

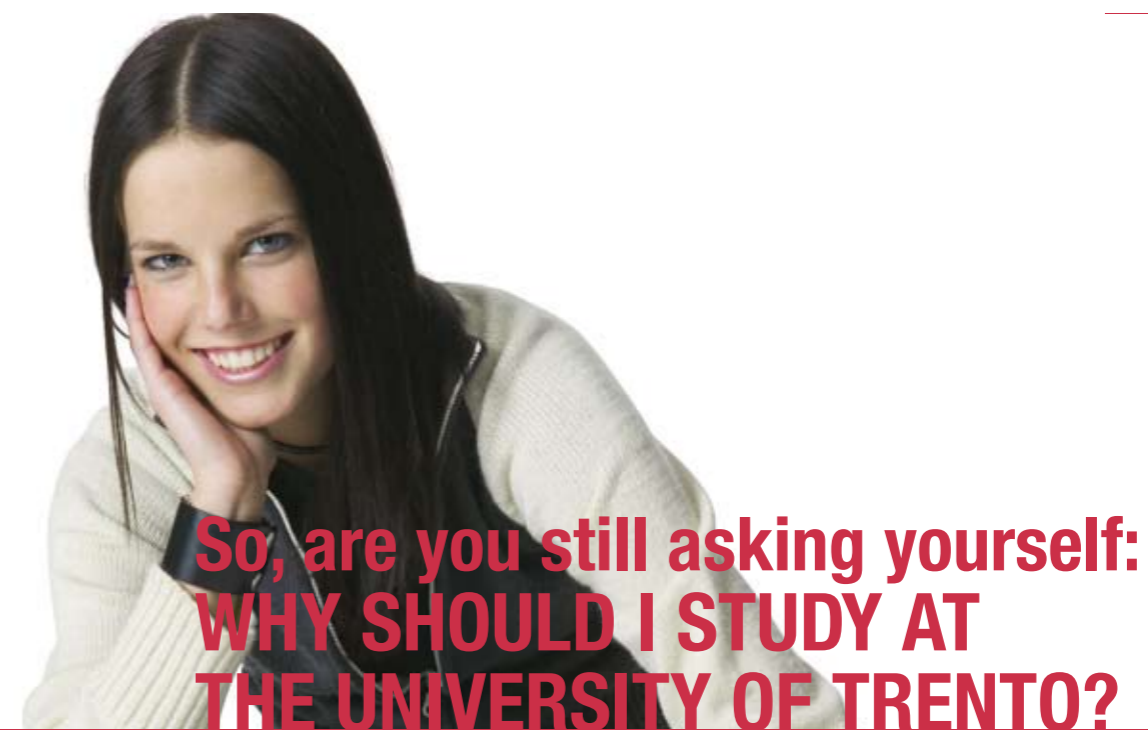
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**So, are you still asking yourself:
WHY SHOULD I STUDY AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO?**

- **because you can benefit from an international environment**
- **because Trento is a student-centered university**
- **because research is top quality**
- **because teaching is excellent**
- **because the facilities are modern and up-to-date**
- **because the welcome and follow-up services are constantly improving and are always close to the students' needs**

A WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

The University of Trento is a dynamic and medium-sized research university, with high quality teaching and research facilities, tailored to respond to the needs of high quality students and researchers.

Internationalisation is a structural feature of the University itself.

These profile results have been achieved thanks to a serious and coherent strategy focusing on the areas in which the University has attained the highest standards.

Along these lines, the University has invested in solid international relations, in order to enrich its educational offer, and to give students good opportunities to study and work abroad, and grow in an international environment (internationalisation at home).

The University of Trento has also developed a rich network of original cooperation projects: besides the by now consolidated EU mobility programmes, such as LLP-Erasmus and LLP-Leonardo da Vinci (within the EU); UniTn actively participates in the Erasmus Mundus programme: the University coordinates two Joint Master's courses (in Informatics and in Comparative Local Development). Furthermore, UniTn, takes an active role within the ATLANTIS programme (EU-US), having already developed a double degree, through one joint project in Computer Science.

English is the teaching language in these programmes, as well as in six more Master's degree courses, and in six Doctoral courses, in different disciplinary areas.

Thus, the University can offer various double degree programmes which provide students with a unique opportunity to achieve two degrees in two countries, after having spent at least one year abroad, attending courses at a foreign university.

Moreover, since 2002, the University of Trento has been the Italian seat of the Italian-German University, an international institute for the promotion of inter-university cooperation between Italy and Germany.

Trento has achieved very high results in many research fields. Recently, prestigious research centres have been founded here: the Centre for Integrative Biology (CIBIO); the Centre for Mind/Brain Sciences (CIMEC), and the Microsoft Research-University of Trento Centre for Computational and Systems Biology (CoSBI). Research activity is a solid basis for the University's educational offer, which ranges from the scientific and technological areas to the humanities; from law and socio-economic sciences, to the field of cognitive sciences.

National and international surveys have repeatedly highlighted the high quality of the University of Trento, in particular because of its international relations, of its high-standard teaching and research, of its facilities, and of its support services (among others, a Welcome Office for international students and guests). These results, acknowledged by various international ratings, are, very likely, one of the reasons why many students come to Trento from outside our province and from abroad.

Studying in Trento is a complete and creative experience.

Students can benefit from the quiet atmosphere of a small town and, at the same time, they can enjoy the numerous opportunities of exploring the city's beautiful natural surroundings, and of practicing sports, both in the summer and in winter.

Welcome to the University!

Davide Bassi





ABOUT THE LAND AND THE UNIVERSITY

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Italy is a southern European country and its boot-shaped peninsula is surrounded on the west by the Tyrrhenian Sea and on the east by the Adriatic Sea, and also by two large islands: Sicily and Sardinia. It shares its northern alpine boundary with France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia. The independent countries of San Marino and the Vatican City are sited within the Italian territory. The Apennine Mountains form the peninsula's backbone; the Alps form its northern boundary. The largest of its northern lakes is Lake Garda while its main river is River Po, which rises on the Monviso, crosses the great Padan plain and flows into the Adriatic Sea.

Italy is a country which has succeeded in cultivating the greatness of even its less famous cities, villages and hamlets. There is hardly a place in Italy that has remained untouched by the waves of history, art, folklore and culinary tradition, where a visit does not offer a chance for reflection or even simple pleasure. No other country in the world can boast the cultural and artistic treasures of Italy. More than half the world's historical and artistic heritage is in Italy (source: UNESCO). Evidence can be seen everywhere: you can discover museums, cathedrals, churches and parishes, monasteries and convents, villas, palaces and castles spread throughout the country, archaeological sites and monuments that adorn small towns and big cities alike.

Here you can find the works of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo Buonarroti, Masaccio, Botticelli, Piero della Francesca, Mantegna, Donatello, Raffaello, Bramante, Correggio, Tintoretto - all artists, sculptors, painters or architects known as the world's greatest exponents of artistic genius.

Italy - officially the Italian Republic - is a democratic republic: it is a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and of what is now the European Union. It is a member of the G8 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Council of Europe, the Western European Union, the Central European Initiative, and a Schengen state.

In October 2007 Italy officially reached a population of more than 59.5 million persons and at the moment it has the fourth largest population in the European Union, and the 23rd largest population in the world (source: ISTAT). The highest density is in the northern part of the country, where the manufacturing outputs are located and where almost half of the Italian population resides.

In Italy there are a thousand ways to use your free time: practising sports, cultivating hobbies, relaxing, developing your culture, going to a concert, a play, a traditional festival, or watching a sport event. Simply sitting in a bar and enjoying a cappuccino or a glass of good wine, or wandering around the beautiful towns - large and small - admiring and visiting their churches, palaces, monuments, castles, archaeological sites, museums, galleries, squares and streets.

Located in the north-eastern part of Italy, in the heart of the Alps, the Trentino-Alto Adige Region borders Switzerland to the north-west and Austria to the north. The province of Trento lays mainly on mountain ground, with a main valley crossing it in its centre. This valley is called Valle dell'Adige (Adige Valley), named after the Adige river flowing within it. The main towns of Trentino lay along the Adige Valley as it is the largest one and has been a historical passage connecting Italy with Northern Europe. Unlike other areas in the northern part of the country, it has one of the lowest concentrations of population in Europe, which is mostly a consequence of the fact that about 50% of the territory is covered by mountains and forests.

The economic structure of Trentino is characterised mainly by small and medium-sized enterprises, the secondary and tertiary sectors. Nowadays, the secondary sector is mainly boosted by three industries (namely tourism, the construction industry, and the agricultural and food industry) and it employs a quarter of the local workforce. Despite a steady decrease in employment, agriculture still has a strategic importance for the provincial economy. The main productions include: apples and other fruit, vegetables and grape.



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Important especially for its quality, the latter is used for the production of renowned wines and sparkling wines. The service sector employs half of the workforce of the province and is now experiencing a very dynamic phase based on innovation, mainly in computer and ICT. In Trentino, the last fifteen years have witnessed an impressive growth in the number of businesses involved in information technology, thus contributing to the creation of what is commonly defined as an *innovation cluster*. Administratively, the Province of Trento enjoys the benefits of special legislative, financial and administrative autonomy in the management, at a local level, of the territory's most important social and economic fields.

The city of Trento - the capital of Trentino - was formally founded in the first century B.C. by the Romans, with the Latin name of "Tridentum". Trento is set on the intersection of important roads leading to Lake Garda, the Dolomites, Venice, Verona, Bolzano and Innsbruck. It is situated at 190 metres altitude and it is dominated by the nearby Bondone (2.170 m.) and Paganella Mountains (2.125 m.), where the residents - along with many tourists - go skiing during the winter and hiking during the summer.

After the fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476 A.D., Trento was ruled by Ostrogoths, Lombards and Franks, finally becoming part of the Holy Roman Empire. In 1027, Emperor Conrad II created the Prince-Bishops of Trento, who wielded both temporal and religious powers. This event opened up a glorious phase in Trento's history, as the city began to assert its power and expand its territory for eight centuries, until it became the seat of one of the most important Ecumenical Councils of the Catholic Church (Concilio di Trento, 1545-1563), which gave rise to the Counter-Reformation. The city was embellished with wonderful frescoed houses, beautiful palaces were built and great artists called to the city. Architecture flourished once again in 1700, when new buildings were erected in the baroque style. In 1796, the troops led by Napoleon Bonaparte invaded Trento and brought the Episcopal Principality to an end by annexing the

city to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. During the First World War Trento and the region of Trentino-Alto Adige were finally annexed to the Kingdom of Italy.

In spite of being a small city, Trento, which counts little less than 113.000 residents, is still nowadays an important crossroad between the Mediterranean and the Alpine areas and a place of cultural dialogue. Trento's rich artistic and historical heritage is to be found in its monuments, which embody the centuries of history written under the dual influences of northern and Italian cultures, still evident today in the variety of architectural styles. Among the many faces of Trento, one of the most striking is that of the alpine Renaissance city, which has been restored to its original splendour by recent renovations. Worthwhile to visit include the *Castello del Buonconsiglio* (the castle which was home to the Prince-Bishops of Trento for many centuries), the *Duomo* (cathedral) and its wonderful square, the houses decorated with frescoes, the churches of the Council, the museums and exhibitions which today make Trento a city of art, culture and traditions. Trento is able to surprise as it is a very small, versatile city, as it constantly changes features, yet always maintaining close links to tradition. Visitors can enjoy its several facets throughout the various seasons: the typical gastronomic products during the autumn, the history and local tradition, kept alive during the San Vigilio festival at the end of June, or the experience of its illuminated Christmas market in December.



4 **The University of Trento in figures**

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Year of University foundation	1962
Faculties	7
Undergraduate courses	25
Master's courses (two-year duration)	28
Master's courses (one-year duration)	10
Research Departments	14
Research Centres	13
Centre of Excellence	1
Research laboratories	63
Students enrolled in academic year 2007-2008	15,103
Graduates from 1962 to 2007	29,971
Enrolments in academic year 2007-2008	3,058
Incoming Erasmus students in academic year 2007-2008	193
Foreign students in academic year 2007-2008	727
Academic staff	561
Non-academic staff	686

Some historical information

The University of Trento is one of the youngest Italian universities: founded in 1962 as a higher university institute for social sciences, it became the Faculty of Sociology thanks to the President of the Province of Trento, Bruno Kessler, whose aim was to modernize a rather conservative and traditionalist society. In 1972 the *Istituto Superiore di Scienze Sociali* became the *Libera Università degli Studi di Trento* (a private university), which included a Faculty of Sociology (awarding degrees in Sociology), a Faculty of Sciences (awarding degrees in Mathematics and Physics), and a Faculty of Economics (awarding degrees in Political economics and Business studies).

The impact with the city was quite contradictory: the University was seen both as a motivating force for cultural openness and the creation of a new leading class, but also as a fracturing element of protest. Trento's prestige - for some to be forgotten and negative, for others fruitful and positive - started towards the end of the sixties. In these years in fact, there was a high presence in town of young people inspired by ideals of changing the world. The University thus contributed in livening up a motionless city which really needed to be shaken. Since then,

the relation between the University and the territory started to change and moved further towards a cooperative relation rather than the relation of contrast it was before. Its Faculty of Sociology is famous for being the first of such schools to be opened in Italy.

The academic project was once again improved in 1984 with the Faculties of Arts and Humanities and Law and in 1985 with the Faculty of Engineering. On 28th May 2004, the University Council of Administration officially instituted the Faculty of Cognitive Science in Rovereto, which is now the seventh of the Faculties at the University of Trento. The newly-instituted Faculty of Cognitive Science brings together teaching and research activities begun in recent years in the fields of education, cognition and specialist teaching methodology.

In keeping with the special autonomous status of the Province of Trento, the University of Trento is now governed by a special statute of autonomy drawn up by its Council of Administration.

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

The University of Trento currently holds outstanding positions both in national and in international rankings.

Speaking of the national rankings, it has been achieving top positions - both in the general and in the faculty ranking - in the *CENSIS* survey, that is published yearly by *La Repubblica* newspaper. The *CENSIS* (*Centro Studi Investimenti Sociali*) survey is intended to provide information and guidance and to monitor the quality of Italian higher education, by drawing up league tables of departments and universities.

In 2008 the University of Trento shares the fourth place with Sassari in the general ranking, whereas all its seven Faculties were placed at the first or second place. This is an outstanding result which places the University of Trento among Italy's most prestigious academic institutions.

General ranking

Position	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
1	Siena	Ancona	Ancona	Siena	Siena
2	Ancona	Trento	Turin Polytechnic	Turin Polytechnic	Trento
3	Brescia	Sassari	Siena	Trento	Turin Polytechnic
4	Trento/Sassari	Macerata	Sassari	Camerino	Calabria
5	Trieste	Modena-Reggio Emilia	Trento	Marche Polytechnic	Marche Polytechnic

The indicators used to classify universities are the following:

- services (cafeterias, accommodation, sports, facilities);
- scholarships;
- facilities (places in classrooms, in libraries, and in scientific and computer laboratories);
- internet (functionality of the University website).

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Other indicators are used to classify university faculties:

- productivity (data on students enrolled, those attending courses full-time...);
- teaching standards;
- research;
- academic staff;
- international relationships and cooperation.

Faculty rankings

Faculties	Year 2008	Year 2007	Year 2006	Year 2005	Year 2004
Economics	2	2	2	3	3
Law	1	1	1	1	1
Engineering	1	2	5	2	1
Arts and Humanities	2	1	3	2	2
Sciences	1	1	3	3	5
Sociology	2	1	1	1	1

As regards the international rankings, the University of Trento achieved an important acknowledgment in the fourth edition of the *World University Rankings 2007* classification, which is a project supervised by The Times-Higher Education Supplement and by QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) published in November 2007. The University of Trento gained the 411th place (out of 565 universities) in the ranking for the best universities in the world, according to parameters which involve different aspects connected to didactics, research and job opportunities for graduates.

Among the aspects considered for the classification of the best universities in the world, grouped according to the macro areas, there are:

- professors' opinions;
- employers' opinions;
- lecturers/students ratio and percentage of foreign students, lecturers and professors who move abroad;
- quality of research.

university degree-course	degree	credits earned	years
Undergraduate course	Bachelor	180	3
Master's course (two-year duration)	Master's degree	120	2
Master's course (one-year duration; admission with Bachelor)	Master's diploma	60+	1+
Master's course (one-year duration; admission with Master's degree)	Master's diploma	60+	1+
Specialisation course	Specialisation degree	60-300	1-5
Doctoral course	Doctoral degree		3+

Undergraduate course - laurea provides undergraduate students with an adequate command of general methods and knowledge as well as specific professional skills.

In order to be eligible for admission, foreign students have to hold a foreign school leaving qualification that satisfies the requirements for access to university education in the awarding country and that is conferred on completion of a minimum of 12 years of previous global schooling. A pre-school year may be calculated to make up the indispensable schooling period, only when it is an integral part of the foreign curriculum so that its attendance is compulsory, and its syllabus includes development of reading and writing skills in the mother tongue. The admission is generally free (in some cases by entrance tests, depending on the number of places available).

Undergraduate courses last three years and the Bachelor is awarded provided that the student has earned 180 credits.

The Italian education system numbers three types of Master: **Master's course (two-year duration) - laurea specialistica/magistrale** provides graduates with advanced education for highly qualified professions in specific sectors, as well as with adequate training for advanced independent research. Admission is subject to the possession of an Italian Bachelor (180 credits), or an equivalent foreign qualification. Master's courses last two years and the degree is awarded provided that the student has earned 120 credits.

A limited number of Master's, regulated by specific EU directives (Master's in Dentistry, Human Medicine, Veterinary Medicine), share the following distinctive features:

- the enrolment is subject to the possession of an Italian school leaving diploma or an equivalent foreign qualification;
- admission is always subject to success in an entrance examination;
- courses last five years (six years for human medicine).

Master's course (one-year duration; admission with Bachelor) - master di I livello is often professionally-oriented and aims at providing graduates either with advanced scientific knowledge in a given field or with further professional education and training for better occupational opportunities. In order to enrol, students must have an Italian Bachelor or equivalent foreign degree, but the admission may be subject to further conditions, often by selective procedures, under decision of the Master's course director. The duration of a Master's course is at least one year and the diploma is awarded to graduates who have earned at least 60 credits.

Master's course (one year duration; admission with Master's degree) - master di II livello is an advanced course or continuing higher education course open to the holders of an Italian Master's degree or equivalent foreign degree. The admission may be subject to further conditions, often by selective procedures, under the decision of the Master's course governing board. The Master's diploma is awarded to postgraduate students who have earned a minimum of 60 credits.

Specialisation course - corso di specializzazione provides postgraduates with the knowledge and abilities required by advanced professions: specialisation courses may only be instituted by application of specific Italian laws or EU directives.



THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

Admission is possible for those who have an Italian Master's degree, or an equivalent foreign degree, and it is subject to a public competition (*concorso*) - which is very competitive, due to *numerus clausus* restrictions. The Specialisation courses are compulsory in order to practice certain professions such as: dentistry, human medicine & surgery, veterinary medicine, legal professions (lawyers, notaries public, magistrates), secondary teaching. The duration varies from two to six years.

Doctoral course - dottorato trains postgraduates for very advanced scientific research, or for professional posts of high status. Programmes mainly consist of independent research projects of a high quality standard. Postgraduates carry out their research activities under the supervision of a university teacher, who is specifically appointed to act as a tutor; sometimes, the attendance of seminars or of a few subject courses is also required. Transition from one year to the next depends on the tutor's positive assessment of the student's performance. Admission is possible for postgraduate students who have an Italian Master's degree, or an equivalent foreign degree and it is subject to a public competition, organised locally by individual universities. The official duration of Doctoral courses is a minimum of three years, depending on subject fields; an original dissertation must be submitted for students to be awarded a Doctoral degree.

Grade system

Examinations are graded according to a scale ranging from 0 to 30, with 18 as a pass mark. A *cum laude* may be added to the highest grade (*30 e lode*), as a mention of special distinction.

minimum pass	18
adequate	18-23
satisfactory	24-26
good	27-28
very good	29-30
outstanding	30 <i>cum laude</i>

The final pass mark is 66, whereas the maximum final university degree grade is 110/110. For outstanding students degrees may be awarded *cum laude*.

ECTS credits and Diploma Supplement

Since 2001 the University of Trento has been using the **European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)**, which is a method that was introduced in 1989 within the Erasmus framework, to facilitate the recognition of study periods abroad and consequently to enhance the quality and volume of student mobility in Europe. Afterwards, it developed into an accumulation system to measure the students workload and their achievement of settled learning outcomes and competences.

ECTS is based on the convention that 60 credits measure the workload of a full-time student during one academic year. A university credit point corresponds to 25 hours of work per student, time for personal study included.

Currently the University of Trento also issues the **Diploma Supplement (DS)**, a document attached to a higher education diploma that describes all the academic activities of a student. This document aims at improving international "transparency" and at facilitating the academic and professional recognition of qualifications (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.).

The University of Trento is constantly working to develop its international dimension, establishing and developing networks and partnerships that guarantee the opportunity of cooperation with regard to education, research and relations with industry. During the last decade this goal has become a strategic priority of the University, which has committed itself to set up what is called *internationalisation at home*, making its campuses international and encouraging the presence in Trento of foreign visiting professors and researchers, as well as students from all over the world. There are three key ideas that well represent the effort of the University of Trento to reach an international dimension:

1. internationalizing education;
2. promoting international research networks;
3. developing an international campus.

1. Internationalising education

The University of Trento offers its students many occasions to make their curricula more *international*; starting from its mobility programmes for study or internships, its bilateral agreements with other universities, and also with its double degree courses thanks to which students can achieve two degrees in two different countries.

Once enrolled at the University of Trento, foreign students can also benefit from the same opportunities offered to Italian students as regards opportunities to study abroad. There are some limits however, set for the LLP-Erasmus programmes and for the LLP-Leonardo da Vinci programmes.

LLP-Erasmus is a European mobility programme that assigns scholarships to students taking part in international mobility programmes with the aim to deepen the European dimension of studies. Participation is addressed to:

- citizens of the 27 EU member countries;
- Turkish citizens (candidate country) and citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway;
- citizens of other countries, as long as they are resident in Italy or are considered refugees.

The University of Trento offers many occasions to achieve a joint degree, either for a Bachelor, a Master's degree, Master's diploma or Doctoral degree.

LLP-Leonardo da Vinci is a transnational European mobility programme that is divided in three dimensions. The PLM dimension (People on the Labour Market) enables young graduates to carry out an internship abroad financed by special scholarships so to facilitate their employment and their participation in the European job market.

Participation is addressed to graduates within 18 months from graduation as long as they are not older than 28 and as long as they graduated at the University of Trento, or in a university member of the consortium. In order to take part, students must be resident in Italy.

Double degree allows students to attend part of their career at the University of Trento and part abroad at a partner university, achieving both the Italian and foreign qualification. The University initially chose Germany as its main partner in this project due to its geographical position and to the intense relations held with this country. Later on though, more destinations were included in the project, such as Austria, China, France, the UK, Portugal, Spain and the USA.

Since 1997 the University of Trento has signed 25 double degree agreements with foreign universities involving all Faculties.



Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that supports the creation of joint courses at a European level (at least three European universities must be involved). This programme offers scholarships funded by the European Union to students of third countries which take part in these courses, as well as scholarships for EU students who are enrolled in the course so to give them the chance to study in third countries.

The European Commission has approved two projects coordinated by the University of Trento that are funded by the Commission and are held in English:

- The Master's course **CoDe - Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development** aims at training professionals with the knowledge and competence needed to introduce, support and coordinate processes of local change, also thanks to the involvement of actors both in the public and in the private sector;
- The Master's course **EuMI (Joint European Master in Informatics)**, activated with the RWTH Aachen (D) and the University of Edinburgh (UK). This project offers students the chance to achieve a Master's degree in Computer science and the equivalent qualification in one of the two partner universities.

Atlantis is a European mobility programme divided in three different actions, one of which aims at supporting consortia of European and American universities, so to activate joint programmes that will offer joint, double or multiple qualifications. The University of Trento coordinates a project in computer technology funded in the field of the second EU-US ATLANTIS announcement, of which the Georgia Institute of Technology (USA), the TU München (Germany) and the Politecnico di Torino are members.

Doctoral thesis co-tutelle enables doctoral students to achieve a double doctoral degree (or joint degree) by preparing their thesis with research both at the University of Trento and at the partner university. Agreements have been signed with the Université Charles de Gaulle de Lille III, the Université de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV), the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, the École Normale Supérieure de Cachan (France), the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands), with other Austrian, Romanian, Spanish, Swiss and German universities, as well as with extra-European universities (for instance with the University of Sydney in Australia, the École

Polytechnique Montreal in Canada, the Institute of Psychology, Chinese Academy of Sciences in China, the University of Hyderabad in India, the University of Colorado at Boulder in the United States).

International agreements consist of bilateral or multilateral agreements subscribed by the University of Trento with foreign universities, with the aim to encourage the mobility of students, graduates and doctoral students. The University of Trento has signed many agreements with foreign universities all over the world (Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Mozambique, New Zealand, Peru, Russia, Senegal, the United States, Vietnam). Many of these agreements allow students to attend courses abroad, take exams and research for their theses.

Cooperation and international networks are programmes which enable many types of activities among which student exchanges as well as academic and non-academic staff exchanges, the creation of innovative and integrated curricula, and support to the development of university institutions that work in critical contexts. Here are some of the many cooperation projects existent:

Asea-Uninet: this network gathers more than 50 European and South-East Asian universities and the international coordination is managed by the University of Trento.

Alpe-Adria: it is an inter-university consortium, of which the University of Trento has been a member since 1984. It promotes the creation of common research projects, the organisation of conferences and seminars, the assignment of scholarships to students, graduates and young researchers.

Vietnet: Trento is the coordinator of this project that involves three Italian universities and five universities in Vietnam.

It creates research and development projects, Doctoral courses, exchanges between students and scholarship holders as well as of professors and researchers, summer internships, courses and workshops.

GE4-Global Education for European Engineers and Entrepreneurs: this project involves 112 universities among which 42 are European (Trento is the only Italian university taking part) and it is addressed to students of the Faculty of Engineering.

T.I.M.E. (Top Industrial Managers for Europe): it is a consortium of 51 universities (faculties of engineering) and top level polytechnics in Europe, Latin America and in Japan. Japan also offers the chance to achieve a double degree in the engineering field and in similar areas.

As regards **European projects**, the University's inter-university cooperation regards cooperation with the USA, Canada and Japan and aims at developing reciprocal understanding and stronger political relations with these countries, thanks to joint activities. Cooperation with other countries is often supported by regional programmes, such as:

- the **Tempus** programme related to the ex Soviet Union, the West Balkans and the Mediterranean partners of the EU;
- the **ALFA** and **AIBan** programmes for Latin America;
- **AsiaLink**, that involves many countries in Asia;
- **EduLink** and **ACP** with African countries;
- **Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window** with groups from Eastern European countries as regards the 2007 call: NIS, ENPI and Russia, the Mediterranean area and the Central Asian Republics.

2. Promoting international research network

The University of Trento is actively involved in a series of activities that aim at strengthening research partnerships already existent through the creation of new laboratories and the development of a stimulating environment for young researchers.

The University of Trento joins networks and international networks that enable students, doctoral students and researchers to spend time abroad studying at universities connected in Europe and in other continents.

As regards the Marie Curie project of the fourth framework agreement, the University has received funds that enabled foreign researchers and visiting professors to study in Trento. In particular, projects for the promotion and recognition of excellency were funded (Marie Curie Chairs and Excellence Grants) to support single researchers (Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships and Outgoing International Fellowships), for the reintegration of researchers coming from abroad (Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants and European Reintegration Grants), for the transfer of knowledge

(Marie Curie Transfer of Knowledge) and for the creation of educational projects and the consolidation of network activities with foreign scientific research institutions (Marie Curie Conferences and Training Courses and Research Training Network).

Special attention must be paid to the **India-Trento Programme for Advanced Research - ITPAR**. The programme was launched in July 2003 after the formalisation of an agreement between the Provincia autonoma di Trento, the Istituto Trentino di Cultura, the University of Trento and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of the Indian government.

The programme, that lasts three years, was recently renewed.



COURSES

3. Developing an international campus

The idea of internationalisation is pervasive at the University of Trento and becomes more and more concrete as the years go by, thanks to the presence of foreign lecturers and students and to courses taught in English along with additional courses for language support, English speaking staff, the participation in international mobility and research projects. There are many ways to encourage this ambitious project:

Recruitment of foreign lecturers and researchers

For *foreign* we mean people who, when employed, are living abroad or have foreign citizenship. The number of foreign lecturers and researchers at our University has increased of 4.7% since 2004 and of 8.6% since 2006.

"Rientro dei cervelli" (Return of brains)

It is a ministerial programme created to fund the return to Italian universities of Italian scholars who have been living abroad for at least three years, as well as foreign scholars.

Community programme Action Jean Monnet

This programme is an initiative of the European Commission with the aim to promote the creation of courses related to the study of European integration. The University of Trento is the seat of three European Jean Monnet modules; two in the field of international studies and one in the field of education from a European point of view. In Trento there is also a research centre, the Polo Europeo Jean Monnet, that organizes the Summer School Jean Monnet every year to concentrate on European matters.

Courses open to foreign students

The University of Trento constantly includes English language courses in its curricula offering courses that are held entirely in English:

- three Master's courses (two-year duration; admission with Bachelor);
- four Master's courses (one-year duration; admission with Bachelor or Master's degree);
- two Erasmus Mundus curricula;
- six Doctorates.

Presence of structures for internationalisation

Within the University of Trento there are some structures that particularly focus on promoting the international dimension of education and research:

School of International studies

The School was founded in 2001 by the Faculties of Economics, Law and Sociology with the aim to develop post-graduate studies in the field of international studies. At the moment the School offers a one-year Master's course in Peacebuilding and conflict resolution and a two-year Master's course in European and International studies as well as a Doctoral course in International studies.

International graduate School in ICT

This School offers a Doctorate in Information and communication technology with the aim to train experts in the ICT sector. Ever since its foundation in 2001, the School has received applications from all over the world, hosting students from Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, Romania, Byelorussia, Ukraine, India, China, Indonesia, Brazil, Argentina and Africa.

Recruitment of foreign students

It is carried out thanks to scientific programmes or projects, often created in collaboration with local or national delegations. Two initiatives are particularly important:

Università a colori aims at encouraging the admission to university education of the children of Trentino emigrants and in general of young people who have a high school diploma or a degree in underdeveloped countries, so to strengthen scientific cooperation with countries of the ex Soviet Union, Asia and East Europe.

Invest your Talent in Italy is a project promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of International Trade, the Institute for Foreign Trade, the local Chambers of Commerce and some Italian universities with the support of the Indian-Italian Chamber of Commerce. Its aim is to promote the collaboration between the entrepreneurial worlds of Italy and India and to increase the transfer of knowledge and relations in the technological field between these two countries. It suggests an innovative strategy of internationalisation that consists of attracting Indian students to Italy to train them in Italian universities and put them in contact with companies on the territory so that they will be able to carry out internships to finish their university career. Since 2008 the projects also includes Turkey.

Undergraduate courses

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

- Arts
- Cultural Heritage
- Historical Studies
- Language Mediation and Literary Communication
- Philosophy

Faculty of Cognitive Science

- Interfaces and Technology Communication
- Sciences and Techniques of Cognitive Psychology

Faculty of Economics

- Business Administration and Law
- Business Management
- Economics and Management

Faculty of Engineering

- Civil Engineering
- Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering
- Environmental and Land Engineering
- Food Industry Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Information and Company Organisation Engineering

Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences

- Biomolecular Sciences and Technologies
- Computer Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics

Faculty of Sociology

- International Studies
- Social Services
- Sociology

Two-year Master's courses (admission with Bachelor)

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

- Heritage Management and Conservation
- History of European Civilization
- Languages Sciences for Companies, International Communication and Tourism
- Modern Euro-American Languages
- Philology and Literary Criticism
- Philosophy and Languages of Modernity

Faculty of Cognitive Science

- Ergonomics and Cognitive Science
- Psychology

Faculty of Economics

- Banking, Business and Financial Markets
- Economic Decision-Making, Business and Social Responsibility
- Environmental and Tourism Economics and Management
- **International Management**
- Management and Business Consultancy
- Net-Economy: Technology and Management of Information and Knowledge

Faculty of Engineering

- Architectural Engineering (five-year duration)
- Civil Engineering
- Environmental and Land Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Mechatronics Engineering
- **Telecommunication Engineering**

Faculty of Law

- Law (five-year duration)

Note
Courses marked with pink are in English

Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences

- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics

Faculty of Sociology

- Social Services Organisation and Methods
- Society, Territory and Environment
- Sociology and Social Research
- Work, Organisation and Information Systems

School of International Studies

- European and International Studies

One-year Master's courses (admission with Bachelor)

- Gender Policies in the Labour World
- Social Companies' Management (G.I.S.)
- Technologies for E-Government
- Tourism Management

One-year Master's courses (admission with Master's degree)

- Architectural Planning for the Cult Buildings
- CoDe - Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development
- Human Language Technology and Interfaces
- Master of Public Administration
- Nano and Micro Electromechanical Systems (NEMS/MEMS)
- Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution

Specialisation courses

- Legal Professions

Doctoral courses

- Comparative and European Juridical Studies
- Cognitive and Brain Sciences
- Economics and Management
- Engineering of Civil and Mechanical Structural Systems
- Environmental Engineering
- Historical Studies
- Humanities, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage
- Information and Communications Technology
- International Studies
- Literary, Linguistics and Philology Studies
- Local Development and Global Dynamics
- Materials Engineering
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychological Sciences and Education
- Sociology and Social Research

Note

Courses marked with pink are in English

RESEARCH

Research Departments

- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Cognitive and Education Sciences
- Computer Technology and Business Studies
- Economics
- Engineering and Information Science
- Human and Social Sciences
- Juridical Sciences
- Literary, Language and Philological Studies
- Materials Engineering and Industrial Technologies
- Mathematics
- Mechanic and Structural Engineering
- Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage
- Physics
- Sociology and Social Research

Research Centres

- ALEA - Research Centre on Financial Risks
- BIOTech - Interdepartmental Centre for Biomedical Technologies
- CeBiSM - Inter-university Research Centre for Bioengineering and Motor Sciences
- CIBIO - Interdepartmental Centre for Integrated Biology
- CIFREM - Interdepartmental Centre for Research Training in Economics and Management
- CIMeC - Mind/Brain Research Centre
- CIRMIB - Inter-university Research Centre on Materials for Biomedical Engineering
- CUDAM - Centre for Advanced Studies on Hydrogeological Risks in Mountain Areas
- CUM - National Inter-university Metrology Centre
- CunEdi - University Centre for Intelligent Buildings
- EUROEST - Centre on Evolution in Eastern European Countries
- Microsoft Research - University of Trento Centre for Computational and Systems Biology
- Jean Monnet European Centre

Research Centres and Institutes hosted at the University of Trento

- BEC - Centre for Bose-Einstein Condensation (INFM)
- Centre for the Study of Municipal, Common and Collective Property
- CIRM - International Centre for Mathematics Research
- ILIKS - Interdisciplinary Laboratory on Interacting Knowledge Systems
- INFM - Research Unit (National Institute of Material Physics)
- INFN - Section (National Institute of Nuclear Physics)
- ISSAN - Institute for the Development of Nonprofit Organisations
- "Martino Martini" Centre
- National Institute of Advanced Mathematics "Francesco Severi"
- OPES - Research Institute for the Economy, the Employment and for the Evaluation of the Social Demand
- TRANSCRIME
- University Research Centre on Antonio Rosmini and the History of the Philosophical Thought in Italy



ADMISSION, FEES AND BENEFITS

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Admission to Undergraduate courses

EU citizens can enrol directly at the University of Trento after submitting the original version of their secondary school diploma to the Welcome Office, with the declaration of value issued by the competent Italian Diplomatic Representation.

Non-EU citizens resident abroad must pre-enrol in an Undergraduate course (*corso di laurea triennale*) at the University of Trento through the Italian Diplomatic Representation in their country of residence, normally around April-May following the ministerial instructions and timetable published by the Welcome Office every year on the web site during the month of March. Twelve years schooling is required and so is a secondary school diploma which allows the continuation to university studies in the home country. A selective Italian admission exam (level B1) is held during the very first days of September.

Admission to two-year Master's courses

EU citizens can enrol directly at the University of Trento after submitting the original version of their Bachelor to the Welcome Office, along with the declaration of value issued by the competent Italian Diplomatic Representation and the list of all passed exams and contents.

Non-EU citizens resident abroad must pre-enrol in Master's courses (*corso di laurea specialistica/magistrale*) at the University of Trento through the Italian Diplomatic Representation in their country of residence, normally around April-May, following the ministerial instructions and timetable published by the Welcome Office every year during the month of March on the web site. Students should always refer to the calls for application of each Faculty/School and a pre-evaluation on the Bachelor and passed exams and contents must be asked in advance to the University of Trento by the month of January.

A selective Italian admission exam is held during the very first days of September. For some courses (Telecommunication Engineering, Computer Science and International Management) the knowledge of Italian is not required.

Note

We suggest you to refer always to the Italian Diplomatic Representation and University of Trento website in order to check the procedure that must be followed and the list of documents needed. It is also necessary to check whether these offices can carry out the official translation and the legalisation of the documents.

Especially for those who would like to enrol in a Master's course (*laurea specialistica/magistrale*) at the University of Trento, we advise an individual contact with the Welcome Office.



Admission to one-year Master's courses

EU citizens selected by the Master Faculties can enrol directly at the University of Trento after having checked with the Welcome Office that their university degree level is adequate to enrol in the one-year Master's course.

The original version of the university degree with the declaration of value issued by the competent Italian Diplomatic Representation must be submitted when enrolling.

Non-EU citizens resident abroad must apply to the Italian Diplomatic Representation abroad by submitting the original version of the university degree that has already been considered as "equivalent" by the Italian University, in content and duration, to the Italian degree necessary for admittance to the Master's course that is to say a "Bachelor" or equivalent for the admission to Master's course (Master di I livello) and a "Master's degree" or equivalent for the admission to Master's course (Master di II livello). The degree must have already been legalized by the competent authority and officially translated in Italian.

Note

As regards one-year Master's courses students are advised to always refer to the calls for application, to the secretariat of the Master's and to the Welcome Office.

Admission to Doctoral courses

In order to be admitted to Doctoral courses, candidates must have an academic qualification equivalent to the Italian *laurea specialistica/magistrale* (Master's degree) and they must pass a public selection.

EU and non-EU citizens who have a foreign academic qualification not officially recognized as equivalent to the Italian *laurea specialistica/magistrale*, must submit the following documentation along with the attachments required:

- the degree certificate or self-certification (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 concerning EU citizens) concerning the qualification achieved;
- the English translation of the degree certificate;
- a signed list of the exams taken and of the grades achieved.

These documents will allow the Doctoral School Committee to evaluate whether the candidate's qualification is suitable for admittance to the selection procedure or not.

Successful non-EU citizens having a qualification that has not been achieved in Italy, and the successful EU citizens having a qualification achieved in a non-EU country must hand in the *Dichiarazione di Valore* and the degree certificate with the list of all exams taken and grades achieved, translated and certified by the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country of the university that issued the degree in order to carry out the enrolment.

Note

As regards Doctoral courses students are advised to always refer to the calls for application, to the secretariat of the Doctoral schools, and to the Doctoral studies office.

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Fees

Undergraduate courses and two-year Master's courses

Starting from the academic year 2008-2009 a new tuition system has been set up for those students who enrol for the first time to the University of Trento. According to the course and the student's citizenship (either EU or non-EU), procedures, times, fees amount and necessary documentation can change.

The amount of the University fees depend on:

- the family's economic condition (the number of its components, income and property possessions);
- the course the student enrolls into.

The fees vary from a total exemption (for yearly incomes up to 30,000 euros and 3 family members), up to a maximum of about 2,790 euros/academic year, except for the Master's in International Management - MIM, whose tuition fee is of 10,000 euros/academic year.

People whose revenues come from abroad, regardless the nationality, need to calculate the ICEF through the *Opera Universitaria* (University Guild). ICEF is the indicator thanks to which it is possible to determine one's income and property situation and thus assign a student to his/her correct income bracket when enrolling for the first time. The amount of the tuition is calculated on the basis of the following documentation to be submitted within the deadlines for enrolment to the University of Trento:

1. family certificate;
2. income;
3. property possessions.

Note

If a family member has no income, an official declaration is needed.

For non-EU citizens all the documentation should be issued by the competent authorities of the country of origin, translated into Italian and authenticated by the Italian embassy or consulate in the country of origin, which should certify their compliance with the original.

Non-EU citizens coming from "particularly poor countries" * must submit to *Opera Universitaria* (University Guild) a certificate that states that he/she "does not belong to a family notoriously of a high income and high social level". This document should be issued by the Italian embassy in the country of origin. The document can be issued by other Italian institutions qualified for the presentation of economic coverage guarantee.

For EU citizens the translation into Italian can be self certified and the legalisation of the documents is not necessary.

Students who do not hand in declaration of their economic condition will be automatically assigned to the highest fee amount.

Fees are to be paid directly through banks and students must give their bank the authorization to accept fee charges coming from the University of Trento.

Every year there are available scholarships of the *Opera Universitaria* and of the University of Trento. The amount of the grants varies from a minimum of 2,350 euros to a maximum of 8,000 euros.

One-year Master's courses

For one-year Master's courses (Master di I e II livello) the amount of the fees is yearly determined by the Masters' different governing boards: students interested in enrolling to one-year Master's courses must contact the Master's secretariat.

Scholarships may be available for top students.

The amount and the assignment of scholarships will be determined by the Master's governing board, based on the candidate qualifications.

* (Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Capo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Kiribati, Lao People's Dem. Rep., Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia).

Doctoral Schools

A provincial fee (*Tassa per il Diritto allo Studio*) of 128 euros has to be paid.

The number of the conferred scholarships cannot be less than half of the places announced in the call.

Scholarships are awarded after a comparative evaluation and on the basis of the list of applicants given in order of merit; all other conditions being equal, the economic situation of the candidate will be considered in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Italian Republic, 9th April 2001.

After the Italian Ministry's DM of the 18th of June 2008, the annual gross amount of the doctoral grant has increased to 13,638.47 euros including the social security contributions.

Scholarships cannot be combined with other grants, except those awarded by national or foreign scientific institutes for periods spent abroad which are considered useful for the student's research activities. If a doctoral student has already been awarded a grant in the past (even for one year only) for a doctoral course in Italy, he/she cannot receive a doctoral scholarship again.

Merit award

The award for deserving students consists of an amount of money given to students at the end of their university career. The assignment of the award depends on the sum of the points achieved in the following areas:

- time needed to graduate, with reference to the number of months passed since enrolment (maximum 25 points);
- the number of credits achieved during the first year compared to the average of the course attended (maximum 30 points);
- the final mark achieved compared to the average of the course attended (maximum 30 points);
- time spent abroad studying (maximum 25 points, 35 for students who attended a double degree);
- other specific merit requirements decided by each Faculty (maximum 10 points).

The award can vary from a minimum of 500 euros to a maximum of 5,000 and is paid within six months from graduation. In order to compete for the merit award, students must fulfil the following prerequisites:

- they must start their career at the University of Trento during academic year 2008-2009;
- they must begin and complete at the University of Trento the course they enrol into;
- they must not be foreign students taking part in international mobility programmes (LLP-Erasmus, LLP-Leonardo da Vinci, Double degree);
- they must graduate within the following time limits:
 - < 54 months for Undergraduate courses
 - < 42 months for two-year Master's courses
 - < 78 months for five-year Master's courses.

SUPPORT TO STUDENTS

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THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM

The University of Trento Library System consists of five libraries: a central library (for the Faculties of Sociology, Economics and Law); three additional libraries for the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Engineering and Sciences, and a library at the Rovereto branch, to serve the Faculty of Cognitive Science. The University library holds approximately 394,000 books, over 20,000 current and non-current periodicals, 28,000 theses, and 132 databases, in addition to other materials such as videocassettes, sound recordings and compact discs.

The catalogues and electronic resources of the University Library are:

- **bibliographic catalogue of the Province of Trento (CBT):** online catalogue which contains over 1,200,000 bibliographic records identifying and locating material in about 150 libraries in the Province of Trento, including the University Library.
- **journal catalogue:** online catalogue which contains over 15,000 serials titles held in the University Library in printed or electronic form;
- **database catalogue:** online catalogue which gives access to the databases the University Library subscribes to;
- **e-books catalogue:** online catalogue containing the e-books the University Library subscribes to;
- **theses catalogue:** it includes bibliographic information on the theses of graduates from the University of Trento;

- **Unitn-eprints:** online archive of scientific and technical publications of the departments and research centres of the University of Trento;
- **POLARIS:** database containing bibliographical descriptions of the publications of teaching and research staff of the University of Trento.

Access to the library is free and open to all. Students have to subscribe to the CBT borrowing service at any library in the Province of Trento (membership in the CBT lending service is free) and they become to benefit from the services listed below, beyond simply accessing and borrowing books from the CBT:

- **interlibrary loans and document delivery (ILL-DD) - borrowing:** it enables users to obtain material not available in the libraries of the Province of Trento. The University library borrows books, photocopies of periodical articles, microfilm and other materials from other libraries in Italy and abroad;
- **reference:** it helps library users obtain information and instructions on the use of the University's Library services, collections and resources. Reference librarians can provide assistance with the selection and use of databases and e-journals. They also help develop library search strategies and answer requests for information;

- **library instruction courses:** they introduce users to the use of library material and resources, including databases, e-journals, the online catalogue, as well as internet resources. The service is provided to students, professors and staff of the University of Trento;
- **services for sight disabled users:** the library offers a workstation with adaptive technology for their study and research. The workstation includes text-to-speech software, speech recognition software, a scanner and a Braille printer, as well as other facilities. These reading machines are able to convert most printed material into speech, which is then recorded or converted into Braille. The workstation is also equipped with an electronic magnifier which enlarges print.

Contacts

DistribuzioneCentrale1@amm.unitn.it

<http://portale.unitn.it/biblioteca>



LANGUAGE CENTRE (CIAL)

The University of Trento offers language-teaching services to all students enrolled at the University, including students studying at Trento within EU programmes, to the university's academic and non-academic staff and also to people or companies from outside the University system. Through the language centre, the University organises English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Chinese courses, as well as courses for Italian as a foreign language.

All students must take an online placement test to establish the level which better corresponds to their knowledge of the language. Each course finishes with a final assessment test: students who pass this test receive an attendance and pass certificate.

It is possible to study:

- attending **traditionally structured courses**;
- **autonomously**, using our self-learning structures.

Traditional courses take place at the centre and in the various University Faculties, throughout the academic year and employ teachers with specialized skills in the theory and practice of foreign language, teaching to small groups of adult learners using advanced technology.

They are divided in different levels and aim at developing a basic linguistic competence as well as listening, reading, writing and speaking abilities. Specific courses are organized for students who are studying for the language test required by their Faculties, or for those who want to deepen their knowledge of a language in particular fields.

The courses are divided in three typologies:

- *extensive and evening courses*, generally lasting no longer than three months, with four hours of lesson per week (the Italian courses last two months with six hours per week);
- *extensive "blended" courses* (only for English), with one lesson per week in class "blended" with an online self-study course (Macmillan English Campus);
- *intensive courses*, lasting one month with three hours of lesson per day.

Regardless of their intensive or extensive format, all CIAL courses are divided into five levels of language ability according to the Common European Language Framework:

- A1
- A2
- B1
- B2
- C1

all of them divided in two under-levels.

The language centre also encourages *autonomous language learning*, thanks to the possibility of having online courses, blended courses and free access to the self-access room. A "self-access" room is indeed available: it is equipped with 18 multimedia work stations, each of which has a monitor tuned into the main television stations of the world, a video and DVD player, with sound transmitted via headphones.

These work stations are also equipped with computers for autonomous language learning and with all the necessary software. For the entire period of online learning, students will be able to contact one of the centre's mother tongue tutors, either by email or personally. The tutor will be available to give advice and reply to any questions about the language.

Since January 2008, the material of the multimedia room (books and other multimedia resources divided according to their language, level and linguistic skills) is available at the Central Library of the University.

Contacts

cial@unitn.it
<http://portale.unitn.it/cial>



E-LAB

Students enrolled at the University of Trento can access resources and tools in support of traditional didactics (material and online didactic communities, multimedia contents, forum and chat, computerized tests). The Online didactics services offer students access to training aid, the possibility to look up the notice board with notices from the lecturers and the lesson timetables, and to participate in virtual-interactive activities.

Students can look up or download material for lessons and access multimedia training aid, whereas lecturers can decide to offer the training aid in a multimedia version to empower its efficiency, the lay-out and usability. Students have the chance to elaborate and take part in discussions on asynchronous communication and to assess themselves for the exams. Students can either:

- take computer tests (at the end of the course) instead of the traditional written or oral tests in class;
- take self-evaluating tests (during courses) that are anonymous and give students the chance to take the tests as many times as they wish.

Through Online didactics services (Esse3) students can organize some of the activities related to their university career, entering a restricted-access web area. Students enrolled at the University of Trento can autonomously:

- monitor their *career (libretto - record book)*;
- register for exams;
- organize their study plan if needed;
- check, accept and, when possible, refuse a mark;
- read the institutional communications sent by the University offices;
- print certificates (for instance, enrolment, degree, fee payment, record book, etc.);
- update their personal data (address, telephone number, etc.);
- access online didactic courses.

Didattica OnLine (eLearning service) is indeed a unit dedicated to the research, development and implementation of innovative educational methodologies. It provides easy communication, high flexibility, multimedia and hypertext possibilities which allow students, teachers and experts to create a learning community. Moreover, it supports teachers in the design of online courses and it provides new resources for students' academic career. The staff includes experts in education, online courses design, information technology, graphics, copyright, video, organisation of the whole process.

The mission of *Didattica OnLine* is to:

- help students access resources and tools that are able to support or replace traditional learning methods;
- support academic staff in planning their online projects;
- encourage lifelong education, collaborate and exchange ideas with other universities and outside institutions.

Contacts

didatticaonline@unitn.it
<http://portale.unitn.it/studente/dol.htm>



WELCOME OFFICE

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The Welcome Office of the University of Trento supports international students (from undergraduate to post-docs) in all the administrative and informative aspects related to their enrolment to the University, their arrival and stay in Italy.

Information and orientation days

Organisation of specific Welcome Days and Welcome Weeks which consist of:

- a presentation of the University of Trento, the welcome services, the website, the informatics system for the managing of academic careers (exam registration, printing of certificates, viewing of the study plan, etc.);
- illustration of University and *Opera Universitaria* (University Guild) services and facilities;
- guided visits to the Faculties, Language Centre (CIAL), and University Sports Centre (CUS).

Administrative support

Support in the administrative procedures necessary for the enrolment and the stay in Trento, such as: health insurance, stay permit, student card, tax code, library card and bus pass.

In order to avoid linguistic and administrative obstacles, international students are assisted in the different offices by a student collaborator speaking at least one foreign language.

Socio-cultural activities

Organisation of events to help international students meet each other and get to know the new setting they are in, such as:

- guided tours of Trento and its surroundings, also in English;
- *Al Caffè delle Lingue (At the language Café)*, in order to get to know traditions, customs and literature of different countries;
- *Welcome Cinema*, a review of international movies with Italian subtitles;
- Italian conversation sessions, at various levels, to practice Italian for everyday life (shops, doctor, etc.) as well as for more complex situations (oral exams, debates, etc.);

- **Welcome Seminars**, on the Italian political and social life and contemporary history in a comparative context;
- **Welcome Party** in September to welcome new comers and facilitate their meeting with the faculties, administrative staff and colleagues.

Welcome buddy

Before arriving in Trento, incoming students can choose a senior student who, according to his/her own experience, will answer questions and doubts concerning life in Trento and will help them when getting used to the University. A welcome buddy can be useful especially during the first weeks of stay, and will give new students the chance to enjoy the University and social context a lot more.

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welcome@unitn.it

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INTERNSHIP, PLACEMENT AND RELATIONS WITH COMPANIES

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The synergy with companies and enterprises enables the University to create a wide range of excellent courses and supports the graduates' placement in the job market. Moreover, the University has created particular services and initiatives for students/graduates and companies, to foster the link between the University and the job market, such as the Internships service, the Placement service and the Technology Transfer service.

Internships service

The Internships service promotes, organizes and manages internships which have become an essential part of all curricula, in accordance with the Italian Higher Education System.

Internships are carried out in public and private companies, institutions, associations, professional firms and non-profit organisations on local, national and international territory. They are either mandatory or optional, based on the educational rules of each Faculty. They last from three to twelve months and students obtain a certain number of credits in accordance with the provisions of each Faculty. In 2007, 760 subjects hosted students for internships, two-thirds located in Trentino-Alto Adige, 7% abroad, and the rest on the national territory.

Placement service

The Placement service supports graduates to approach to the job market and it is organized as a meeting point for recruiting companies' needs. The Placement service offers its graduates two main services:

- **Job guidance;**
- **Job placement.**

Job guidance consists of activities to help graduates to explore their career vocation and to give recognition to their professional potential. It also aims at helping them approach the job market with more awareness. The service organizes seminars about the characteristics of different professional profiles, meetings to illustrate the most required "transversal" competences, focus groups regarding resumes and motivational letters, job interviews, individual interviews for job and internship opportunities. Job guidance initiatives also depend on the participation of partner companies. Graduates can have access to personalized advice so to explore their vocation and professional potentials. Moreover, a specific section of the university website is dedicated to graduates looking for job opportunities in Italy and abroad.

Job placement is a support to graduates who are looking for job or post-graduation internship opportunities. Graduates have the chance to access the current network of partner companies.

The service can help them in starting a collaboration, also from a bureaucratic point of view. Moreover, graduates can receive the weekly newsletter via email with the most interesting job advertisements for each Faculty. Graduates have the opportunity to submit their applications for job/internship positions directly offered by the partner companies.



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The graduates also have the chance to register their resumes in the Almalaurea database, free of charge. Almalaurea is an interuniversity consortium, supported by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research, that has established a databank containing information on graduates of more than 51 Italian university members, making access to the job market easier for young people.

Non-EU graduates who might be interested in using Placement services to find a job, have to consider that in Italy there are specific procedure to be follow to be eligible for a job contract.

Technology Transfer service

In order to facilitate scientific and technological collaboration between university and the world of business and commerce, as well as to promote the transfer of skills, the University of Trento has set up an information point for research activities that have been carried out. This service co-ordinates joint University-Business research projects, promotes access for companies to provincial, national and community financing, supports spin-offs and contributes to the establishment of agreements.

Contacts

impres@unitn.it (for internship)
<http://portale.unitn.it/en/pus/internships.htm>

placement@unitn.it (for placement)
<http://portale.unitn.it/en/pus/jobplacement.htm>

Besides the Welcome Office - a specific service dedicated to foreign students - the University of Trento offers a wide range of services to all its students. Some of these services are provided directly by the University, some others through the *Opera Universitaria* (University Guild), the provincial institution for the implementation of the *Right to Study* policy. The main services offered by the *Opera Universitaria* are:

Accommodation

Students enrolled at the University of Trento can apply for accommodation in one of the 1,500 places available in flats and recently built dormitories. Shared and single rooms are available in flats for 3-6 people, fully equipped with a kitchen, a washing-machine, iron, clotheshorse, blankets and pillows, with a much lower rent than current market prices, depending on the typology chosen by the student (160 euros/month in single room and 200 euros/month in double bedroom).

All dormitories are located in areas close to the various Faculties and facilities and can be reached on foot or by public transport.

University cafeterias

Students enrolled at the University of Trento receive a University card which allows them to purchase meals at a reduced price in the university cafeterias and in the associated establishments (4.00 euros three course meal, 3.60 euros reduced menu). Students can eat at five university cafeterias: three are located in the city centre, to serve the Faculties of Economics, Law, Arts and Humanities and Sociology; the other two are close to the Faculties of Sciences and of Engineering. The cafeterias are open for lunch and dinner from Monday to Sunday and closing days rotate on Saturday and Sunday.

Assistance for the disabled

Services for the disabled may be requested when enrolling at the University and include: financial aid, specially equipped flats, special transportation and accompaniment, assignment of a personal tutor and special learning aid such as specific instruments for various types of handicaps (computers equipped with vocal synthesis in various languages, Braille display, transfer of the lessons on computer or printed materials,

acoustic prosthesis, computer aid for access to information).

Bicycle loans

The *Opera Universitaria* runs a "Bicycle loan" service: 250 green bicycles which can be used by students to move around the city and its surroundings.

Part time collaborations

Student collaborations are called every year. All students enrolled at the University of Trento, starting from the second year, can apply for the calls. Students must sign a contract and are called to carry out their activities in different areas such as: support to administrative offices of the University of Trento and of the *Opera Universitaria*, guidance activities and support in computer labs.

Psychological advice service

This is an opportunity for students to talk about their everyday life, about themselves and about life at the University. The service is intended for students who have personal or relational problems and is carried out by a psychological consultant who is an expert in youth and adolescents issues.

Other services offered to students by the *Opera Universitaria* in collaboration with the University are:

- scholarships and financial aid;
- cultural activities.

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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS AND LEISURE TIME

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INVEST YOUR TALENT IN A CREATIVE CONTEXT

Meetings and cultural events among the students and between them and the community are encouraged by the University and the *Opera Universitaria*. These activities represent a chance for students to integrate with the local context and to make their stay in the city more enjoyable. As a matter of fact student associations can be very important both from an educational and personal point of view. For this purpose the University of Trento and the *Opera Universitaria* support cultural activities promoted by their twelve students' associations, offering spaces within the University and granting funds for specific projects. Priority is given to cinema, theatre, music, visual arts (painting, sculpture, photography), narrative and poetry, editorial initiatives and suggestions forwarded by students. Funds can be applied for by student associations or cooperatives, established with a public act: initiatives are funded twice a year (once per semester).

University sports events are promoted by the University Sports Centre (CUS).

CUS has three sports centres (a tennis centre and a gliding centre, both in Mattarello and a sailing and rowing centre in San Cristoforo on Lake Caldonazzo). It organizes competitions at a university level and social events for students. It offers financial aid for swimming pool and gym registration and membership fees, and offers its own facilities for the development of basic as well as professional activities.

CUS organizes various courses:

- sailing (for the disabled as well);
- windsurf;
- canoeing;
- rowing;
- alpine skiing;
- gym and aerobics;
- tennis;
- gliding (with the issue of a C license as glider pilot);

and sport activities such as baseball, basketball and triathlon, just to name some of them.

It also organizes summer and winter camps, open to students and personnel coming from all Italian and neighbouring foreign universities who want to practice sport activities while socialising and having fun. The *Facoltiadi*, a multi-sports competition between the various faculties in which both students and professors take part, is one of the events promoted by CUS each year.

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