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Greetings from

Prof. Massimo Midiri

Rector of the University of Palermo



“Dear International students,

Welcome to the University of Palermo (UniPa).

We are thrilled to present you our university and educational offer for the academic year 2024/25.

Today, more than ever, our institution is developing with a strong and ever-growing international orientation and community.

Our main goal is to provide our future international students with a stimulating learning environment and to offer high-quality education that will contribute to the practical and theoretical aspects of their professional careers.

We hope you will choose the University of Palermo as your future university, for a stimulating, inspiring and enriching study experience”.

THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

More than
43.000
Students

1.300
Technical
and Administrative Staff

1.700
Professors and Researchers

400
Students Tutors

1.000
Fellowship Students
PhD Students
Post Doc Grant Holders
Specialisation Degree Students

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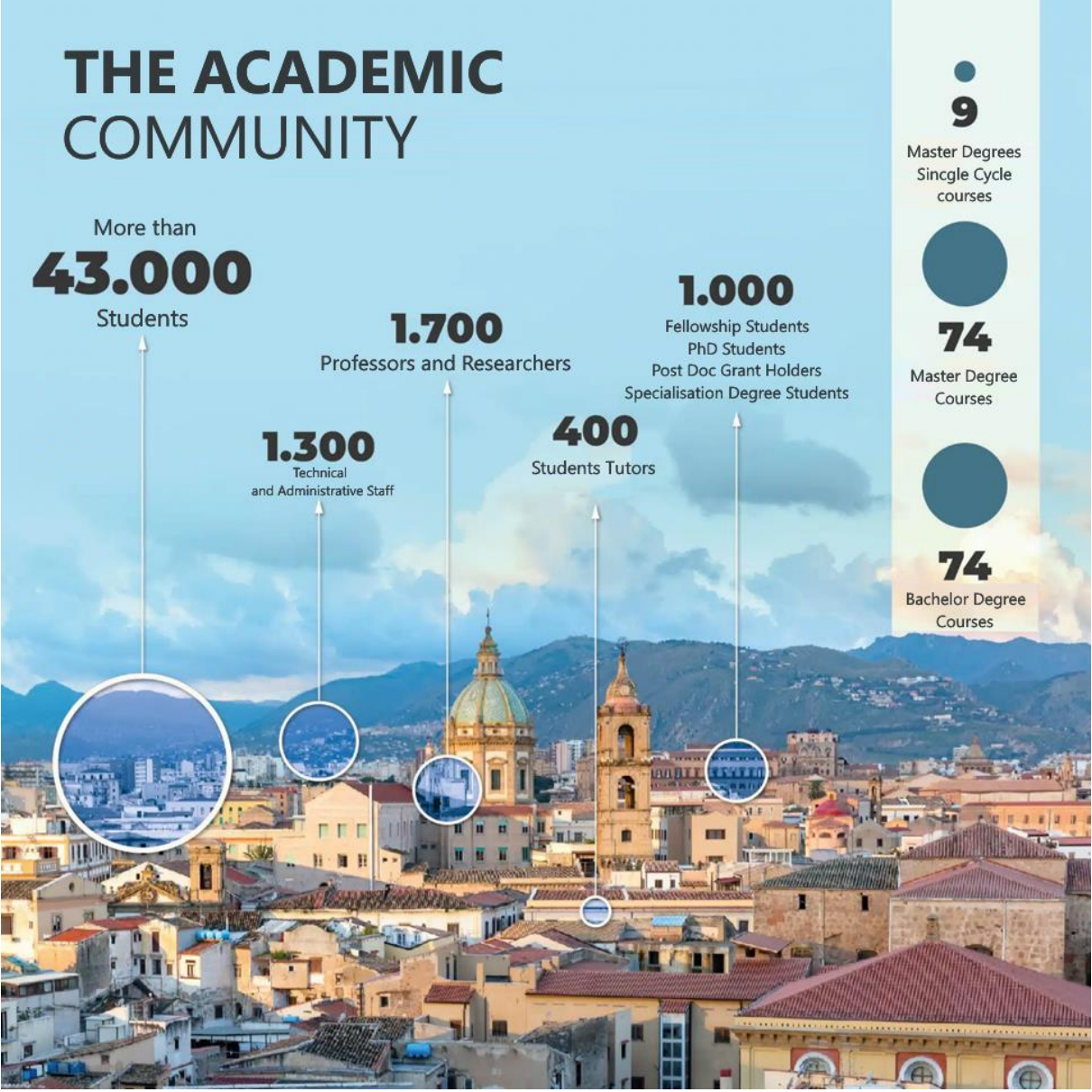
Master Degrees
Single Cycle
courses

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Master Degree
Courses

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Bachelor Degree
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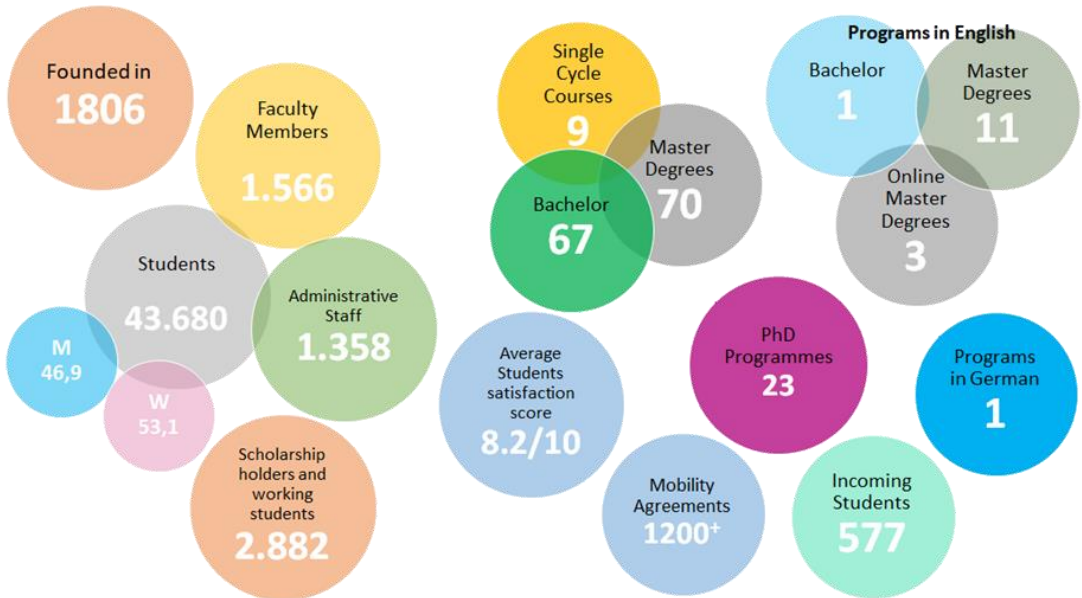
WHO WE ARE

Founded in **1806** by Ferdinand III, of the Bourbon royal family which ruled over the Kingdom of Naples and the Two Sicilies, who made “*Accademia Panormitana degli Studi*” a University.

UniPa is a huge campus with a vocation evenly divided up between teaching, research and third mission. The current educational programme consists of 144 courses of study ranging from undergraduate Degrees to Single Cycle master’s degrees and master’s Degrees, **31 specialisation schools** and **21 research doctorates**.

The offered courses offer cover vast fields of knowledge and combine tradition and experience with a constant openness to innovation, to the job market and to social inclusion.

UniPa Overview and International Rankings



The University of Palermo offers **numerous opportunities for students, professors, and researchers** each year, aiming at improving current actions, and actively working on new activities to be implemented.

ARWU – Shanghai Academic Ranking (May 2022)



- Research (highly cited researchers)
- Research (articles published in Nature and Science)
- Search (articles indexed in WoS)
- Per capita performance of the institution
- Teaching (award-winning alumni)
- Teaching (award-winning teachers)



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The index presents research achievements at the level of prestige, in quantitative aspects, such as the most productive and most cited researchers according to the Web of Science (WoS).

UniPa is 20th in Italy and among 501-600 universities in the world (ARWU).

UniPa Best Subject	Best Subject: posizione UniPa nel mondo
Water Resources	101-150
Civil Engineering	151-200
Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences	151-200
Food Science & Technology	201-300
Earth Sciences	301-400
Chemical Engineering	301-400
Energy Science & Engineering	301-400
Biotechnology	301-400

QS - Quacquarelli Symonds Ranking (June 2023)



- Academic Reputation
- Employer Reputation
- Faculty Student Ratio
- Citations for Faculty
- International Students Ratio
- International Faculty Ratio
- International Research Network
- Employment Outcomes
- Sustainability



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The **QS Ranking** uses two Reputation Surveys administered to academics and employers. The data relates to scientific production present in the Scopus database and data on the size and internationalization of universities.

UniPa is 33rd in Italy and among 851-900 universities in the world (QS).

UniPa Best Subject

Best Subject: posizione UniPa nel mondo

Agriculture & Forestry	251-300
Engineering Chemical	301-350
Enviromental Sciences	351-400
Engineering Mecanical	401-450
Medicine	551-600
Physics and Astronomy	551-600
Biological Science	551-600
Chemistry	601-630

THE - Times Higher Education Ranking (Nov 2022)



- Teaching
- Research
- Citations
- Industry Income
- International Outlook



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THE Ranking provides a Reputation Survey among academics and examines activities and resources employed for research, as well as teaching and international prospects.

UniPa is 43rd in Italy and among 801-1000 universities in the world (THE).

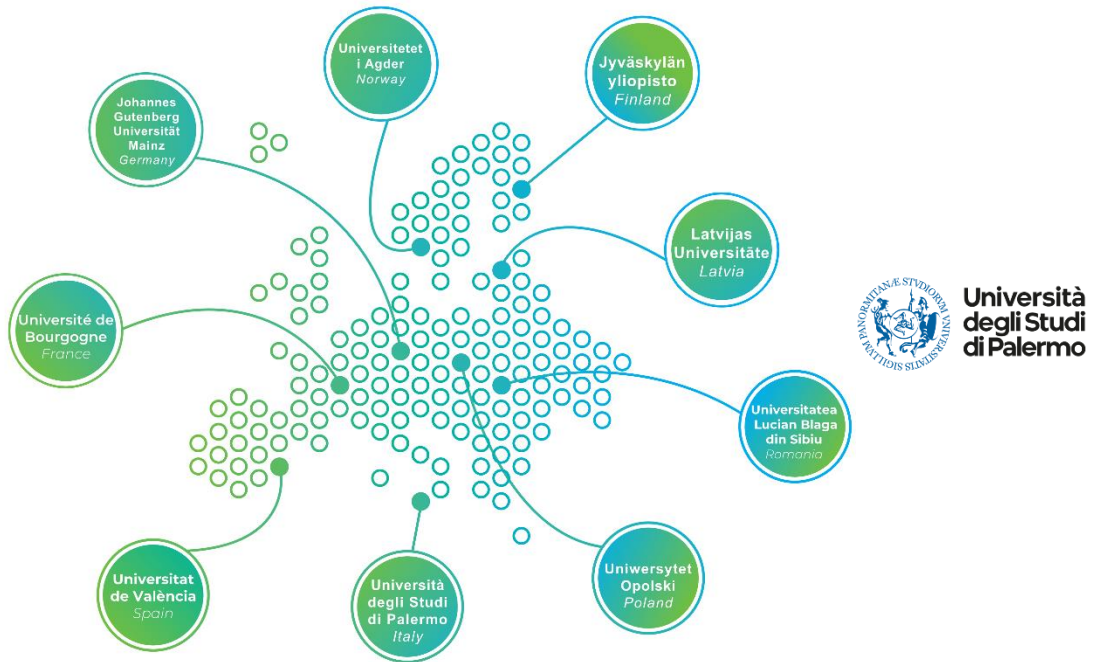
UniPa Best Subject

Best Subject: UniPa position in the world

Law	251
Engineering and Technology	601-800
Arts and Humanities	601
Clinical, pre-clinical and health	501-600
Life Sciences	401-500
Physical Sciences	601-800
Business and Economics	601-800

UniPa is a key member of the FORTHEM Alliance

The alliance works on various initiatives to improve education, research, innovation and collaboration across its member universities.



The alliance provides a **platform** for UniPa to engage in various initiatives that benefit its students, staff and the broader community while fostering **regional development and European integration**.



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What is FORTHEM?

FORTHEM Alliance started in 2019 as one of the first 17 alliance winners of the European Universities Initiative call for proposals launched by the European Commission.

Our vision is to bring together a new generation of creative Europeans able to cooperate across languages, borders and disciplines to address societal challenges and skills shortages faced in Europe.

By experimenting with new forms of collaboration we aim to create a permanent multilateral and European cooperation environment and facilitate innovativeness in education as well as a close linkage between education, research and innovation.

Our goal is to educate open-minded European citizens committed to our common democratic values, together solving the obstacles for seamless student and staff mobility and providing students with 21st century skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, flexibility, self-direction and communication. We believe in intercultural dialogue and in Europe's multiculturalism and multilingualism.



FORTHEM creates opportunities

🕒 *Learn differently*

Online, international classes,
teachers from several universities

🕒 *Progress professionally*

See how your job is done elsewhere,
exchange with colleagues from other
universities, create think tanks, get or
improve specific skills, find internships
and jobs, participate in new activities

🕒 *Expand your network*

Add people from other universities to your
research, students' or colleagues' group, to
your association, to your think tank or to
your civic engagement projects

🕒 *Travel*

To study, teach, do research, job shadow,
meet fellow colleagues and students

Nine European Universities

One Alliance

870

graduate
programmes

254

research
centres

227k

students

23

campuses



How can you benefit?

- Set up international projects
- Collaborate with other universities
- Share best practices
- Get training
- Learn more about Europe
- Make your personal and professional life more interesting
- Help make us a European University
- Regional collaboration

Join one of the FORTHEM Labs

for education, research and innovation on topics which reflect our areas of expertise and are of societal relevance

- Diversity and Migration
- Multilingualism in School and Higher Education
- Food Science
- Digital Transformation Climate and Resources
- Experiencing Europe
- Resilience, Life Quality & Demographic Change
- Art & Aesthetics in Contemporary Society
- Cultural Heritage
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UniPa Educational Offer - Degree Courses



UniPa international participation is continuously increasing through numerous mobility opportunities both for students and teaching staff, a wide range of English-taught Degree programs, Double Degree programs, Joint Master's Degrees and various Language courses in the educational offer, as well as prolific research collaborations with foreign Universities and Centers.

The educational offer is wide-ranging and counts n° 15 active courses in English, including 3 courses entirely online, and one course in German language.

The educational offer can be accessed by scanning the following QR code:



BSc Nursing and Midwifery

Nursing Graduates are health professionals in nursing sciences, who carry out activities for the prevention, treatment, and protection of individual and collective health in a very broad territorial context. The degree course has a duration of 3 years. Alongside the frontal teaching activity, there is a parallel guided internship path, in which the student learns and applies interventions aimed at planning the work in the nursing field.

Particularly important, as an integral and qualifying part of professional training, is practical clinical training and internship, which will be carried out at the IRCCS-ISMETT under the supervision and the guidance of dedicated English-speaking tutors coordinated by the director of professionalizing activities, a teacher belonging to the highest level of training in the professional profile, corresponding to the European standards.

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MA Business & Economic Sciences - Curriculum Entrepreneurship and Management

The Master Course in “Business & Economic Sciences”, curriculum Entrepreneurship and Management, provides students with a solid knowledge of business, management, economics, mathematics, and statistics. The course enables students to work in the different areas of business of private and public companies. By learning how to develop and apply qualitative and quantitative knowledge, graduates acquire the qualifications for future challenges in business and management.

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MA Complex Administrations and Organizations Science - Curriculum Public Management

The Master’s Degree in Public Management aims to teach how to support coordination in policy design, implementation and performance management, between the different components of the public sector. The Master program provides the possibility to obtain a double degree with the Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary) or with the University of Hanoi (Vietnam).

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Data, Algorithms and Machine Intelligence

The Master's Degree program provides theoretical, experimental, and practical skills on data representation and computation, for efficient and intelligent information processing. The program covers transversal topics in Data, Algorithms, and Machine Intelligence, as well as in-depth studies in application areas where data are big, relations are complex, and machine-learning structures are deep.

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MA Economic and Financial Sciences - Curriculum Economic and Financial Analysis

The Master Degree program in Economic and Financial Analysis provides a solid background into advanced knowledge of macro and microeconomics, the functioning of financial markets, of the banking sector, and into quantitative methods aiming to train economists working for the private, public sector and for international organizations, as well as consultants for the financial services sector.

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MA Tourism systems and hospitality management

The Master, stemming from an agreement between the University of Palermo and the Chaplin School of Tourism and Hospitality Management at Florida International University (FIU), helps graduates prepare for the next step in their career in the global tourism and hospitality industry. Skills for managerial-level positions and high level of internationalization are two of main distinctive characteristics of this Master degree

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MA International Relations

In a stimulating multicultural environment, the Master's Degree in International Relations, with its two curricula in International Trade and International Studies, offers students the opportunity to study from a multidisciplinary perspective the complexities of the international context and the fundamental dynamics of doing business globally. The Master program provides also an international mobility agreement with the Foreign Trade University in Hanoi (Vietnam).

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MA Spatial Planning

The Master trains experts in urban design and sustainable territorial development. The skills gained through this Master Degree are those required in designing and managing territorial resources, building stock (both historic and contemporary) and complex systems such as landscapes and environments.

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MA Mediterranean Food Science and Technology

The course aims to provide detailed knowledge on food processes of the Mediterranean area. Food chemistry, technology and microbiology are mainly represented. Several laboratory sessions on sensory analysis of foods and meeting with national food-beverage companies are provided during lessons.

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MA Cooperation, Development, and Migrations

The International master's degree in "Cooperation, Development, and Migration" (COSVIM) aims to train experts specialized in international cooperation and governance of migration fluxes. It provides a broad range of employment opportunities in areas that currently lack adequately skilled professionals.

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MA Neuroscience

This Master trains an expert in Neuroscience and Neurobiology, a manager in research divisions aimed at creating new drugs, new bio-engineering technologies for the management, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system.

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MA Electronics Engineering

The Master Degree program in Electronics Engineering provides the answer to the need for transversal applications, including photonics, nanoelectronics, smart cities, Internet of Things, automotive, tele-medicine and e-health. Four curricula are offered: Modern Electronics; Telecommunications; Bioelectronics; Robotics and Mechatronics.

MA Management Engineering

The Master degree program focuses on the managerial education of engineers. This is the reason why the educational objective of the course is to provide advanced and scientific knowledge of managerial issues: project management, innovation management, marketing, corporate finance, strategy, supply chain management.

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MA Transnational German

The Joint Degree 'Transnational German Studies' has been developed by the four universities of Porto, Luxemburg, Mainz and Palermo. The Master degree program, almost entirely taught in German, provides a high level of training in both the linguistic historical-literary fields, together with work experience in internships and laboratories to be held in the Countries of the proposing Universities.

The degree programme offers students an attractive master's degree in cultural studies and the humanities, which:

1. teaches the history of European culture and ideas in depth, using an advanced and disciplined approach;
2. offers a wide range of interdisciplinary and trans-European content;
3. makes experience of European universities and an international degree possible in a structured format;
4. integrates a large number of extra disciplinary skills into the course of the degree, particularly intercultural, linguistic, and career-relevant skills.

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Courses are mainly or exclusively offered online through the dedicated e-learn University platform based on Moodle, accessible anytime anywhere!

The identified courses are aimed at Italian and foreign students who are unable to ensure attendance at lectures or workers that, thanks to the usability and flexibility of the course, can access a greater qualification and professional updating.

The provision of training services takes place 24 hours a day for all training activities that can be used in asynchronous and synchronous mode (many to many) and in scheduled times and methods for live events (one to many).

The didactic activities take place within four learning environments:

The Video Library: includes the lessons, i.e., the video lessons and the relative slides;

The Media Library: includes the didactic materials (Learning Objects) relating to the video lessons (e.g., handouts, videos, images, diagrams, animations, bibliographic references).

The Virtual Laboratory: is the environment available to students for the deepening of their knowledge through the "learning by doing" tool.

The Online Tutoring environment: includes all the tools for carrying out remote tutoring activities.



Management Engineering (LM-27 & LM-29):

The course aims to train professionals with skills in the design and production of electronic systems and measurement systems and in the definition of telecommunications architectures, systems and services.

International Relations, Politics and Trade (LM-31):

The course aims to train experienced professionals in the internationalization processes of companies. The expert in internationalization processes is responsible for fine-tuning and developing the company's strategy and activities on international markets, whether of a commercial nature (import/export management, e-commerce), production or distribution, regardless of the production sector, expressed also through the stable presence in the target countries.

Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering (LM-52):

The course aims to train professionals with skills in the design and production of electronic systems and measurement systems and in the definition of telecommunications architectures, systems and services.

Scan Here for more Information about online courses and enrolment!



Courses with English subjects

Currently The University of Palermo has over 140-degree courses and many of them offer subjects in English for at least one semester.

All courses are characterized by a strong inter-disciplinary nature of the teachings, and **more than 770 courses are taught in English:**

1. Landscape architecture
2. Cooperation, development and migrations
3. Physics
4. Biomedical engineering
5. Chemical engineering
6. Civil engineering
7. Cyber-physical systems engineering for industry
8. Building engineering
9. Engineering and innovative technologies for the environment - environmental protection and restoration
10. Electrical engineering
11. Energetic and nuclear engineering - power production and management
12. Mechanical engineering
13. Migrations, rights, integration
14. Urban, regional and environmental planning
15. Pedagogy
16. Statistics and data science
17. Economic development, international cooperation and migrations - migration studies

PhD Courses at UniPa



The PhD Degree – in Italian: “Dottorato di ricerca” – is the highest form of educational degree in the Italian Academic System (Third cycle).

The PhD Degree provides the necessary skills for taking part in world-class quality research within private and public institutions as well as within freelancing, as such contributing to the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area.

The University of Palermo offers doctoral programmes in different fields of study, including architecture, engineering, law, political sciences, humanities, sciences, economics, management and languages.

The high-quality academic programmes provide students with a unique educational opportunity, through their international teaching board, a range of advanced services for both Italian and foreign students, scholarships and other incentives to sustain research activities, and lastly, access to our libraries and university facilities.

More Information Available here:



- 1. Advances in Modelling, Health-monitoring, Infrastructures, Geomatics, Geotechnics, Hazards, Engineering Structures, Transportation (Aim Highest)**
- 2. Architecture, Arts and Planning**
- 3. Biodiversity in Agriculture and Forestry**
- 4. Biomedicine, Neuroscience and Advanced Diagnostics**
- 5. Chemical, Environmental, Biomedical, Hydraulic and Materials Engineering**
- 6. System Dynamics**
- 7. Human Rights: Evolution, Protection and Limits**
- 8. Energy**
- 9. Health Promotion and Cognitive Sciences**
- 10. Information and Communication Technologies**
- 11. Mathematics and Computational Sciences**

12. **Mechanical, Manufacturing, Management and Aerospace Innovation**
13. **Molecular and Clinical Medicine**
14. **Experimental Oncology and Surgery**
15. **Legal Pluralisms. Old and contemporary perspectives**
16. **Culture Sciences**
17. **Earth and Sea Sciences**
18. **Economics and Statistics**
19. **Physical and Chemical Sciences**
20. **Molecular and Biomolecular Sciences**
21. **Mediterranean Agricultural, Food and Forest Systems**
22. **Humanities Studies**
23. **Technologies and Sciences for Human Health**

For each of the PhD courses at least one scholarship is reserved for foreign students.

Research and Third Mission - UniPa



As regards research, the University of Palermo is highly committed and geared towards promoting and supporting competitive research and the participation of its researchers in local and international calls, e.g. in the framework of Horizon Europe.

Third Mission foresees the valorisation of project research and knowledge, as to create economic and social impact to benefit of academic and local community.

Through the valorisation and the transfer of knowledge, technology and scientific discovery, research and Third Mission together contribute to the economic, social and cultural development in the national and international contexts.



Centre of Advanced Studies (A.S.CENT.) mission consists in the creation of a "forum" where cooperation and knowledge sharing between renowned academics from different parts of the world and teachers, young researchers and doctoral students as well as students of higher education cycles who work and study at the University of Palermo are encouraged and supported.



Centre for Sustainability and Ecological Transition is a multidimensional initiative that spans research, education, collaboration with stakeholders, and internal sustainability efforts.

Aten Center is an important research and development (R&D) hub specializing in biotechnology for human health. It boasts state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment, a strong focus on interdisciplinary collaboration and a commitment to technology transfer and market-oriented research. Its broad range of activities makes it a valuable resource for both scientific research and industrial development in the Mediterranean



Facilities & Services at UniPa



Our commitment to academic excellence extends beyond the educational offer and it's reflected in our facilities and services offered to all the students.

We invite you to discover our facilities and services, each dedicated to different aspects of your academic and extracurricular life.

From cutting-edge research labs and well-equipped libraries to the University Sport Centre and open green spaces, the University of Palermo has something to offer to everyone.

Discover the places that will shape your academic journey, and help you connect with a diverse community of students from all around the world.

More information about the facilities and services at UniPa are available here:



Accommodation at UniPa

The University of **Palermo offers support in finding accommodation** through agreements with institutions and companies, such as **ERSU** and **STURENT**.

ERSU provides the accommodation service in Halls of Residence, managed directly by ERSU and located in the city of Palermo. It provides services for foreign students who are going to enrol or are already enrolled at the University of Palermo.

The most benefits and services (scholarships and accommodation service) are granted by competition.

STURENT is a service to search and select the offers by private individuals of rooms or apartment rentals within an open access database on the website Sturent.it

A front office has been opened at the student office in the University Campus.



University Language Centre (CLA)

UniPa has a **Language Centre (CLA)** that provides language classes (Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish) for undergraduates, Erasmus (outgoing participants) and to students who are enrolled in Master's and PhD programs provided by the University of Palermo, as well as professors and the academic staff of the University of Palermo. The Centre offers innovative learning and testing services in the field of languages, such as the Open Badge (digital verification of language proficiency), Rosetta Stone (online language courses) and online Test of Language Proficiency (TALs). Finally, for those interested in learning Italian, Unipa-ItaStra offers Italian language courses for migrants, Erasmus students (incoming) and foreign students enrolled at the University of Palermo. The Centre organizes Summer School and Winter School with intensive courses in Italian Language and Italian culture.





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The UniPa Library Services and Historical Archive (SBA) includes libraries, an historical archive and coordinating offices. The System's organization is oriented towards developing actions, initiatives and projects supporting the three pillars of the University's mission (teaching, research, public engagement). Its support of teaching is ensured through the updating and management of the bibliographic collections, now available in increasingly hybrid, rich and diversified forms.

The Library System also strongly supports academic research and the maximization of the impact of the products and activities of the University's researchers. The Library System organizes exhibitions and events, as well as joins local, national and international projects, with the aim of promoting the University libraries and their valuable collections. The UniPa Library System portal is a showcase through which users can discover the libraries of the University of Palermo, its collections, bibliographic research tools, services offered (available on-site and online) and the procedures for accessing and using them.

SiMuA (Sistema Museale di Ateneo)

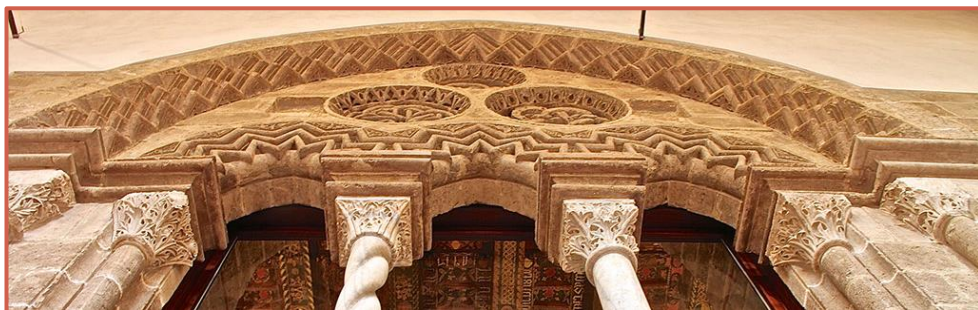


Virtual Tour of the
Museum here



The University of Palermo preserves a rich highly valuable heritage, very important from archaeological, historical, artistic and scientific interest. Its historical buildings of great value, chapels, paintings, museums and the botanical garden are regularly open to the public or can be visited on request.

The University of Palermo has instituted the Service Centre "**Sistema Museale di Ateneo**" (**SiMuA**) to improve the valorisation of its cultural heritage. Its Museums and Collections tell together the history of this University, but also the history of the whole Sicily.



UniPa canteen service is open to all University students.

With a commitment to quality and variety, the canteen offers meal from local Italian favourites to international cuisines, respecting all kind of dietary regime and intolerance.

The menus vary daily and each canteen posts the dishes of the day and alternative proposals at the entrance.

Timetables are posted at the entrance to each dining hall; generally, lunch is served from 12.00 to 15.00, while dinner is served from 19.00 to 21.30.

In addition, the dining hall of the S. Romano University Residence, the main canteen inside the University Campus, offers a pizzeria service open every day from 19:30 to 22:30.

The Santi Romano canteen is open all year round, with the exception of short summer periods and the Christmas, Easter and 1st May holidays. The other canteens interrupt their service during all holidays and the summer period.

More information about UniPa Canteen location and services annexed here:



University Sport Centers (CUS)

The **University Sport Centre (CUS)** offers students a multiplicity of services designed to combine their studies with free time, exercise and wellbeing, such as:

- A large heated outdoor pool;
- Courses: fitness, indoor cycling, tennis, Caribbean dance, Argentine tango, yoga;
- Services offered to students with discounted rates.



UniPa Medical Clinic (AMU)

The **University Medical Clinic (AMU)**, is an initiative of the University of Palermo in partnership with the University Hospital "Paolo Giaccone", to offer a free service of multidisciplinary outpatient medical assistance to students, PhD students, postgraduate students, fellows and University Scholars, as well as all foreign students attending the University according to specific agreements and programs.



Guidance and tutoring Center (COT)

Guidance and Tutoring Center (COT) is a help desk service that provides information and welcome to international students, as well as support for enrolment procedures. The acronym stands for “Centro Orientamento e Tutorato” (COT).

COT follows the students along the academic life with different modalities such as, guidance service, enrolment procedures, individual counselling, tutoring. **COT** also provides information and updates on immigration rules and on all the administrative procedures regarding international citizens.

It addresses to:

- International high school students;
- Family members of international students;
- International PhD students;
- Undergraduate/graduate international students;
- Asylum seekers and students under international protection;

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