studying in **Florence**

Handbook for students at the **University** of Florence

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE

Overview

The University of Florence offers a wide range of study programmes at all levels (first and second cycle degrees, corresponding to bachelor's and master's respectively, PhD courses, specialisation schools and vocational master courses) and in all areas of knowledge: scientific, biomedical, technological, humanities and education, social sciences. Teaching activities are coordinated by 10 Schools.

There are about 51,000 enrolled students, one-fourth of which from outside of Tuscany, 1,700 lecturers and internal research staff, 1,600 technical and administrative staff, and over 1,800 research fellows and doctoral candidates. They are about 9,000 the degrees awarded each year. According to the alumni data, the percentage of students who are in the workforce one year after their bachelor degree is above national average. Research is coordinated by 24 Departments and other units such as interdepartmental, inter-university and study centres.

University activities have a strong international dimension: over 270 cooperation agreements with as many universities from 70 different countries; study curricula leading to joint or double degrees with other institutions; the acknowledgement, since 1999, of the University of Florence as a "Centre of Excellence Jean Monet" for its specialisation in European integration studies.

There are over 3,000 foreign students enrolled. Within each academic year there are about 1,000 young Europeans that take part in the Erasmus programme to study in Florence.

History

The origins of the University of Florence go back to the Studium Generale set up by the Florentine Republic in 1321. The subjects taught were Civil

and Canon Law, Literature, Medicine. There have been illustrious lecturers such as Giovanni Boccaccio, who lectured on the Divina Commedia. In 1364 the Studium became an imperial university. When the Medici came to power in Tuscany in 1472 it was exiled to Pisa. From the XVIth Century, lacking a university, teaching and research remained active in Florence through the numerous academies that were established over time. In 1859 a unified structure re-emerged in the shape of the Istituto Superiore di Studi Pratici e di Perfezionamento (Higher Institute of Vocational and Advanced Studies). In 1923 the Istituto was officially granted the title of university. Between 1924 and 1938 the university organised itself into the Faculties of Agriculture, Architecture, Economics, Pharmacy, Law, Humanities, Education, Medicine, Mathematics, Physics and Natural Sciences and Political Sciences. Engineering was officially added in 1970 but the first two years were active since 1928, and Psychology was established in 2002. In 2013 with the new reform introduced by Law 240/2010 all Faculties have been abolished giving all responsibility to provide teaching and services to the Schools.

Salomon, the symbol of the University

The image of Salomon, fair and wise king, is the symbol of the University of Florence since its origins. There is a description of it in the Studium Generale Statute of 1387 that established how the coat of arms was to appear.

At the time the modern university was established, the logo was inspired by the medieval symbol. To the present day, the university logo shows Salomon holding in his right hand a sceptre with the fleur-de-lis and the lettering Florentina Studiorum Universitas around it. Inside the sceptre there are two small Florentine fleur-de-lis.

The university system and programmes offered

In the Italian education system there are three levels of tertiary study programmes.

The first level, *laurea triennale* or first cycle degree is equivalent to a bachelor degree. It has a duration of 3 years and students must acquire 180 credits (CFU) in order to graduate. It provides a general knowledge of professional methods and contents and specific skills. Graduates gain the academic title of "dottore". The University of Florence offers 56 first cycle degrees in the academic year 2017-2018.

A laurea magistrale a ciclo unico (combined bachelor and master degree) has a duration of either 5 (300 credits) or 6 years (360 credits) and it aims to provide a high level of education in specific areas within the Schools of Architecture, Law, Human Health Sciences and Humanities and Education. Those who graduate from a single cycle degree programme obtain the title of "dottore magistrale". The University of

Florence offers 9 single cycle degrees in academic year 2017-2018.

The second level, or *laurea magistrale* is equivalent to a master degree. It has a duration of 2 years (120 credits) and access is for graduates only. Its programmes are at advanced level. Those who graduate from a second cycle degree programme obtain the title of "dottore magistrale". The University of Florence offers 67 second cycle degrees in academic year 2017-2018.

The third level of tertiary education is the *dotto-rato diricerca* (PhD) that gives the necessary skills to pursue high level research activities at academic, private or public institutions. Access to doctorate programmes is by public examination. In addition the University of Florence offers further continuing education programmes such as: 74 vocational master courses, 20 advanced training course, 10 continuing education courses and 42 specialisation schools.

More info: www.unifi.it/programmes



TO START

Choosing the right study path

The choice of the type of study to undertake is a very important one and for this reason it is key to be properly informed. Throughout the academic year there are many orientation initiatives and Open Days.

On unifi.it/orientamento you can find all dates and tools (such as questionnaire to fill in online and all student guides) and contact details of all orientation reference staff for each School

The Student Regulations

The Student Regulations handbook (*Manifesto degli Studi*) is the official source of all information related to first year and following years enrolments, taxes and fees, restricted access and open access programmes, self evaluation and admission tests, university transfers and course transfers, etc. It can be downloaded from the official website under the Students section.

Self evaluation tests and OFA ("additional obligatory credits")

Students enrolling in an open access programme must take a self evaluation test. It is mandatory but the results will not influence negatively the matriculation process.

The purpose is to assess the students' level of preparation and know where further study needs to be done by way of "additional obligatory credits" (OFA) i.e. extra credits that need to be earned as a pre-requisite before students can be admitted to take the regular course exams. Each school will schedule a number of test sessions throughout the academic year. All related information will appear on the schools' websites and on dedicated pages inside the university general website.

How to enrol

Future students who are not Italian citizens and residents and/or do not hold an Italian secondary school diploma cannot enrol online but need to apply with the Students Offices of the School they wish to matriculate (enrol for the first time) in if they are EU citizens or come from EEA countries such as Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein or Switzerland. If they are citizens of a country outside the EU/EEA they need to apply with the Foreign Students Office.

Please note that restricted access courses require an admission test: they have earlier deadlines as indicated in each individual public announcement.

Please also note that matriculation deadlines for EU or foreign citizen are different than those of national candidates.

Should a student decide that the programme chosen is not the right one, it is possible to change without repeating the year up to the beginning of March 2018.

More info: www.unifi.it/students

Students' personal email account

Every student is issued a personal email address to be used for all official correspondence with the university.

The mailbox address, in the format name.surname@stud.unifi.it is generated at the time of enrolment and will be active up to three years after graduation or until 30th June of the year following the last enrolment. All communication from the University will be addressed exclusively to this mailbox. Access is via webmail. stud.unifi.it with student number and password issued at the time of matriculation.

It is possible to set the automatic forward of incoming mail to one's own private address.

More info: www.siaf.unifi.it



Online Services

On the university website you can find all online services available to students and essential to carry out most activities related to academic life.

For instance to book an exam, to make an appointment with the students' office, look up one's own academic career info (study plans, passed exams, fees paid, etc), download payment slips for taxes and fees, apply for graduation, book for events, tests, initiatives, search internships and more.

More info: http://sol.unifi.it

SmartUnifi

With this app it is possible to have on smartphone and tablet info on contacts, places and events of the University. Students can also look up their academic record, book exams and library items.

Part-time students

At the time of enrolment students can decide

to enrol part-time if they already know that they cannot attend and study full-time. Parttime student status will mean that different rules for study plans and fees apply.

Income based fees

At the time of enrolment students need to pay the first instalment of university taxes and fees. These are proportional to the student's family assets. To this purpose students need to produce a specific declaration called ISEE value for the purpose of university study.

This calculation is done automatically even for foreign incomes and is based on the previous financial year's tax declaration. It can be obtained from CAF (Centri di Assistenza Fiscale) or INPS (the national pensions institute)

Please note that it will take a few days to obtain ISEE certificate, so it is important to apply well in advance of deadlines.

More details on enrolments and fees on unifi. it/students

Student FAQs at: unifi.it/faq

INTERNATIONALISATION AND **MOBILITY**

Courses taught in English

There are eight graduate courses taught in English (Laurea Magistrale or Second Cycle Degree).

- School of Economics and Management: Economics and Development; Finance and Risk Management; Design of Sustainable Tourism Systems.
- School of Agriculture: Natural Resources Management for Tropical Development
- School of Architecture: Architectural Design curriculum, inside the Architecture master degree
- School of Engineering: Geo-engineering
- School of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences: Resilient and Secure Cyber Physical Systems curriculum, inside the Computer Science master degree
- School of Political Sciences "Cesare Alfieri": International Relations and European Studies (curriculum offered in both languages)

More info: www.unifi.it/courses

Joint or Double Degrees

Programmes issuing a double or joint degree play a significant role in the courses offered by the University of Florence.

The combined cycle degrees in Italian and French Law or Italian and German Law entail a joint master degree, whereas agreements with other foreign universities lead to double titles. There are four first cycle (bachelor) degrees and twelve second cycle (master) ones.

The universities of Bonn (Germany), Budapest (Hungary) and Brno (Czech Republic) are involved in the areas of Humanities; Skopije (Macedonia) Novi Sad (Serbia) and Tirana (Albania) for Engineering, Moscow (Russia) for Political Sciences, Madrid and Burgos (Spain) for Mathematics, Varsavia (Poland) and Göttingen (Germany) for Economics, Fes (Morocco) for Architecture.

More info: unifi.it/internationalprogrammes

Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport for the timeframe 2014-2020. One of the key actions is student mobility for learning and traineeship. It is possible to repeat the Erasmus programme within the university career, alternating periods of study and/or traineeship for a maximum of 12 months for each of the three cycles of tertiary studies, or 24 months in case of a combined bachelor/master degree.

The grants are gauged according to the cost of living in the participating countries.

There is also additional funding for students with economical or social difficulties and for students with disabilities offered on a case by case hasis.

More info: www.unifi.it/erasmus

Further mobility opportunities

The University of Florence has signed cooperation and exchange agreements with foreign universities that give the possibility to regularly enrolled students to spend study time abroad. The announcements are published regularly and contain all information on participation criteria, including the number of openings, the length of stay and additional contributions or funding available.

More info: www.unifi.it/bandiestero

Outgoing Erasmus Students

Learning mobility goes from a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 12 months whereas the internship mobility from 2 to 12 months.

Learning mobility is allowed only in partner in-

stitutions with which the University of Florence has signed a bilateral agreement. The Erasmus student can attend courses and use the structures at the hosting institution without paying further enrolment charges and with the guarantee that the period of study abroad is recognised and credits earned are transferred.

Before departure every student must have obtained the Learning Agreement or the Training Agreement stating all activity to be pursued in the foreign institution, approved by both institutions. Training mobility can be done also by students that have already graduated, but they must fill the application whilst still enrolled. Departure will be after graduation. The mobility period must be taken and end within a year of graduation.

More info: www.unifi.it/erasmus

Incoming Erasmus Students

Prior to arrival in Florence

Before the scheduled beginning of the period of study in Florence, students, selected in their home institution in the framework of the Erasmus programme, should send to the Servizio Relazioni Internazionali of the relevant School the Student Mobility Proposal Form (made up of Enrolment Form plus Learning Agreement). Moreover, students can register online to the free Italian Language Course, if interested. Application form downloadable from Unifi website.

Upon arrival in Florence

In order to proceed with enrolment, students should go to the Sportello Erasmus (Erasmus Front Office) and hand over the application form (Enrolment Form plus Learning Agreement) duly signed and stamped by the Erasmus coordinators of both institutions, a copy of the passport or ID card, 2 passport photos. Once the procedure has been completed stu-

dents will receive the "libretto universitario" (academic record booklet) where all passed exams will be registered.

Before Departure from Florence - The academic record booklet has to be returned to the Erasmus Front Office of the school where they receive an official certificate stating the period of attendance at the University of Florence and the list of exams passed.

Note: according to the EC programmes students are not required to pay university admission fees during their stay abroad, however the University of Florence cannot avoid any tax levied by national laws on certificates issued by public offices.

The costs of materials such as books, photocopies, etc. are the students' responsibility.

More info: www.unifi.it/erasmusincoming

Entering Italy and other information

Citizens of the EU, Switzerland and EEA Countries (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein):

- staying LESS than 90 days
- can report their presence to the local Police offices by filling in the relevant form (Dichiarazione di presenza)
- staying MORE than 90 days
- must enrol at their "anagrafe" (part of the Local Council offices)

All other citizens:

- staying LESS than 90 days
- must hold a valid passport
- may or may not need a visa (see visa-exempt countries on the Polizia di Stato website)
- do not need a resident's permit. However:
- if resident in a Schengen area country: must report their presence to the Police (Dichiarazione di presenza)
- ifresidentOUTSIDE the Schengen area: must have their passport stamped with a Schengen stamp at the border customs control

staying MORE than 90 days

- · must hold a valid passport and visa if re-
- must apply for resident's permit within 8 days of their arrival in Italy.

Resident's permit applications can be submitted to:

- Local Councils offering this service
- · Patronati (institutions offering advice and social assistance to workers)
- Immigration Desk (Sportello Unico per l'Immigrazione) at any Prefettura (local government offices)
- Post Offices offering this service

For more information on procedures and relevant costs, on list of the local Councils, Patronati and Post Offices providing a residence permit application service, please visit the following websites:

www.poliziadistato.it www.interno.it www.esteri.it www.portaleimmigrazione.it www.posteitaliane.it www.anci.it

Lost & Found

In case of lost objects or documents it is necessary to report it either to the Questura (Police HQ), or any local police or Carabinieri offices. For enquiries:

• Oggetti trovati - Lost and Found via F. Veracini 5, int. 5 | 50144 Firenze Tel. 055 334802 | Fax 0553246473 E-mail: oggettitrovati@serviziallastrada.it

• Objects lost on trains: tel. 055 2356120

Health insurance

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens in possession of a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or equivalent document will get the same access to public health care at the same terms

as nationals in accordance with the Italian legislation if a medical treatment is or becomes necessary during their stay. Those who do not have complete health coverage in their home country or are not EU citizens can choose between two options:

- Health care provided by the Italian National Health System (SSN) which offers complete coverage, including the possibility of choosing a General Practitioner, paying a fixed yearly lump sum (at present Euro 149,77 per calendar year, that is, until the 31st of December of the year when the payment has been made). In this case it is necessary to address the ASL (local health office) of the place where the student is living to get information on the procedure to follow:
- Insurance policy purchased with a private insurance company, Italian or foreign, which must be valid in Italy, with prices varying according to the coverage provided.

For further information students should address the following Office: Ufficio Stranieri ASL 10 di Firenze, Via Gramsci 561, 50019 Sesto Fiorentino | Tel. 055 6930111

e-mail: ufficio.stranieri@asf.toscana.it

Italian public holidays

1st lanuary 6th January (Epiphany Day) Easter Monday 25th April (Liberation Day) 1st May (Labour Day) 2nd June (Republic Day) 24th June (St. John's, Patron Saint of Florence)

15th August (Assumption Day)

1st November (All Saints) 8th December (Immaculate Conception) 25th December (Christmas)

26th December (St. Stephen's Day)

SERVICES

Incoming orientation

It is called "Scuola-Università di Firenze in continuità" (School-University of Florence continuum) and it is a project to promote mindful choices, facilitate the passage to tertiary study and minimize drop-out. The link with secondary schools is given key importance, as well as the collaboration with the Tuscan Regional Education Office who, in addition to recurring meetings, has set up a "teachers' desk" dedicated to teachers providing orientation tutoring. Suggestions and requests to: orientatest@adm. unifi.it

The University has also developed an orientation test for second-last year high school students concerning study matters but also motivation and methods. Each university school organises throughout the academic year several days where they present the programmes they offer.

The University promotes orientation paths aimed at enhancing gender differences in order

to reach equal opportunities and facilitate a stereotype -free choice.

Lastly, every year there is a day dedicated entirely to first year students to facilitate their integration in the university context.

Students, teachers and parents are also offered counselling toward the choice of university held by orientation experts and career counsellors.

More info: www.unifi.it/orientation

Ongoing orientation and tutoring service

The university has launched a special project for ongoing orientation funded by the Ministry of University (MIUR) and has hired master and doctoral students to support fellow students to achieve a regular study path and fight dropout. Tutors work side by side with teachers and are found in all courses. They coordinate with the president of each programme and promote the planning of support paths to fill gaps and resolve critical issues emerged even with sin-



gle exams. They can offer help to students for e-learning and search activities as well as administrative procedures. Contact info on the schools' websites

Wi-Fi at the University and abroad

A wireless connection is available throughout the university buildings: all registered users can connect using their own portable PC and authenticate themselves with their login and password. Unifi students going abroad can use their login also on the universities and research institutes that are part of the European Confederation Eduroam.

More info: www.siaf.unifi.it - www.eduroam.it

Libraries: books, catalogues, courses, services, exhibitions

Not only study areas surrounded by books, but also many electronic format resources, valuable sources for exam and dissertation preparation, research activities and PhD material. The University Library System (Sistema Bibliotecario di Ateneo - SBA) is a network of services that makes available to its users about 3.5 million printed volumes, 25,000 print journals, and 56,000 e-journals, distributed in its five macro-area libraries (biomedical, sciences, social sciences, technological sciences, humanities) connected to which are thirty reading rooms.

It is a heritage of high value to which other digital resources are added, including e-books, articles, periodicals) that the entire academic community can consult online, print or download from no matter which access point.

Extensive e-book catalogues, valuable scientific databases from major national and international publishers and a complete package of online dictionaries are available to users.

In addition there is FLORE, the institution-

al open access repository, a collection of documents downloadable in their full-version, from all disciplinary areas, including humanities and social sciences (HSS), pure science, technology and medicine (STM).

"Digital fingerprints" is the name of the archive of rare and precious volumes that have been scanned and are now accessible to students. This way the material can be downloaded, sent via email. saved as pdf. etc.

Besides the loan services both local and interlibrary and the access to articles non available through the libraries, the Library System offers information also online ("Chiedi in biblioteca"), assistance for bibliographic searches, online navigation and library navigation introduction courses, guided tours, computer rooms with evening access, support services for the disabled.

But that's not all. The libraries are part of the students' lives with cultural initiatives, events, exhibitions (some of which visible in virtual mode on the Library website).

More info: www.sba.unifi.it

Learning languages

Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (CLA), the University Language Centre organises and examines the language education required by the Schools, staging seminars and courses according the the different levels of knowledge.

The Centre offers courses in English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Chinese and Italian for foreigners. Besides attending traditional courses it is possible to follow paths of self-study using the tutoring services, multimedia linguistic laboratories and other opportunities to practice languages, such as seminars, themed encounters and "tandem" encounters.

More info: www.cla.unifi.it

Studying Chinese

Since March 2014 The Confucius Institute has been set up at the University of Florence, on the basis of a cooperation agreement signed with the Chinese government and Tongji University of Shanghai.

The Confucius Institute is recognised by the Ministry of Education of China as an official institution for the teaching of Chinese in the world. Besides organising language courses at all levels and HSK certification exams, it promotes also cultural activities, upon payment of a membership fee with special rates for students and staff. Courses are held in the afternoon and on Saturdays.

More info: www.istitutoconfucio.unifi.it

Cultural Services Centre for Foreigners

The centre organizes Italian language courses in four levels (preparatory, intermediate, advanced intermediate and advanced) and courses of Italian culture: Italian Literature, Italian History, History of Art, Florentine Culture, Etruscan Civilization, History of Music, Aspects of Italian Cinema, Italian Eating Habits and Food Culture, Environment, landscape, local traditions. The courses are divided in four terms: autumn, winter, spring and summer term.

More info: www.ccs.unifi.it

IT Courses

SIAF, the University IT System, offers throughout the year, courses at various levels on computer literacy, web security, graphic design, cad, database, operating systems, programming languages all at very competitive rates for students. There are also available for the students of the University some free software packages.

More info: www.siaf.unifi.it

Services for students with disabilities and learning difficulties

CESPD is the reference centre for disability issues. Each School has their delegate for disabilities and specialised tutors that cooperate to facilitate the education and integration of students with disabilities/difficulties. All students with a disability of 66% or above are exempt from fees and taxes. At CESPD offices there are orientation services for incoming high school students and orientation for job placement of disabled graduands and graduates.

The Libraries offer to disabled students the possibility of using PCs with vocal synthesis software, free loan of audio-books, proxy and home delivery loans.

A Listening Centre for students with disabilities has been recently activated: it stems from the collaboration between the Centro di Riferimento Regionale sulle Criticità Relazionali (the regional centre for relational critical issues) and CESPD with the aim to offer support in case of hardship encountered by these students.

A research project is currently working on learning difficulties in order to develop guidelines for intervention and better learning and integration methods for university students affected by them.

More info: www.unifi.it/disabilities

Counselling

A counselling service is available to help students face some of the issues linked to university life (study difficulties, choice or change of career, stress management, adjustment).

The counselling consists of individual sessions of orientation, career or clinical counselling. Interviews are free of charge and in total respect of the privacy.

More info: psicorienta@unifi.it

Job Placement

Doing an internship

An internship is an intrinsic part of the academic path of each students. In many under- and postgraduate degrees the curricular internship is compulsory and earns credits. A graduate internship, called in this case non-curricular - is a period of training and orientation to the professional world. Non-curricular internship is different from specific traineeship periods giving professional qualification, a compulsory step in order to be able to practise specific jobs. The University of Florence has implemented St@ge. an online database to facilitate access to internships: students and graduates can search for businesses that have agreements in place to host interns and can apply directly.

More info and access: www.unifi.it/stage

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Career Counseling

Career Counseling e Life Designing

This service helps students with individual or group interviews to build their own professional and post-university project.

Constructing life counseling

A programme that aims at personal and professional development.

Life meaning counseling

Thinking about the meanings of life in order to reach the personal success.

Intrapreneurial self-capital training

Programme aimed at graduands and graduates to reinforce individual skills to face professional and personal challenges.

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Job offers display

It's an online service collecting a selection of offers from businesses, associations and institutions.

Other proposals - Recommendations

Evaluation and publication of proposals from external bodies regarding orientation and job placement for students and graduates.

Job Training

Job Orientation Seminars

Periodical events dedicated to students, recent graduates and doctoral candidates offering useful information to improve awareness when entering the workforce.

Active job search workshop

Group workshop providing tools for students, graduates, doctoral candidates and PhDs to produce a more effective job application.

CV Check

Personalised editing of application letter and CV. Programme aimed at those who have taken part in the active job search workshop.

Assessment Centre

Programme aimed at students, graduands, graduates, doctoral candidates and PhDs of the University centred on the knowledge and development of cross-field skills needed by companies and organisations.

Video CV

Specific programme to produce a video CV aimed at those who have taken part in the workshop.

Meeting businesses

Introducing Business

Periodical meetings with businesses interested in presenting their activity and job and traineeship opportunities.

Career Day

Yearly event where final year students, graduates and PhDs and work professionals meet. During the event participants have the chance to sit for job interviews with HR managers of private businesses and institutions offering concrete job opportunities.

Career Lab

Programme offering the opportunity to participate in job selection by businesses and professionals using also case studies presented by selection personnel.

Apprenticeship

It allows to reach two objectives: an employment contract and the achievement of a qualification. This kind of contract permits employers to hire people with specialized skills who can contribute to the innovation of business.

Development of enterprise

lob in Lab

Six-months long workshops where graduates can challenge the knowledge acquired during their studies and apply it to an innovative project.

Entrepreneurial Gym

Training programme to develop and practise entrepreneurial skills and direct knowledge towards a professional project.

Impresa Campus

A five months training that aims to spread an entrepreneurial culture in order to start new businesses. The training consists of theory and practice about: how to start a business and communicate it, business model, business plan, elevator pitch.

CANTEENS, ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION

DSU Services

DSU, the Board for the Right to University Education in Tuscany provides services to students enrolled in Tuscan universities aimed at helping them overcome economical difficulties during their tertiary education career.

The right to education is granted by providing general services to all students and specific ones assigned by public competition to deserving students coming from low income situations.

Services include economic support for housing expenses, canteens, orientation activities, discounts and promotions for cultural activities.

More info: www.unifi.it/orientation

Accommodation

In Florence DSU manages a number of residential halls for a total of 1666 beds, organised in different type of accommodation (rooms, studio apartments). Places are assigned by public competition to all students residing outside of Florence having pre-determined economical and academic qualifications. The competition is the same one as the study grant and is published every year in July with deadline for application in September.

Students coming from that are eligible for accommodation but cannot have one assigned due to temporary lack of availability, can apply for a contribution toward rental costs until a place becomes available.

University Canteens

They are located near some of the campuses and all students regularly enrolled and in possession of the dedicated card can access them. A complete meal is made up of two courses plus fruit or dessert, bread and a drink. The cost varies according to income level and is between 2.80 and 4 euro for the complete meal. Other combinations are possible including a take away meal and gluten free on request.

Getting around by bus and by bicycleStudent monthly passes for ATAF buses

Enrolled students up to 27 years of age can buy a monthly pass at the reduced rate of 23 euro. The Student Pass must be accompanied by the Student Card that can be bought at the ATAF Point at S. Maria Novella train station or at authorised points of sale submitting one passport photo, the fiscal code, the request form duly filled and a a proof of student status (such as the academic record booklet).

More info: www.ataf.net

E-ticket via SMS

It is possible to buy a bus ticket sending a text message from the mobile phone for those who are on TIM, Vodafone, Wind and 3 Italia networks. It costs 1.50 € plus the cost of the text message. There is also a downloadable ATAF App providing useful info on the bus network, close by stops and timetables.

Bicycle rental

It is possible to rent bicycles for a few hours or the whole day from the two sites of Piazza S. Maria Novella and Piazza Ghiberti. The service is open Monday to Saturday.

More info: www.bicifirenze.it

STUDY GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The study grant is the main benefit that DSU Toscana awards by public assessment to university students that qualify in terms of merit and income. Students that are awarded a study grant receive money, are exempted from paying tuition fees, have free access to canteens and, if coming from outside of Florence, will also have a place free of charge in a student hall of residence. A further benefit is the Services Grant that includes one free meal per day in one of the university canteens, a contribution towards a public transport monthly pass and one for study material. All information available online inside the specific public announcement published each year in July. Those who do not meet all of the requirements can still apply for other type of economic benefits, such as those for economic hardship, for disabilities, for students enrolled in Nursing.

Grants for academic merit

Every year the University allocates monies for students who achieve outstanding results in their average marks and number of credits earned. The actual amount of the reimbursement depends on the amount of total fees and charges paid yearly by the student and is issued upon request by interested students. Applications online.

More info: www.unifi.it/agevolazioni

Grants for part-time work

Students enrolled in second year or above and having merit and income qualifications as set by law, can apply for a part-time job at the university (library services, museums, and other service centres) for a maximum of 150 hours per year.

Every year a call is issued for available posts, divided by degree programme.

More info: www.unifi.it/studenti150ore

Grants for Junior Tutor

For those students at the top of their courses there is the possibility to receive grants for tutoring fellow students and orientation activities. The grants are for students enrolled in master degree and PhD programmes and law specialisation school.

More info: www.unifi.it/tutorjunior

Civil Service at the University

The University of Florence is part of the network of National and Regional Civil Service and offers opportunities to boys and girls aged between 18 and 30 wishing to do voluntary work in exchange for a monthly cheque. During the years, hundreds of young people have put their time and effort to support library users, disabled students and imprisoned students via Polo Penitenziario Universitario (a "prison campus").

More info: www.unifi.it/servizio civile

Funding for students initiatives

Each year the university allocates funds for student-managed initiatives taking place inside the university and having educational and cultural aims. More information on how to access the funds can be found in specific Regulations. Requests can be formulated by a student representative in the School Councils, the president of any association consisting of more than 50 regularly enrolled students or the reference student of a group of a least 50 students enrolled in the academic year pertinent to the year of publication of the funding decree.

More info: www.unifi.it/iniziativestudenti



DSU contributions

DSU has also funds for cultural activities organised by the students. Funded activities range from cinema to theatre, music, dance and visual arts. DSU also encourages the participation to other local events and initiatives by giving concession tickets and discounts to individual students.

More info: www.dsu.toscana.it

Discounts and promotions

The University of Florence has signed numerous agreements with local and regional businesses. The list of all discounts and special deals dedicated to the students is online and constantly updated.

More info: www.unifi.it/convenzioni

SPORTS, MUSIC, THEATRE

Doing sport

The University Sports Centre (CUS) with its three facilities, promotes recreational activities and offers courses at basic, advanced and competitive levels in many sports. In addition to that it organises competitions, tournaments, national and international inter-university sporting events.

More info: www.cus.firenze.it

Florence University Choir

Founded in 1996 as the official choir of the University of Florence, in December 2011, the Florence University Choir has been recognized "Choir of National Interest by the Ministry of Cultural Heritage". It performes mainly on an a-cappella repertoire, drawn from the erudite European tradition and collaborates on a permanent basis with other university choirs, taking part in various national and international festivals and tours. In December 2014, the Choir promoted the conference Vivaldi e Venezia, held in the great hall of the chancellorship by Federico Maria Sardelli, to celebrate the twinning with the choir and the orchestra of Venice's Ca' Foscari University. On this occasion, the two choirs performed together in both Florence and Venice. In May 2015, the University Choir has contributed to the creation of the International Festival of University Choirs UNInCanto, that hosted ten Italian and foreign university choirs in the S. Croce Basilica. In 2016, the Choir celebrated its twentieth anniversary with an all-vocal event, Università in Musica. In 2017, for the open day of the pediatric hospital, *Il Meyer per amico*, it offered a concert for the children of the rec center.

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The Choir is directed by Patrizio Paoli.

The Orchestra of the University

The Orchestra of the University of Florence was founded in 1996 with the aim of giving the students and staff members with the opportunity to live the experience of ensemble musical practice as well as to enrich their individual musical and technical skills and knowledge. In its twenty years of activity, the Orchestra has performed with many international soloists. From 2012 to 2015, the Orchestra had a regular performing space at II Tempio delle Muse, where it performed in a series of concerts staged every Sunday morning in the different spaces of the Museum of Natural History of the University of Florence. In October 2013, it hosted the Belgian Louvain Orchestra, opening up the space for further musical exchanges with other universities. In October 2016, it has been the protagonist of a flash mob in the Social Sciences Library, an initiative highly praised by the Minister of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism. Dario Franceschini.



Since 2016, the Orchestra has been conducted by Gabriele Centorbi.

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"Binario di Scambio" Theatre Company

The University Theatre Company "Binario di Scambio" is a specific formative and scientific activity, characterized by an experimental twist. Founded in 2007 by Teresa Megale, it is a permanent creative lab, open to all members. In the years, the group has been directed by Cristina Pezzoli. Alessio Pizzech and Fabio Cocifoglia. The latter, in addition to the care of the directorial activity, has shared since five years the formative aspect and vision, basis for this experience.

The Company took part in various events and collaborated with the most important Tuscan cultural institutions.

Given the merit of promoting a specific educational and scientific action, directed towards the diffusion and the enhancement of artistic knowledge among new generations, in 2014, the Company won the Premio Cultura di Gestione, offered by Federculture.

In 2016, the group worked on a research project, supported by Luigi Dei, Dean of the University of Florence, on Miguel de Cervantes' Don Chisciotte, then presented in a series of conferences and in an original stage production.

On the completion of a study dedicated to the Futurism, in 2017, the Company made its debut with ENIF FINE ENIF, part of the project La pace era il mio traguardo - Prato e la Grande Guerra promoted in collaboration with the Lazzerini Library of Prato and produced by the city for the 100th anniversary of the First World War, that saw the participation of more than 120 students. been involved in numerous events, collaborating with the most important cultural institutions of Tuscany. In 2014 it has been awarded

the CTS Special Prize for Youth Policies thanks to the work done in promoting specific experimental scientific and training activities geared towards the dissemination of artistic knowledge among the younger generations.

During 2016 the theatre company has been involved in a research project, promoted by the the University President, Luigi Dei, on Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes. The project included a series of lectures and an original stage production.

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NATURE, SCIENCE, DISSEMINATION All nature in a museum

The students of the University have free access to the Museum of Natural History of the University of Florence. It is the most important and most ancient natural science museum in Italy and also one of the largest at international level. The Museum was established in 1775 by Grand Duke Peter Leopold but the core of the Botanic Garden dates back to 1545.

It is made up of nine sections, scattered around the historic centre of Florence and beyond: Anthropology, Biomedical, Botany, Chemistry, Palaeontology, Mineralogy, Botanical Gardens, Zoology and Villa "Il Gioiello". There are over 9 million exhibits some of which of remarkable scientific and naturalistic value: XVIth century herbariums, the most important Italian gatherings of anatomical and botanical waxes, fossil skeletons of big mammals, an extraordinary collection of colourful butterflies, the outstanding specimen of Elban and Brazilian tourmalines, artistic pieces of semi-precious stone of the Medici Collections, spectacular Maori sculptures, ethnic jewels, the monumental trees of the Botanic Gardens, the set of anatomy specimen and the chemistry collections. Visitors can create their own custom visit tour thanks to the didactic services of the Museum that organise personalised activities, guided tours, excursions, conferences and symposiums as well as orientation seminars for natural sciences professions.

More info: www.msn.unifi.it

Science with a passion

Try out simple experiments, discover advanced technologies and cutting edge research in everyday objects, wonder and have fun with laboratory activities.

OpenLab is the education and scientific dissemination service of the University and it stages initiatives for a public of all ages to promote science and in particular the one studied in Florence, all vear round.

The key event is Scienzestate taking place in June at the Science Campus in Sesto Fiorentino.

More info: www.openlab.unifi.it

Encounters with the Town

One Sunday a month dedicated to citizens with a cycle of conferences named "Encounters with the town. Read the present to understand the future". Academic staff and researchers meet the public in the "drawing room" of the University, the Great Hall of the Rectorate to discuss current topics related to their field of expertise. All recordings of past lectures are available online.

More info: www.unifi.it/incontri

PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION

Ombudsman

The ombudsman is an office provided for in the University Statute: it operates and expresses opinions to guarantee freedom of teaching and research and the rights of students, academic and technical/administrative staff.

The ombudsman advises also on issues regarding the code of ethics of the University of Florence.

The ombudsman office is not an information desk; its function is to step in when a complaint is filed regarding actions carried out by the University that may be in violation of the current university laws.

To access the ombudsman one should send an email stating the case via a form downloadable from the University website. All the procedure is free of charge and total privacy of all parties concerned is assured.

More info: www.unifi.it/ombudsman

Students' Representatives

Every two years student elections are held to vote the students' representatives for the various governing bodies of the university: Academic Senate, Board of Administrators, Sports Committee, Department and School Councils. All info available on Unifi website and related sites.

Unifi is social

The University of Florence has official accounts on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Behance, Google+, Issuu, Instagram and Linkedin. Some of the sub-units belonging to depart-

ments or schools have their own pages, mainly on FB. Social media, however, do not substitute student and front offices.

More info: www.unifi.it/social

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On www.dsu.toscana.it there is a list of canteens in the metro area of Florence.

The main ones in Florence are:

Mensa Calamandrei e Coffee.To

viale Morgagni, 51

Mensa Caponnetto – via Miele, 2

Bar Novoli – via delle Pandette. 2

Mensa Sant'Apollonia - via S. Reparata, 12

Mensa Santa Marta - via S. Marta, 3

Montedomini - via dei Malcontenti 6 (only for School of Architecture's students)

SIAF San Salvi - via San Salvi 12 (only for School of Psychology's students)

Time Out - via Paisiello 131 (only for School of Agriculture's students)

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