Ca' Foscari University of Venice

About Ca' Foscari University

Ca' Foscari University of Venice was founded the 6th August 1868 as a Royal School of Commerce, by a group of brilliant intellectuals: Luigi Luzzatti, a law teacher and former minister; Edoardo Deodati, vice-president of the Province of Venice and Francesco Ferrara, the headteacher of the school for its first 32 years. The institute was the first business school in Italy: its main aim was both to train tradesmen and to prepare the future teachers of economics. Moreover, since the foundation, students were also required to study languages, both Western (French, English, German, Spanish, modern Greek) and Eastern (Arabic, Turkish, Serbo-Croat, Japanese).

In 1935 Ca' Foscari became a governmental University institution and founded the Faculty of Economics and Business (later renamed the Faculty of Economics in 1994).

In 1968, Ca' Foscari became a fully-fledged University with the founding of the first Faculty of Foreign Languages in Italy. In 1969 the Faculty of Humanities was founded and finally, in 1970, the Faculty of Chemistry was added, later renamed Faculty of Sciences.

Today Ca' Foscari University has about 20.000 students and 4.000 graduates every year. It covers 4 scientific and cultural areas - Foreign Languages and Literatures, Humanities, Economics, Sciences – organised into 8 Departments. In 2012 Ca' Foscari created the International College, a school of excellence for the best students. It also holds high positions in the QS rankings regarding the Language, Linguistics and Ancient History fields.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE INCOMING STUDENTS

To start the registration procedure, students have to prepare beforehand the following documents:

1. Copy of your ID or Passport (compulsory)
2. Learning Agreement
3. B2 language certificate (compulsory)
4. Transcript of records – English version

- The whole procedure for Overseas Students is explained as follows: www.unive.it/pag/12574/
- The whole procedure for SEMP Students is explained as follows: https://www.unive.it/pag/12573/
- The whole procedure for Erasmus+KA103 Students is explained as follows: https://www.unive.it/pag/12576/
- The whole procedure for Erasmus+ KA107 ICM Students is explained as follows: https://www.unive.it/pag/29332/
- The whole procedure for Double/Joint-Degree students is explained as follows: https://www.unive.it/pag/12607/?MP=12607-12566

No tuition fees are required to Ca' Foscari University of Venice incoming students coming in the frame of the Erasmus+, SEMP or Overseas Programs.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

When applying to Ca' Foscari University, a proof of English or Italian language at level B2 is required if you study at a university where the language of instruction is neither English nor Italian. Our University accepts the following certifications:

- ACELS Ireland
- AIM Awards
- Cambridge English Language Assessment - (Cambridge ESOL Examinations)
- ESB - Certificate in ESOL International (All Modes)
- ETS - TOEFL Test of English as a Foreign Language
- ETS - TOEIC Test of English for International Communication
- Gatehouse Awards - GA Certificate in ESOL International
- IELTS - International English Language Testing System

- IELTS - Indicator
- LCCI International Qualifications - EDI
- Learning Resource Network - LRN
- Oxford University Press Oxford Test of English B
- Pearson Tests of English
- Password Academic
- Trinity College London

A letter from your home institution attesting to your equivalency in proficiency in all the four skills required (listening, writing, reading, speaking) can also be accepted. For other certifications, please send an email to incoming.mobility@unive.it
To check the exact requirements, visit the following page: https://www.unive.it/pag/40609/

NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS DEADLINES

Fall Semester (September – January)

- Nomination deadline: April 1st - for the first semester or full academic year (September arrivals);
- Application deadline April 30th

Spring Semester (February – June)
- Nomination deadline: October 1st
- Application deadline: October 30th

Contacts:
- Erasmus+ KA103, Overseas, Visiting: incoming.mobility@unive.it
- Erasmus+ ICM KA107: international.cooperation@unive.it

VISA REQUIREMENTS AND STAY PERMIT

All **Non-European students** must apply for a VISA for study purpose.
In order to apply for it, you need to provide an invitation letter released by the Host Institution, which has to be submitted along with other documents to the Italian embassy.

Starting from a.y. 2020/21 in order to get a VISA for study non-EU students need to apply to the **Universitaly portal**: https://www.universitaly.it/index.php/dashboard : this tool has been designed for international students willing to study in Italy both for an entire study cycle or or just for a mobility.

If you are a non-EU citizen and plan to come to Italy for a period exceeding 90 days, you must also apply for a residency permit (https://www.unive.it/pag/fileadmin/user_upload/ateneo/internazionale/documenti/destinazione_cafoscari/studio/Checklist_Stay-Permit-for-Study__ENG_2020_def.pdf). The Counseling and Welcome Unit will support you on this procedure.

Contact: immigrationteam@unive.it

This procedure does not concern citizens of Countries in the European Union, as well as from Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and the Swiss Confederation, the Republic of San Marino and the Holy See.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021/2022

Department of Economics (DEC)

Department of Humanities (DSU)

Department of Management (DMA)

Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage (DFBC)

First term (start of first semester): 14 September – 16 October 2021

Rescheduled classes: 18 - 23 October 2021

Exams (first term): 25 - 30 October 2021

Second term: 2 November – 4 December 2021

Rescheduled classes: 6 – 11 December 2021

Exams (second term): 13 – 18 December 2021

Exams (first semester): 10 January – 5 February 2022

Third term (start of second semester): 7 February – 12 March 2022

Rescheduled classes: 14 – 19 March 2022

Exams (third term): 21 – 26 March 2022

Fourth term: 28 March – 30 April 2022

Rescheduled classes: 2 May – 14 May 2022

Exams (fourth term): 16 May – 21 May 2022

Exams (second semester): 30 May – 25 June 2022

Exams (summer session): 22 August – 10 September 2022

Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics (DAIS)

Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems (DSMN)

First semester: 13 September – 18 December 2021

Exams (first semester): 10 January – 5 February 2022

Second semester: 7 February – 21 May 2022

Exams (second semester): 30 May – 25 June 2022

Exams (summer session): 22 August – 10 September 2022

Department of Asian and North African Studies (DSAAM)

Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies (DSLCC)

First semester: 6 September – 18 December 2021

Exams (first semester): 10 January– 5 February 2022

Second semester: 7 February – 21 May 2022

Exams (second semester): 6 June – 2 July 2022

Exams (summer session): 22 August – 3 September 2022

Bank holidays

- ❖ 1 NOVEMBER 2021: ALL SAINTS' DAY
- ❖ 21 NOVEMBER 2021: *MADONNA DELLA SALUTE* HOLIDAY
- ❖ 8 DECEMBER 2010: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- ❖ 24 DECEMBER 2021 – 9 JANUARY 2022: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- ❖ 18 APRIL 2022: EASTER FESTIVITY
- ❖ 25 APRIL 2022: LIBERATION DAY AND ST. MARK'S FESTIVITY
- ❖ 1 MAY 2022: LABOUR DAY
- ❖ 2 JUNE 2022: REPUBLIC DAY

COURSES

At Ca' Foscari University, students do not have to register in order to attend courses (except when specified). A comprehensive list of courses offered by our University can be found at this link. The main languages of instruction are Italian and English. All Incoming students can attend courses in all Ca' Foscari Departments both of first cycle (Bachelor) and second cycle (Master) degree programs. Specialist Courses (called "Master" in Italian language) and Research Doctorates courses are excluded.

All modules available to exchange students (Erasmus+KA103 and KA107ICM and Overseas): Incoming students are **generally** allowed to choose courses from all the Departments, independently from the Department of the international agreement they are coming from. For Erasmus+KA103 and Erasmus+KA107ICM students, please be informed that ***most of the courses must belong to the study field agreed in the Erasmus partnership between the two Universities.***

Incoming Students are free to select all the courses from the course catalogue, except for:

- PHD courses
- "Minor" courses
- Collegio Internazionale courses (Centro di Eccellenza)
- courses that give you 0 credits · courses of the Joint Master Programme "Crossing the Mediterranean: towards Investment and Integration MIM)": http://www.unive.it/pag/21087/
- "interateneo" courses (i.e., held in other universities)

- courses from the BA Digital Management
- courses from the BA Mediazione Linguistica Culturale: http://www.unive.it/pag/4022/
- courses from the MA Digital and Public Humanities 1
- courses from the MA Data Analytics for Business and Society
- courses from the MA Environmental Humanities
- Foundation Year course

GRADING SYSTEM

What is an ECTS?

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is a **university credit transfer system** based on the transparency of students' plan of study and the assignment of university credits for the relevant workload. Its aim is to guarantee the recognition of the exams that the students take in their international mobility periods, thanks to a clear and effective system which is commonly used across all institutions in Europe.

Ca' Foscari University, in agreement with the principles that rule the ECTS system, has recognised the equivalence **1 CFU = 1 ECTS** (Academic Senate, deliberation no. 45, February 14th, 2006).

As per the **ECTS - User's Guide**, the universities that participate in ECTS are to adopt a new system for the conversion of grades that students achieve during an international mobility period. **The new system is based on the percentage distribution of grades, according to groups of homogeneous degree programmes (classi di laurea)**. In the transition from one system to the other, the traditional system (A, B, C, D, E) has been rearranged into groups of degree programmes (classi di laurea). A table for the conversion of grades has been created with reference to the percentage distribution of grades of the last two academic years. The instructions for the conversion of grades with the new system are available in the download section of this webpage.

The full study load for one semester is usually **30 ECTS**.

Grading system in Italy

The Italian grading system works on a scale from 18 to

30. 18 is the lowest passing grade (sufficiency). 30L is the highest grade (30 cum laude).

Only if you pass the exam of a course will you obtain the relevant credits. Exams usually give 6 or 12 credits (ECTS/CFU). Only the exams that are specified in the Learning Agreement will be then be reported on the Transcript of Records.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSES AT SIE (School for International Education)

In the field of languages, Italian is becoming increasingly requested by international students and by those with a passion for Italian culture and history. The School organises Italian language for non-native speakers as well as courses in Italian and Venetian culture, history, art and literature all year round.

The School offers Italian language courses that are **specifically designed for international exchange students** spending a study period at Ca' Foscari University.

The eligible students for these courses are Erasmus + exchange students, Overseas students and other interuniversity exchange students. Double and Joint degree students will be admitted according to the provisions of each project – please contact the School for more information

As an alternative, the School also offers Standard Italian courses held by highly qualified native speakers and offer students the possibility to acquire all skills in order to reach mastery of the Italian language according to the desired level. The courses cover **all levels**, from A1 to C2 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

Contact: **cfsie@unive.it**

USEFUL LINKS

Other learning opportunities at Ca' Foscari University of Venice

VIU: Venice International University (VIU) is an international higher education network on the island of San Servolo, just a few minutes away from St. Mark's square, the heart of the city of Venice. The mission of VIU is to promote the exchange of ideas and knowledge through advanced training and education in an international context. Each year VIU welcomes professors, researchers and over two hundred students of different nationalities who live together, study and learn on its campus. Moreover, VIU brings to the city of Venice and its mainland a prolific range of academic and scientific activities focused mainly on globalization, innovation, environmental sustainability and cultural heritage.

CLA: The University Language Center offers English courses from level A1 to level C2, as well as German, French, Russian, Spanish and Portuguese language courses from level A1 to level B1. Registration is compulsory.

Life in Venice

AAA: Tips on life in Venice

Housing Office: The office helps students to find a suitable and affordable accommodation in one of the student residences, flats or hotels that hold an agreement with Ca' Foscari University.

Welcome Guide: Students can find useful information on Ca' Foscari University, Venice and Italy in the Welcome Guide. Students will receive paper copies of the Guide at their arrival in Venice.

Buddy Program: A "Buddy" is a Ca' Foscari student who acts as a mentor to an international student, devoting free time to help international students settle into university life. They help international students to become familiar with university courses, with the various locations and services the University provides and with city life and its cultural environment.

Transportations in Venice

Videos about Ca' Foscari

Studying Beauty in Venice (IT): http://youtu.be/Q14IwI_6RJQ
Ca' Foscari - The Place I Want to Be: http://youtu.be/xGNJpjWnqUs
Cafoscarini Around the World: http://youtu.be/h4FmJ7miSD8
Studying in English in Venice: http://youtu.be/LdAXZv9pAQQ

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Facebook: facebook.com/cafoscari; facebook.com/groups/cafoscarinternational/

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/edu/school?id=13850

Instagram: www.instagram.com/cafoscari www.instagram.com/studentlifeinvenice

Twitter: https://twitter.com/cafoscari

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp5HM43r_5wV7kBhxAte4Cg

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