



Exchange Opportunities

The University of Bologna is part of a wide range of exchange programmes with universities located in Europe, North and South America, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

Contact the International Office at your university to find out if there are any exchange opportunities for you within the framework of international programmes such as Erasmus+ (including study and traineeship opportunities), Erasmus Mundus or any other inter-institutional agreements.

How to Apply

As a rule, the home university selects students wishing to spend a period abroad. Therefore, the methods, deadlines, requirements and selection criteria are set by your home university.

Teaching

Course Units

Exchange students can choose courses from the whole course catalogue available to local students, both at undergraduate and graduate level, with a few minor exceptions. Restrictions mainly apply to courses in Economics, Medicine and Architecture. The course catalogue is available online both in Italian and English www.unibo.it/CourseUnits

It provides information about learning outcomes, course contents, workload, bibliography and teaching

language (mainly Italian or English). Use the filters to select the campus/school, type, and language of the course units.

You may also carry out internships or write final dissertations.

Language Requirements

Before coming to the University of Bologna you are strongly advised to have at least basic knowledge (level A2) of the teaching language of the courses you would like to take, in order to be able to study and make the most of the lectures.

Most courses are in Italian, but there are increasingly more courses offered in English as well.

Please be aware that your home university may assess your language knowledge during the selection process.

Calendars and Timetables

Each school has its own lesson and exam timetable. The winter semester starts approximately in mid-September or October. The spring semester starts in February. Lessons may be annual, six monthly or divided into several sessions. The lesson timetables are set yearly, just before the start of the programme.

As soon as they are available, the calendars and timetables are published online. www.unibo.it/TimesandClassrooms

For some course units the calendars and timetables are also available in the course unit page. www.unibo.it/CourseUnits

Workload Credits

One Italian credit (CFU, Credito Formativo Universitario) equals one ECTS credit. One full year workload corresponds to 60 ECTS credits.

One ECTS credit equals 25 hours of student workload (including attending classes, individual study and project work, examination time). At the University of Bologna class hours for each credit may vary from 5 to 12. Make sure you take note of this when transferring the workload into systems other than the ECTS one. Credits are only gained if you pass the exams. Failed exams do not provide credits.

In most courses attendance is not mandatory and it is not monitored. Attendance alone is not sufficient for obtaining credits.

The final transcript of records will only list the successfully passed exams.

Services

Learning Italian. Free Italian language courses for exchange students

Right at the start of each semester you can take an Italian language course at your level of proficiency. This service is provided by the University Language Centre (CLA) in each Campus and is free of charge! You have to register online in time and sit a test and an oral exam in order to be admitted.

Passing the final test of the course will get you 5 credits which will be included in the transcript of records.

www.unibo.it/CLA

ICON Online Italian Language Course

Another way to improve your Italian is the ICON online course for prospective students. The course is free of charge and you can follow it directly from home, before your arrival.

www.unibo.it/ICONcourses

Accommodation

On each Campus you can use an accommodation service offering support to exchange students with finding accommodation in the university residences, colleges, short-stay accommodation or in private rented property.

The service is free of charge. Please, be aware that finding accommodation in Bologna may not be easy and you have to start looking for it well in advance.

Other Services

Exchange students benefit from the same services and opportunities offered to all students:

- Online services (personal homepage, email, Wi-Fi connection, Digital library)
- Libraries and study rooms
- University canteens and food courts
- Sport facilities
- University choir and orchestra
- Student associations and cultural initiatives
- Psychological support
- Discounts for cinemas, theatres and museums
- Immigration support and more

Practical information

Multi-campus

The University of Bologna has a multi-campus structure based in Bologna, Ravenna, Rimini, Cesena and Forlì. On each Campus you will find an International Relations Office for any administrative issues and all the student services. Each Campus has its own course catalogue. Take note of the Campus you have been assigned to and choose the course units delivered at your Campus.

Getting Around

The university buildings are scattered across the cities. Cesena, Forlì, Ravenna and Rimini are fairly small.

Distances are short and easy to reach on foot or by bike or public transport.

Bologna is larger in size. The University is located in the historical city centre where everything is still within walking or biking distance. Only a few schools are located in the outskirts and can be reached by public transport. Many students live in the so called "university district" inside the city centre, but accommodation just outside the city walls is also a good (and sometimes more affordable) option.

The city offers a rich cultural life, with theatres, cinemas, museums, music and cultural events.

Find out more: www.bolognawelcome.org

Cost of Living

Single Room Accommodation*: from € 300.00 to € 400.00 + bills per month

Shared Room Accommodation: from € 200.00 to € 270.00 + bills per month

Shopping at a supermarket for one week: about € 80.00

Meal in a pizzeria: about € 18.00

Breakfast in a bar (cappuccino and croissant): about € 2.40

Meal in a University canteen: from € 4.00 to € 6.65

Meal in a bar (drink and a sandwich): about € 6.00

Disco-pub in the city centre: about € 12.00

Bus ticket (valid for one hour): € 1.30

City-pass (bus ticket with 10 journeys): € 12.00

Student monthly ticket: € 27.00

First Release films: € 8.00 (there are reductions on particular days of the week, depending on the cinema)

Info & Cont@cts

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Ravenna Campus International Relations Office

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Rimini Campus International Relations Office

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Info for international exchange students: www.unibo.it/exchangestudents



What about the cities?

Emilia-Romagna stretches from the wetlands of the Po delta down to the beach resorts of the Adriatic coast, and across fertile plains where the signature ingredients of Italian cuisine are produced.... And in between eating and drinking, the magnificent cities of Bologna, Parma, Ferrara and Ravenna boast sumptuous Renaissance palaces, frescoed medieval and Romanesque churches, and unique Byzantine artworks which can all usually be enjoyed without queues or crowds.

(from the Guardian , 30 May 2015)

Fusing haughty elegance with down-to-earth grit in one beautifully colonnaded medieval grid, Bologna is a city of two intriguing halves. On one side is a hard-working, hi-tech city located in the super-rich Po valley where suave opera-goers waltz out of regal theatres and reconvene in some of the nation's finest restaurants and trattorias. On the other is a Bolshie, politically edgy city that hosts the world's oldest university and is famous for its graffiti-embellished piazzas filled with mildly inebriated students swapping Gothic fashion tips.

(from Lonely Planet web site)

Scrappy, scruffy Bologna could easily coast on its history, if not just on its culinary history....But modern Bologna is not just about the past. Dozens of cool new attractions have changed the face of the city, from new ways of eating to new museums and new bars. And although several of the city's brightest attractions have appeared only within the last two or three years, many more are yet to come...

(from The New York Times, 4 October 2015)

One reason Bologna is so lively is its huge student population: its university is the oldest in the world, dating back to 1088. Visitors are allowed into the old university library, where the ceilings are decorated with flamboyant frescoes, and into the dramatic 1637 anatomical theatre, where bodies used to be dissected.

(from the Guardian , 30 May 2015)

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Since its origins in 1088, the University of Bologna has been student-centred hosting prominent figures from science and the arts.

The teaching catalogue is diversified and tailored to the needs of present-day society and its degrees are widely recognized thanks to its international reputation: over 200 degree programmes among its 33 Departments and 11 Schools

are offered to over 85,000 students. A further 5,000 graduates are enrolled in PhDs and 3rd cycle programmes. Among international and joint-degree programmes, 36 are taught in English. All the degree programmes offer the opportunity to spend some time studying abroad thanks to student exchange agreements with universities all over the world.

Welcome to the University of Bologna

As a comprehensive research university Alma Mater has always invested in the multidisciplinary cross-cultural approach and in the inseparable connection between research and teaching. Bologna is one of the most active Universities leading and participating in European research and academic cooperation projects. It has formed knowledge alliances with industry and public/private organizations, and is a hub of international networks.

Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna is a public, independent, non-denominational and pluralistic institution based in five campuses within an area of 100 km in the Emilia Romagna region: Bologna, Cesena, Forlì, Ravenna, Rimini. The overseas branch in Buenos Aires coordinates research, post-graduate training and academic liaison with Latin America. Beyond its close European links, Bologna enjoys multiple international connections with North America, Africa, Asia and Australia ensuring a multicultural environment and support services to international students and faculty.



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