMA also acts as a service centre for the whole university (one of its teachers travelled as an interpreter to the G8 Congress in Japan in 2008) and is very well designed to integrate with both the public and the private sectors.

The Centre has 2 frontal teaching classrooms and 3 multimedia labs allowing both staff and students to gain a better understanding and practice of the common use of language. Each single lab is equipped with 15 computers (among these is an Apple lab) affording students the opportunity to utilize CDs, video-recorders and the Internet.

The CLMA has stipulated several agreements, on behalf of the University of Catania, with various international language associations, for the organization of the following International English tests: TOEFL iBT, Cambridge CAE, FCE and PET.

The CLMA is regarded as being among the best language centres in Italy and is always available for discussion in order to find the best solutions for more effective teaching and learning of foreign languages.
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Website: http://www.clma.unict.it/
Other Facilities

ERSU

CUS
ERSU works in a similar way to a Student’s Union, although there is no building as such where students can congregate and socialize. It offers numerous services which aim to manage the affairs of the students and assure them that their legal rights to study remain intact in collaboration with the University body regulations.

It grants two different types of interventions and services aiming to facilitate students’ rights to study:

**Services and facilities to all students**
- Information
- Refectories
- Meetings, cineforums and multimedral services
- Cultural, touristic and cinema services

**Services and facilities to students endowed with particular merits and qualifications**
- Scholarships
- Accommodation
- Economic aids for international mobility
- Computer courses
- Foreign languages courses
- Italian language courses for foreign students

**Scholarships and Accommodation**
ERSU confers scholarships on Italian students endowed with special merits and economic qualifications and beds in the University Halls of Residence. It also reserves 50 beds, in the Hall of Residence “Caracciolo” for Erasmus and other International students. Reservations must be done directly by e-mail addressed to the administrative office placed in the residence: residenzacaracciolo@hotmail.com.

The students accommodation is opened all year round with the exception of holiday periods.
Residenza Caracciolo
Via Ammiraglio Caracciolo, 108
I-95100 Catania
Phone: (+39) 095 7315348
It is easily reachable by car and by bus. Residenza Caracciolo has 76 rooms, study halls and a self laundry service.

Economic Aids for International Mobility
ERSU offers subsidies to Italian students taking part to international mobility programmes, according to European Union interventions and non-communitary programmes.

Cultural activities
- Theatre, cinema and musical subscriptions
- Activities and meetings
- Computer courses
- National and international concerts
- Cultural exchanges
- Theatrical laboratory
- Musical laboratory
- Activity of Support to Didactics
- Driven Excursions and Visits
- International meeting:
  - July and August
  - Summer festival Classic music
  - With Younger International Orchestral
  - Etna Students Summer Happening

Contact

Regional Commissioner
Calogero Aiello

Address
Via Etnea, 570
I-95128 Catania
Phone: (+39) 095 7517910 - (+39) 095 7517938
E-mail: l.alberti@ersu.unict.it - g.pignataro@ersu.unict.it
Website: www.ersu.unict.it
CUS is a national association which has been operating for the last sixty years. Its main aim is to promote the practising, promotion and subsequent growth of physical education and university sports activity, by organizing sporting events at local, national and international level in which the university student body is, naturally, the protagonist.

The CUS centres are to be found in 47 university cities around Italy, and have been legally recognized since 1968. The CUS centres are connected to the national body known as CUSI (Centro Universitario Sportivo Italiano), Italian University Sports Centre, and it is through CUSI that they are subsequently connected to FISU (Federazione Internazionale Sport Universitario), the International University Sports Federation which presides over the sporting activity of university students throughout the world.

The CUS Centre in Catania was founded in 1947 and is divided into sections which carry out activities at four different levels:

- promotion and growth of the practise of amateur sports of the various national sporting activities and of the CUSI, by means of beginner and advanced courses as well as recreational sporting tournaments for university students;

- promotion and growth of professional sporting activity under the National Sporting Federation and the CUSI, at local, provincial, national and international level;

- promotion and growth of sporting activities among youth under the activity of CONI (Centro Olimpico Nazionale Italiano), Italian National Olympic Centre;

- promotion and growth of university sporting tourism, by means of participation and organization of local, national and international “Campus”.

Several of the athletes of CUS Catania have contributed to the making of history for sporting activity in the city of Catania by achieving recognition at international level. There have been athletes who have won medals at the Olympic Games as well as the Universities, breaking national records and taking the Italian sporting name around the world.

The athletes of the University of Catania have reached premier league championships in track and field, hockey, volleyball, water-polo, table-tennis, rugby, sailing and basketball, taking the name of Catania and its University throughout Italy.
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CUS Catania is the body which manages the sporting facilities of the University of Catania. The governing body of CUS is the University Sporting Committee presided over by the University Rector or one of his delegates, by the Administrative Director, two students elected by the University Assembly and two representatives nominated by CUSI.

**Sporting Activity Programme**

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How to join CUS
The following documentation should be presented at the secretary’s office of CUS in order to participate in the sporting activities organised for university students:
- medical certificate on which one’s ability to participate in amateur sporting activities is specified. (A medical visit can also be carried out at CUS Catania);
- receipt (in original copy) of payment of university fees for the academic year in course or certificate of enrolment at the University of Catania;
- presentation of libretto or some form of identification.
- inscription fee of € 15 payable at the secretary’s office.

Address

Viale Andrea Doria, 6
I-95125 Catania
Open from Monday to Friday: 9.30 am-1.00 pm-4.00 pm-7.30 pm
Phone: (+39) 095 336327
E-mail: segreteriastudenti@cuscatania.it
Website: www.cuscatania.it
General Practical Information

for Exchange Students


**Incoming Erasmus Students Procedures**

If you are interested in studying in Catania with the Erasmus Project you have to:
- See the Educational Offer of the University of Catania.
- Find out if your University is partner of the University of Catania and make sure your Faculty has stipulated an Erasmus Institutional Agreement with one of our Faculties.
- Select and get in contact with the didactic tutor who will be in charge of your mobility.
- Verify and respect deadlines (23rd July 2011 for those selected for 1st semester and 14th January 2012 for those selected for 2nd semester).
- Frequently visit the International Relation Office website: http://www.unict.it/Pagina/Portale/Relazioni_Internazionali_1/News_ed_Eventi.aspx

If you have been selected to come to Catania, see what you have to do before leaving - on your arrival - during your stay and after:

**Before leaving your Country**

1. Fill in and submit the application form online (http://unict.llpmanager.it/studenti/default.asp) within the deadlines (23rd July 2011 for those selected for 1st semester and 14th January 2012 for those selected for 2nd semester), and send it also by fax at the International Relations Office who will communicate your acceptance and the name of your didactic tutor.
   Remind that:
   - The University of Catania only accepts students by the beginning of September, as there is no provision of didactic activities in August.
   - You cannot be, for any reason, accepted and regularly registered by the University of Catania without the filling in of the online application form and the gaining of the acceptance letter.
   - Application forms duly signed will be provided only at the Welcome Day.

2. Only if you received the acceptance letter by our University, fill in the online Learning Agreement (http://www3.unict.it/mobility/learning_agreement_10.pdf) indicating the subjects you want to attend in Catania and the related ECTS credits and send it to the Faculty Erasmus Office who will proceed for its approval.
The maximum number of ECTS credits is 30 for 1\textsuperscript{st} semester and 60 for 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester.
If you have doubts on subjects to choose, please get in contact your didactic tutor and the Faculty Erasmus Office.

3. Find yourself and accommodation:
There are 50 places in double rooms available for foreign Erasmus students at the University Residence “Caracciolo” sited in Via A. Caracciolo, 108 – Catania.
Students can book their place by directly contacting the Residence:
Phone: (+39) 095 7315348
E-mail: f.rosselli@ersu.unict.it

In the following table, students can find available accommodation services selected into three categories: Hotels – Bed & Breakfast – Hostels (from 1 to 3 stars). Each has its own schedule with all the necessary information on the structure and the services available. They are all provided with e-mail addresses in order to be easily contacted.
The International Relations Office doesn’t provide any booking service, it has to be done by the students.

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<td><a href="mailto:info@badcatania.com">info@badcatania.com</a></td>
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<td>La Finestra sul Mercato</td>
<td>Via Zappalà Gemelli, 16</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Noemiluna@hotmail.it">Noemiluna@hotmail.it</a></td>
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<td>Via A. di Sangiuliano, 129</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@bbopera.it">info@bbopera.it</a></td>
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- **Upon your arrival in Catania**

1. Take part to the Welcome Day. The University of Catania organizes 2 obligatory Welcome Days:
   - 1st semester Welcome day: 20th September 2011
     Auditorium Monastero dei Benedettini h. 9.00 am
   - 2nd semester Welcome day: 1st February 2012
     Venue soon available

Remember that the University of Catania will not accept students arriving after the Welcome Day, apart from those who, for very relevant reasons, cannot take part and only if previously authorized by their tutors and Faculty in Catania.

2. Registration in Catania will take place during the Welcome Day, so you are obliged to take part and bring with you:
   - 2 passport-size photographs
   - ID card
   - Nominee certificate issued by your University
   - Acceptance letter by the University of Catania

### Hotels

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<tr>
<td>Elios Rooms</td>
<td>Via Alessandro Manzoni, 81</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@eliosrooms.it">info@eliosrooms.it</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>I Vespri</td>
<td>Via Montesano, 5</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Ivespri2002@yahoo.it">Ivespri2002@yahoo.it</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>La Collegiata</td>
<td>Via Paolo Vasta, 10</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@lacollegiata.com">info@lacollegiata.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>La Vecchia Palma</td>
<td>Via Etna, 668</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@lavecchiapalma.com">info@lavecchiapalma.com</a></td>
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<td>Via Mons. Ventimiglia, 184</td>
<td><a href="mailto:daragona@campluscityheart.it">daragona@campluscityheart.it</a></td>
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Please note that registration procedures cannot be done if you haven’t filled in the application form online (http://unict.llpmanager.it/incoming/) within the deadlines (23rd July 2011 for those selected for 1st semester and Academic year; 14th January 2012 for those selected for 2nd semester).

3. Only after having done the registration, you need to visit the Faculty Erasmus Office
   - to have your students card stamped and signed;
   - to get all didactics information you need;
   - to organize your learning agreements and have them signed by your tutor professors (within one month from the registration).

During your stay in Catania

Remember that: in order to get information on subjects to attend, exams, schedules, you need to get in contact with the Erasmus Office of the Faculty you have been registered in.

1. If you need to extend your Erasmus stay, you have to:
   - Get in contact with your University and obtain the permission.
   - Send the authorization to the Faculty Erasmus Office in Catania who will proceed with the acceptance.
   Only if you obtained the acceptance, you can stay extend your mobility.

2. If you need to change your initial learning agreement, fill in the changes to learning agreement within 2 months from your registration and give it to the Faculty Erasmus Office who will proceed with its approval.

3. For each exam, remember to download the Evaluation Certificate and have it completely filled in by the professor who has examined you, even if you haven’t passed the exam. It will be the only evidence of the exam passed/not passed in Catania.
Before leaving Catania

Before leaving Catania go to:

1. Faculty Erasmus Office and remind to bring with you:
   - Student card
   - Learning agreement
   - Evaluation certificates

   The office will give you the Transcript of Records.

2. International Relations Office and remember to bring with you:
   - Student card
   - Learning agreement
   - Evaluation certificates of all exams done (passed and not passed)
   - Transcript of records
   - Italian language certificate (only if you attended the course)

   The office will give you the Attendance Certificate.

Remind that the Transcript of Records and Attendance Certificates will be issued directly to the students. Therefore students have to come personally to the offices during receiving hours.

Departure procedures can be carried out only at the end of exams sessions.
Useful Information

Academic calendar
The academic year starts in October, 2011 and ends in September, 2012. Lectures usually start the second week of October and end in the second week of June. The 1st semester goes from October, 2011 to January, 2012; The 2nd goes from March, until June 2012.

Vacation periods
There are three vacation periods:
- Christmas break from 23rd December 2011 to 7th January 2012
- Easter break from 23rd to 25th April 2012
- Summer break from 1st to 31st August 2012

In addition there are 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 Labour Day
- 2nd June Republic Day

Arrival
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 Siracusa
317 km from Trapani

If you arrive at Catania by Train, the main station is the Stazione Centrale, in the city centre, where all the national and international trains stop. Intercity trains link Catania directly to the most important Italian cities, such as Milan, Florence and Rome. Within the city, you can use the Taxi, or the bus services for the city and beyond - Trasporti urbani or Extraurbani, which leave from the square in front of the train station.
If you arrive at the Airport, you can reach the city centre using the Alibus bus service which covers: Fontanarossa (now Vincenzo Bellini) Airport, Service Area, Faro Biscari, Tempio (the harbour), Colombo, Borsellino (Porticello), Vittorio Emanuele, Cathedral
If you arrive by - Boat - you can walk the short distance (under 1km.) to the city centre. Leaflets with short walking tours for tourists are available in the tourist offices at the harbour.

**Formalities in the host country**
European Union students do not need to undertake individual formalities concerning their entry into Italy. Nevertheless, for stays lasting more than 3 months, the student will need to go to the local police authorities in order to obtain a leave to stay.
For this purpose they have to report with the following:
- two passport-size photographs;
- a valid passport or equivalent document;

a declaration certifying that they study in Catania in the context of Socrates-Erasmus or other foreign exchange program (issued by University of Catania on student’s arrival);

For further information contact:
Questura di Catania - Foreign Office
Corso delle Province, 218 Catania
Opening hours: from Monday to Friday 8,30 am-12,00 am.

**Medical care**
Students from European Union 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.

**Climate**
Sicily is famous or its mild climate, greatly influenced by sea currents. During the winter, the average temperature is about 12° C, while the average summer temperature is about 35° C, with a high humidity level.
We recommend that appropriate winter garments be brought to be used on colder days.
Cost of livings
The cost of living in Catania is not particularly high. Below are some prices of day-to-day products:
- Coffee € 0,80
- Sandwich € 3,00
- Cigarettes from € 4,00 to 4,90
- Bus ticket € 1,00
- Bread € 2,50 (1 Kg)
- Beer € 2,00
- Italian newspaper € 1,50
- Admission to the cinema € 6,00

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 Carlo every Sunday morning.

Shopping
The city centre has a wide range of shops, which are open from 9 am to 1 pm and from 4.00 to 8 pm during the winter, from 9 am to 1 pm and from 4.30 to 8 pm in summer. Pharmacies are also open at these hours, but it is always possible to find some open at night. Shopping centres are continuously open from 9 am to 9 pm - closed on Monday morning.
## Consulates

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Palazzo Gioieni d’Angiò
Palazzo Minoriti
Palazzo delle Poste
Palazzo S. Demetrio
Via Etnea

Palazzo Manganelli
Piazza Manganelli, 16

Palazzo del Toscano

Palazzo Tezzano
Piazza Stesicoro

Villa Romeo delle Torrazze
Viale Regina Margherita

Palazzo dei Chierici
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Museums
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**Museo storico dello Sbarco in Sicilia - 1943**  
Centro Culturale Fieristico “Le Ciminiere”  
Viale Africa  
Phone: (+39) 095 533540  
Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday 9.00 am-12.30 pm  
Tuesday and Thursday 3.00–5.00 pm  
Closed on Monday  
Entrance: € 4,00  
Reduced: € 1,00

**Museo del Cinema**  
Centro Culturale Fieristico “Le Ciminiere”  
Viale Africa  
Phone: (+39) 095 4011922  
Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday 9.00 am-12.30 pm  
Tuesday and Thursday 3.00–5.00 pm  
Closed on Monday  
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**Museo Civico Belliniano**  
Piazza S. Francesco D’Assisi, 3  
Phone: (+39) 095 7150535  
Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9.00 am-1.00 pm  
Closed on Sunday  
Entrance: Free

**Museo di Casa Verga**  
Via S. Anna, 8  
Phone: (+39) 095 7150598  
Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.00 am-2.00 pm /3.00-16.00 pm  
Saturday and Sunday 9.00 a.-1.00 pm  
Closed on Sunday  
Entrance: € 3,00  
Reduced: € 2,00
**Museo Emilio Greco**  
Piazza S. Francesco d’Assisi, 3  
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Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9.00 am–1.00 pm  
Tuesday and Thursday 3.00–6.00 pm  
Entrance: Free

**Museo Diocesano**  
Via Etnea, 8 - Piazza Duomo  
Phone: (+39) 095 281635  
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00 am– 7.30 pm  
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Entrance: € 4.00  
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**Museo Civico del Castello Ursino**  
Piazza Federico II di Svevia  
Phone: (+39) 095 345830  
Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9.00 am-1.00 pm  
Closed on Sunday  
Entrance: Free

**Museo del Giocattolo**  
Via Vittorio Emanuele, 201 - Palazzo Bruca  
Phone: (+39) 095 320111  
Opening hours: Tuesday to Saturday 9.30 am–13.00 pm  
Closed on Sunday and Monday  
Entrance: € 3,50  
Reduced: € 2,00

**Museo Mogam**  
Via Galermo, 171  
Opening hours: From Sunday to Monday 9.30-12.30 am and 3.30-6.00 pm  
(visited only by reservation)  
Entrance: € 10,00  
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Museo Tattile Multimediale
Via Etnea, 602
Phone: (+39) 095 500177
Opening hours: Monday 3.00 pm - 7.00 pm
   Tuesday to Friday 9.00 am-1.00 pm / 3.00-7.00 pm
   Saturday 9.00 am-1.00 pm (by appointment)

XVI Museo Biscari - Museum&Fashion
Piazza Duca di Genova, 27 - Via Museo Biscari, 16
Phone: (+39) 095 2503188
Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10.00 am-7.00 pm
   Closed on Monday
Entrance: € 5.00
Reduced: € 3.00

Museo dell’Arte del Carretto Siciliano
Via Luigi Capuana, 38
Phone: (+39) 095 525342 - (+39) 095 7211888
Opening hours: Upon request
Entrance: € 1,00

Museo di scultura in pietra lavica “Valeriano Santangelo”
Via A. Santangelo Fulci, 55/a
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Opening hours: Upon request
Entrance: Free

Museo del Mare
Pizza Ognina, 14 – 17
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