



UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

INCOMING ERASMUS STUDENTS' GUIDE

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The background of the page features a large, faint watermark of the University of Messina seal. The seal is circular and contains the Latin text "UNIVERSITAS MESSANAE" around the perimeter. In the center, there is a depiction of a castle or university building with a central tower and two smaller towers on either side, all set against a background of a landscape with hills and a sea.

Dear Erasmus Student,

welcome to the University of Messina!

We are sure you have chosen to take part to the *Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)*–*Erasmus* aware that mobility is one of the keys to improve the quality of European competitiveness. Mobility is vital to enhance competitiveness and contributes to building up a knowledge-based society where awareness of cultural diversity and traditions is an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation.

Within the framework of the LLP – Erasmus, the University of Messina is strongly committed to create the “European Higher Education Area” and foster innovation throughout Europe. In particular, studying at the University of Messina not only will enrich your study experience but will also broaden your cultural background and improve your professional skill.

Your time at the University of Messina will be both exciting and challenging if you are away from home for the first time. This handbook aims to assist you in the preparation for studying in Messina and gives you advice on how to organize your stay.

We wish you a pleasant stay in Messina and we hope that your time here will be an important part of your academic and professional career.

The European Programmes Office

The Town of Messina

Many times destroyed, many times rebuilt, the ancient *Zancle* later called *Messanion*, was stubbornly reconstructed always there in the same natural "arm of land" where wars, earthquakes and destructions changed its look but not its inhabitants' determination.

History tells us that the City of the Strait was always enriched by some elegant buildings. Among them was the courtly "Palazzata" along the port. The first terrible 1783 earthquake reduced it to dust and the same happened in 1908 when there were more than hundred thousand victims. After this earthquake the new Messina was rebuilt using some anti-seismic systems and a modern urban design.

Nowadays, even if only a few things are left of its ancient heritage, the enchanting restored Cathedral (Duomo) can still be admired in its original form dating back to the 12th century. Close by the Norman Church, you can admire one of the Montorsoli's masterpieces: the Fountain of Orion.

The Cathedral square is the heart of the historical centre. A few meters away, there are the Church of the Catalans in arab-style and the 19th century "Vittorio Emanuele III" Gallery.

The most impressive testimony of Messina's faith and tradition, is the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Letter - *Madonna della Lettera* - the Patron of Messina. The statue is placed on a tall column at the mouth of the port. The Blessed Virgin Mary of the Letter blesses Messina and all foreign people arriving to or departing from the City of the Strait. In front of the religious statue is the Fountain of Neptune. The synthesis of the historical-artistic patrimony of Messina is held in the Regional Museum where it is possible to see two magnificent Caravaggio's paintings.

A short historical outline about the University of Messina

The University of Messina has an old dated cultural and educational tradition.

At the end of XIII century was founded a School of law, in the XV century a famous Greek school and the local "Studiorum Universitas" of the Pontefice Paolo III was founded in November 1598. However, the regular functioning of the University was palsied by the controversy at that time with the Jesuits, which would not renounce of the control of the Institution, as well as with the city of Catania which claimed her position of cultural monopoly.

After a very short period of existence in 1678 the University was closed again because of the revolution against the Spaniards. After a long period of silence, during which the studies have taken place in the "Academia Carolina", the University was refunded in 1838 from King Ferdinando II. In 1847 as result of revolution of the City against the Borboni dynasty, the University was again closed and reopened after two years, with restrictions to students from regions other than Sicily.

The earthquake in 1908 destroyed a great part of the University including its famous library and the scientific equipment. But only a year later in 1909 the Faculty of Law was reopened, while the Faculties of Science, Pharmacy and Medicine reopened in the years 1914/15. In the following decades the University of Messina enriched its academic offer with the establishment of the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Economics, Education, Engineering, Political Science and Veterinary Medicine.

Nowadays, the University of Messina includes ten Faculties, covering the widest range of disciplines, and it is located in different parts of the town.

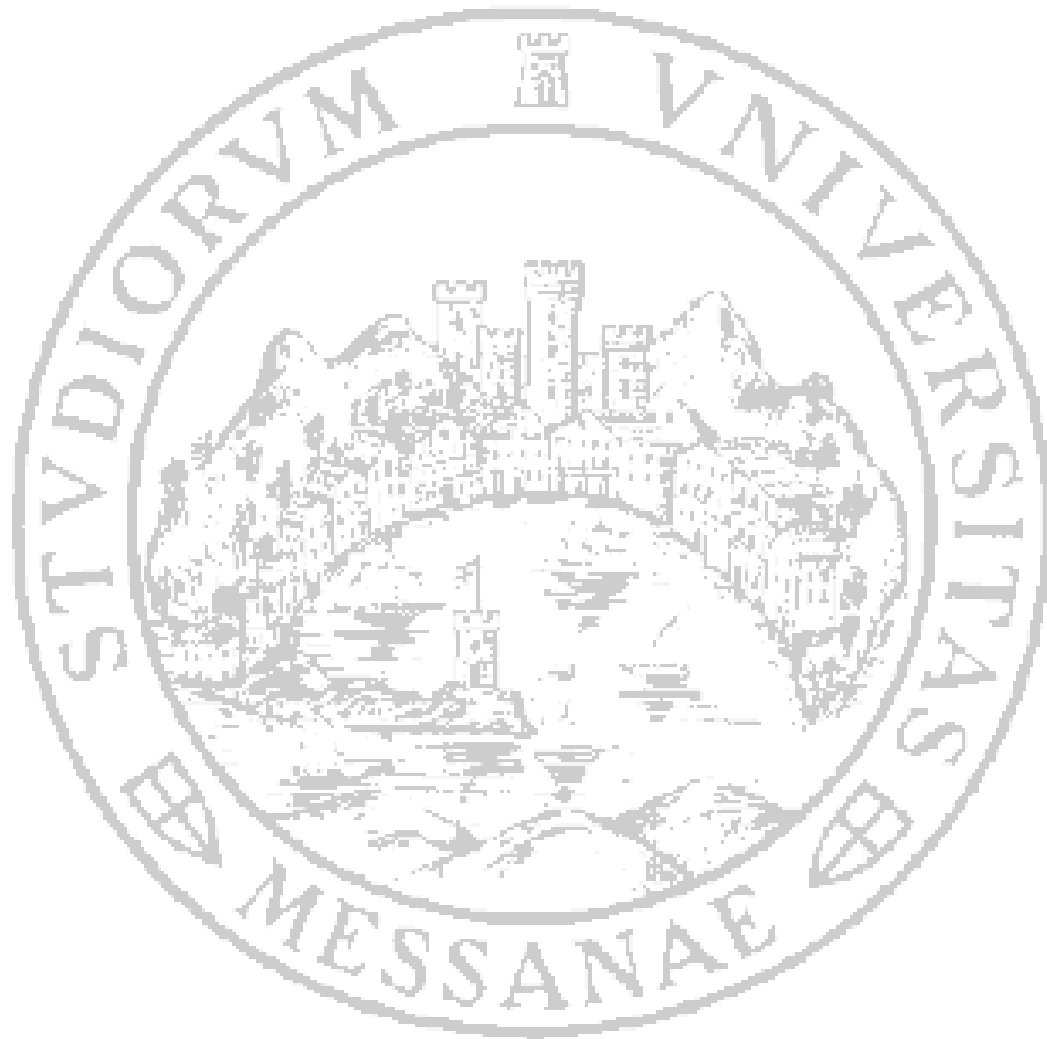
More precisely the University has **four main sites**.

The University Hospital, *Policlino Universitario “G. Martino”*, hosting the Faculty of Medicine, is located in the southern area of Messina.

The Faculties of Law, Economics, Political Science and Education are located in the city centre along with the *Rectorate*, the University’s Administration Offices and Faculties’ secretariats .

The *Papardo campus*, hosts the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering is located in northern area of Messina.

The *Annunziata Campus*, with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities is located in the northern area of the city and it also includes the Sports Campus with a fully equipped gym, football pitches, tennis courts, basket volley and baseball courts, and two swimming pools. All University sites can be easily reached by public transport.



Practical information

Nomination

Foreign Universities have to e-mail the list of the Erasmus nominees for the current academic year to the European Programmes Office of the University of Messina enclosing the following details:

- full name and e-mail address;
- period of stay (1st semester/ full academic year/ 2nd semester);
- **subject area code of the exchange.**

Only students of the area indicated in the agreements or at least of similar areas can be selected.

The abovementioned information have to be sent **by 15th JUNE**, for fall semester and by the **15th NOVEMBER** for spring semester.

Application procedure

Erasmus selected students have to fill in the on-line application which is available at the following link: <http://unime.llpmanager.it/incoming/default.asp>.

Please note that the application deadlines are: **30th JUNE**, for the 1st semester and the full academic year and **30th NOVEMBER** for the 2nd semester.

After having applied on-line, Erasmus students have to:

- print the Application Form and Learning Agreement
- sign the forms even by the Institutional Coordinator
- send the original copies to the European Programmes Office (see below) by ordinary mail..

What to do before leaving home

Erasmus incoming students are enrolled at the University of Messina as Italian students and have the same advantages and duties as established by the Erasmus Student Charter. Before leaving your country, make sure your University has informed the European Programmes Office (EPO) **in due time** about your arrival at the University of Messina.

Moreover, you have to **make sure** you have:

1. completed your on-line application and submitted it to the European Programmes Office (see above);
2. already arranged the Learning Agreement with the Erasmus coordinator of your home University;
3. the official certification which shows the status of Erasmus student issued by your home University;
4. the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for medical assistance;
5. a valid passport or identity document;
6. two passport-size photographs;
7. an accident insurance certificate.

Erasmus students are recommended to be supplied with **insurance coverage** against accidents during their whole stay in Messina. The policy should also cover any accidents that may occur during educational activities. Insurance cover may be provided by your own University or taken out with a private insurance company. In either case, you should **produce evidence** of this insurance when enrolling at the EPO. Please note that if you would like to apply for an University **accommodation** (see below) you have to inform the European Programmes Office as soon as possible before your arrival.

What to do when you arrive in Messina

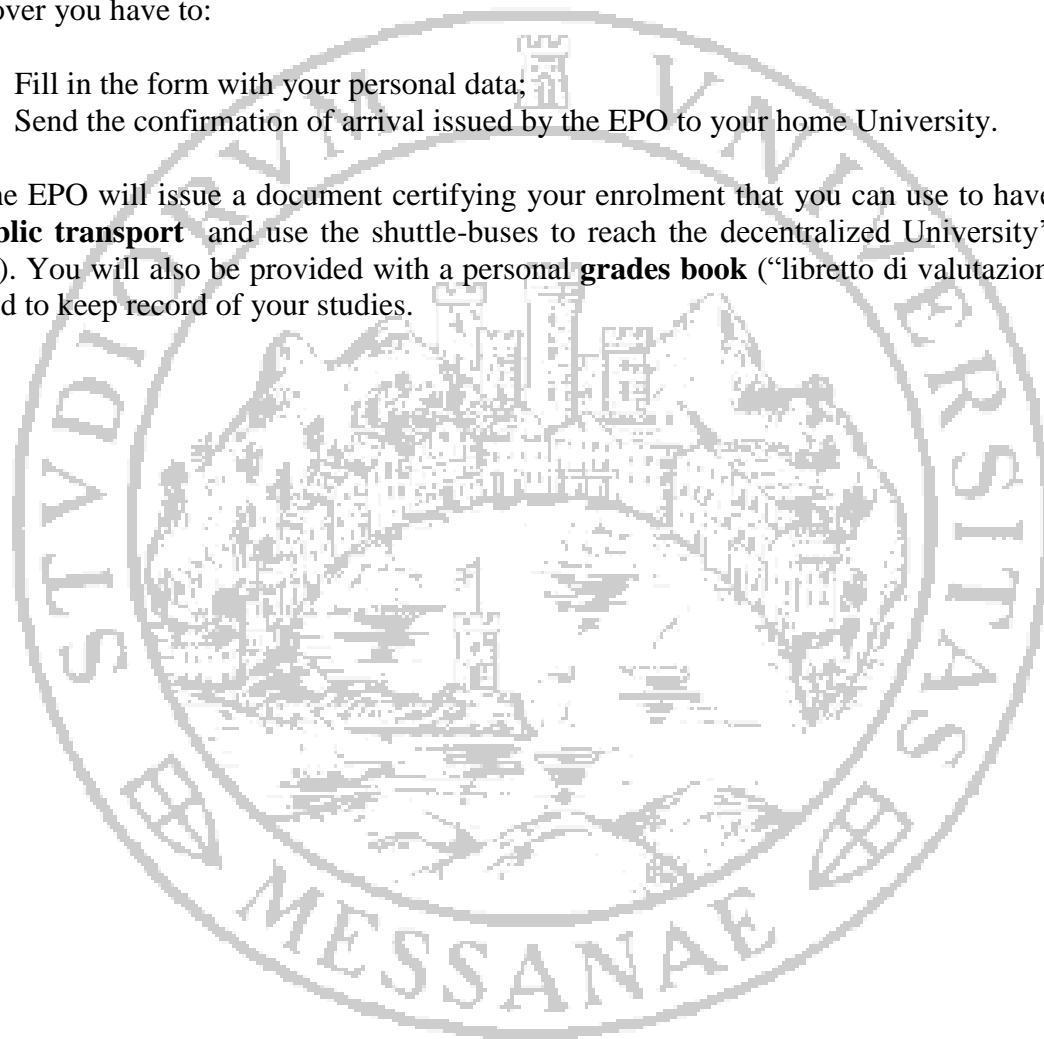
You have to go to the EPO **within two days of arriving** in order to register at the University of Messina and gather all the useful information related to your study stay. In order to be registered you have to show your passport or any other valid identification document and **hand in** the followings:

1. Two passport-size photographs
2. Your University's certificate testifying to your Erasmus Student status;
3. Accident Insurance certificate (valid abroad);
4. EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) for medical assistance.

Moreover you have to:

1. Fill in the form with your personal data;
2. Send the confirmation of arrival issued by the EPO to your home University.

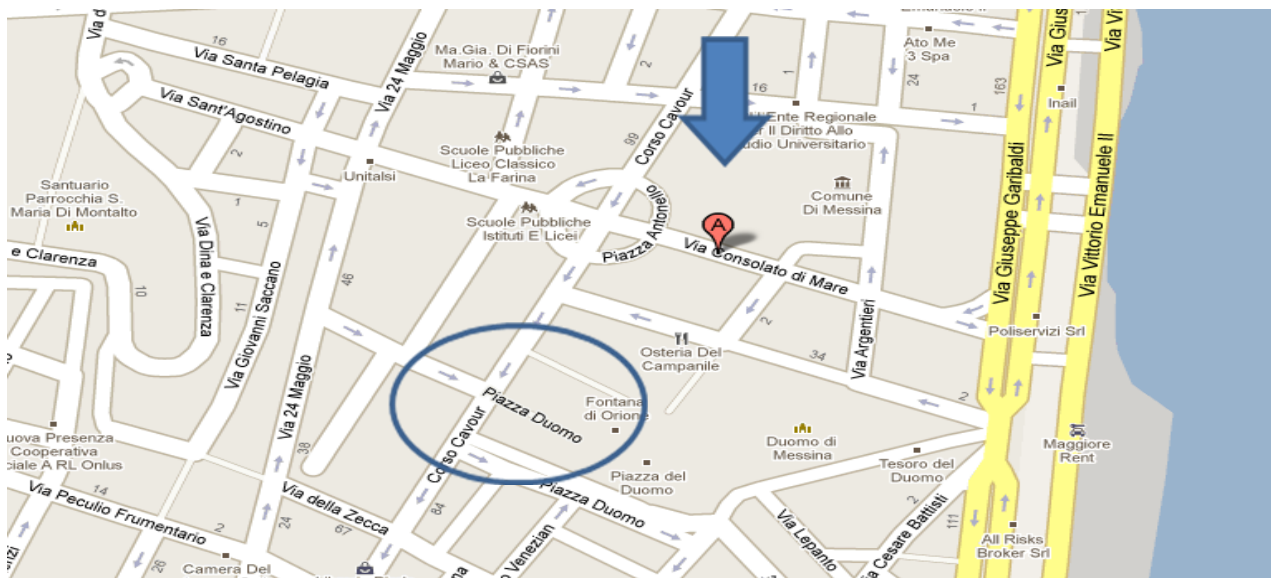
The EPO will issue a document certifying your enrolment that you can use to have free access to **public transport** and use the shuttle-buses to reach the decentralized University's Poles (see below). You will also be provided with a personal **grades book** ("libretto di valutazione") that will be used to keep record of your studies.



European Programmes Office

The European Programmes Office belongs to the International Relations Unit of the University of Messina.

The EPO is placed in “Palazzo Mariani”, one of the oldest buildings in the city centre of Messina, close to the Rectorate building and the Cathedral. The EPO is easily reachable on foot from the train station or by car if you are coming from the motorway.



Our contacts:

European Programmes Office
International Relations Unit
Via Consolato del Mare, 41 – 2nd floor
98122 Messina
Italy
Webpage: <http://www.unime.it/relint/index.html>
e-mail: relint@unime.it

Head of the International Relations Unit: *Dr. Grazia De Tuzza*
Tel. 090/6768500; email: gdetuzza@unime.it

Head of the European Programmes Office: *Dr. Domenica Siddi*
Tel. 090/6768531; email: dsiddi@unime.it

Front Office opening hours:

Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 13:00
Wednesday from 15:00 to 16:00.

Compulsory fulfillments: Italian immigration rules

EU citizens and non-EU citizens with equivalency

Erasmus students from EU countries, as well as from Switzerland, Republic of San Marino, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein (*citizens with equivalency*) are allowed to circulate freely in Italy but must have and carry with them an identity document.

You have to register at the local *Anagrafe population register* (Ufficio Anagrafe) of the district (Comune) of Messina.

The registration is free of charge and documents (and a copy of it) needed in order to apply are:

1. Declaration of Presence duly filled in and signed. The relevant form is available at the following website: <http://www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/view/10930/>. Documents needed for it should attest that you are Erasmus student at the University of Messina you are covered by a sickness insurance policy for the duration of your stay in Italy;
2. Official certification which shows the status of Erasmus student issued by your home University;
3. Passport or any ID card;
4. Copy of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or of a private health insurance policy (see below);
5. Proof of economic means of subsistence. You can submit a self-certification, but must provide information on the kind of economic support they have (i.e. grant, support from parents etc.) and give the details of their bank account or a photocopy of a credit card, which must be suitable for Italy.

The **Ufficio Anagrafe** is located in Piazza Unione Europea, 1 - City Hall; tel.: 090/7722205. Opening Hours: from Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 13:30, on Tuesday and Thursday also from 15:00 to 16:30 .

Non-EU citizens

Non-EU Erasmus students (Turkey) are required to apply for a **visa** which allows to enter Italy. The visa is a printed sticker that is attached to the passport. Please note that to know whether - depending on the citizenship, country of residence, duration and reason of the stay - you need a visa, please check on the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: http://www.esteri.it/visti/home_eng.asp. You better start visa application process as soon as possible since the procedures can require a considerable amount of time. To obtain a visa, you need to go in person to the Italian Embassy or Consulate in your home country and hand in the required documents.

Non-EU Erasmus students wishing to stay in Italy for **more than three months** must also apply for a **residence permit**. **Within eight (8) days of arrival**, you must apply for a “stay permit” for study purposes. The stay permit is issued by the local *Questura Centrale* (Central Police Station) for the place of residence in Italy.

In order to obtain a stay permit you have to take the envelope containing all forms and the instructions (so called **kit**) at the Post Office. Please note that “Patronati” (institutions offering advice and social assistance to worker) may give assistance in the application procedure. Once you have filled in the forms and attached all the required documents, you have to go to the Post Office to send the application.

Documents required are:

1. Application form completed and signed by the interested party - “*Modulo*” 1 of the envelope **yellow stripe for non-EU citizens**;
2. Letter stamped by the University of Messina (it will be given to you when you register at the EPO);
3. Photocopy of all passport pages. Please note that you will also need to show your passport itself;
4. Copy of insurance policy against the risk of illness and injury. This must be valid throughout Italy and for the entire period of validity of the stay permit. If applicants bought it into their home country it must be validated by the Italian Embassy or Consulate in your home country.
5. € **14.62** “*Marca da Bollo*” Italian duty stamp, available from any tobacco shop;
6. A copy of the € 27.50 receipt of payment made at the Post Office on a form to issue the stay permit electronically (only for requests exceeding 90 days).

The cost of sending the application is € 30.00 to be paid at the post office. Once the documentation has been checked, you will get a registered letter receipt (mod. 22A), which gives them a user ID and password so that they can check the state of progress of their application at www.portaleimmigrazione.it. You must keep all the payment receipts that legally prove that you have applied for the residence permit. Some months after having applied, you will receive a registered mail by the Police Immigration Office. You will be asked to go there and be fingerprinted and to collect the residence permit. You must provide the Questura with the following extra documents:

1. Passport or other equivalent document;
2. Four identical passport size photographs;
3. Original health insurance policy against the risk of illness and injury and a photocopy, valid throughout Italy and for the entire period of validity of the resident permit.

Please note that if you miss the appointment the application will be filed away. For further information, visit: www.portaleimmigrazione.it or www.interno.it or <http://www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/view/10619/>. Free help line: 800 309 309.

The **Questura di Messina** - Ufficio Immigrazione is located in Via Epifanio Abate 1, Vill. Matteotti tel. 090/366227. Front office opening hours: from Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 13:30.

Health insurance

EU citizens

EU Erasmus students must be sure to have made arrangements for health cover before arriving in Italy. They need to obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from the local Health Authority, which enables them to register freely with the Italian National Health Service. Enrolment with the Italian Health Service also entitles to register with a family doctor and have special discounts. Alternatively, EU citizens may be covered by a private health insurance policy. In this case, they need to bring an official Italian translation of the policy, issued at the Italian Consulate or Embassy in their country, along with a declaration that the insurance will provide complete cover while in Italy.

Non-EU citizens

Health insurance coverage is required **in order to obtain your stay permit in Italy.**

Non EU Erasmus students can voluntarily register with the National Health System (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale - S.S.N.) by paying a fee per year. Students will be guaranteed all the services enjoyed by Italian nationals. Payment for the Servizio Sanitario Nazionale must be made at the Post Office. Non-EU citizens can purchase an insurance policy in Italy - valid throughout Italy with an Italian or foreign insurance company - which covers sickness, accidents and prenatal care, as well as pregnancy - such as INA Assitalia Insurance but, they will only cover expenses in the event of emergency treatment and / or urgent hospitalization.

In order to **register with the S.S.N.** Non-EU Erasmus students need to go to the nearest Local Health Unit (*Azienda Sanitaria Locale* –ASL) with the following documents:

- passport or identity card
- stay permit (or postal receipt) if required
- the tax code (see below). The Italian tax code is a personal code that identifies each person within the Italian State. It is also needed to open a bank account, or to get a cellular phone.

After registering with the S.S.N., non-EU students will be given a **Personal Healthcare Card** entitling holders to receive medical assistance either without payment or by paying a contribution, which in Italian is called “ticket”.

Tax code

The Tax Code (“codice fiscale”) is a card with a personal code that identifies each person within the Italian State. It could be useful to open a bank account, to buy an Italian cell. phone sim card or to rent a flat.

To obtain the tax code you have to fill in a request form and apply to the “**Agenzia delle Entrate**” and hand in a copy of the Passport or identity Card, of the “Declaration of Presence” and the Certificate issued by the Municipality of Messina. Non-EU Erasmus students should also bring the valid residence permit. The codice fiscale is usually issued immediately.

The office of “**Agenzia delle Entrate**” is located in Via Santa Cecilia IS.104, 45/C – Messina, tel.: 090/6512053 or 090/2933711.

Academic information

Academic calendar

First semester courses usually start at the beginning of October and last until January, while second semester courses start at the end of March and finish in June. Exams can be taken at the end of the course attended. Please note that some Faculties may have **different calendars** and differences might exist among the starting dates of the courses.

For further information, please log in at the followings: <http://www.unime.it/english/> or <http://www.unime.it/didattica/index.html>.

National and local holidays are:

1st January - New Year's Day

6th January – Epiphany

Early April - Easter Monday

25th April - Liberation Day

1st May - Labour Day

2nd June – Italian Republic Holiday

3rd June - Patron saint's day, "Madonna della Lettera" (Blessed Virgin Mary of the Letter)

15th August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st November - All Saints Day

8th December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

24th December - Christmas Eve

25th December - Christmas Day

26th December – Boxing Day / St. Stephen's Day

Academic fulfillments

We suggest you to go to the Faculty and meet the Erasmus Coordinator who will provide you with information about courses, lectures and subjects agreed in the Learning Agreement.

Before enrolling at the exam, Erasmus students (as the other students) **have to get the "Statino"** from the Faculty Secretariat. Students may enroll at the Didactic Secretariat of their own Faculty by the deadline established by the academic staff.

Remind to bring the "Statino" and the Grades Book to the exam.

The Grades Book must be duly filled in by the professor after each exam. This is essential for the EPO of the University of Messina to prepare the "Transcript of Records".

Information on lectures and/or exam timetables are available at the Didactic Secretariat of each Faculty and on-line at the University webpage: <http://www.unime.it>

Courses of Italian language

The University of Messina provides Erasmus students with free Italian language courses at the beginning of each semester at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, "Annunziata Campus". Lectures timetables will be provided to you by the European Programmes Office.

Erasmus students could reach the "Annunziata Campus" by tram until the last stop "Museo" (northward) and by shuttle-bus from there to the Faculty.

Erasmus students interested in attending the course have to get **CLAM (Centro Linguistico d'Ateneo di Messina) Card** issued freely by the CLAM Secretariat. In order to get the Card, you have to fill in the form available at the Website (<http://clam.unime.it>) and handed it in at the CLAM

Secretariat along with two passport-size photographs and a copy of the passport or any other identification card (previously shown). The CLAM Secretariat is located in Via L. Manara 54, Messina. The attendance of the course **and** the final exam assure the student to **get 2 CFU credits** (reported in the transcript of records) and the certificate of Attendance. Please note that only the 25% of absence on the total the total hours is accepted.

Erasmus coordinators

Name	Faculty	Department	Contacts	e-mail
Abbate Francesco	Veterinary Medicine	Morfologia, Biochimica, Fisiologia e Produzioni Animali	090/3503598	franco.abbate@unime.it
Aronica Giuseppe	Engineering	Ingegneria Civile	090/3977164	aronica@ingegneria.unime.it
Bolognari Velleda	Education	Pedagogia e Scienze dell'educazione	090/361349	Velleda.Bolognari@unime.it
Calabrò Vittoria	Political Science	Studi Europei e Mediterranei	090/6764883	vcalabro@unime.it
Fiumara Giacomo	Mathematics, Physics, Natural Sciences	Fisica	090/6765049	giacomo.fiumara@unime.it
Fornaro Pasquale	Arts and Humanities	Studi sulla Civiltà Moderna e la Tradizione Classica	090/3503379	Pasquale.Fornaro@unime.it
Grasso Silvana	Pharmacy	Farmaco-Chimico	090/6766470	grasso@pharma.unime.it
Moschella Giovanni	Economics	Studi Europei e Mediterranei	090/6764880	Giovanni.Moschella@unime.it
Ortoleva Grazia	Arts and Humanities	Dipartimento di Lingue, Letterature e Culture Straniere	090/3503237	graziaortoleva@tiscali.it
Panella Carmela	Political Science	Studi Politici, Internazionali, Comunitari, Inglese e Angloamericani	090/675866	Carmela.Panella@unime.it
Puliafito Antonio	Engineering	Matematica	090/3977318	apulafito@unime.it
Randazzo Giovanni	Mathematics, Physics, Natural Sciences	Scienze della Terra	090/6765095	grandazzo@unime.it
Romano Andrea	Political Science	Studi Europei e Mediterranei	090/6413051	Andrea.Romano@unime.it

Ruggeri Stefano	Law	Scienze Giuspubblicistiche	090/ 6764415	steruggeri@unime.it
Vermiglio Francesco	Medicine	Clinico - Sperimentale Di Medicina e Farmacologia	090/ 2212018	Francesco.Vermiglio@unime.it



Facilities

Libraries and reading rooms

In terms of academic services and student facilities, each Faculty has its main Library as well as individual departmental specialized libraries. The University of Messina has a well-stocked library including the best scientific and academic publications. On-line integrated library database (S.B.A.) and updated information on academic and research activities and services (LISI-SCOPUS) are freely available at the University website: <http://www.unime.it/biblioteche/index.html>.

Internet access

Each Faculty provides students with reading rooms and computer access. In the University premises there is also a Wi-Fi service. In order to use a LAN connection students should register and obtain the ID card at the University of Messina.

Accommodation and meals

Living in a hall of residence will provide Erasmus students with a good base to settle down. You will also be close to other students, as well as being near the University.

The E.R.S.U. (Regional agency for the right to higher education) offers its rooms to local and Erasmus students. The application must be sent to the University well in advance, before the start of the academic year, to allow scheduling of arrivals and booking of rooms. Since the number of rooms for Erasmus students is limited, assignment of rooms is subject to availability.

University Halls of Residence are located at:

1. **Annunziata Campus:** V.le SS Annunziata
2. **Papardo Campus:** Contrada Di Dio
3. **Casa dello studente :** Via Cesare Battisti
4. **Guest House:** Via Pietro Castelli

The average monthly rent is 170,00 euro, including bed linen and blankets. Laundry service is not available. Please note that **access to room cannot be arranged** if you arrive on Saturday or Sunday.

Private Accommodation

For those Erasmus students who cannot/do not want to be lodged at a University Hall of Residence, the EPO provides assistance in the search of accommodation in private shared flats through contact with **Erasmus Students Network**, an association of former Erasmus students.

ESN provides regularly updated lists of private flats and houses and helps students in their search. More info on the ESN Messina web site: <http://www.esn-messina.it/> email: esn_messina@hotmail.it. Moreover, Erasmus students can look for a private accommodation directly logging to the **ERSU website:** <http://www.ersu.me.it/>

Canteens

The University of Messina has **four main canteens** located in different areas, but all close to Faculties:

1. “**Mensa Casa dello Studente**”, located in Via Ghibellina n. 141 – in the city centre, at walking distance from University buildings, close to the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Law;

2. "**Mensa Policlinico**" located within the University Hospital compound, near the Faculty of Medicine;
3. "**Mensa Papardo**" located in the University Campus, close to the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering;
4. "**Mensa Annunziata**" located in the University Campus close to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

In order to have access to the canteens, students have to apply for a student CARD available at ERSU. ERSU Office is located in Via A. Ghibellina, 146; switchboard: +39 090/371865. Opening hours: from Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 12:00. On Wednesday also open from 15:00 to 17:00. Please note that opening hours may be subjected to modification in summertime. For further information please log in at the following web pages: www.Erasmus.me.it / www.ersuorienta.me.it.

Transportation

From Monday to Friday (as well as on Saturday for students enrolled at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery) Erasmus students enrolled at the University of Messina can use local public transport (A.T.M.) **free of charge**. Students have also access to free transports by bus-shuttles to reach all the Faculties far from the city centre. Transportation timetable is available on the University of Messina webpage. Please note that you are required to show the **certificate of enrollment** provided by the European Programmes Office.

Sports Facilities

Sports facilities available to students are offered by **Unime Sport** which is committed to promote the growth of practice of amateur sports by means of beginner or advanced courses as well as recreational sporting tournaments for University students.

Sports Facilities includes:

"Conca d'Oro" Campus:

Baseball pitch (15.000 sm.)

Multifunctional Gym (1.425 sm.)

"Annunziata" Campus:

Rugby, hockey and soccer pitches (7.000 sm.)

Multifunctional Gym (1.197 sm.)

Multifunctional Gym (1.128 sm.)

Indoor swimming pool (sm.)

Outdoor swimming pool (1.050 sm.)

3 indoor tennis courts (2.517 sm.)

2 multifunctional tennis- five a side soccer courts (1.433 sm.)

For further information please contact: **Unime Sport**, "Annunziata Campus" located in V.le S.S. Annunziata, Tel.: 090 95.86.062 - 090 35.47.29 - Fax: 090 35.00.356; Web page: http://unimesport.unime.it/tariffe/ums_index.html; e-mail: unimesport@unime.it

Other useful information

How to get to Messina

Messina is situated in eastern part of Sicily, in the South of Italy and is easily reachable:

BY PLANE

Although Messina does not have its own airport, it can be easily reached flying direct to Catania, Palermo or Reggio Calabria Airports, via Milan Malpensa Airport (www.sea-aeroportmilano.it) or via Roma Fiumicino Airport (www.adr.it). Direct Bus Service connections are available from Catania Airport (<http://www.saisautolinee.it/regionali.htm>) as well as from Reggio Calabria Airport to Villa San Giovanni (<http://www.autolineefederico.it>). From Palermo Airport there are no direct connections; those who fly to Palermo should go to the Central Railway Station (info on www.gesap.it) and take a bus or a train to Messina.

BY TRAIN

You can get to Messina by train. Detailed information and timetables are available on http://trenitalia.it/homepage_en.html. Tickets can be bought at the railway station or booked online.

Postal service

There are many post offices in the city centre of Messina which are usually open from 8 am to 1 p.m. However, some of these are open continuously from 8 am to 6 pm.

To find the closest Postal Office visit: <http://messina.paginegialle.it/sicilia/messina/poste.html>

Climate

Sicily is famous for its mild climate, greatly influenced by sea currents. Because of its location, stretching along the sea in the Strait, Messina is windy and in wintertime the average temperature is about 10° C, while the average summer temperature is about 30-35° C, with a high humidity level.

Emergency numbers

Phone numbers listed below are useful in case of an emergency during your stay in Messina:

Carabinieri (Italian Police Officers) 112

Emergency (Pronto Intervento) 113

First Aid (Pronto Soccorso) - University Hospital G. Martino 090/3991

Ambulance 118

First Aid during nights and week-end (Guardia medica) Via Garibaldi Porto Salvo, Tel. 090/45077/
090/345422

Road accidents (Incidenti Stradali) 116

Fire Brigade (Pompieri) 115

Urban Police (Polizia Municipale) 090/771000

Messina City Hall (Municipio) 090/7721

ENEL(Electricity supply) 800- 011322

Servizio Acqua (Water supply) 090/675505

Servizio Gas (Gas supply) 800- 900999



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