



unicollege

Study Abroad

An international university
in the heart of Italy

Florence
Mantua
Milan
Turin

Benvenuti!

Welcome!

About Unicollge

Unicollge is a degree-granting undergraduate and graduate university accredited by the Italian Ministry of University and Research and operating within the Italian Higher Education System. With campuses in Florence, Mantua, Milan, and Turin, the university offers international academic programs across Italy and Europe and cooperates with more than 80 partner universities in over 40 countries.



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Turin

Turin

The Turin campus is located a ten-minute walk from Porta Nuova station, in the lively San Salvario district. The facility extends across three floors and includes fully equipped classrooms, IT rooms, and dedicated common areas for study and collaboration. Well connected and surrounded by housing options, services, and cultural venues, the campus offers a dynamic academic environment within one of the city's most active neighborhoods.



Milan



Mantua

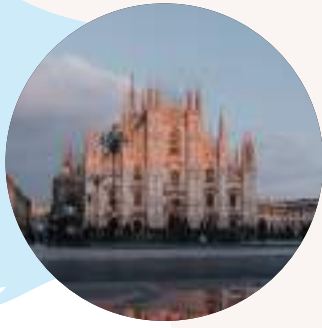


Florence



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The Florence campus is set within a late 15th-century convent, featuring frescoed classrooms, cloistered spaces, and restored historic interiors equipped with modern technology. Facilities include fully equipped lecture rooms, an IT laboratory, a cafeteria, on-campus student housing, and green outdoor areas for study and community life. Located in one of Florence's most prestigious neighborhoods, the campus combines historic architecture with comprehensive academic services.



Milan

The Milan campus, dedicated primarily to special programs, offers modern classrooms equipped with advanced technology, collaborative learning spaces, and access to industry-oriented activities. Located in the heart of the city, just steps from the fashion district and a five-minute walk from the Duomo, it provides immediate proximity to design studios, cultural institutions, and major creative hubs. The campus combines contemporary facilities with a strategic urban setting ideal for programs in fashion, design, art, and culture.



Mantua

The Mantua campus is located adjacent to Piazza Sordello, within a historic building in the city's UNESCO-listed center. It features fully equipped classrooms, dedicated study areas, common spaces, and on-site student housing designed to support a complete study-abroad experience. Its central position allows students to live and study within walking distance of the city's cultural landmarks, services, and vibrant university life.

Unicollège Campuses

Unicollège features campuses across the country — in Florence, Mantua, Milan (for special programs), and Turin — all historic capitals of prestige and UNESCO-recognized centers, strategically connected to Italy's and Europe's major capitals and cultural hubs. Each campus embodies a dialogue between heritage and innovation, offering students an immersive academic environment within cities that have shaped European history, art, governance, and intellectual life.



Rome

Studying in Florence Highlights



Piazzale Michelangelo

One of Florence's most celebrated panoramic viewpoints, offering a sweeping view over the city's skyline.



Ponte Vecchio

Florence's oldest bridge (1345), renowned for its historic shops and goldsmiths who have worked there for centuries.



Uffizi Gallery

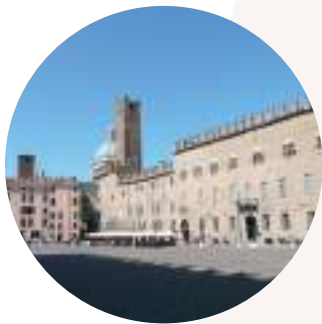
One of the world's most important art museums, housing masterpieces by Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and other Renaissance masters.



Duomo (Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore)

Home to Brunelleschi's dome, the largest masonry dome ever built and a landmark of Renaissance engineering.

Studying in Mantova Highlights



Piazza Sordello

The monumental heart of Mantua, framed by medieval and Renaissance architecture at the center of the UNESCO-listed historic city.



Palazzo Ducale

One of Italy's largest and most complex court residences, home to the Gonzaga dynasty and the celebrated Camera degli Sposi by Andrea Mantegna.



Palazzo Te

A masterpiece of Mannerist architecture designed by Giulio Romano, renowned for its illusionistic frescoes and the iconic Sala dei Giganti.

Studying in Turin Highlights



Mole Antonelliana

Turin's most recognizable landmark, originally conceived as a synagogue and now home to the National Museum of Cinema, symbolizing the city's architectural ambition.



Palazzo Reale

The historic residence of the House of Savoy, reflecting Turin's role as the first capital of unified Italy and its royal heritage.



Museo Egizio

One of the world's most important collections of Egyptian antiquities outside Cairo, internationally renowned for the depth and quality of its holdings.



Semester and Year Abroad Programs

Unicollege offers semester and year-long study abroad programs for U.S., Canadian, and European partner universities as well as independent students seeking a structured, credit-bearing academic experience within the Italian Higher Education System. Programs are delivered within Unicollege's accredited academic framework and governed by standard university procedures, allowing visiting students to participate fully in academic life and services while remaining enrolled at their home institution and benefiting from established partner-university arrangements.

Enrollments are open all year round and for the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer sessions.

Unicolllege Academic Model

Unicolllege structures its courses according to a defined academic framework known as the 3A model: Acquire, Apply, Amplify. This model integrates theoretical instruction, guided application, and structured field engagement within a coherent academic design. Adopted across degree programs and international study abroad offerings, it ensures consistency, transparency, and academic rigor.

The model distributes learning across three interconnected phases:

Acquire (70%) Instructional Core

Representing approximately 70% of the course workload, this phase constitutes the academic foundation. Through lectures, seminars, guided readings, and case analysis, students engage with disciplinary concepts, analytical frameworks, and methodological tools. The focus is on developing conceptual clarity, disciplinary vocabulary, and structured reasoning aligned with university-level standards. All components are fully documented through syllabi, defined learning outcomes, contact hours, and assessable coursework to support academic comparability and transfer review.

Apply (20%) Capstone Project

Accounting for approximately 20% of the course, this phase centers on a faculty-supervised Capstone Project. Students apply acquired knowledge to a defined research question, case study, or thematic inquiry. The emphasis is on structured problem-solving, critical analysis, and independent reasoning, culminating in assessable academic work such as research papers, analytical essays, reports, or presentations.

Amplify (10%) Field-Based Learning

Representing approximately 10% of the course, this phase extends learning beyond the classroom through site visits, guest lectures, institutional engagement, or interaction with professional environments. These components are academically framed, aligned with learning outcomes, and integrated into assessment through reflective or applied deliverables, reinforcing the connection between theory and contextual understanding.



A photograph of two young women sitting on a grassy field, looking at a book together. One is wearing a black shirt and the other a white shirt. The background shows a fence and trees.

Academics at a glance

English

Language of instruction

No prerequisites

All courses in the academic catalog carry no formal prerequisites.

Flexible course selection

Students may enroll in courses across any major or minor.



Aligned calendars (US system)

Fall: September - December

Spring: January - April/May

Summer: May - August


Attendance

Mandatory (75% of the course required)

U.S.-Aligned Credit Structure

Courses carry 3 U.S. credits and 45 contact hours of instruction.

Academic catalog



Forensic & Investigative Criminology

- Introduction to Criminal Law
- Sociology of Deviance and Criminogenesis
- Clinical and Forensic Psychology
- Crime Scene Analysis: Inspection, Evidence Collection, and Profiling
- Introduction to Psychopathology
- Criminology and Victimology
- Forensic Neuroscience
- Artificial Intelligence and Cybercrime*
- Criminal Investigation and Evidence Analysis
- Sociology of Evil and Radicalization*
- Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism*
- Organized Crime and Transnational Mafias
- Restorative Justice*
- Comparative Literatures and Contemporary Cultures*
- Language, Communication and Artificial Intelligence*



Marketing & Communications

- Corporate Communication
- Marketing*
- Sociology of Emerging Trends*
- Digital Marketing
- Consumer Behaviour and Purchasing Psychology*
- Creative Advertising and Communication
- Event Planning and Management*
- Disruptive Marketing: Ideas, Storytelling, and Digital Trends
- Neuromarketing
- Economics of Global Markets*
- Marketing Metrics
- Customer Experience Management*
- Human Resources, Crisis Management, and Leadership*
- Comparative Literatures and Contemporary Cultures*
- Language, Communication and Artificial Intelligence*

*Courses marked with an asterisk are cross-listed and may appear in multiple majors and concentrations.

Academic catalog



Fashion & Luxury Management

- History and Aesthetics of Luxury and Fashion
- Marketing*
- Creative Direction in Luxury and Fashion
- Fashion Product & Production
- Consumer Behaviour and Purchasing Psychology*
- Fashion Buying & Merchandising
- Event Planning and Management*
- Sustainability and Circularity in Fashion
- Fashion Retail
- Economics of Global Markets*
- New Arts and Digital Avant-Gardes*
- Customer Experience Management*
- Human Resources, Crisis Management and leadership*
- Comparative Literatures and Contemporary Cultures*
- Language, Communication and Artificial Intelligence*



Cultural Heritage & Tourism Management

- History of Art and Visual Cultures
- Marketing*
- Geography of Tourism and Destination Management
- Art, Law and Business
- Sociology of Emerging Trends*
- Arts and Culture Management
- Event Planning and Management*
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Economics of Global Markets*
- New Arts and Digital Avant-Gardes*
- Smart Tourism and Interactive Experiencesv
- Museology and Curatorial Practices for Cultural Spaces
- Comparative Literatures and Contemporary Cultures*
- Language, Communication and Artificial Intelligence*

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Academic catalog



International & Diplomatic Affairs

- International & Diplomatic Law
- International Relations & Global Governance
- Applied Geopolitical Analysis
- History of International and Diplomatic Relations
- Diplomatic Theory and Practice
- Artificial Intelligence and Cybercrime*
- Crisis Management and International Relations
- Human Rights & Peace Studies
- Sociology of Evil and Radicalization*
- Economics of Global Markets*
- Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism*
- Restorative Justice*
- Organized Crime and Transnational Mafias*
- Comparative Literatures and Contemporary Cultures*
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Progressive Italian Language Courses

At Unicollege, candidates from any linguistic level are welcome to apply to study the Italian language, from beginners to advanced learners. Italian language courses are offered for 3, 6, or 9 credits and are delivered in a condensed, intensive format, traditionally organized as 4-week courses with daily classes. Conventionally, each 4-week intensive course corresponds to 3 credits; upon successful completion of the

- Italian Language – 3 US credits
- Italian Language – 6 US credits
- Italian Language – 9 US credits

course and regular attendance (with at least a pass), students may progress to the next level and earn an additional +3 credits, up to a maximum of 9 credits. The total instructional hours required to earn 3 US credits (typically 30–45 hours) may include a combination of frontal lectures, conversation tables with native speakers, and cultural activities coordinated by the Department of Applied Languages.

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Field Trip Courses for Credit



Field trip to Siena

3 US credits

Field trip to Pisa

3 US credits

Field trip to Bologna

3 US credits

Field trip to Rome

3 US credits

Days and time to be arranged upon arrival to Unicollege



Field Trips are credit-bearing academic experiences that may award credits in the following disciplinary areas: Art History (AH), Cultural Studies (CULSTU), Humanities (HUM), Italian Studies (ITLAN), Anthropology (ANT), Photography (PHOTO), Art (ART), Culinary Studies (CNARYSTU), and Interdisciplinary Studies (INTDISTU).

Upon approval from their home university, students must indicate the specific course code under which they wish to receive credit, in order to be assigned appropriate academic training and assessment aligned with that discipline. Each Field Trip includes: an ad hoc syllabus, tailored to the selected academic area;

assignment to a designated instructor responsible for instruction and assessment.

Should a specific destination fail to meet the minimum number of participants, Unicollege reserves the right to activate an alternative destination, while ensuring full academic and thematic consistency with the approved syllabus. This decision is final and not subject to appeal. Full details of the experience—including travel dates, schedule, assigned instructor, and logistical information—will be communicated to students prior to the start of the semester. An additional fee of € 200,00 applies and includes transportation, a light meal, and academic instruction.

Internship



For students interested in gaining insight into the inner workings of a university environment, Unicollege offers structured internships across several functional areas. These opportunities are particularly suited to students in the following majors and disciplinary fields

In-house Internship in Teaching Assistantship

3 US credits

Ideal for students in education, pedagogy, humanities, linguistics, or social sciences. Interns support faculty in class preparation, tutoring, and learning engagement across more than 30 academic courses.



In-house Internship in Psychological and Academic Counseling

3 US credits

Suitable for students in psychology, counseling, educational sciences, or social work. Interns contribute to mentoring services, peer-support initiatives, and student wellbeing programs (subject to availability).

In-house Internship in Language Support and Tutoring

3 US credits

IRelvant for students in language studies, applied linguistics, TESOL, or translation and interpreting. Interns serve as language tutors, conversation partners, and assistants within multilingual educational settings.

Independent Study Courses

Candidates who wish to pursue Independent Study courses must submit below a request by specifying: Area (e.g., Art History – AH; Cultural Studies – CULSTU; Humanities – HUM; Italian Studies – ITLAN; Anthropology – ANT) and Course level (e.g., 200, 300, 400). Once the course parameters have been defined, Unicollege will assign a designated instructor and issue a syllabus, which will later be recorded on the student's official final transcript.

Independent study courses do not typically include regular class lectures; instead, they consist of weekly (or bi-weekly) meetings with the assigned instructor, either

in person or online. These courses carry a standard value of 3 US credits, with the possibility of awarding up to 6 US credits, as jointly authorized by both the home institution and Unicollege.

Independent study courses are generally granted to students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Due to the individualized mentoring format, Honor Courses require an additional contribution of € 300,00 for a 3-credit course.

Proposed area and course level must be proposed and later confirmed by Unicollege.



Experiential Courses Semester Spotlight

Upon Department approval, Unicollege introduces a curated selection of highly experiential courses each semester, designed to elevate the study abroad experience through immersive, practice-oriented, and enhanced learning. These courses are conceived to connect academic study with the richness of Italian culture, contemporary contexts, and areas of excellence. Developed as signature offerings, each course is intentionally built around hands-on activities, real-

world engagement, and innovative pedagogical approaches that root learning in Italy's cultural, social, and professional landscapes. The result is a distinctive academic experience that goes beyond the traditional classroom, transforming Italy itself into a living learning environment.

Due to their enhanced experiential nature, these courses require an additional **course fee of €75.00 per course**. Each course awards **3 US credits**.



Experiential Courses Semester Spotlight I



Renaissance Italian Masters: Brunelleschi, Michelangelo & Leonardo

This course examines the artistic and intellectual revolutions of the Italian Renaissance through the works of Brunelleschi, Michelangelo, and Leonardo, three figures whose innovations reshaped art, architecture, and scientific thought. Moving beyond celebratory narratives, students analyze these masters within their historical, cultural, and political contexts, exploring how their ideas transformed visual representation, spatial design, and the relationship between art and knowledge in early modern Europe.

Drawing on art history, architectural theory, and cultural studies, students engage with primary texts, sketches, and artworks alongside scholarly interpretations. Taught by local, internationally accredited scholars, the course is immersive and experiential, using Italy as living classrooms.

By the end of the course, students will have developed a nuanced understanding of Renaissance artistic practice and its enduring influence on Western visual and intellectual traditions.

Experiential component

The experiential component may provisionally include guided visits to sites in Florence directly connected to the lives, works, and intellectual contexts of Brunelleschi, Michelangelo, and Leonardo, including major civic spaces, architectural landmarks, and urban settings that shaped Renaissance artistic and scientific production. These may include, by way of example, exterior study of the Duomo complex and the Ospedale degli Innocenti

in relation to Brunelleschi's architectural innovations, Santo Spirito and San Lorenzo for the analysis of Renaissance spatial harmony and patronage, and civic spaces such as Piazza della Signoria and Palazzo Vecchio associated with Michelangelo's public commissions and Leonardo's Florentine activity. The activities listed are indicative only, subject to change, and provided solely as reference examples.

Experiential Courses Semester Spotlight I



Italian Mafia: Histories, Cultures & Identities

This course examines Italian mafia organizations through a critical and interdisciplinary lens, exploring their historical origins, cultural roots, and enduring global influence. Moving beyond popular myths, students analyze the mafia as a deeply embedded social and political phenomenon within Italian history, addressing how clandestine power structures emerge, adapt, and persist in modern societies. Drawing on history, criminology, sociology, and cultural studies, students work with primary sources, judicial records, and scholarly analyses to develop rigorous interpretive and analytical skills. Taught by local, internationally accredited scholars, the course is fully immersive and experiential, using Italy as a living classroom. By the end of the course, students will possess a nuanced, multidisciplinary understanding of Italian mafia organizations and the critical tools to study illicit power structures in a global context.

Experiential component

The experiential component may provisionally include Florence-based activities such as visits to the Palazzo di Giustizia di Firenze (Florence Courthouse) and the Fondazione Caponnetto, as well as

guest lectures by professionals from anti-mafia courts, legal practice, and investigative journalism. The activities listed are indicative only, subject to change, and provided solely as reference examples.

Experiential Courses Semester Spotlight II



Ingredients, Recipes & Magic: Understanding Italian Culture through Cuisine

This course examines Italian cuisine as a central expression of cultural identity, social history, and regional diversity. Moving beyond food as a purely aesthetic or consumptive experience, students analyze Italian culinary traditions as the result of historical processes, environmental conditions, and localized knowledge systems. Particular attention is given to how ingredients, recipes, and cooking practices reflect regional identities and broader cultural narratives across Italy.

Drawing on food studies, cultural history, and anthropology, students engage with emblematic recipes and regional variations through analytical discussion and guided experiential activities. Taught by local, internationally accredited scholars, the course is immersive and place-based, using Italy's culinary landscape as a living classroom. By the end of the course, students will have developed a nuanced, interdisciplinary understanding of food as a dynamic medium through which cultural values, historical memory, and contemporary innovation are expressed.

Experiential component

The experiential component may provisionally include site-based activities in Florence focused on understanding Italian culinary culture through ingredients, preparation, and consumption contexts. These may include, by way of example, guided observation and tasting activities at the Mercato Centrale and the Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio, examined as sites of regional biodiversity, seasonal sourcing, and everyday

food practices; contextual exploration of traditional Florentine foodways connected to emblematic recipes such as ribollita and bistecca alla fiorentina; and engagement with local wine and olive oil traditions as expressions of territory, technique, and cultural identity. The activities listed are indicative only, subject to change, and provided solely as reference examples.

Experiential Courses Semester Spotlight II



“Dolce Vita” Marketing: Strategizing Italian Art, Food & Culture through Marketing & Media Practices

This course examines the cultural concept of Dolce Vita as both a defining element of Italian identity and a powerful global branding framework. Moving beyond lifestyle clichés, students analyze how Italian art, food, and cultural practices have been translated into strategic narratives that shape consumer perception, brand value, and international markets. The course situates Dolce Vita within its historical and social contexts while addressing its contemporary role in cultural commodification and creative economies.

Drawing on marketing theory, media studies, and cultural analysis, students engage with case studies, campaigns, and real-world examples from the Italian context. Taught by local, internationally accredited scholars, the course is immersive and experiential, using Italy as a living laboratory for cultural marketing. By the end of the course, students will have developed advanced skills in strategic branding, cultural interpretation, and applied marketing design, with the ability to critically assess and create narratives that connect culture, commerce, and global audiences.

Experiential component

The experiential component may provisionally include site-based activities in Florence centered on the analysis of how the “Dolce Vita” concept is translated into contemporary branding and marketing strategies by leading Florentine cultural and commercial actors. These may include, by way of example, observation and contextual study of global luxury and lifestyle brands such as Gucci, Emilio Pucci, and Salvatore Ferragamo as expressions of fashion heritage and global brand storytelling; industry

platforms such as Pitti Immagine as a key node in international fashion communication and media strategy; food and lifestyle brands such as All'Antico Vinaio as a case study in place-based food branding and digital engagement; and Florentine and Tuscan wine brands examined for their use of territory, tradition, and narrative in global wine marketing. The activities listed are indicative only, subject to change, and provided solely as reference examples.

Experiential Courses Semester Spotlight III



Florence as a World's Fashion Capital: Gucci, Ferragamo & Pucci

This course examines Florence as a global center of fashion innovation through the histories and creative legacies of Gucci, Ferragamo, and Pucci. Moving beyond brand narratives alone, students analyze how Florence's cultural, economic, and artisanal traditions fostered the emergence of these iconic fashion houses and contributed to the international construction of Made in Italy as a marker of style, quality, and cultural influence.

Drawing on fashion studies, visual culture, and cultural history, students engage directly with archival materials, foundations, and exhibitions that preserve original sketches, designs, and portfolios by these designers. Taught by local, internationally accredited scholars, the course is immersive and experiential, using Florence itself as a living archive of fashion history. By the end of the course, students will have developed a nuanced understanding of Italian fashion as a cultural system, acquiring critical tools to analyze style, identity, and creative industries in both historical and contemporary contexts.

Experiential component

The experiential component may provisionally include site-based activities in Florence focused on examining the city's role as a global fashion capital through the histories, visual cultures, and institutional legacies of Gucci, Ferragamo, and Pucci. These may include, by way of example, contextual visits to the Gucci Garden, the Museo Salvatore Ferragamo, and locations associated with the Emilio Pucci heritage,

examined as sites of fashion memory, brand narrative, and creative process; as well as observation of the broader Florentine urban and cultural landscape that has historically shaped design inspiration, craftsmanship, and the international projection of the "Made in Italy" ethos. The activities listed are indicative only, subject to change, and provided solely as reference examples.

Student Services

As an active player within the Italian private university system, Unicollege holds a pre-existing infrastructure of services that seek to facilitate its Italian students' academic and personal experiences all year round. Such infrastructure is also valid for its Study Abroad students and include:

Language tandems

as one of Italy's first and oldest private universities specializing in languages, Unicollege has a consolidated history in transcultural and trans-linguistic exchanges on both a local and international level. Among others, Unicollege has active language tandems between its academic community and the New York and Syracuse University(ies). Candidates can therefore benefit from rich and dynamic schedules, where they will be able to maximize their native language/s and benefit from other students' idioms, languages, and cultures.

Language assistance

Unicollege has almost 50 years of experience in the realms of language teaching and learning. Accordingly, it developed unique pedagogical and academic expertise in the challenging process of learning foreign languages. Candidates wishing to improve, revise, or hone their foreign language skills can apply

to receive either individual or group assistance across the six levels of language proficiency (introductory>native), benefiting from a cohort of native speakers, tutors, and instructors holding international and proven experience in the field.

Sport & wellbeing

Unicollege regards sport as a major catalyzer to facilitate integration, international networking, a fair sense of competitiveness, as well as a healthy recreational tool for the body and mind.

Taking advantage of 8,000+ squared meters of green and relax areas, Unicollege organizes open air yoga sessions, international sport competitions, as well as miscellaneous sport activities with international instructors. Moreover, it features strategic partnerships with local and international sport & wellbeing institutions that give access to ad hoc services, discounts, and benefits to Unicollege students and people.

Psychological support

While a Study Abroad session can surely be an enriching and life-changing experience, it can also be challenging on a personal, academic, and psychological level. Unicollege offers individual sessions with coaches, tutors, and experts that will aid any candidate experiencing difficulties, issues, and

any sort of problem throughout the experience – either in person or virtually.

Field trips & immersive cultural experiences

As indicated in the “Learning Methodologies & Approaches” section, Unicollege fosters hands-on, experiential, and immersive learning experiences through a series of activities that celebrate the unique learning context of Italy. In addition to ad hoc courses that exacerbate this very methodological approaches and educational spirit, Unicollege organizes recurrent field trips and immersive cultural experiences all year round that involve local, national, and universally known businesses that provide complementary knowhows and expertise to lectures, courses, and programs.



Housing

Unicollège provides structured housing solutions for international and visiting students designed to ensure safety, proximity to campus, and consistency with academic calendars. Housing arrangements are coordinated directly by Unicollège as part of the study abroad framework and are intended to support students throughout their academic term. On-campus residence is mandatory for all international students; where on-campus capacity is limited, placement will be arranged—based on availability—in university-managed housing. All international students are required to reside in university-managed housing or in accommodations formally affiliated with Unicollège.

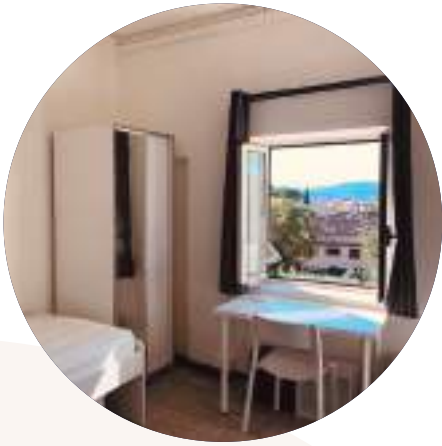
Housing Policy and Placement

Students are primarily housed in on-campus residences. When on-campus capacity is reached, accommodation is arranged within Unicollège's established housing network, which includes affiliated apartments and residential facilities located in close proximity to the campus. All housing options meet institutional standards of safety, accessibility, and academic integration. Assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. While every effort is made to prioritize on-campus placement, Unicollège reserves the right to allocate students to alternative approved accommodations within its network, including vetted housing providers or verified host families, in order to ensure continuity of services and

compliance with institutional requirements. Housing placements are confirmed prior to arrival whenever possible. Final details, including address and check-in instructions, are communicated to students before the start of the academic term.

Accommodation Features

Accommodation types may vary by location and availability and span a range of configurations, including single rooms, single rooms with ensuite facilities, double rooms with separate beds or bunk beds, triple and quadruple rooms, as well as apartment-style accommodations designed for one or two occupants. Standard amenities across all housing options include fully equipped kitchens, full bathrooms with sinks and showers, separate toilet facilities, laundry areas with washing machines and dryers, shared living rooms, Wi-Fi access, and air conditioning where applicable. All housing is furnished and suitable for medium- to long-term academic stays.



Sample photos from UniCollege dorms featuring single and double rooms, with triple and quadruple rooms available as well.

Glimpses from our Florence campus

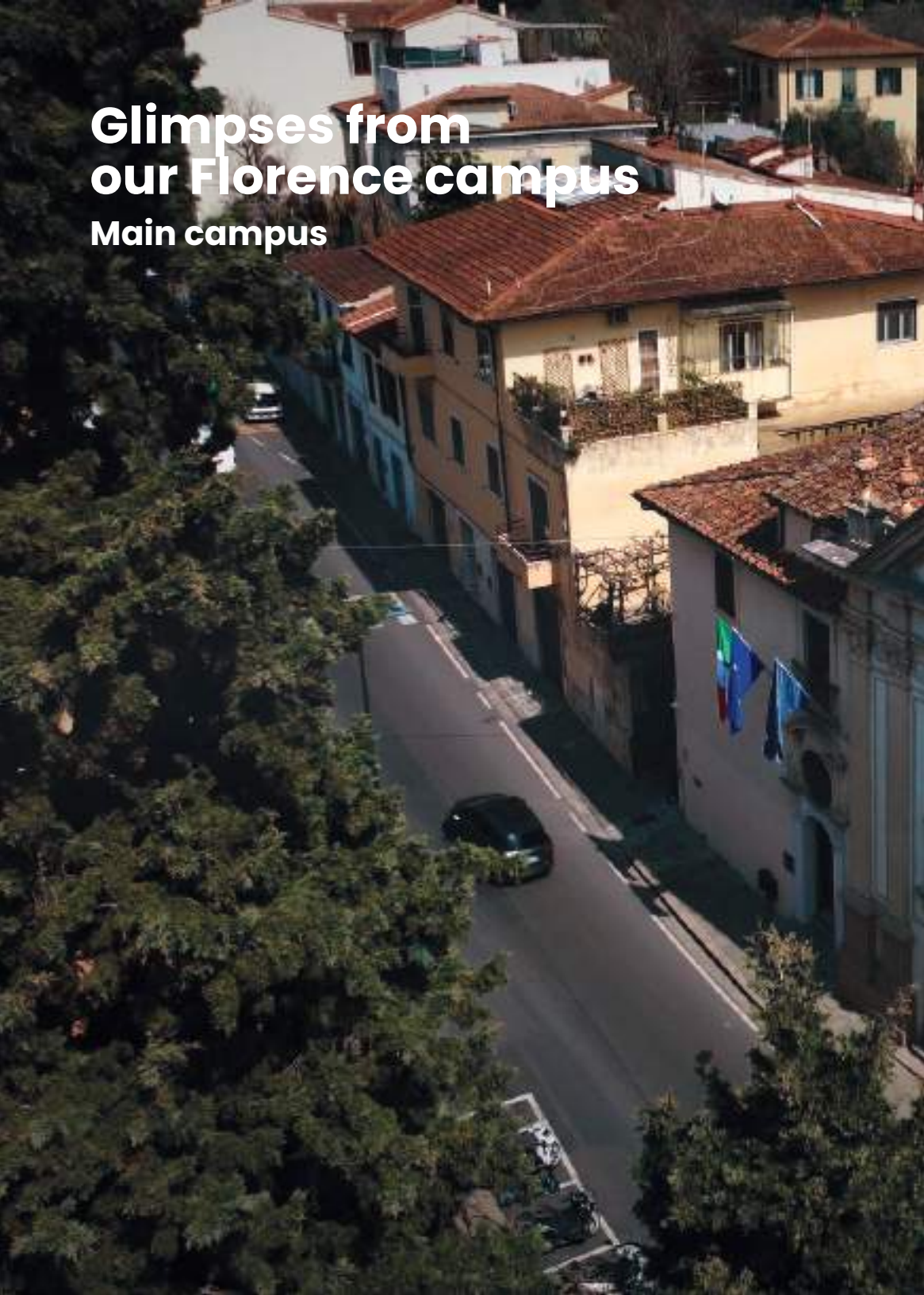
Main campus





Glimpses from our Florence campus

Main campus





Classrooms





Green areas & Cafeteria





Mantua & Turin campuses





Nomination for students from partner universities

1. Home universities receive official materials from Unicollege, including the application form, student guidebook, and information sheet, and launch their internal study abroad promotion (typically September–October for the Spring semester and January–February for the Fall semester).
2. Students apply for study abroad through their home university. Home institutions that allocate a limited number of places may conduct an internal selection process based on academic merit or other institutional criteria.
3. The list of nominated students is formally submitted by the home university to Unicollege for review.
4. Unicollege reviews nominations, verifies eligibility, and confirms student participation.
5. Selected students complete the Unicollege application process, including academic information, housing preferences, meal plans, visa requirements (if applicable), insurance, and other required documentation, and submit all materials directly to Unicollege.
6. Unicollege confirms approval of all student applications and informs the home university when applicable.
7. Participants are expected to arrive at Unicollege 3–5 days prior to the start of the semester for check-in and orientation.
8. The academic semester begins in September for the Fall term and January/February for the Spring term.
9. Students complete their semester at Unicollege, with a standard duration of 90 days for visa-free students and 90 days or more for students holding a study visa. For students whose stay exceeds 90 days and requires the issuance of a visa, please [click here](#) for detailed guidance.
10. Make-up sessions and/or remaining examinations may be completed online if a student returns to the home institution before the end of the semester, subject to prior approval by both the home university and Unicollege.
11. Upon successful completion of the semester, Unicollege issues and sends the official transcript of records listing all completed courses and grades.
12. The home university evaluates and transfers the courses and credits completed at Unicollege in accordance with its own academic policies.

Nomination for independent applicants

1. Nominations are open year-round and may be assigned to the closest available semester (Fall, Spring, or Summer).
2. Independent (non-nominated) students may request direct enrollment by contacting francesca.serra@unicollege.eu
3. Independent applicants follow the same admission and confirmation procedures outlined in steps 6–12 of the Nominations for Students from Partner Universities process.

Full assistance



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Unicollege Fact Sheet

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Academic Calendar 2026/27

A.Y. 26–27

Fall 2026

Spring 2027

Online orientation session

September 2nd

January 13th

Arrival date (to Italy)

September 3rd or
September 4th

January 14th or
January 15th

NB: Check-ins must take place on the Thursday or Friday preceding the Monday on which the semester begins (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.). Any check-in occurring outside these days or hours will incur a fee of €50.00.

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First day of class

September 7th

January 18th

Last week of class and end of 1st exams session

(can be taken online for those who requested an anticipated return)

November 30th –
December 4th

April 19th – April 23rd

Housing check-out

By December 6th

By April 25th

Study break

December 7th –
December 11th

April 26th – April 30th

Second online exam session

December 17th –
December 23rd

May 3rd – May 14th

Anticipated return

NB: Upon authorization, candidates can return to their home university before the last day of class (see the 'Last week of class' section above) and finalize all last classes and exam sessions online.

From November 30th

From April 19th

Summer Session + All year round short term Fee Paying Calendar

Students interested in enrolling in summer sessions at Unicollege may choose from the courses listed in the Red Catalog. Each course requires a minimum of 4 enrolled students to be activated and is offered at a cost of €300 per credit. Applications must be submitted at least

90 days prior to the desired course start date. Early planning is strongly recommended to ensure availability and course activation. Those courses can be activated at any time, duration can be tailored but is usually condensed in 2 to 3 weeks.



Application Process

A.Y. 26–27

Fall 2026

Spring 2027

Nomination

Partners will receive an email from the Unicollege Inbound Office with the updated Student Guidebook and Application Form, including submission deadlines (usually August/September).. Once nominees are selected, partners should inform the Unicollege Inbound Office , who will then reach out to students directly to schedule a call.

Students nomination deadline

(i.e., the partner university nominates students)

June 5th

October 31st

Students acceptance notification

(i.e., Unicollege confirms nominations sent by the partner university via email)

Within 15 days of reception of the application form

Students confirmation/ withdrawal

(i.e., upon receiving the acceptance notification from Unicollege, candidates have 15 days to confirm or decline their place by submitting a non-refundable deposit of 50%).

Within 15 days of reception of the students acceptance notification (see the previous section)

Outstanding balance due date

July 6th

November 6th

Application required forms/ID

- Application form
 - Copy of valid passport
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Acceptance notification

Students will receive notification via email as follows within 15 days of reception of the application form

Mandatory costs

Exchange students costs	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Tuition + application fees waived	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Housing + meal plan	Avg. € 4.720,00	Avg. € 6.600,00
Total costs exchange students	€ 4.720,00	€ 6.800,00

Free mover students costs	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Tuition + Application fees	€ 4.500,00 + € 100,00 Application fee	€ 4.500,00 + € 100,00 Application fee
Housing + meal plan	Avg. € 4.720,00	Avg. € 6.600,00
Total costs free-mover students	€ 9.300,00	€ 11.400,00

Provisional expected costs study abroad students

Provisional expected costs	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Health Insurance (approximate figure; participants can select a HI of their choice).	€ 115,00	€ 115,00
Groceries (approximate figure, calculated on average reported costs and expenses).	€ 600,00	€ 600,00
Personal Extra Expenses (miscellaneous activities. Approximate figure, calculated on average reported costs and expenses)	€ 500,00	€ 500,00
Total provisional expected costs	€ 1.215,00	€ 1.215,00

Health Insurance

All non-EU exchange students are required to have private health insurance covering their entire stay in Italy. This is mandatory for both the visa application and the residence permit, and ensures access to medical care in case of illness or emergency.

Unicollege recommends Weltaly, a reliable provider offering student

plans that meet the €30,000 minimum coverage required by Italian authorities.

Students will receive instructions on how to purchase the policy after acceptance. Enrollment in the Italian National Health System (SSN) is optional and not required for visa purposes.

Housing

All international students are required to stay on-campus or at one of Unicollege's apartments located nearby the campus. Due to ongoing housing challenges across all Unicollege locations (Florence, Mantua, and Turin), seasonal and/or semester-based overbooking may occur. In such cases, Unicollege reserves the right to relocate applicants to a trusted member of its housing network. These alternatives may include affiliated and referenced agencies, verified

and reputable host families, or other approved accommodations, all of which adhere to the complementary standards outlined above. Upon arrival, all candidates must sign a Good Conduct Agreement to ensure compliance with house rules and national/international housing regulations. Any violation of these regulations may result in academic, financial, and/or legal consequences, which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

On-campus housing features

All accommodations, whether shared or single (including those with ensuite facilities), provide access to the following shared spaces and amenities:

- Fully equipped kitchen

- Full bathrooms (sinks & showers) and separate toilets
- Laundry facilities (washing machine and clothes dryer)
- Common living room
- Wi-Fi and air conditioning

Arrival Information

Arrival date (to Italy)

September 3rd or 4th for Fall 2026;
January 14th or 15th for Spring 2027

NB: Check-ins must take place on the Thursday or Friday preceding the Monday on which the semester begins (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.). Any check-in occurring outside these days or hours will incur a fee of €50.00.

Florence

Students are advised to arrive at either Rome Fiumicino Airport and take a train to Florence or at Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport. Airport pick-up can be scheduled via taxi (€ 65,00)

Mantova

Students are advised to arrive at either Milan Airports (Milano Malpensa, Milano Linate) or Venice Marco Polo Airport and take a train to Mantua. Pick-up can be scheduled via taxi (additional fee € 65,00).

Turin

Students are advised to arrive at Turin Sandro Pertini Airport Pick-up can be scheduled via taxi (additional fee € 65,00).

Academic Information

Course Descriptions

Course descriptions can be found on the updated Student Guidebook sent every semester by the Inbound Office

Syllabi

Syllabi are not available online and shall be requested to the Inbound Office.

Class Schedule

Students must select courses totaling 15 credits. Exceptionally, and with home university approval, a 12-credit semester may be authorized. Applicants must select 10 courses: 5 primary courses for the semester schedule and 5 backup courses in case of conflicts, cancellations, or unforeseen circumstances.

Courses have no prerequisites and may be selected from any school or department. Courses are generally in person and on campus; however, some may be delivered online from other campuses and remain valid

toward credit requirements. Final course offerings, delivery mode, and the academic calendar will be confirmed at least one month before the semester begins. By selecting courses, students confirm that their choices have been approved by the appropriate authority at their home university and acknowledge that they are fully responsible for their selections.

Attendance Policy

A minimum of 75% attendance is required for all courses, whether conducted online or in person. Meeting this requirement is necessary in order to be eligible to sit for exams.

In compliance with the Italian university system, candidates should expect a single final exam that accounts for 100% of the overall course grade. Occasionally, instructors may assign additional tasks, which will be outlined in the course syllabus.

Grading

The Italian grading system is based on a 30-point scale, where 18 is the minimum passing grade (60%) and 30 represents the highest grade (100%). The full grade conversion table can be found in the Student Guidebook.

Transcripts + US School of Record

Upon successful completion of all courses, the Office of Academic Affairs will issue an official sealed transcript. This document will be sent to both the student and their designated mentor, tutor, or academic reference via official Unicollege email. To ensure proper delivery, students must

provide the full name and official email address of their academic reference on the enrollment form. Transcripts are typically processed, finalized, and sent within 30 days following the last date of the exam term. Students are encouraged to verify the accuracy of their contact information during the enrollment process to avoid delays. Upon request, transcripts can also be delivered via mail, with additional costs depending on the delivery location. In addition to the Unicollege transcript, candidates may request a transcript issued by a US School of Record via Westcliff University (WASC Accredited), for an additional fee of €300.00.

Program Advising

Academics

Students enrolling to semester or full academic year exchanges (where tuition is waived) can refer to the course offerings displayed in the Student Guidebook. Students enrolling in summer courses or independent short term programs throughout the year can refer to the course offering listed on the Red Catalog for € 300.00 per course.

Restricted Departments

Exchange students shall only refer to course offerings listed on the Student Guidebook. Course offerings listed on the Red Catalog do not apply to exchange programs.

Academic Expectations

Exchange students participating in a semester/full academic year at Unicollege are required to maintain full-time academic status for the

duration of their stay. In line with Italian university standards, a full-time semester load corresponds to 24-30 ECTS credits (1 semester) or 48 - 60 ECTS (1 academic year), corresponding to 12-15 US Credits (1 semester) or 24-30 US Credits (1 academic year), typically distributed across 5 courses for a 1 semester and 10 courses for 1 full academic year. For academic and visa purposes, candidates must regularly be enrolled in 15-credit semesters; 12-credit semesters are granted exceptionally and upon mutual authorization of both partners. If students encounter academic challenges or health-related concerns during their stay, they are encouraged to contact the International Office at Unicollege - which will liaise with the pertinent academic, wellbeing, or third competent office.





Ti aspettiamo!
We look forward to welcoming you!

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