EDiSU Pavia: everything you need to know to study and live in Pavia

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The University of Pavia is one of the oldest universities in Italy, boasting over 650 years of history.

The University is articulated in 18 Departments that organise research and educational activities at different levels: undergraduate courses, graduate courses, undergraduate + graduate courses (in a single course of study), 1st and 2nd level MA degree and PhD courses.

More than 22,000 students are currently enrolled and for all of these the University manages a range of services (accommodation, canteens, scholarships, tutelage, etc.) through EDiSU (Ente di Diritto allo Studio Universitario).
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The network of Colleges is one of the distinguishing marks of excellence and competitiveness of Pavia’s Athenaeum, not only at national level.

A system that is unique both in quantity and in quality, hardly equaled by other universities, in which the residential element is fundamental for its multidisciplinarity, internationality, cultural integration, and development of new forms of knowledge.

A key factor when tuned to a range of needs and defined to offer quality services designed to support the right to access university education.
A factor that promotes (as surveys show) effective academic performance of students and completion of their course of study.

This is made possible also thanks to tutelage activities, conferences, supplementary lessons and courses, which in the last 3 years have steadily increased at the EDiSU facilities.

More specifically, it has been observed that the cultural and educational activities available in the Colleges can contribute to both reducing the time it takes students to complete their course of study and the number of dropouts.
Staying in a College offers many advantages that can be truly appreciated when one engages in the activities offered on a daily basis in the facility, which can be summarised in the following points:

☑ the presence of a Dean (University professor) who promotes and organises cultural events and checks in on the students’ progress in their studies;

☑ areas designed to allow students to study together, socialise, practice sports, cook and eat in the company of people from different countries and cultures;

☑ a range of services managed by the College that make daily life easier (Wi-Fi, a reception desk for receiving deliveries, no bills to pay, private off-road parking, bike storage area, etc.)
Cultural offerings

- foreign language courses
- multidisciplinary conferences
- assistance in preparing to enter the job world
- film club
- exhibits
- libraries
- study halls for individual or group activities

Sports activities are also held within the College and even arranged between Colleges.
The fact that students living in a College are engaged at all levels of university study makes it possible to organise study groups aiming to help overcome the hard times that students may encounter along their course of study.

EDiSU Colleges offer accommodation to young men and women arriving from all over the world: from European countries (ERASMUS programme), as well as from the United States and from African and Asian countries (especially China and India), allowing those who live in these facilities to enjoy a truly international atmosphere and to get to know different cultures and customs.
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HOW TO ACCESS EDiSU COLLEGES

If you wish to access for the first time an EDiSU College you must:

ENROL IN A PUBLIC COMPETITION, annually approved by the Agency and posted on the EDiSU website www.edisu.pv.it/Bandi; in it are contained the requirements, the terms and conditions, the criteria by which residential placements are assigned, services available in the Colleges, and annual fees.

SUBMIT APPLICATION ONLINE through the “Online Student Services” portal on the EDiSU website by the deadline stated in the announcement (usually the first days of August). You can submit your application EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT YET A REGISTERED STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA.
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Once the final ranking list is approved, ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENT RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS begins (September 10/15).

The student is contacted directly by the College to which he/she has been assigned.

All College placements are awarded for one academic year and can be confirmed year after year upon check of the student’s merit status and timely payment of fees. “Confirmation of placement” is given to the student directly in the College. The request can be submitted to the Dean.
WHAT IS THE EDiSU SCHOLARSHIP?

The scholarship is a benefit financed by public resources and awarded to “capable and deserving students lacking the necessary means” so as to allow them to access the highest levels of education.

It consists in a contribution dispensed partly in **MONEY** and partly in **SERVICES** offered to students FOR FREE: a daily meal + accommodation fees in an EDiSU College (when required).

Scholarship beneficiaries are exempted from the payment of university fees/taxes.
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The total value of the scholarship (minimum € 1,880,00/maximum € 5,139,00) depends on two factors:

• financial status of the student’s family unit (ISEE income bracket, ISEE for University indicator),
• place where the student resides (his/her officially registered residence) and evidence of relying on paid accommodation in Pavia for study purposes.

Students enrolled in the first year of a BA degree course who are scholarship beneficiaries can collect the sum provided by the scholarship only upon achieving an established number of university credits (CFU) by August 10th. These same students can still have access to the services provided by the scholarship as long as they reach the same number of credits by November 30th.
HOW TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP

If you would like to receive an EDiSU scholarship you must:

**ENROL IN A PUBLIC COMPETITION**, annually approved by the Agency and published on the EDiSU website in the “BANDI / ANNOUNCEMENTS” section, [www.edisu.pv.it/Bandi](http://www.edisu.pv.it/Bandi). In it are contained the terms and conditions of the competition, the income and merit requirements to be met in order to be considered eligible, the procedures by which the ranking lists are drawn up and by which benefits are assigned, the amount and value of the scholarships and of any scholarship supplements (additional sums for students with disability levels of 66% or higher, extra funds for international mobility).

**SUBMIT APPLICATION ONLINE** through the “Online Student Services” portal on the EDiSU website [www.edisu.pv.it](http://www.edisu.pv.it) by the deadline given in the announcement (September 30th) EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT YET A REGISTERED STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA.
HOW TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP

Check how evaluation procedures are going by consulting the **PROVISIONAL RANKING LIST**, which is made public at the end of October, and submitting, if necessary, any requests to “review the application”, accessing your “Online Student Services” area and uploading by November 30th any lease contract /notification stating that you are relying on paid accommodation.

Once the **FINAL RANKING LIST** is approved (by the end of December), **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ASSIGNED** in the amount established in the announcement; depending on additional funds defined at a later time, the NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES CAN BE EXTENDED TO possibly INCLUDE ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS INCLUDED IN THE RANKING LIST.
SUPPLEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

Scholarship beneficiaries and students deemed eligible despite not benefiting from a scholarship can compete for the assignment of special funds reserved for international mobility if, during the academic year, they should take part in international exchange projects whose study abroad programme is acknowledged and certified by the University of Pavia’s International Mobility Office.

In addition to contributions already awarded to the student by the University (European funds / funds from outside Europe / private or public funds), EDiSU intervenes by adding the sum needed to reach the total monthly contribution of € 550,00 for the entire length of the stay abroad, up to a maximum of ten months.

A fixed contribution to cover travel costs is also awarded.
SCHOLARSHIP ADDITIONS

SUPPLEMENT FOR DISABILITIES

Students with certified disabilities (with a level of disability of 66% or higher), both scholarship beneficiaries and those eligible for a scholarship, can be granted additional resources aiming to help with expenses and facilitate university attendance.
ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY CANTEENS

All students registered at the University of Pavia have access to the 5 university canteens where they can consume a complete meal that is both healthy and well-balanced, with a wide variety of dishes to choose from, in large and comfortable dining halls where they can socialise; all this at a very convenient price (maximum price for a complete meal: € 5,50).

To gain access to the canteens, you must every year SUBMIT AN ONLINE REQUEST using the “Online Student Services” portal on the EDiSU website www.edisu.pv.it. When applying for the first time you must also pick up your TESSERA MENSA/CANTEEN CARD (you can also use your Ateneo Card) at the EDiSU Helpdesk (via Calatafimi 11 – Pavia).
MEALS ARE AT SPECIAL PRICES FOR ALL STUDENTS, but **further price reductions are available** if you submit a request by October 26th providing evidence of meeting certain financial requirements (ISEE for University indicator equal to or less than € 23.000 and ISPE indicator equal to or less than € 50.000).
SPECIAL GRANTS

Students who are NOT already benefiting from a scholarship for the current academic year can have access to a special grant (from € 500 to € 1,300) if:

1. they are facing serious financial or family issues (i.e. sudden change in financial-family status due to a parent being laid off or relying on a Redundancy Fund, serious illness, separation or divorce of parents, death of parents and other circumstances);
2. they do not possess the merit status required to receive a scholarship due to health or family issues, which must be duly certified;
3. they have contracted diseases that have jeopardized their normal academic performance;
4. are dealing with situations not contemplated in current regulations concerned with the right to access education.
SPECIAL GRANTS

In order to receive this benefit, regulated by a competition announcement, students must **SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION ONLINE** by March 31\textsuperscript{st} using the “**Online Student Services**” portal on the EDiSU website [www.edisu.pv.it](http://www.edisu.pv.it).

Depending on the resource allocation plan defined annually by EDiSU for this purpose, a specific committee establishes the criteria and evaluates the conditions under which to assign special grants.