

# Welcome to Trento ERASMUS STUDENTS

Academic year 2024-2025



## Studying at UniTrento

#### **Academic calendar**

Academic calendar is divided in two semesters: **Fall** (September – February) and **Spring** (February – July).

**Teaching periods**: Fall semester (September - December), Spring semester (February - May)

**Exam periods**: Fall semester (January – mid February), Spring semester (June – July) – some Departments may offer exam dates in December and May

To check the exact initial dates of classes and exam periods of your Departments please check <u>all our academic calendars</u>.



#### **Grades**

In Italy exams are graded on a scale from 18 (minimum to pass) to 30 (a "cum laude" can be added for exceptional performance). Check our video about how grades work here in Italy and about how our University system is organized.

#### **Courses and timetables**

Academic offer is available on the <u>online catalogue</u>. Please check the complete <u>list of available subjects</u> before starting your search. Most classes are open to exchange students.

Additionally, exchange students can attend the courses offered at the <u>School of Innovation</u> and at the <u>Language Center (CLA)</u>, for both there are separate deadlines for registering to courses that will be communicated to you by the International Mobility Office.

Course credits are expressed in ECTS, 1 ECTS equals roughly 25 hours of study including classes and personal study. The workload for one semester is generally 30 ECTS.

<u>Timetables</u> are available only at the beginning of each semester, some classes may start later during the semester thus timetables are also available later during the semester.

### **Student Services**

#### Library

<u>Libraries</u> in Trento have free access for all the students. In case you want to borrow books, you can request the <u>library card</u> for free, with this card you can get books from any library in the whole Trento province including public libraries.



#### Italian language courses

The UniTrento Language Center (CLA) offers free Italian language courses to exchange students starting from Beginner level and up to B2b. You can take both Intensive and Extensive courses during your stay. For each course you pass you get **3 ECTS credits** that can be added to your final transcript of records, to get the credits add the course to your study plan (the course code is not defined yet).

Types of courses offered:

- Intensive course at the start of the semester (50 hours of teaching, 3 hours per day from Monday to Saturday)
- <u>Extensive course</u> during the semester (50 hours of teaching, 2 hours classes twice a week)

Official dates and enrolment information together with the course periods, levels offered, course mode (online or in presence) and syllabi are available on the CLA website.

#### Bus pass and transport discounts

UniTrento offer a bus pass (Libera Circolazione) to travel in the whole Trento province at the cost of 50 euros for the full academic year. You can request the pass **once you arrive in Trento and you are officially enrolled as a student**.

More discounts on transport services are also available (e.g. Flixbus, Trainline...) to all UniTrento students. Check them all in the <u>dedicated webpage</u>.

#### **Counselling service**

Exchange students can get psychological support or other support services at our <a href="Counselling service">Counselling service</a>.

#### **Services for students with special needs**

In case you have special needs, you shall include the information and requests in your exchange application so that the Inclusion Office may contact you in advance to agree upon compensation measures or more specific support.

## When in Italy

#### **Visa and Stay permit**

If you are a **non EU student** you need a <u>Visa</u> to enter Italy and then a <u>stay</u> permit once in Trento to be submitted by 8 working days from your entrance in Schengen. In this case you will be contacted by the International Mobility Office with the information on how to complete these steps.

If you are a **non EU student living in a Schengen state with a valid student residence permit** (not visa) you are

only requested to submit a *declaration*of presence at Questura. If this applies



to you the International Mobility Office will contact you to explain the procedure.

If you are an **EU student** you don't need a visa to enter and stay in Italy.

#### **Codice fiscale (Italian tax code)**

It is a code needed to uniquely identify you and it is linked to many administrative procedures in Italy including **renting an apartment**, or activating your health insurance card. The code is requested by the International Mobility Office on your behalf and it will be sent to you by mail as soon as available (in general about two months before your arrival).

#### **Health insurance**

**If you are a non EU student** you need to have either a private health coverage that covers you fully for the period you will spend in Trento or you can enroll at the cost of 700 euros to the Italian National Health System (NHS). Please consider that the enrolment is valid for the solar year (from January until December) and it costs the same regardless of when you pay during the year. To enroll in the NHS you must first submit your stay permit application.

**If you are an EU student** you can use your <u>European Health Insurance Card</u> in Italy at the same conditions of Italian citizens or any other private insurance you have. Please check the validity dates of your Health card before leaving.

A list of doctors available in Trento can be <u>checked directly on the local health board</u> <u>website</u>, please consider that it is suggested to have an Italian speaker with you when you have to first call a doctor.

Emergency number is **112.** 

## **Living in Trento**

#### **Accommodation off campus**

Erasmus EU students **are not offered accommodation on campus**, you shall start searching for a room in the private market using the online resources available in our website.

For one semester exchanges you may consider private dorms (NEST) or apartments dedicated to students (Dove Vivo).

For short rentals (up to two weeks) you can check the Trento hostel facilities.

The ESN network (see info below) can be a good resource to get in contact with students already in Trento in case you want to exchange information on private apartments.

Please always check in person private apartments if possible before paying the deposit!



## Accommodation on campus

Accommodation on campus in dorms or apartments may be available on first come first served basis for Erasmus non EU students. The International mobility office will contact you with more information about how to apply, prices and deadlines in case of available places.



#### **Canteens (Lunch card)**

All students enrolled at UniTrento can get their <u>lunch card</u> at the Opera Universitaria offices in Via Malpensada, 140 Trento. To get the card book an <u>appointment online</u> after registering with new credentials. Please select "Servizi Segreteria – Counter Services" and then "Rilascio Tessera Studente – Student card issueing". <u>Prices of meals</u> with lunch card are discounted in the <u>University canteens</u>.

#### **UniTrento Sport**

All UniTrento students can <u>request the UniTrento sport card</u> to practice sports in the University facilities, enroll in tournaments or indoor courses, participate on the behalf of the University to sports events.

#### **ESN (Erasmus Students Network) and Buddy service**

ESN is an international student association, which promotes European integration and mobility at a university level. ESN provides a <u>Buddy service</u>, a way to get in contact before your arrival with a student from Trento. If you are interested you can visit their <u>website</u>, mail them **trento@esn.it** or contact them on their <u>Instagram page</u>.

#### Other Students' associations

If you want to join the students' life in Trento you can get in contact with one of the other students' associations.

## **How to get to Trento**

#### **Reaching Trento and the University**

The closest airport is located in **Verona (Catullo airport)**, from there take the shuttle bus heading to the Verona Porta Nuova train station and then take any regional or Freccia <u>train</u> direction Bolzano/Brennero, they all stop in Trento station. Approximate traveling time from Verona is one hour.

If you are landing in **Bergamo Orio al Serio** the most convenient route to reach Trento is <u>Flixbus</u>. Approximate traveling time is two and half hours.

International airports are located in **Milan**, **Venice** or **Rome**. From Milan or Venice the most convenient option is to check first the <u>Flixbus</u> routes. From Rome you can reach Trento via a direct Freccia <u>train</u> from Termini station (Rome) to Trento.

To reach our office or UniTrento Departments please check our UniTrento map.

#### **Traveling in Trentino**

Using the bus pass (Libera Circolazione) you can travel by bus and regional trains in Trento and other towns in Trentino. Please check the <u>Trentino Trasporti</u> website for more information on routes.

#### **CONTACT US**

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