



# Guide for foreign Universities

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### The Rector's Profile

Prof. Giacomo Pignataro was born in Caltagirone on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1963, full professor of Public Finance. He graduated in Business and Economics in 1986. He earned a Master Degree in Economics and, subsequently, a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of York, England (UK). Since 2002 he has been Full Professor of Public Finance. Since 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 he is the new Rector Magnificus of the University of Catania.

# WELCOME OF THE RECTOR

Dear international students and professors,

Thank you for choosing the University of Catania as your host university. I am honored to welcome you to the *Siculorum Gymnasium*. I hope you will enjoy your stay at our university, to achieve educational growth and formative experience in our town, rich in history and tradition.

The University of Catania is a public institution with a strong and ever growing international orientation and community. Our main goal is to provide international students with a stimulating learning environment, and to offer them an international dimension based on excellence and innovation, both key elements of the educational experience.

This guide is designed to help international students and professors who spend a period in Catania, taking part in stimulating learning programs and exchanging cultural experiences.

In order to ease your integration into academic and cultural life in Catania, this guide provides you with a general description of the university, and gives practical advice to be used before leaving your own country, and some information that might be useful at your arrival in Catania. Further on, you will find information on academic course, as well as a presentation of university facilities, accommodation services and practical addresses of interest that will enhance your experience here.

Moreover, through the last section, you may discover Catania, a town that has always played an active role in promoting cooperation and cultural exchanges for centuries, in the Mediterranean Area and in Europe.

May your stay here be stimulating, pleasant and fruitful. A warm welcome to all of you.

Prof. Giacomo Pignataro  
*Rector of the University of Catania*

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# 1 University of Catania

# A Brief Historical Background

## An Institution in Continuous Development

The foundation of the University of Catania, the oldest in Sicily, dates back to 1434, when the king of Spain, Alfonso of Aragon (who was also King Alfonso I of Sicily) authorized the establishment of a *Studium Generale* with the privilege of issuing legally valid academic titles in the four core disciplines of theology, canon and civil law, physical and joint philosophy, liberal arts. In 1444, the first four faculties of Medicine, Philosophy, Canon and Civil Law and Theology and Arts were established. Students began to attend classes in 1445, however it was not until two centuries later that the university gained its own establishment in Piazza Università. It still stands in the piazza today, in the former grounds of St. Mark's hospital. The building was completely destroyed by an earthquake in 1693 and students were left without a place to continue their study. In the *interim* period, before it was rebuilt, the resourceful students, unperturbed by such events and endowed with infinite determination, transferred classes to wooden huts by the harbour. The new building, designed by Giovan

Battista Vaccarini, is a magnificent monument of Baroque architecture. The University of Catania was not only structurally powerful. It also held the exclusive right by Royal Decree to grant degrees within the Reign of Sicily. Although the hierarchical power of the university was in the hands of the Church, the Rector, an elected student in his/her last year of studies, had the power to put students on trial. 25 Chimes of the Cathedral bell marked the beginning of the academic year. Throughout the year, a porter marked daily any professor absence. The figures were then taken to a notary who subtracted a day's wages from their pay. At the end of his studies, a student was awarded his degree in the Cathedral as well as a gold ring and a blessing from the Archbishop. Although this ceremony and many other traditions have fallen into disuse, the academic structure of the university is still as strong today as it was in the first half of the 15<sup>th</sup> century when it started out with just ten students.



## The University Today

Today the university buildings are spread throughout the city, with a contrast between the modern, hi-tech “University City”, and numerous historical buildings in the old city centre. It offers an attractive portfolio of academic titles and is committed in the creation of a “laboratory” where the ancient Mediterranean culture meets the new technologies, in order to offer advanced training experience. Students wishing to take an undergraduate degree will find our university to be a high quality educational institution, with degrees specifically aimed at the labour market, which prepare effectively for further studies. Excellent departments, schools and support services are offered throughout all of our university sites in Catania, Syracuse and Ragusa. Here, students may also discover a culturally dynamic environment suitable for growing as students and individuals as well. Those who are considering taking post graduate, masters or doctorate studies can choose among a wide range of academic fields, developed by internationally recognized research groups.

Students have the opportunity to commence their university career alongside the very best. The University of Catania is also attractive for those companies interested in transferring the technology generated from university departments and research centers.





# Facts and Figures

## Useful Information

Name: University of Catania

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I-95131 Catania

Erasmus ID code: I CATANIA 01

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Website: [www.unict.it/en](http://www.unict.it/en)

Facebook: [universitadeglistudicatania](https://www.facebook.com/universitadeglistudicatania)

Learn about our programs, people,  
innovations and campus through facts  
and figures

## Educational and Research Structures

- 23 Departments
- 13 Research Center
- 4 Schools

## Educational Programs

- 42 Undergraduate 1<sup>st</sup> Level Courses
- 7 One-Cycle Courses
- 50 Undergraduate 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Courses
- 16 Masters
- 35 Ph.D. Courses XXVIII Cycle
- 18 National Ph.D. Courses
- 17 International Ph.D. Courses

## Students

- 49.894 Students enrolled a. y. 2012/2013
- 6.605 Graduated a. y. 2010/2011  
(latest survey available)

## Staff

- 401 Full Professors
- 392 Associate Professors
- 593 Researchers
- 1.218 Non-academic staff





# Governance and Management

**The governing bodies** of the University of Catania are the Rector, the Academic Senate, the Board of Directors, the Board of Auditors, the Evaluation Unit, the Director General, who shall exercise the powers laid down by the laws of the Republic, by the University Statute and by executive regulations.

**The Academic Senate** is established by a Rector's decree and is composed of:

- Rector;
- 14 full professors, representatives of the scientific-disciplinary areas of the University of Catania;
- 13 representatives of heads of departments;
- 5 students' representatives;
- 2 representatives of the administrative staff.

**The Administrative Board** is established by a Rector's decree and is composed of:

- Rector;
- 3 external members (not belonging to the roles of the university);
- 5 full professors belonging to the teaching body of the University of Catania;
- 2 students' representatives.

**The Rector** is the legal representative of the university and is the guarantor for the respect of laws, freedom of research and teaching, staff and students' rights. He is elected among full professors in service in Italian universities, is in charge for six years and is not re-eligible.

## **Rector**

Prof. Giacomo Pignataro  
*Department of Economics and Business*

The rector is assisted in his duties by the Vice-Rector and various delegates.

## **Vice-Rector**

Prof. Alessandra Gentile  
*Department of Agriculture and Food Science*



# Delegates of the Rector

Prof. Roberto Cellini  
*Strategic Planning and Budgeting*

Prof. Giuseppe Romano Compagnini  
*Relationships with Students and Sport  
Committee*

Prof. Giovanni Di Rosa  
*Buildings, Heritage and Contracts*

Prof. Luciano Granozzi  
*Communication*

Prof. Bianca Maria Lombardo  
*Education: Undergraduates*

Prof. Sebastiano Battiato  
*Education: Postgraduates and Ph.D.*

Prof. Antonio Pioletti  
*Relationships with Technical-Administrative  
Staff*

Prof. Andrea Rapisarda  
*Internationalization*

Prof. Stefania Stefani  
*Research*

Prof. Agata Copani  
*Museums and "Città della Scienza"*





## Departments and Schools

The University of Catania has 23 departments and 4 schools that, additionally to the traditional assignments of scientific research, are in charge of the organization and management of educational activities.

### Agri-food and Environmental Systems Management

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### Agriculture and Food Sciences

Address: Via Valdisavoia 5, I-95123 Catania

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### Anatomy, Biology and Genetics, Legal Medicine, Neuroscience, Diagnostic Pathology, Hygiene and Public health

Address: Policlinico Universitario (Building 10)

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### Civil Engineering and Architecture

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### Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences

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Director: Prof. Pietro Pavone

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### Biomedical Sciences

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Administrative contact for didactics: [udipac4@unict.it](mailto:udipac4@unict.it)  
Website: [www.dipchi.unict.it/en/](http://www.dipchi.unict.it/en/)

### Clinical and Molecular Biomedicine

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### Drug Sciences

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### Economics and Business

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### Educational Sciences

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Administrative contact for didactics: [udipac3@unict.it](mailto:udipac3@unict.it)  
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### Electric, Electronic and Computer Engineering

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## Industrial Engineering

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## Humanities

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## Law

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## Mathematics and Computer Sciences

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## Medical and Pediatric Sciences

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Website: www.medicina.unict.it





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Scientific contact for didactics: vito.catania@policlinico.unict.it

Administrative contact for didactics: udipac8@unict.it

Website: www.medicina.unict.it

### Surgery

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### Political and Social Sciences

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Director: Prof. Giuseppe Barone

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Scientific contact for didactics: biondif@unict.it

Administrative contact for didactics: udipac7@unict.it

Website: www.fscpo.unict.it

### Surgical Sciences Organ Transplantation and Advanced Technologies

Address: Policlinico Universitario

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### School of Foreign Languages and Literatures

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Website: [www.flingue.unict.it](http://www.flingue.unict.it)

### School of Architecture

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Scientific contact for didactics: [c.carocci@unict.it](mailto:c.carocci@unict.it)

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### School of Medicine

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Website: [www.medicina.unict.it](http://www.medicina.unict.it)

### Scuola Superiore di Catania

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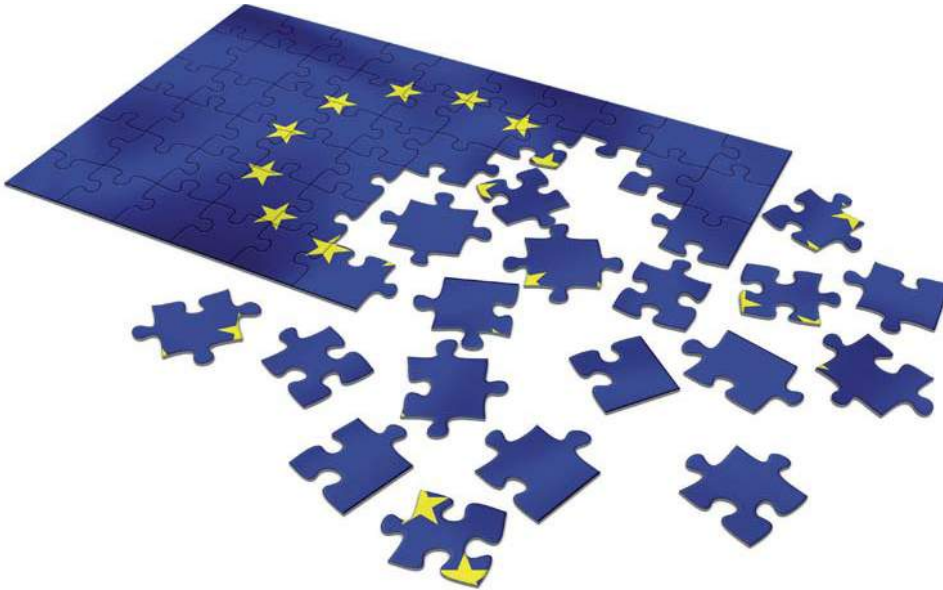
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# European Policy Strategy



The University of Catania considers the internationalization process to be of deep importance for its development, therefore, it is willing to adopt strategic plans aiming at improving such process, thanks to some different actions to be realized in a short time and some others requiring longer times for their effectiveness but all pursuing the goal of rising its visibility, reputation and attractiveness.

The University of Catania is the oldest of the Italian South-Centre universities and it manifests some excellences in terms of didactics and research thanks to particular synergies and specific collaborations with several research institutes operating in its territory, such as C.N.R., I.N.A.F., I.N.F.N., I.N.G.V. Furthermore, Catania geographic position, even if off-centered from North-center European countries, is certainly in a focal point with respect to Mediterranean area countries, with whom it is certainly possible to organize cooperation activities of great importance. Other key points can be considered the different enterprises working on the territory, representing a reference point for study, research and industrial collaboration initiatives.

Therefore, in order to improve the internationalization process, the university will adopt the following strategic actions.

Short-term actions:

- Enhance international activities communication through a more attractive web site and the creation of university of Catania profile in the most important social networks.
- Increase the educational offer in English language, thanks to the activation of new courses and the creation of “course packages”, useful for incoming students in the creation of their learning agreements.
- Reinforce English language courses in all degree courses in order to boost students’ linguistic competencies and let them be more competitive within the international job market.
- Enlarge the number of agreements with European countries and in particular with France, United Kingdom, Germany and North European countries.
- Formalize pre-existent international cooperation and use contacts and best practices sharing policy among similar disciplinary areas.

- Stimulate international mobility (European and Non-European) of teachers and administrative staff using simple administrative procedures.
- Implement services and facilities for incoming students, teachers and staff, with better accommodations services and dedicated procedures to obtain the stay permission.
- Enhance Italian language courses offer for foreign students.





# 2

## Studying at the University of Catania



# Italian Higher Education System

Italian higher education is structured in a binary system, consisting of 2 main articulations:

## University Sector

It includes:

- State Universities
- Non-State Universities (legally recognized by the State)
- Higher Schools specialized in postgraduate university studies
- Telematic Universities.

The University of Catania is a state University that is a public entity endowed with scientific, teaching, managerial, financial and bookkeeping autonomy and may draw up its own statute and regulations, issued by rectoral decrees. Since 1999, the Italian University

System has been reformed so as to meet the objectives of the “Bologna Process” and is now organized in 3 cycles:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle Studies - Bachelor Degree;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle Studies - Master Degree;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle Studies - Ph.D. and Specialization Courses.

## Non - University Sector

It includes:

- Higher Education in Art, Music and Dance (AFAM)
- Higher Education in Language Mediation
- Higher Integrated Education (FIS) and Programs of Higher Technical Education & Training (IFTTS)
- programs in a few specific fields (e.g. archiving, diplomatic, restoration, military studies, etc.).

For further information  
[www.study-in-italy.it](http://www.study-in-italy.it)



# ECTS System

The University of Catania has adopted the CFU accreditation system which corresponds to the European Community Course Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

## **What is ECTS?**

The ECTS system is based on the principle of mutual trust and confidence between the participating higher education

institutions. The few rules of ECTS, concerning Information (on courses available), Agreement (between the home and host institutions) and the Use of Credit Points (to indicate student workload) are set out to reinforce this mutual trust and confidence. Each ECTS department will describe the courses it offers not only in terms of content but also adding credits to each course.

## ECTS credits

The ECTS credits are a value allocated to course units to describe the student workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each course requires in relation to the total quantity of work necessary to complete a full year of academic study at the institution, that is, lectures, practical work, seminars, private work in the library or at home and examinations or other assessment activities. ECTS credits express a relative value.

In ECTS, 60 credits represent the workload of a year of study; normally 30 credits are given for a semester and 20 credits for a term. It is important that no special courses are set up for ECTS purposes, but that all ECTS courses are mainstream courses of the participating institutions, as followed by home students under normal regulations.

It is up to the participating institutions to subdivide the credits for the different courses.

Practical placements and optional courses which form an integral part of the course of study also receive academic credit. Practical placements and optional courses which do not form an integral part of the course of

study do not receive academic credit. Non-credit courses may, however, be mentioned in the transcript of records. Credits are awarded only when the course has been completed and all required examinations have been successfully taken.

## ECTS grading scale

The ECTS grading scale provides a common currency to measure the quality of student achievement. It is important to note that it is not meant to replace the local grade but to be used optionally and in addition to it.

ECTS Definition normally achieving the grade of successful students	
A	EXCELLENT: outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	VERY GOOD: above average standard but with some errors
C	GOOD: generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	SATISFACTORY: fair but with significant shortcomings
E	SUFFICIENT: performance meets minimum criteria
F	FAIL: some more work required before the credit can be awarded
FX	FAIL: considerable further work is required

## ECTS students and Erasmus program

The students participating in ECTS receive full credit for all academic work successfully carried out at any of the ECTS partner institutions. They will be able to transfer these academic credits from one participating institution to another on the basis of prior agreement on the content of study programs abroad between students and the institutions involved.

When the student has successfully completed the study program previously agreed between the home and the host institutions and returns to the home institution, credit transfer will take place, and the student can continue the study course at the home institution without any loss of time or credit. Students may be awarded a student mobility grant if they fulfill the general conditions of eligibility for the Erasmus program. They shall not be required to pay tuition fees at the host institution and continue to pay normal tuition fees to the home institution during the study period abroad.

# Enrolment Procedures

For further information  
please contact the Foreign  
Students Office.

Address: Piazza Bellini 19,  
I-95131 Catania

Fax: (+39) 095 326161

E-mail: [sestat@unict.it](mailto:sestat@unict.it)

EU and non-EU citizens can equally enroll at the University of Catania. In case of dual citizenship, the Italian citizenship prevails (L. 31 May 1995, n. 218 art. 19).

Distinct application rules apply to:

- EU citizen;
- non EU citizen;
- Italian citizens with foreign academic qualifications.

## 1. EU citizens

EU citizens who wish to apply for an Italian degree course must observe the same deadlines and procedures of Italian citizens.

Citizens from Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Republic of San Marino and Liechtenstein are treated as EU citizens; the same rule is applied for Non-EU citizens owning a residence permit (permesso di soggiorno) or a residence card (carta di soggiorno) for work, family, religion or asylum, and political refugees.





Prospective students can apply for only one degree course, although they may pre enroll in several courses and take multiple admission tests.

EU nationals and EU-equated citizens are not requested to take the Italian language test.

They do not belong to places reserved to non-EU citizens (contingente riservato). They should respect, as Italian students, the deadlines provided by the calls of each course of study.

In order to enroll at the university it is compulsory to fulfill the online registration procedure on the “Portale Studenti”<sup>1</sup> and submit the documents, described in the following paragraph, to the Foreign Students Office.

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<sup>1</sup> In order to accomplish the online enrollment, applicants must be provided with the tax code (codice fiscale). To obtain the code, foreign citizens must present a valid document (if EU citizens) and a residence permit (if non-EU citizens) at the Italian Tax Agency (Agenzia delle Entrate).

### **For 1<sup>st</sup> cycle and One-long Cycle 2<sup>nd</sup> degree programs:**

- original copy of secondary school diploma obtained after at least 12 years of schooling. The diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- certificate assessing the student's passing of the academic admission/proficiency test (where required), if provided for home country university access;
- any university study certificate or non-university post-secondary study certificate (exams passed and exam programs) for the obtainment of the enrolment to an academic year after the first one (shortening of the program time limits) or for the completing of the 12 year schooling required for the access to Italian universities;
- a copy of the residence permit is also needed for non-EU applicants resident in Italy.

### **For 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree programs:**

- original copy of secondary school diploma obtained after at least 12 years of schooling. The diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- 1<sup>st</sup> cycle degree obtained at any university the diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the degree to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- certificate released by the relevant academic institution, translated and duly validated, assessing the passed exams as well as the detailed programs and time plan devoted to the teaching and laboratory activities provided for each subject area;
- a copy of the residence permit is also needed for non-EU applicants resident in Italy.

## 2. Non EU citizens

Every study program sets an annual quota of places available for non-EU students. To request pre-enrolment for a program, citizens should contact the Italian embassy-consulate in the student's country of residence, they cannot apply for a degree course (either for a first or a second cycle degree) directly to the University of Catania.

Application deadline is established annually by the Italian Ministry of Education.

At the Italian embassy or consulate, applicants fill a pre-registration request form and they can choose only one degree course. The documents to be brought to the Italian embassy-consulate offices are the following.

### For 1<sup>st</sup> cycle and One-long Cycle 2<sup>nd</sup> degree programs:

- secondary school diploma (original copy) obtained after at least 12 years of schooling. The diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;

- certificate assessing the student's passing of the academic admission/proficiency test (where required), if provided for home country university access.
- any university study certificate or non-university post-secondary study certificate (exams passed and exam programs) for the obtainment of the enrolment to an academic year after the first one (shortening of the program time limits) or for the completing of the 12-year schooling required for the access to Italian universities;
- any certification assessing Italian language knowledge.

### For 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree programs:

- original copy of secondary school diploma obtained after at least 12 years of schooling. The diploma must be translated and duly validated;
- declaration of value for the diploma to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the school/college belongs to;
- 1<sup>st</sup> cycle degree obtained at any university the diploma must be translated and duly validated;



- declaration of value for the degree to be released by the Italian diplomatic representation in the country to which the university belongs to;
- certificate released by the relevant academic institution-translated and duly validated-assessing the passed exams as well as the detailed programs and time plan devoted to the teaching and laboratory activities provided for each subject area;
- any certification assessing Italian language knowledge.

The Italian embassy or consulate will transmit the form to the university along with all the required documents and it will be informed about the approval of the student's request. Only Italian embassies and consulates can grant an entry visa for Italy. In order to be granted a visa, applicants must provide the Italian embassy or consulate with all the required documentation. Tourist visa is not accepted for enrolment in a degree course.

The documents written in a foreign language must be handed in the original copy together with the official

translation into Italian; the translation is a responsibility of the applicant and must be certified by the relevant Italian diplomatic representation abroad.

The translation may also be carried out in Italy by official translators or by the diplomatic representation operating in Italy of the country where the document has been released.

The documentation handed in by the applicant does not allow for a direct access/admission to a degree program, as, to be admitted to a program, a student must pass an Italian language test and an admissions test to program with a limited number of places as well as other tests required for Italian citizens.

For 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree program the university must also assess if the degree/diploma/certificate owned by the applicant can qualify for the application. At the University of Catania the assessment of the degree qualification is assigned to the relevant Degree Program Boards, which apply the same criteria (curricular requisites and evaluation of the personal preparation) provided for the holders of the equivalent Italian academic degree. For applicants having a foreign degree/

diploma/certificate, the assessment of the curricular requisites shall include the evaluation of the programs of the exams passed abroad, which have been attached to the pre-enrolment application.

### **Italian language test**

Students with the following qualifications are exempt from taking the Italian language test:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> level secondary school qualification obtained following four or five years of study at Italian schools abroad, or one of the secondary school final qualifications described in annex 2 of the provisions of the MIUR Memorandum;
- certificate obtained in conjunction with a school diploma from Argentina that certifies that the program included an Italian language course for at least 5 years;
- diploma in Italian language and culture from the University for Foreigners of Perugia and Siena, obtained after a course of at least one academic year;
- Italian language proficiency certificates equivalent to levels C1 and C2 of the



Council of Europe issued by the III University of Rome and by the University for Foreigners of Perugia and Siena, also issued in agreement with Italian cultural institutes abroad.

Students with Italian language proficiency certificates equivalent to levels not lower than B2 of the Council of Europe, are exempt from the Italian language test, however admission in this case is determined by the number of places assigned to foreign citizens. Every year the date of the test (usually in early September) is set before the beginning of the academic year. Failing of the test will prevent students from being admitted to any degree course in any Italian university; that's why so an adequate knowledge of Italian language is very important. Eventually, enrolment will be completed only after all the tests will be passed (Italian language test and entrance test).

### **3. Italians citizens with foreign academic qualifications**

Italian citizens with foreign academic qualifications are admitted to the university under the same conditions as other Italian students. The only difference concerns the certification of the foreign academic qualifications. Foreign academic qualifications must fulfill the requirements of the Annual memorandum of the Ministry of Education University and Research for foreign academic qualifications.

#### **Enrolment in a 1<sup>st</sup> cycle course**

Italian citizens in possession of a high school or university degree obtained abroad, must attach to the form of enrolment the High School Diploma (original copy) authenticated and translated into Italian with its declaration of value done by the Italian Diplomatic Representation abroad.

Moreover, depending on the following cases, candidates must add the following documentation authenticated and translated into Italian:

- original copy of the certificate proving that he has passed such selections (for example Selectividad in Spain, Prova de Aferiçao or



Prova General de Acesso ao Ensino Superior in Portugal) if in the country where the degree was issued the admission to universities is subject to competitive exams:

- certificate issued by a university abroad (or original certificate of educational qualification issued by a non-university institute) stating the years of enrolment to prove that the candidate as reached the 12 years of studying requested by law, if you have a High School Diploma which has been obtained after less than 12 years;
- certificate issued by the university abroad with the list of passed exams, their contents (official study program), the number of theoretical-practical teaching hours and given marks, if the candidate is going to ask to be admitted to an year following the first (abbreviazione di corso). This certificate must be authenticated and officially translated into Italian.

### **Enrolment in a 2<sup>nd</sup> level degree course**

Italian citizens in possession of a High School or university degree obtained abroad, must attach to the form of enrolment the following documentation:

- original copy of University diploma legalized and officially translated into Italian together with the declaration of value of the University diploma done by the Italian Diplomatic Representation;
- original copy of the certificate of taken exams, issued by the university abroad, with the list of passed exams, given marks and their contents. Students must provide the detailed study program for each exam, and the number of theoretical-practical teaching hours necessary for the issuing of the academic qualification. This certificate must be authenticated and officially translated into Italian.

### **Assessment of the degree qualification**

The documentation handed in by the applicant does not allow for a direct access/admission to the second-cycle degree program, as the university must also assess if the degree/diploma/certificate owned by the applicant can qualify for the application.

At the University of Catania the assessment of the degree qualification is assigned to the relevant Degree Program Boards, which apply the same criteria (curricular requisites and evaluation of the personal preparation) provided for the holders of an equivalent Italian academic degree.

For applicants having a foreign degree/diploma/certificate, the assessment of the curricular requisites shall include the evaluation of the programs of the exams passed abroad, which have been attached to the pre-enrolment application.



## General Information

### Academic calendar

The academic year is organized into 2 semesters, and each semester lasts around 20 weeks. The 1<sup>st</sup> semester begins in September - October and ends in January - February; the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester begins in February and ends in July. Subjects may be semester - long or year-long and exams are held in January - February and June - July.

### Vacation periods

- Christmas break (end of December to the first week of January)
- Easter break
- Summer break (from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August)

### Local and national holidays:

1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints' Day  
8<sup>th</sup> December Immaculate Conception  
5<sup>th</sup> February St Agatha's Feast Day  
(Patron Saint of Catania)  
25<sup>th</sup> April Anniversary of Liberation  
1<sup>st</sup> May Labor Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> June Republic Day

### Teaching and learning

Most teaching takes place in large lecture halls and laboratories; students are also expected to carry out a considerable amount of self-study in order to prepare for exams.

### Assessment

Exams are held after the teaching period and are mainly oral although some courses have written tests taking place during the semester or before the oral exam. Each exam has a number of dates offered during the exam session and students can choose which date they wish to take it. Students are also entitled to turn down a mark and take the exam again if they are not satisfied with the result.

### Examination grading systems

Examinations are graded according to a scale ranging from 0 to 30, with 18 as a pass mark. A "cum laude" may be added to the highest grade as a mention of special distinction. All examination results are used to calculate the overall degree mark on a scale of 0-110. The final result is based on exam results plus the presentation of a project or dissertation in front of a board of examiners.

The pass mark is 66 and students who obtain full marks of 110 may also be awarded "summa cum laude".

### Credits recognition procedures

On February 21 - 2011, the Academic Senate of the University of Catania, deliberated The Course Credits Recognition System Guidelines. This Guidelines establishes the principle parameters that characterize student's credits recognition in a range of activities carried out in foreign institutions. The course credit recognition should be done before the student's departure through a formal application that indicates the foreign hosting institution data and the possible study plan he intends to follow up with the indication of the corresponding teaching programmes in attachment. Subjects recognition has to be based on a precise coherence between curricular activities and the course of study purposes. The mark obtained by the student during his foreign didactic period is calculated by the office in accordance with the rules fixed by the University of Catania's official Grading Scale and its integration. The official Grading Scale is available on-line at <http://www.unict.it/en/ects>



# Educational Offer

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## Bachelor Degrees (1<sup>st</sup> Cycle Studies)

**Aim:** guarantee students an adequate command of general scientific methods and contents as well as specific professional skills.

**Access requirement:** the school leaving qualification awarded on completion of 13 years of global schooling and after the relevant State examinations; also comparable foreign qualifications (obtained after at least 12 year of global schooling) may be accepted.

**Admission:** restricted entry.

**Credits:** 180. The completion of a training period and the discussion of a final thesis may also be required.

**Duration:** 3 years

## Courses

- Cultural Heritage
- Philosophy
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Arts
- European Euroamerican and Oriental Languages and Culture
- Linguistic and Intercultural Mediation
- Biology
- Basic Degree in Tourism
- Science of Administration and Organization
- Business Administration
- Economics and Management of Tourist-Enterprises
- Education and Formation Science
- Sciences and Languages for Communication
- Communication Science
- Languages for International Communication
- Land and Landscape Planning and Protection
- Exercise and Sport Sciences
- Psychological Sciences and Techniques
- Agricultural Science and Technology
- Food Science and Technology
- Chemistry
- Industrial Chemistry
- Food and Environmental Toxicology
- Herbal Drugs and Nutraceuticals
- Applied Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Physics
- Computer Science
- Environmental and Natural Sciences
- Economics
- Geological Sciences
- Mathematics
- Political and International Relations
- History and Administration Sciences
- History, Political Science and International Relations
- Sociology and Social Work
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Techniques
- Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Orthoptic and Ophthalmologic Assistance
- Dietistic
- Audioprothetic Techniques
- Imaging and Radiotherapy Techniques
- Biomedical Laboratory Techniques
- Cardiocirculatory and Cardiovascular Perfusion Techniques

## Master Degrees (2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle Studies)

**Aim:** provide students with an advanced level of education for the exercise of a highly qualified activity in specific areas.

**Access requirement:** Bachelor Degree or a comparable foreign degree.

**Admission:** is subject to specific course requirements determined by individual universities.

**Credits:** 120. The discussion of a final thesis is required.

**Duration:** 2 years

### Courses

- Archaeology
- Biodiversity and Environmental Quality
- Sanitary Biology
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Agricultural Biotechnology
- Modern Philology
- Classical philology
- Physics
- Computer Science
- Chemical Engineering for Sustainability Industrial Development
- Water and Transportation Civil Engineering
- Structural and Geotechnical Civil Engineering
- Automation Engineering and Control of Complex Systems
- Telecommunication Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Management engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- European and Extra-European Languages and Culture
- Languages for International Cooperation
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- International Trade Relations
- Organic and Bioorganic Chemistry
- Chemistry of Materials
- Biomolecular Chemistry
- Economics and Management of Public Administrations
- Global Politics and Euromediterranean Relations
- Public Administration Sciences
- Communication of Culture and Entertainment
- Sciences and Techniques of Preventive and Adaptative Motor Activities
- Agricultural Science and Technology
- Food Science and Technology
- Geological Sciences
- Science of Environmental Protection
- Territorial, Environmental and Landscape Protection
- Business Management
- Corporate Finance
- Philosophical Science
- Geophysics
- History and Culture for Territorial Management in Mediterranean Region
- Pedagogic Science and Educational Planning
- Planning and Management of Policies and Social Services
- Sociology
- History of Art and Cultural Heritage
- Nursing and Midwifery Sciences
- Health Professions of Rehabilitation Sciences

### One Cycle Degree Courses (2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle Studies)

A limited number of programs (dentistry, human medicine, pharmacy, veterinary, medicine, architecture and law), are defined One Cycle Degree Courses (one block LM courses).

**Aim:** provide students with an advanced level of education for the practice of a highly qualified activity in specific areas.

**Access requirement:** school leaving diploma or a comparable foreign qualification.

**Admission:** selective entrance exams.

**Credits:** 300

**Duration:** 5 or 6 years

### Courses - Master Degrees (D.M. 270/04)

- Law
- Architecture
- Building Construction
- Pharmacy
- Chemical and Pharmaceutical Technologies
- Medicine and Surgery
- School of Dentistry

### Courses - Advanced Degrees (D.M. 509/99 - to exhaustion)

- Pharmacy
- Chemical and Pharmaceutical Technologies
- Architecture
- Building Construction
- Medicine and Surgery



## Ph.D. Courses (3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle Studies)

**Aim:** knowledge of the most advanced level of a scientific field and the ability to extend, improve, redefine or innovate the existing knowledge through original research contribution. Part of a research work of a Ph.D. course can be carried out at Italian/foreign partner institution. The University of Catania offers National and International Ph.D. courses.

International Ph.D. courses are offered in collaboration with foreign institutions. In this case, the final degree can also be awarded by the foreign partner institution (double degree).

**Access requirement:** university degree corresponding to the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of studies.

**Admission:** can be based on evaluation of qualifications; evaluation of qualifications, written and oral examinations; evaluation of qualifications and oral examination; evaluation of qualifications and written examination. Candidates with the highest scores are granted a scholarship. All Ph.D. students have to pay admission fees whose amount is fixed every academic year by the University's Administrative Board.

**Duration:** minimum of 3 academic years. The course duration can be extended for motivated reason.

On completion of the Ph.D. course, every student delivers a written dissertation. Successful students are awarded a Ph.D. degree.

### Courses

- Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences
- Basic and Applied Biomedical Sciences
- Translational Biomedicine
- Physics
- Law
- Systems, Energy, Computer and Telecommunication Engineering
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Neurosciences
- Materials Science and Nanotechnologies
- Chemical Sciences
- Geological, Biological and Environmental Sciences
- Political Sciences
- Cultural Heritage Studies
- Evaluation and Mitigation of Urban and Land Risks

For further information, please contact the PhD. Office

Address: Piazza Bellini 19  
I-95131 Catania

E-mail at: [dottrici1@unict.it](mailto:dottrici1@unict.it)

## Specialization School

**Aim:** provide knowledge and skills for the execution of highly qualified functions required by certain professional activities (D.M. 270/2004).

The University of Catania has Medical and non Medical Specialization Schools. In particular Medical Area Specialization Schools aim at providing Medicine and Surgery graduates with deep qualification in the different specialties issuing a specialist qualification necessary for the fulfillment of their profession within the National Sanitary Service. Doctors' specialistic training is a full-time activity.

**Access requirement:** university degree.

**Admission:** restricted entry

**Duration:** from 4 to 6 years

For further information about Medical Area Specialization Schools, please send an e-mail at: [specializzazione.areamedica@unict.it](mailto:specializzazione.areamedica@unict.it)

For further information about non Medical Area Specialization Schools, please send an e-mail at: [specializzazione.areanonmedica@unict.it](mailto:specializzazione.areanonmedica@unict.it)



# Further Studies

## University Master Courses

**Aim:** reinforce and broaden skills and expertise of graduates and postgraduates to meet the demands of the professional world.

There are both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level University master courses that consist in advanced scientific courses or higher continuing education studies.

**Access requirement:** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> level degree.

**Admission:** subject to additional conditions.

**Credits:** 60

**Duration:** 1 year

For further information, please contact the Master Office

Address: Via San Lorenzo, 4  
I-95131 Catania,

Phone: 095 7307953

E-mail: [venera.fasone@unict.it](mailto:venera.fasone@unict.it)



## Advanced Course

**Aim:** refresher/permanent training course that allows students to develop their expertise and skills in order to further improve their professional qualities. No academic qualification is awarded; students will receive a certificate with details on the acquired skills.

Every year the University of Catania activates specialization courses propaedeutic to background training and useful for professional integration.

**Access requirement:** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> level degree.

**Admission:** restricted entry

**Duration:** variable

For further information, please  
send an e-mail at: [ac.adi@unict.it](mailto:ac.adi@unict.it)

## Summer and Winter Schools

**Aim:** meet new cultural and interdisciplinary focus needs. They are intensive course programs with a varied didactic offer, lessons, workshops and also activities aiming also at the discovery Sicilian culture and tradition. Most of them are taught in English.

**Access requirement:** Italian and international students and newly-graduates and, in some cases, to specific professional figures

**Duration:** variable (from 1 to 4 weeks).

For further information, please  
send an e-mail at: [uri@unict.it](mailto:uri@unict.it)



# Professional Qualifications and State Exams

Possessors of foreign qualification titles need to gain the Italian title recognition in order to legally practice their profession. Titles can belong to Italian or foreign citizens from European or Extra-European countries.

The recognition title degree allows professionals to practice their profession in Italy and is published on the general site of the Official State Gazette. Recognition application must be submitted to the Italian Ministry of Justice.

Possessors of a foreign professional title in the sanitary area willing to practice their profession in Italy, need to gain their title recognition from the Ministry of Health website.

For further information, please send an e-mail at:  
[ac.adi@unict.it](mailto:ac.adi@unict.it)



# Educational Offer in English





# Study Courses entirely provided in English

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## Department of Electric, Electronic and Computer Engineering

Master degree in:

- Automation Engineering and Control of Complex Systems
- Electrical Engineering

### Scientific contact for didactics

riccardo.caponetto@dieei.unict.it

## Department of Industrial Engineering

Master Degree in Chemical Engineering for Industrial Sustainability

### Scientific contact for didactics

afichera@diim.unict.it

## Department of Political and Social Sciences

Master degree in Global Politics and Euro-Mediterranean Relations (GLOPEM)

### Scientific contact for didactics

biondif@unict.it

# Subjects provided in English

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## Department of Economics and Business

- Business Valuation and Financial Planning
- Public Finance
- International Economic and Financial Policy
- Probability for Finance
- Finance and Strategic Management
- Industry Dynamics and Business Models

### Scientific contact for didactics

imazza@unict.it

## Department of Architettura

- Hydrology
- Pavement Engineering
- Dynamics of Structures with Applications to Earthquake Engineering
- Watershed Hydraulic Protection

### Scientific contact for didactics

angelo.salemi@darc.unict.it

## Department of Electric, Electronics and Computer Engineering

- Electrotechnics II
- Electrical Machines
- Electrical Energy Systems
- Industrial Electromagnetic Compatibility
- Power Electronics
- Electrical Drives
- Dynamics and Control of Electrical Systems

- Electrical and Electronics Measurements
- Measurements for Automation and Industrial Production
- Electronics
- Industrial Automation
- Modeling and Simulation of Mechanical Systems
- Modeling and Control of Electromechanical Systems
- Biomedical Systems and Control
- Robust Control
- Robotics
- Complex Adaptive Systems and Biorobotics
- Process Modeling and Control
- Industrial Automation
- Microelectronics
- Sensors and Advanced Measurement Systems

**Scientific contact for didactics**

riccardo.caponetto@dieei.unict.it

**Department of Industrial Engineering**

- Science and Technology of Materials
- Principles of Chemical Engineering
- Industrial Chemistry and Technology
- Metallurgy

- Chemical Plants
- Elements of Sustainable Green Chemistry
- Sustainable Energy Conversion Techniques
- Mechanical Engineering
- Equipment Design for Chemical Industry
- Systems Eco-Friendly Design for Innovative Processes

**Scientific contact for didactics**

afichera@diim.unict.it

**Department of Law**

- Selected Topics in Public International Law
- Public Policies
- Comparative Criminal Procedure
- International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters
- Selected Topics in International Criminal Law
- European Contract Law
- European Intellectual Property Law

**Scientific contact for didactics**

vpatane@lex.unict.it

**Department of Mathematics and Computer Science**

- Computer Security
- Cryptography
- Mathematical Methods in Optimization
- Multimedia
- Programming Languages
- Artificial Intelligence
- Introduction to Bio-Informatics
- Data Analysis and Management
- Dedicated Systems and Lab
- Distributed Systems
- Pattern Recognition
- Superior Foundations of Algebra
- Algebra

**Scientific contact for didactics**

barba@dmf.unict.it

**Department of Physics and Astronomy**

In order to provide students with the necessary instruments for the integration in an international context (if previously agreed with the Italian enrolled students and if foreign international students are admitted) some courses can be provided in English.

**Scientific contact for didactics**

alessia.tricomi@ct.infn.it

## Department of Political and Social Sciences

- World institutions and Policies
- Mediterranean Politics
- Global History and North Africa History
- Methodology of Political Research
- English Language
- Human Rights: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives
- EU Public Policies
- Transnational Organizations and Social Movements
- Comparative Political Economy and Social Policy
- Economic and Political Geography
- International Business
- International Trade and Private International Law
- International Industrial Economics
- English Language

**Scientific contact for didactics**  
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# 3 Practical Information for Exchange Students and Professors



# International Relations Office

## Useful Information

Address: Piazza Università 2  
I-95131 Catania

Operative seat: Via S.M. del Rosario 9  
I-95131 Catania

Receiving hours: Wednesday and  
Thursday from 9.30 to 12.30 am

Fax: (+39) 095 7307105

E-mail: [uri@unict.it](mailto:uri@unict.it)

Website: [www.unict.it/en/](http://www.unict.it/en/)





The International Relations office (IRO) is the administrative unit that contributes to the enhancement of the University of Catania international dimension. This ambition involves, in particular, a significant collaboration with universities and partner institutions abroad and taking care of the participation of the university to the most relevant mobility and international cooperation initiatives. It also prominently collaborates with other strategic divisions, in order to enhance the Internationalization process as a focus development point of the University of Catania.

### Fields of competence

- Promotion of exchange mobility programs for students, researchers, professors and staff.
- Management of the Erasmus Studio action that allows students to spend a mobility period abroad in order to attend university courses or to do research for their final paper.
- Coordination of the main international internship programs for students and graduates to spend professional training periods in companies and institutions abroad.
- Selection of professors for a teaching period in a partner institution with a

financial support by the EU (Erasmus Teaching Mobility action - STA).

- Implementation of welcome initiatives and training period for foreign students, teachers and administrative staff.
- Enlargement of cooperation agreements with foreign universities in order to facilitate the mobility of students, graduates, faculty and staff incoming and outgoing.
- Strengthening the participation of the university to EU education and training programs, national and international cooperation programs.
- Technical and expert guidance and assistance to academics interested in presenting project proposals within European, international and national cooperation programs.
- Advicing and supporting professors involved in stipulating a scientific cooperation agreements with foreign Universities.
- Increase of the collaboration between the University of Catania and the main Higher Education and Research International networks.



## Useful Contacts

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Research Division Manager  
Lucio Mannino  
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IRO Coordinator  
Vincenza Tutino  
E-mail: [cinzia.tutino@unict.it](mailto:cinzia.tutino@unict.it)

Incoming Erasmus students  
Phone: (+39) 095 7307106  
E-mail: [erasmus.stranieri@unict.it](mailto:erasmus.stranieri@unict.it)

Outgoing Erasmus students  
E-mail: [erasmus.italiani@unict.it](mailto:erasmus.italiani@unict.it)

Internships and Placements  
E-mail: [mobilint@unict.it](mailto:mobilint@unict.it)

Communication  
E-mail: [comunicazione.internazionale@unict.it](mailto:comunicazione.internazionale@unict.it)



# VISA

A VISA is necessary for all students and professors from non EU countries who plan to reside in Catania for more than 90 days. A student VISA to enter and legally remain in Catania must be requested to at the Italian embassy or consulate in the student's country of origin or residence.

Before coming to the University of Catania, students must:

**1.** Apply for students visa.

The International Relation Office of the University of Catania (IRO) will issue an acceptance letter indicating:

- type of mobility;
- if it is covered by scholarship;
- accommodation.

**2.** Take the acceptance letter to the Italian Embassy or consulate in their country to process the visa application.







# Residence Permit

Once in Italy, students and professors remaining for more than 90 days must apply for a residence permit drawing up the application that must be presented within 8 days of their arrival.

Students have to go to the Scientific Police office for their finger prints and get the KIT which is an envelope containing the forms and instructions on how to fill them in, available at any “sportello AMICO” of any authorized post office.

In order to facilitate the kit comprehension, the University of Catania has provided for 5 translation of the forms in English, French, Spanish, German and Arabic languages.

The different version are available on-line at: [www.unict.it/en/node/407](http://www.unict.it/en/node/407)

After filling in the Italian version (which is the only accepted by Italian offices) and signing it, students must go to any post office and deliver the following documents:

- a duty stamp worth € 16;
- original passport and a photocopy of the pages containing personal details and the entry and exit visa stamps from the country;
- a photocopy of the health and accident insurance policy.

The policy must cover the whole period of stay, and if it was purchased abroad it must be stamped by the Italian consulate;

- the declaration from the University of Catania issued by the IRO at the time of registration (for exchange students);
- the certificate of registration at the University of Catania (if the student has already completed enrolment) or a photocopy of the certification confirming the degree program to be followed, stamped by the Italian Consular/Diplomatic Representation on issue of the entry visa.

Only for students enrolled in degree programs or single course units applying for the first issue of their residence permit;

- the certificate of registration at the University of Catania confirming the passing of at least one exam for the first renewal and at least two exams for subsequent renewals, without prejudice to any cases of force majeure.

Only for students enrolled in degree programs applying for a renewal of their residence permit.

Moreover, when presenting the application to the post office, students must:

1. fill in a payment slip (bollettino postale) for the electronic residence permit. Cost of the residence permit for study purposes with a duration of more than 3 months.  
Cost: € 107,50
2. fill in a registered letter form for sending the kit.  
Cost: € 30,00

When delivering the kit to the post office, students will be given an appointment at the Immigration Office for a photographic registration.

### Important

Students must respect the given appointment. Only in case of serious reasons, in order to postpone the appointment, students can send a communication to the Immigration office.

Finally, students must:

1. provide a correct domicile address to the post office for the reason that the Questura will send any notices or calls

in the event of problems in issuing the residence permit to the indicated address. It is important that the student's name is correctly indicated on the letterbox/door entry phone;

2. keep the receipt given by the post office. In case of police checks, it proves that the student has applied for the residence permit;
3. give a copy of the receipt to the International Didactic Unit in your department - IDU (for students enrolled in degree program or single course units) or to the IRO.

In order to track the status of their application, after the appointment at the Questura, students can enter on [www.poliziadistato.it](http://www.poliziadistato.it) the code allocated to the file or the password written on the receipt given by the post office). After collecting the residence permit, students must provide a copy as soon as possible to the IDU in their department (for students enrolled in degree programs and single course units) or IRO, where they registered on arrival.

### Scientific Police Office

Address: Via Roccaromana 18/20  
95100 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 7306711

Receiving hour: Monday to Friday  
from 9:00 to 12:00 am and from 15:00  
to 16:30 pm

### Immigration Office (Questura of Catania)

Address: Corso delle Provincie 218  
95100 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 7194911

Receiving hour: Monday to Friday  
from 9:00 to 12:00 am



### VAT Office

Address: Via Monsignor Domenico Orlando 1  
I-95126 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 4036880/882/883

Receiving hours: Monday, Wednesday,  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00  
to 13:00 am - Tuesday and Thursday from  
14:30 to 16:30 pm

## Fiscal Code

The Fiscal code is a code made up of letters and numbers on the basis of first name, family name, date and place of birth and it is used by the Public Administration to identify the citizens living in Italy. All those living in Italy need to have one.

This code is necessary in order to be enrolled at the University of Catania, to apply for the residence permit, to open

a bank account, to enter into a tenancy agreement, to receive the payment of a scholarship, to earn a salary and carry out other procedures or activities.

In order to obtain the Italian Fiscal Code students will have to go to the local VAT Office, bringing along their passport.

If the Fiscal Code is lost or stolen, a duplicate can be requested at the local VAT Office.



## Insurance

For more information,  
please send an e-mail at:  
[erasmus.stranieri@unict.it](mailto:erasmus.stranieri@unict.it)

All incoming students and professors will take out an insurance policy limited to participation at didactic/training activities, excluding sport activities.



## Medical Assistance

For more information,  
please send an e-mail at:  
[erasmus.stranieri@unict.it](mailto:erasmus.stranieri@unict.it)

Medical assistance is recognized to EU students, and professors only if they have the European Sanitary Card. Conversely, non-EU students and professors need to have their own medical insurance.



## Accommodations

For more information, please send an e-mail at:  
[mobilita.internazionale@ersu.unict.it](mailto:mobilita.internazionale@ersu.unict.it)

Erasmus foreign students have to contact autonomously institutions proposing accommodation solutions and they will be glad to accept them at special prices through an e-mail reservation in English.

Search for accommodation consulting the website:  
[www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals](http://www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals)



# Consulates

## Caltanissetta

Slovenia  
Viale della Regione, 54  
(+39) 0934 563168

## Catania

Belgium  
Via Escriva, 2 Tremestieri Etneo  
(+39) 095 438622

Finland  
Via Anzalone, 7  
(+39) 095 326608

Great Britain  
Via Nicola Coviello, 27  
(+39) 095 7167336

Greece  
Largo Bordighera, 42  
(+39) 095 534080

Malta  
Corso Martiri Libertà, 14  
(+39) 095 539628

Netherlands  
Via Anzalone, 7  
(+39) 095 326608



Switzerland  
Viale Alcide De Gasperi, 151  
(+39) 095 386919

### Messina

Denmark  
Corso Umberto, 143 Taormina  
(+39) 0942 23052 / (+39) 0942 23897

Island  
Via Calabria, 36  
(+39) 090 718842

Norway  
Via Vittorio Emanuele II, 21  
(+39) 090 674300

Germany  
Via S. Sebastiano, 13  
(+39) 090 671780

### Palermo

Austria  
Viale Leonardo da Vinci, 145  
(+39) 091 6825696

Czech Republic  
Via Quintino Sella, 76  
(+39) 091 336892

Luxembourg  
Via Siracusa, 34  
(+39) 091 6256218

Munich  
Via Principe Villafranca, 57  
(+39) 091 333901

Russian Federation  
Via S. Meccio, 16  
(+39) 091 6113970

Sweden and Holland  
Via Emerico Amari, 8  
(+39) 091 586527

Hungary  
Viale delle Alpi, 30  
(+39) 091 6850947

Brazil  
Via Roma, 368  
(+39) 091 585102

Russia  
Viale Orfeo, 18  
(+39) 091 329379

Morocco  
Via Villa Verona, 35  
(+39) 091 688143

Mexico  
Via Emerico Amari, 40  
(+39) 091 587144

USA  
Via Vaccarini Giovan Battista, 1  
(+39) 091 305857

Tunisia  
Piazza Florio Ignazio, 24  
(+39) 091 6122337

### Siracusa

Spain  
Contrada Isola, Via delle Fornace, 68  
(+39) 0931 721030



# Italian Language Courses

For more information, please contact  
the Department of Humanities

Address: Piazza Dante, 24  
I-95124 Catania

Phone: (+39) 095 7102272

E-mail: [italstra@unict.it](mailto:italstra@unict.it)

Website: [www.italstra.unict.it](http://www.italstra.unict.it)

The University of Catania, through its Department of Humanities, offers Italian Language and Culture Courses for Erasmus students and Courses of Italian as a Foreign Language to non-Italian communities who want to live in Sicily and who need a legal certificate (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 of the Common European Framework).

Every year two cycle of courses of Italian language for Erasmus students are activated, one on each semester. The courses include 40 hours of lessons and a final exam. They are free of charge. Each student will be allowed only to one course.

At the end of the course every student receives a certificate of participation stating the number of hours attended. The Department arranges a linguistic

consultancy service organized by native Italian teachers and trainees.

International Students accepted at University of Catania may benefit from remaining places in Italian Language courses for Erasmus students and they have to be authorized by IRO.

Courses for CILS Certification are also provided. Each course consists in 80 hours of lectures in Italian and 20 hours of laboratory activities and lasts six months (five months of lessons and one month of linguistic laboratory). The department arranges also one to one courses in order to take CILS certification exams.



# Administrative Procedures

For further information, please contact the International Relations Office

Address: Piazza Università 2  
I-95131 Catania

Operative seat: Via Santa Maria del Rosario 9, I-95131 Catania

Receiving hours: Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30 to 12.30 am

Fax: (+39) 095 7307105

E-mail: [uri@unict.it](mailto:uri@unict.it)

Website: [www.unict.it/en/international-mobility](http://www.unict.it/en/international-mobility)



## Introduction

The University of Catania gives foreign students (EU/non EU students and Ph.D. students), professors/scholars and staff the possibility to spend a period in Catania for study, training, teaching and research activities, in the framework of International and European exchange programs or under International Cooperation Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding signed by their institution and the University of Catania.

Students and professors will receive administrative assistance and logistic support from the University of Catania but should request mobility funds to their home institutions.

A basic Italian language knowledge is required (an A2 level of Italian language as for the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) as, even if some courses are held in English language (generally postgraduates courses within international educational offer), the majority are in Italian. Below the instructions to follow for a mobility at the University of Catania.

## Important Notice for non-EU Students and Scholars

Non-EU students can be accepted at the University of Catania:

1. if regularly enrolled, following Italian laws, for one or more academic years and if inscribed for single courses (free movers) and managed by Foreign Students Office of the Didactic Division;
2. if selected under International Cooperation Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding signed by their institution and the University of Catania, for less than one academic year and free of enrolment charges, as indicated by the administrative guidelines managed by the IRO;
3. if selected under international and European cooperation programs. Whether the program provides for a regular enrollment at hosting institution, they will be managed by Foreign Students Office; on the contrary, if the program provides for a short mobility and doesn't require a regular enrolment at hosting institution, they will be administrate by IRO.

Non-EU Ph.D. students can be accepted at the University of Catania:

1. if passed a regular Ph.D. call, even if foreigner. They will be managed by the Ph.D. Office of the Didactic Division;
2. if they are in mobility for 6 months or less. They will be managed by IRO.

For particular necessities and/or difficulties, upon request, the University of Catania provides a customized assistance service for first support for non-EU students regularly enrolled and in short mobility.

**If you are interested in this service, please send an e-mail at:**  
**[erasmus.stranieri@unict.it](mailto:erasmus.stranieri@unict.it)**



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# Students in mobility in the framework of Erasmus Program

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## General Information

The University of Catania participates in the Erasmus Program, which is a European Community action in the sphere of student mobility.

This program enables students, selected by their home higher education institutions in the frame of agreements (in specific thematic areas) stipulated between their institutions and the University of Catania, to study for a full academic year or a semester.

Erasmus program also allows students to spend a traineeship period in an enterprise or organization in Catania to develop specific skills including language skills and improving understanding of the economic and social culture of the country in the context of acquiring work experience. Students receive an Erasmus grant from their own institution and the placement period is recognized in their academic career.

Within Erasmus Studio it is possible to undergo a placement activity but only if it is regularly included in the learning agreement and if it is preceded or followed by, at least, 3 months of didactic activities.

Placement activity must be done in a company linked, for that purpose, with the University of Catania and must be tutored by a professor belonging to the student's study course in Catania, who will be in charge of the relationships between the University of Catania and the hosting company.

Erasmus students do not pay any inscription or taxes fees and can activate their mobility from 10<sup>th</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> July of every academic year (in August and September there is no provision of didactic activities).

## Mobility for study

### Preparing the departure

If student wish to come to the University of Catania, they have to be selected by their home institution. This means that students must not apply directly for admission to the University of Catania. The office in charge of international relations or mobility at one's university of origin is in charge of sending the list of students selected for an Erasmus grant to the International Relations Office of the University of Catania

(IRO), and informs in the same way, students about admission procedures at the University of Catania.

### Before coming to the University of Catania

1. Fill in the application form on-line, respecting the deadlines.

This application form is essential to enroll as an Erasmus student at the University of Catania.

The document is available at:  
[unict.llpmanager.it/incoming/](http://unict.llpmanager.it/incoming/)

2. Wait for the acceptance letter that will be send by IRO to the e-mail address that students has indicated on the application form. The document specifies the assigned study course and didactic tutors.

### Important

The University of Catania does not register students who haven't filled in the online application form and obtained the acceptance letter.

3. Fill in learning agreements, indicating the courses they want to attend and related ECTS credits and send them to the International Didactic Unit (IDU) related to their field of studies who will proceed with their approval.

For information on courses to choose it will be necessary to get in contact with didactic tutor and IDU.

The maximum ECTS credits for the entire academic year is 60, for one semester is 30 and for a term is 15. The minimum ECTS credits to be accepted in Catania is 9. A learning agreement must include at least 70% of courses given within the destination department and maximum 30%





of courses given in other departments, if previously agreed among them.

### Important

The University of Catania will not accept students who haven't regularly transmitted their learning agreements before their arrival.

4. search for a provisional accommodation consulting the information on-line at [www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals](http://www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals)

### Upon arriving at the University of Catania

Participate to the obligatory Welcome Days (one for each semester), representing an event organized by IRO to provide incoming students with complete information about our university services.

In fact, every IDU takes part to the event to give necessary information on mobility didactic aspects and to help students changing their learning agreements.

Moreover, the department of humanities provides an intensive Italian culture course offered to Erasmus incoming students for free.

The Welcome Day is also the occasion

to get in contact with Italian students and specifically with students' Associations in charge of:

- supporting foreign colleagues upon their arrival;
- helping them in getting familiar with Italian culture and environment;
- assisting them in finding a stable accommodation for all their mobility length.

### Important

The dates of the welcome day correspond to the official starting date indicated on the attendance certificate and are available at: [www.unict.it/en/erasmus-welcome-day](http://www.unict.it/en/erasmus-welcome-day)

At the welcome day, students must bring: the acceptance letter, the learning agreements and one passport-size photo, and they receive a university card to be kept during all the mobility period in Catania, shown at exams and given back to IRO before their departure.

### Important

The University of Catania will not accept students arriving after Welcome Days, with the exception for those who, for very relevant reasons (documented by their International Relations Office), cannot take part to the event and therefore receive a formal authorization by the IRO.



## During mobility period

1. Remember that it is necessary to get registration attendance to all classes indicated in learning agreements.

Professors will regularly register date and classes hours attended, as a minimum 60% rate of classes attendance is required in order to be admitted to the exams;

2. Download the evaluation certificate for each exam and, before starting, provide the document to the professor who, at the end of the exam, will fill it in entirely (it must be filled in even if the exam has been failed).

Furthermore, during their mobility students can:

1. interrupt their mobility only for very important reasons within the minimum 3 month mobility period. In this case, it is possible to start again the mobility period. Conversely, in case of interruption after 3 months, it is not allowed to continue with Erasmus mobility (host university holidays are not considered as mobility interruption);
2. extend the Erasmus mobility period, providing the authorization of home institution by filling in the form

on-line. The authorization has to be transmitted to IDU, who will proceed with its acceptance and communication to the IRO. Only if their request has been accepted, students can extend their mobility period.

## Before getting back home

At the end of mobility period, students must:

1. go to IDU with the following documents in original:
  - student card;
  - learning agreement;
  - evaluation certificates;
  - proof of participation to the courses;
  - Italian language course certificate.

IDU, once checked all documents, issues a transcript of records and sends it to the IRO by e-mail.

### Important

No document will be given to students.

2. go to the IRO (personally and during the receiving hours) with the same documents presented to IDU in original and the office issues the

attendance certificate which, together with the transcript of records, will be given to the students in a closed envelope addressed to partner universities.

Students are responsible for the envelop that has to arrive undamaged to the International Relations Office of the their own universities.

### Important

On planning their departure trip, students must take into consideration IRO public opening days and hours (Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30 am to 12.30 am).



## Mobility for placement

### Preparing the departure

If student wish to come to the University of Catania for a training period, they have to check if there is an Erasmus Placement agreement between their home university and University of Catania and, if the case, contact the professor in charge of the agreement in order to verify his/her availability to accept them. Once accepted by the professor, they jointly define the content of the training agreement.

#### Important

Only in this case, students are accepted to do a training in Catania.

Students with an Erasmus Studio grant can ask to do a training only if it is indicated in their learning agreement at the condition established by the specific action.

### Before coming to the University of Catania

1. Fill in the application form available on-line and wait for the IRO official acceptance sent by e-mail;

2. Search for accommodation consulting the website:

[www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals](http://www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals)

Furthermore, students can get in contact with Italian student associations helping them in getting familiar with the Italian culture and environment and assisting them in finding a stable accommodation for all their mobility length.

### Upon arriving at the University of Catania

1. Go to the IRO, on receiving hours, with one passport- size photograph and a copy of the training agreement signed by all the parts. They will receive the student card and all useful information for their stay in Catania.
2. Meet their tutors and complete the registration process at IDU.
3. Begin their training in the host institution according to the training agreement defined program.

### Before getting back home

On planning their departure trip, students must take into consideration



IRO public opening days and hours as, at the end of mobility period, students must go to the IRO in order to give back their student card and get the transcript of record and the attendance certificate.

The documents are delivered in a closed envelope addressed to partner universities and students are responsible for any damages to the envelope. Students do not have to meet neither the tutor nor the IDU, because the certificate stating the exact dates of the training period, the amount of the working hours and a brief description of the activities carried out is directly sent by the tutor to IDU that is in charge of issuing the transcript of records and sending it to IRO by e-mail.

## **P**rofessors in mobility in the framework of Erasmus Program - Erasmus STA mobility

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The University of Catania admits professors for didactic mobility period under the Erasmus Program, under inter institutional Erasmus agreements signed between their institution and the University of Catania.

Such mobility is financed by partner universities. IRO provides logistical support for incoming professors. Mobility can take place from 10<sup>th</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> July every academic year.

In August and September there is no provision of didactic activities.

## **P**rofessors and Administratives staff in mobility in the framework of Erasmus Program - Erasmus STT mobility

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Every year the University of Catania organizes an “International Administrative and Teaching Staff Training Week”. This event is primarily targeted to International Relations officers, but it is also open to any motivated person interested in internationalization.

The topics will be addressed to explore possibilities to strengthen and improve students' mobility opportunities and to describe University of Catania best practices. Cultural visits and a social event will be included. European Union participants have the possibility to apply for Erasmus Staff

Training mobility grants from their home institutions.





## EU and non-EU students in mobility in the framework of International Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding

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International students can carry out a mobility period according to International Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding stipulated among the University of Catania and their institutions. Such mobility, free of inscription fees, can take place from 10<sup>th</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> July every academic year (in August and September there is no provision of didactic activities).

In case of a single student application, it is necessary to refer to home International Relations Office to get their authorization and to formally transmit the application form.

In case of a group of students applications, the sending International Relations Office will send to IRO an annual mobility program indicating students number, personal data, mobility periods (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> semester or academic year) and their study plans.

Such didactic information will be formalized, in case of acceptance, in the learning agreements.

## EU and non-EU students in free mobility

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International free movers coming from universities who don't have any international agreement with the University of Catania and interested in attending one or more courses activated at the University of Catania, can inscribe to single courses (maximum 5 single courses and maximum 40 ECTS credits each year). It is, in any case, impossible

to inscribe to single courses belonging to degree courses with limited entrance at national level.

EU and non-EU citizens regularly living in Italy (as for the Italian Law 286/1998 art. 39, paragraph 5 and further modifications) interested in attending one or more single courses, can inscribe, within the deadlines

indicated, by producing their university card or other translated and legalized foreign university certificate.

Non-EU citizens living abroad can inscribe by applying at Italian diplomatic representation (within 25<sup>th</sup> August for 1<sup>st</sup> semester courses and within 30<sup>th</sup> December for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester courses).

## EU and non-EU Ph.D. students in mobility for a short period

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International Ph.D. students can carry out a mobility period (max. 11 months) at the University of Catania.

Such mobility can be done in every moment of the academic year compatibly with departments didactic or research activities.

## International visiting scholars professors, researchers and scholars

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UE and non-UE professors/researchers/scholars can carry out a mobility period (from 2 weeks up to an academic year) at the University of Catania.

Such mobility can be done in every moment of the academic year compatibly with Departments didactic or research activities.

The procedure, that must be followed both for mobilities within the framework of international agreements and free, are available on-line at: [www.unict.it/en/international-visiting-professors-researchers-scholars](http://www.unict.it/en/international-visiting-professors-researchers-scholars)



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# 4 Partnerships



# Introduction

Cooperation relations between universities in different countries and between universities and other economic and social actors are one of the most important aspects of university life as well as the most reliable element to assess the impact that an institution fails to have, both in the national context, as in the international market. The main instruments for the implementation of cooperation with foreign universities for developing joint research and teaching and encouraging mobility of students and professor are Erasmus Agreements, Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) and International Cooperation Agreements (I.C.A.).



# Erasmus Agreements

The implementation of the Erasmus activities requires the activation of specific interinstitutional agreements, under which mobility flows of students and teachers, both outgoing and incoming are planned to carry out the following activities:

- mobility of students for study purposes;
- mobility of students for internships;
- mobility of teaching assignment (STA).

The Erasmus agreement is an official contract binding two institutes/universities involved in cooperating within the Erasmus framework (i.e. providing funds and support for student, teaching and staff mobility).

Institutes/universities interested in entering into a new Erasmus agreement with the University of Catania shall contact the IRO specifying:

- institution name, ID code and Erasmus Charter number;
- duration of contract in academic years;

- names and contact details of both the institutional/departmental coordinators and central administration officer;
- details on incoming/outgoing student mobility: subject area and code, level (1<sup>st</sup> cycle degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree, Ph.D. courses), numbers of students and total months;
- details on incoming/outgoing teaching mobility: subject area and code, duration of week;
- information about academic calendar, educational programs, foreign language knowledge requirements, services offered to incoming students and professors.

## Useful Information

Name: University of Catania

Erasmus ID code: I CATANIA 01

Erasmus charter:

29276-LA-1-2014-1-IT-E4AKA1-ECHE

## Important Notice

Institutes/universities interested in entering into a new Erasmus agreement with the University of Catania shall contact the IRO at the e-mail address:  
[erasmus.accordi@unict.it](mailto:erasmus.accordi@unict.it)

The complete name of the partner universities are available on-line at:  
[eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/erasmus/documents/list\\_holders/euc-for-the-academic-year-2013-2014.pdf](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/erasmus/documents/list_holders/euc-for-the-academic-year-2013-2014.pdf)



# Erasmus for Study Agreements List

## Agricultural Sciences

B BRUXEL04  
CZ PRAHA02  
D HANNOVE01  
E MADRID05  
E MADRID26  
E MURCIA04  
E SEVILLA01  
G ATHINE03  
G KOZANI01  
G THESSAL01  
HU DEBRECE01  
NL WAGENIN01  
P FUNCHAL03  
P LISBOA03  
TR ADANA01  
TR BURSA01  
TR SANLIUR01

**Administrative contact for didactics**  
udidpac1@unict.it

## Architecture (School of Architecture)

E MADRID05  
E SEVILLA01  
G VOLOS01  
P EVORA01  
P LISBOA04  
P PORTO02  
RO BUCURES07

**Administrative contact for didactics**  
udidpacsr@unict.it

## Business and Administration

B LIEGE01  
D FRANKFU04  
D KIEL01  
D KONSTAN01  
D WORMS01  
E ALICANT01  
E BARCELO45  
E CIUDA-R01  
E MADRID14  
E SANTAND01  
E SANTIAGO1  
E TARRAGO01  
E VALLADO01  
E VIGO01  
F ANGERS01  
F BORDEAU41  
F LILLE01  
G KRITIS09  
PL BIALYST04  
RO SUCEAVA01  
S VAXJO03  
TR ISTANBU14

**Administrative contact for didactics**  
udidpac7@unict.it

## Engineering

B LIEGE01  
CZ BRNO01  
D AACHEN01  
D HANNOVE01  
DK ALBORG01  
E BADAJOZ01  
E BILBAO01  
E BURGOS01  
E LEON01  
E MADRID14  
E VALENCI02  
E VALLADO01  
EE TALLIN04  
F AMIENS01  
F NANTES01  
F NANTES07  
F PARIS083  
F PARIS225  
G KOZANI02  
G LARISSA 02  
G THESSAL01  
HU GYOR01  
IRLMAYNOOT01  
NL GRONING01  
P AVEIRO01  
PL KRAKOW03  
PL WARSZAW02  
RO CRAIOVA01  
RO SUCEAVA01  
S LINKOPI01

S VASTERA01  
SF ESPOO01  
SK ZILINA01  
TR ANTALYA01  
TR ISTANBU04  
TR ISTANBU05  
TR ISTANBU07  
TR IZMIR03  
UK HATFIELD01

**Administrative contact for didactics**  
udipac6@unict.it

## Humanities and Languages

A GRAZ01  
A KLAGENF01  
A SALZBUR01  
A WIEN01  
B BRUXEL04  
B GENT01  
B LIEGE01  
B LOUVAIN01  
BG SOFIA06  
CH GENEVE01  
CH LAUSANN01  
CH ZURICH01  
CY NICOSIA01  
CZ PRAHA07  
D BAYREUT01  
D BERLIN13

D BOCHUM01  
D DUSSELD01  
D EICHSTA01  
D ESSEN04  
D HANNOVE01  
D HEIDELB01  
D KOLN01  
D KONSTAN01  
D MAINZ01  
D MUNCHEN01  
D SAARBRU01  
E ALMERIA01  
E BADAJOZ01  
E BARCELO01  
E BILBAO01  
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E BURGOS01  
E CIUDA-R01  
E GIRONA02  
E HUELVA01  
E JAEN01  
E JAEN01  
E LEON01  
E LOGRONO01  
E MALAGA01  
E MURCIA01  
E OVIEDO01  
E SALAMAN02  
E SANTAND01  
E SEVILLA01  
E SEVILLA03  
E VALLADO01



E VIGO01  
E ZARAGOZ01  
EE TARTU02  
F ARRAS12  
F AVIGNON01  
F BESANCO01  
F CLERMON02  
F LILLE03  
F MARSEIL84  
F NANCY43  
F NANTES01  
F PARIS003  
F PARIS010  
F PARIS012  
F PARIS057  
F ST-ETIE01  
F TOULOUS02  
F TOURS01  
G ATHINE01  
G IOANNIN01  
G KALLITH02  
G KOMOTIN01  
G KRITIS01  
G THESSAL01  
HR SPLIT01  
HR ZAGREB01  
HU BUDAPES01  
HU BUDAPES12  
HU DEBRECE01  
HU VESZPRE01  
IRLMAYNOOT01  
LV RIGA08  
LV RIGA41

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# Memorandum of Understanding and International Cooperation Agreements



The University of Catania establishes agreements with public and private institutions for educational and scientific purposes. In fact, one of the easiest ways to improve dialogue and experience transfer between scientific communities, develop joint research and tuition activities and facilitate the exchange of teaching staff and students, is to establish an agreement. Therefore, Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) and International Cooperation Agreements (I.C.A.) are the first tools for the realization of all cooperation activities with foreign universities and institutions for educational and scientific purposes.

## Memorandum of Understanding

Within its internationalization policy, the University of Catania stipulates Memorandum of Understanding aiming at establishing and intensifying collaboration relationships with research agencies and universities all over the world in order to develop joint didactic and research activities and for increasing academic and cultural exchanges in education and research fields, as well as students, researchers and professors mobility. These agreements don't have any financial backing.

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## International Cooperation Agreement

The International Cooperation Agreements, unlike the memorandum of Understanding, regulates the relationships among one or more departments of the University of Catania and the foreign partner faculties/departments.

These agreements have a specific and defined objective (e.g.: mobility programs, joint study courses creation, specific research activities, international summer schools organization, etc.). International Cooperation Agreements, therefore, don't have a fixed format but they are created and adapted to the needs of the promoting faculty/department.

If the agreement is proposed by a foreign university, it is advised to contact a promoting Italian professor or a departmental scientific coordinator to the scientific field the cooperation is focused on.

### Important notice

In order to stipulate a Memorandum of Understanding and an International Cooperation Agreement it is first of all necessary that professors promoting the agreement have a preliminary contact with an Italian professor or the departmental coordinator, acting as scientific contact within the University of Catania.

The agreement will be put into effect once it is duly signed by both partners.

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- Université de Liège

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- University Court of the University of Edinburgh

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- University of Malta

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- European University School of Law and Administration of Warsaw
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- Tel Aviv University

Kazakhstan

- Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

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#### Brasile

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- Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria - Valparaiso

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## Students Associations

The associations of students enrolled in the University of Catania are involved in the organization of cultural, sport and social activities related with Erasmus program. In order to have access to some academic services and facilities the associations recognized by the

University of Catania have to be recorded in an official register.

Associations dealing with international activities are:

- Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE).
- Erasmus Student Network (ESN).

Associations are in charge of:

- supporting foreign colleagues upon their arrival;
- helping them in getting familiar with Italian culture and environment;
- assisting them in finding a stable accommodation for all their mobility length.



## Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE)

AEGEE was born 27 years ago bringing together students with different cultural backgrounds. Today, AEGEE is Europe's largest interdisciplinary youth organisation: 40 countries, 200 cities, 13.000 friends.

This network provides the ideal platform for young volunteers to work together on cross-border activities such as international conferences, seminars, exchanges, training courses and case study trips. In line with the challenges young people are currently

facing in Europe, AEGEE's work is focused on three main areas: Youth Participation, Bridging Europe and Inclusion of Minorities.

The most important event promoted by the association is the Summer University, that takes place during summer between one and four weeks in one of the cities where AEGEE is present. Understanding and exploring the multicultural dimension of the European continent, removing national

borders, fighting for tolerance and creating open-minded citizens are some of the reasons why up to so young students from all over Europe come together in the Summer University to taste the diversity of multiculturalism.



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## Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

In 2009 Esn Ase Catania joined the ESN network, showing throughout the years a great deal of motivation. Esn Catania plays a key role on a local, regional and national level. It promotes, plans and manages all sorts of events, some including cooperation with other sections of the Italian network. Currently there are 25 active board members of ESN, providing a wide range of activities every semester. Among all activities, Esn Catania pays special attention to the Social Erasmus Programme. In fact, Catania was the first to promote Erasmus blood donation day, in partnership with AVIS. Esn Catania also takes part in a non-competitive yearly marathon charity named “Corri Catania” joined enthusiastically by Erasmus students and Esn members. Welcoming incoming students is a priority. Each semester is begun with a Welcome Week, during which, through formal and informal activities, the students get familiar with the association and the services provided. These services include tutoring, a housing program, and many leisure activities



such as treasure hunts, excursions, sightseeing tours and parties. Integration and language support are stimulated by a “tandem language learning program” and a biannual cinema club where movies in Italian language are screened and discussed at the end, creating opportunities for debates and exchange of views.

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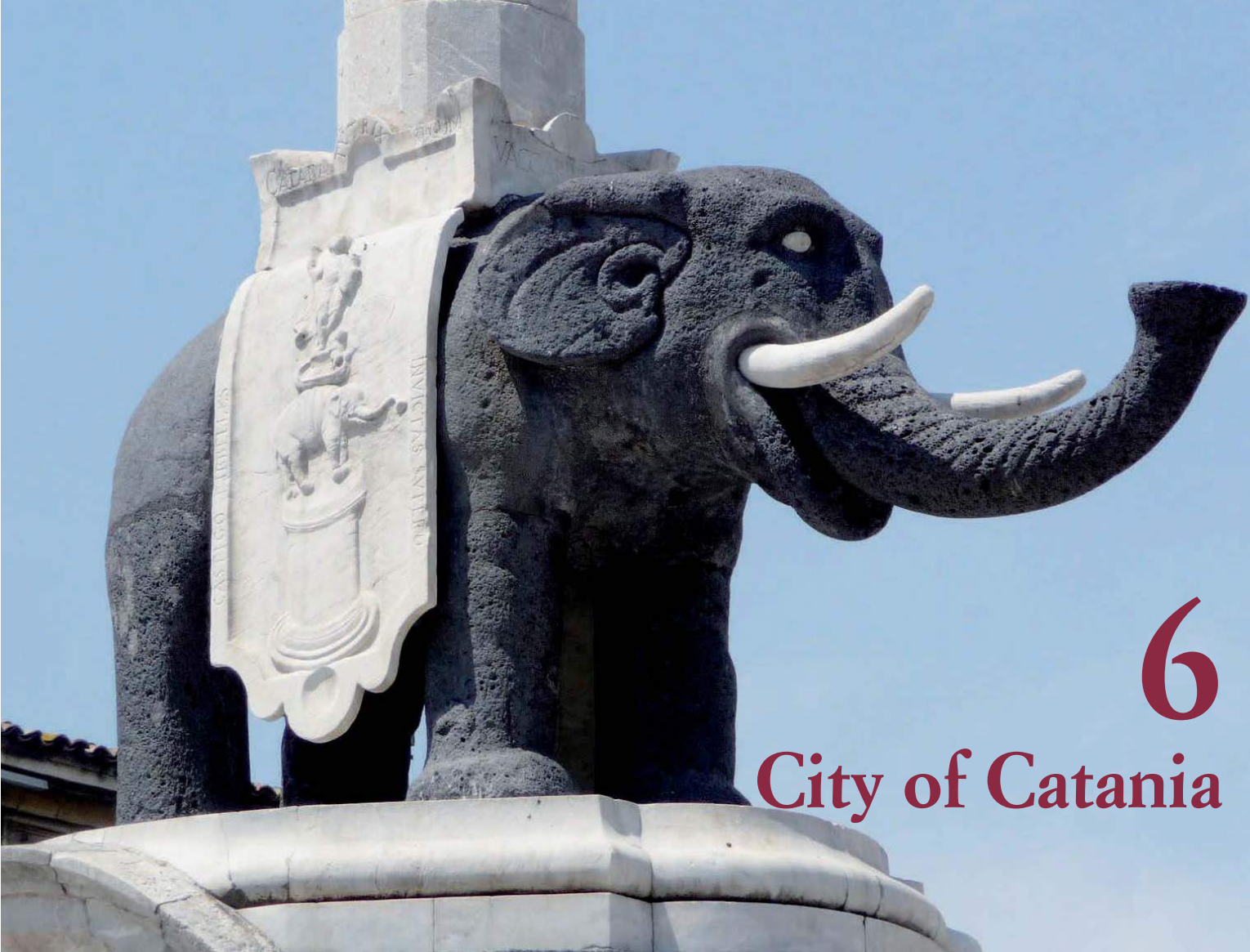
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## City of Catania



# Catania at a glance

Catania is Sicily's second largest city, with a population of around 300,000. It lies on the Ionian Sea, under the shadow of Mount Etna. Mount Etna is ever-present and has to a large extent shaped both the history and the actual existence of Catania. On several occasions volcanic eruptions destroyed the city, the most devastating of which happened in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

In 1669 Catania was covered in lava and then, just 24 years later in 1693 an earthquake shook the town down to its foundations.

If Etna has been the cause of Catania's destruction, it has also been a vital source of the construction of the city, as much of the black volcanic rock which characterizes Catania's beautiful Baroque architecture was spewed from the heart of Etna. The way in which these past eruptions have formed the land, gives rise to the origins of the city's name. The historian Plutarch suggested that

it came from the word Katane meaning "grated", referring to the uneven surface of the land surrounding Etna, upon which Catania stands.

Catania is essentially a "grey" city and unique in the world for this.

Visiting Catania is quite easy, as the old town center is relatively small. An ideal starting point would be the main square, Piazza Duomo. This delightful square and all its surrounding buildings was designed by Giovanni Battista Vaccarini.

The Cathedral, dedicated to St. Agata, the city's patron saint, stands on the site of an 11<sup>th</sup> Century church that was almost entirely destroyed in the 1693 eruption. Its replacement is a very

impressive, imposing Baroque structure that incorporates some Roman columns taken from the Amphitheatre. These are not the only Roman elements, however, as underneath are some Roman baths. Inside, the Baroque theme continues with several ornate chapels and a fresco recording the 1693 earthquake. Bellini, Catania's most famous son, is buried here, as are (in ash form) three Aragonese kings: Frederick II, Louis and Frederick III.

The other sides of the square are equally impressive and include the Diocesan Museum and the Municipio, (town hall) built in 1741. In the center stands the city's symbol, a lava elephant fountain carrying an obelisk. It bears



an enigmatic inscription, MSSHDEPL, which according to some is an acronym for “The mind of St. Agata is sane and spontaneous, honoring God and liberating the city”. Such is the devotion to St. Agatha in Catania that there are another two churches named after her, one just across the road from the Cathedral, the other just a short walk away off Via Etnea. Heading south from the piazza you will go under the 17<sup>th</sup> Century arch of Porta Uzeda towards the port. A quick right here will take you into Catania’s colorful, bustling and odorous fish market. Get here before lunch and you will enter a different world, an atmosphere that has remained virtually unchanged for hundreds of years.

If you don’t get lost in the hullabaloo of the market and head south west, you will come to Piazza Federico di Svevia and the old fortress of Castello Ursino. This imposing structure was built by Frederick II of Hohenstaufen in the 13<sup>th</sup> century on a rocky cliff overlooking the sea. However, the massive lava spill of the 1669 eruption pushed the sea back, creating in one fell swoop a new coastline and stripping Castello Ursino of its strategic position.

Moving back northwards you will come across a rather different aspect of the city: its ancient origins. Catania was founded in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC by Greeks from Chalcis. It subsequently became a Roman city and amazingly, considering the dramatic series of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes that have so afflicted the area, three theatres have survived from this period. The Teatro Romano, in Via Vittorio Emanuele, was built on the site of a Greek theatre in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD. The use of lava stone demonstrates how long the excretions of Etna have been put to good use. Next door is the Odeon, a smaller theatre used for more intimate occasions, such as musical performances. The Amphitheatre, found in Piazza Stesicoro at the crossroads of

Via Etnea and Corso Sicilia is and not usually open to the public, though can be viewed from outside. It is well worth enquiring about a special tour, however, as it was the largest Amphitheatre in Sicily, said to accommodate around 15,000 spectators. A fascinating warren of passages runs underneath it, bringing to mind its more famous cousin the Colosseum.

The area around the first Amphitheatre is given over to a series of churches and the Museo Belliniano, dedicated to Catania’s most famous son, the composer Vincenzo Bellini. A short walk north east will take you to another building dedicated to his memory, the opera house Teatro Massimo Bellini. The opera season runs from around October to June and is well worth a visit if opera is your thing.



# How to get to Catania



## By plane

If you arrive by plane, please consult available flights and useful information about the International airport “Vincenzo Bellini” Fontanarossa.

From the Airport to the city centre and to the Train Station the “Alibus Service” leaves every 20 minutes from 5.00 am to midnight.

## By train

If you reach Catania by train we recommend you to check the Italian railway services online ([www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it)).

The Catania Railway Station is located in Piazza Giovanni XXIII

Phone: (+39) 095 532226

Switchboard: (+39) 095 532710

Ticket Office: (+39) 095 532227

## By ship

It is possible to get to Catania by ship from Naples with the companies Tirrenia ([www.tirrenia.it](http://www.tirrenia.it)) or TTT Lines ([www.tttlines.it](http://www.tttlines.it)). Moreover you can sail from Genova to Palermo with “Grandi Navi Veloci” ([www.gnv.it](http://www.gnv.it)) and then take the motorway A19 from Palermo to Catania (Km 190).

## By car

Arriving by car from Milan, Motorway A1 Napoli-Milano, then take the Motorway “Salerno-Reggio Calabria”, exit at “Villa San Giovanni” and get on the boat to Sicily. Then from Messina to Catania Toll-Motorway A18 (km 95). From Palermo to Catania: Motorway A19 (km 195).

Updated information about the current road situation are available on-line at: [www.autostrade.it](http://www.autostrade.it)



# Living in Catania

## Climate

The climate of Sicily is Mediterranean, with warm summers with a high humidity level and mild winters.

On the coast, especially the south-west, the climate is affected by most of the African currents occur and hot summers. Along the Tyrrhenian coast, and in general in inland areas the temperature is lower, the winters are colder and rainfall increases. On the Etna the climate is alpine.

Especially in the summer it is very common to face the south wind, the wind from the Sahara. Rainfall is scarce, and the water deficit is revealed in some provinces where there are frequent water shortages.

We recommend that appropriate winter garments be brought to be used on colder days.

## Cost of living

The cost of living in Catania is not particularly high. Below are some prices to-day products:

- Water min. € 0,50 max. € 1,00
- Coffee € 0,80
- Sandwich € 2,50
- Cigarettes min. € 4,30 max. € 5,50
- Bus ticket € 1,00
- Bread € 2,50 (1 Kg)
- Beer € 2,00
- Italian newspaper € 1,50
- Admission to the cinema min. € 3,00 max. € 7,00







### How to get around the city

If you approach Catania by car from the capital towns of the Sicilian provinces the distances are:

168 km from Agrigento

110 km from Caltanissetta

85 km from Enna

95 km from Messina

195 km from Palermo

104 km from Ragusa

60 km from Syracuse

317 km from Trapani

### Local Transport

#### Catania's Municipal Transport Society

Urban buses (the orange ones) are managed by the A.M.T. company and reach the whole town area. A single ticket costs € 1 and is valid for 90 min. Free number: 800 018696

#### Out of town buses

F.C.E. CircumEtnea (Railway - Bus Service)  
Phone: (+39) 095 534323/(+39) 095 541250  
Departures: via Dusmet, near the Port, from 7.00 am to 20.00 pm.

A.S.T.- S.p.a - Azienda Siciliana Trasporti  
Phone: (+39) 095 7461096

#### SAIS Autolinee

Phone: (+39) 095 536168

Departures: via D'Amico181, near Piazza Giovanni XXIII to Central Station.

#### ETNA Trasporti

Phone: (+39) 095 530396

Departures: via Archimede, in front of Central Station.

#### INTERBUS

Phone: (+39) 095 530396

Departures: via Archimede, in front of Central Station.

### Markets

Clothes, fruit and vegetable market in Piazza Carlo Alberto from Monday to Saturday in the morning and Saturday afternoon.

Fish market in Piazza Di Benedetto from Monday to Saturday in the morning.

Antique market in Piazza Dante every Sunday morning.



### Shopping

The city center has a wide range of shops, which are open from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 4.00 to 8.00 pm in the winter.

In summer working hours are from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 4.30 to 8.00

pm.

Pharmacies are also open at these hours, but it is always possible to find some open at night.

Shopping centers are continuously open from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm. Shops are closed on Monday morning.

### Medical Care

Students from EU member states should have the sanitary card before departure for Catania.

This card should then be presented at an ASL office in case of medical necessity.

### Local festivities and special events in the city

Catania is a city rich in festivals and events. There are music, art, film and theater festivals year round.

Sant'Agata is Catania's patron saint and is celebrated in February from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> with one of the largest religious processions in Italy. This three-day festival includes an offering of candles, fireworks, and a procession carrying the image of the saint along the streets until





## A glance at Cultural site - Churches

Cattedrale di Sant'Agata

Piazza Duomo

(+39) 095 320044

San Giuliano

Via Crociferi, 36

(+39) 095 7159360

San Biagio

Piazza Stesicoro

(+39) 095 7159360

San Francesco Borgia

Via Crociferi, 17

(+39) 095 310762

San Nicolò l'Arena

Piazza Dante

(+39) 095 7159912

San Michele Arcangelo ai Minoriti

Via Etnea, 81

(+39) 095 316974

Sant'Agata la Vetere

Piazza Sant'Agata La Vetere, 5

(+39) 095 321902

San Benedetto

Via Crociferi, 22

(+39) 095 7150499

Madonna del Carmine

Piazza Carlo Alberto

(+39) 095 7152418

Santa Maria dell'Aiuto

Via Santa Maria dell'Aiuto, 80

(+39) 095 345344

Sant'Agata al Borgo

Via Etnea, 437

(+39) 095 435059

Santa Maria di Gesù

Piazza Santa Maria di Gesù, 18

(+39) 095 475392

Basilica Collegiata

Via Collegiata, 3

(+39) 095 313447

San Placido

Piazza San Placido, 3

(+39) 095 315100

Sant'Agata al Carcere

Via dei Cappuccini

(+39) 095 7421111

Badia Sant'Agata

Via Vittorio Emanuele

(+39) 095 320044

San Francesco d'Assisi all'Immacolata

Via Crociferi, 2

(+39) 095 312103

San Gaetano alle Grotte

Piazza Carlo Alberto



## A glance at Archeological site

Anfiteatro Romano  
Piazza Stesicoro  
(+39) 095 7150508

Foro Romano  
Cortile S. Pantaleone  
(+39) 095 7472277

Ipogeo Romano  
Via G. Sanfilippo  
(+39) 095 7472268

Teatro Greco-Romano e Odeon  
Via Vittorio Emanuele, 266  
(+39) 095 7150508

Terme Achilliane  
Piazza Duomo  
(+39) 095 281635

Terme della Rotonda  
Via della Mecca  
(+39) 095 7472268

Terme dell'Indirizzo  
Piazza Currò  
(+39) 095 7472268







## A glance at Monuments

Porta Uzeda  
Via Etnea  
(+39) 095 7423325

Monastero dei Benedettini  
Piazza Dante, 32  
(+39) 095 7102767

Castello Ursino  
Piazza Federico II di Svevia  
(+39) 095 345830

Teatro Massimo Bellini  
Piazza Bellini  
(+39) 095 7306111

Porta Garibaldi  
Piazza Garibaldi

Villa Cerami  
Via Crociferi, 91





## A glance at Historical Buildings

Palazzo degli Elefanti

Palazzo dei Chierici

**Address:** Piazza Duomo

Palazzo dell'Università

Palazzo San Giuliano

**Address:** Piazza dell'Università

Palazzo Bruca

Palazzo della Cultura (Platamone)

Palazzo Cutelli

Palazzo Gattadauro di Reburdone

Palazzo Valle

Palazzo Biscari

**Address:** Via Vittorio Emanuele II

Palazzo Libertini-Scuderi

Palazzo Gioieni d'Angiò

Palazzo Minoriti

Palazzo delle Poste

Palazzo S. Demetrio

**Address:** Via Etnea

Palazzo Manganelli

**Address:** Piazza Manganelli, 16

Palazzo del Toscano

Palazzo Tezzano

Palazzo Beneventano

**Address:** Piazza Stesicoro



## A glance at Museums

### Museo storico dello Sbarco in Sicilia - 1943

Address: Viale Africa ,170

Phone: (+39) 095 533540

Entrance: € 4,00

Reduced: € 1,00

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Sunday from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 to 5.00 pm

Closed on Monday

### Museo del Cinema

Address: Viale Africa ,170

Phone: (+39) 095 4011922

Entrance: € 4,00

Reduced: € 1,00

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Sunday from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 to 5.00 pm

Closed on Monday

### Museo Civico Belliniano

Address: Piazza S. Francesco D'Assisi, 3

Phone: (+39) 095 7150535

Entrance: free

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Closed on Sunday

### Casa Museo di Giovanni Verga

Address: Via S. Anna, 8

Phone: (+39) 095 7150598

Entrance: € 3,00

Reduced: € 2,00

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Friday from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

and from 3.00 to 16.00 pm

Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Closed on Sunday

### Museo Emilio Greco

Address: Piazza S. Francesco d'Assisi, 3

Phone: (+39) 095317654

Entrance: free

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 to 6.00 pm

### Museo Diocesano

Address: Via Etnea, 8 - Piazza Duomo

Phone: (+39) 095 281635

Entrance: € 4.00

Reduced: € 2.00

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 7.30 pm

Closed on Monday

### Museo Civico del Castello Ursino

Address: Piazza Federico II di Svevia

Phone: (+39) 095 345830

Entrance: free

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Closed on Sunday

### Museo Mogam

Address: Via Galermo, 171

Entrance: € 10,00

Reduced: € 6,00

Opening hours:

Sunday to Monday from 9.30 to 12.30 am and

from 3.30 to 6.00 pm

(visited only by reservation)

### Museo Tattile Multimediale

Address: Via Etnea, 602

Phone: (+39) 095 500177

Opening hours:

Monday from 3.00 to 7.00 pm

Tuesday to Friday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

and from 3.00 to 7.00 pm

Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

(visited only by reservation)

**XVI Museo Biscari - Museum&Fashion**

Address: Piazza Duca di Genova, 27 -

Via Museo Biscari, 16

Phone: (+39) 095 2503188

Entrance: € 5.00

Reduced: € 3.00

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Sunday from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm

Closed on Monday



**Museo di scultura in pietra lavica**

**“Valeriano Santangelo”**

Address: Via A. Santangelo Fulci, 55/a

Phone: (+39) 095 7221642

Entrance: free

Opening hours:

Upon request

**Museo del Mare**

Address: P.zza Ognina, 14-17

Via dei Corzari, 18

Phone: (+39) 095 7127050

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

**Museo dell’Arte del Carretto Siciliano**

Address: Via Luigi Capuana, 38

Phone: (+39) 095 525342

Entrance: € 1,00

Opening hours: Upon request





## Theatres

Abc

Via P. Mascagni, 92

(+39) 095 535382

Ambasciatori

Via Eleonora D'Angiò, 17

(+39) 095 431440

Anfiteatro Le Ciminiere

Viale Africa 108 (+39)

(+39) 095 4011906

Angelo Musco

Via Umberto, 312

(+39) 095 363545

Brancati

Via Sabotino 2/C

(+39) 095 531018

Camera Teatro Studio

Viale Mario Rapisardi, 443

(+39) 095 7311264

Collegio D'Aragona

Via Monsignor Ventimiglia, 184

(+39) 095 7460 311

Del Canovaccio

Via Gulli, 12

(+39) 095 530761

Don Bosco

Viale Mario Rapisardi, 56

(+39) 095 438470

Grotta Smeralda

Via Antonello Da Messina, 11

(+39) 095 271576

Magma

Via Quiete, 22

(+39) 095 441728

Massimiliano Kolbe

Via Crociferi, 2

(+39) 095 341 566

Massimo "Vincenzo Bellini"

Piazza Vincenzo Bellini

(+39) 095 7150921

Metropolitan

Via S. Euplio, 21

(+39) 095 322323





Nuovo Teatro  
S.Orsola Via Macallè, 3/A  
(+39) 095 2500264

Piccolo Teatro  
Via F. Ciccaglione, 29  
(+39) 095 447603

Piscator  
Via Sassari,  
116 (+39) 095 386780

Sala De Curtis  
Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 6/a  
(+39) 095 376070

Sala Harpago  
Via Vittorio Emanuele, 67  
(+39) 095 312918

Sala Magma  
Via Adua, 3  
(+39) 095 444312

Sangiorgi  
Via A. San Giuliano, 233  
(+39) 095 316 860

Scenario Pubblico  
Via Teatro Massimo, 16  
(+39) 095 2503147

Stabile - Verga  
Via Giuseppe Fava, 35  
(+39) 095 363545

Teatro Inn  
Via Guerrera, 32  
(+39) 095 7222258

Tezzano  
Via Tezzano, 40  
(+39) 095 7273686

Valentino  
Via San Nicolò al Borgo, 73  
(+39) 095 448926

Zig Zag  
Via Canfora, 69  
(+39) 095 506190

## **Cinemas**

The ticket price ranges from a minimum of € 3.00 to a maximum of € 7.00.  
On Tuesday admission cost is usually low in any cinemas.

### **Abc**

Via Pietro Mascagni, 92  
(+39) 095 535382

### **Alfieri**

Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 8  
(+39) 095 373760

### **Ariston**

Via Balduino, 17/B  
(+39) 095 441717

### **Capitol**

Via Vicenza, 14  
(+39) 095 506471

### **Corsaro**

Via S. Nicolò al Borgo, 49  
(+39) 095 502690

### **King**

Via A. De Curtis, 14  
(+39) 095 530218

### **Lo Po'**

Via Etnea, 256  
(+39) 095 326210

### **Odeon**

Via Filippo Corridoni, 19  
(+39) 095 326324

### **Planet**

Viale della Costituzione, 47  
(+39) 095 334866

### **Recupero**

Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 69  
(+39) 095 383596

### **Tiffany**

Via Agnini, 26  
(+39) 095 325851

## **Open air Cinemas**

### **Arena Paradiso**

Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 69  
(+39) 095 383596

### **Arena Corsaro**

Via S. Nicolò al Borgo, 132

### **Arena Argentina**

Via Vanasco, 10  
(+39) 095 322030

### **Arena Adua**

Via S. Nicolò al Borgo  
(+39) 095 2275493



# Useful numbers

Dangerous situation?

Here are all the emergency numbers to use to request the timely intervention of the police or an ambulance for first aid.

Emergency 112

Police 113

Fire Brigade 115

Financial Police 117

Health emergency 118

Forest Fire brigade 1515

Traffic police (+39) 095 493170

Sea Rescue Team 1530

Carabinieri

Piazza Verga Giovanni 8

(+39) 095 530230

Police

Via Ventimiglia Monsignore 18

(+39) 095 7346111

Fire Brigade

Via Beccaria Cesare 31

(+39) 095 7248111

Financial Police

Via Fontanarossa

(+39) 095 347585

Health emergency

Croce Verde, Via Vezzosi 31

(+39) 095 373333

Croce Rossa Italiana

Via Ebe 2

(+39) 095 492486

First Aid

Corso Italia 234

(+39) 095 377122







Forest Fire brigade  
Via Fontanarossa  
(+39) 095 7233068

Harbour Master's office  
Via Cardinale Dusmet  
(+39) 095 538888

Prefecture  
Via Prefettura 14  
(+39) 095 4011111

Police Headquarters  
Piazza S. Nicoletta 8  
(+39) 095 7367111

Cannizzaro Hospital  
Via Messina 829  
(+39) 095 7263030

Garibaldi Hospital,  
P.zza S. Maria di Gesù 5  
(+39) 095 7591111

Vittorio Emanuele Hospital,  
Via Plebiscito 628  
(+39) 095 7435252

Municipal Tourism Board  
Via Vittorio Emanuele 173  
800 841042

Provincial Tourism Board  
Via Etnea 63  
(+39) 095 4014070

Postal Services  
Viale Africa  
(+39) 095 7201111

Internet Point  
Via Cibebe 34/A  
(+39) 095 7312052

Phone Center  
Via Etnea 678  
(+39) 095 434999



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