International Students Welcome Week

2018

Useful information about our University

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Useful facts about Italy

**Fact 1**

**Italian system:**
3 year bachelor degree and 2 year master degree.

To access a master degree you have to gain a bachelor degree first.

**Fact 2**

The academic year starts at the beginning of October.

Holidays: Christmas, Easter and summer.

Check the academic calendar of your department!

**Fact 3**

The academic year is divided in 2 semesters.

Exam sessions: at the end of each semester there is an ordinary exam session plus an extra session in September.
Professors and tutors

For each class there is one or few professors in charge of the organization of the course and of the exam. They will decide your final mark.

Usually they are academic experts on the subject you are willing to study.

Professors may be helped by tutors.

UNIPV e-mail address

Once you are enrolled you are going to get a UNIPV e-mail address.

It is a gmail account.

UNIPV and teachers will send official communications on this e-mail box and you can use it to communicate with teachers.
Pavia is a university town, this means that there is no single campus for everything but departments and offices are scattered around town.
Timetables are published on the department website.

Staff working on timetables will check that classes of the same year and same major do not overlap.

If you choose classes from different years they may overlap. In this case try to contact the professor, there may be a solution to your problem!!
Online learning material “KIRO”

Your login and password are the same for the wi-fi.

Choose the degree course and “enroll” to the single course you are interested to attend.

N.B. Books and a lot more can be found in your specialized library!
Additional methods of distribution of learning material

Some courses have additional ways to distribute learning material (ex. Facebook groups reserved to each academic year)
WHAT?!? EXAMS?!?!?
WHY?!?!?!?
Attending classes is plenty to understand your chosen subject but it is not enough to get credits.
In order to get credits you have to pass the final examination.

1) written test
2) oral exam
3) it can be divided into two parts, one is a written test and one is an oral test (the final mark is an average)
4) it can be divided in three parts: a project and two parts.

The professor in charge of the class will tell you how he/she organizes the exam ---> check the syllabus!
EXAMS @ UNIPV: HOW?

EXAM CALENDAR

Each class you are going to follow will have few dates set for the final examination in the exam calendar.

You can choose between these fixed dates and if for any reason you cannot take the exam on the chosen date or you do not pass it: do not worry!

You can choose the next one.

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

1) Choose the date;
2) Register from your personal UNIPV area within 2 days of the exam date.

In order to register you will be asked to give us feedback on the course by completing an online survey!
Online Students Area called “ESSE3” or “Area Riservata”

From here you are going to:

- Register for the exam in the “Exam sessions” area;
- Register for just part of exam (only if the professor tell you to do so) in the “Partial Exam” area;
- Check the list of your registrations to the exams in the “Booking notice board;”
- Check your result in the “Result notice board”.

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For each exam here you can find the date from when you can register to the deadline.

### Booking Exam sessions

This area shows the sessions that can be booked to date, only for the academic activities already in your booklet.

**Exam sessions available for subjects in your own booklet**

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### Exam Sessions Booking Board

**status of bookings made up to 17/07/2018**

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Yeahhhhhhhhh!
Wait...HOW!?!?

You pass if you get a mark of at least 18 out of 30 (min 18/max 30 and 30 cum laude).

If your exam is divided into parts (i.e. a written test and an oral interview), professors may decide to use the average mark of the two parts or to just use the final mark.
Yeah!!! You passed the exam!

The professor will publish online your result and you are going to get an email

BUT

- you don’t like your mark and you think you can do better. NO PROBLEM: within 5 days from when you get the e-mail with your grade, access your personal area on the UNIPV website and refuse your grade from here. You can try again in the next exam date on the calendar

OR

- you do like your grade! GREAT: just let 5 days pass and then the professor will register your grade online.
EXAMS @ UNIPV:TIPS

Useful tips for Erasmus students:
If the course is not on your learning agreement you will not be able to register online and take the exam.

Useful tips for international students:
You will only be able to attend classes and take exams of courses you have chosen in your study plan. Remember to submit your study plan from the 22nd of October to the 12th of November.
Already regretting it...?
You should not...
you have a great experience ahead!!
Culture shock

1. Honeymoon :)  
2. Culture shock / Frustration :(  
3. Adjustment :|  
4. Acceptance/ Mastery :)
Get out of your...
Challenge yourself

Ciao  Ciao

Set yourself a goal each day of interacting with at least one new person, whether that’s a shop assistant or a bartender.

Some suggestions
There is wisdom in turning as often as possible from the familiar to the unfamiliar: it keeps the mind nimble, it kills prejudice, and it fosters humor.

George Santayana, ‘The Philosophy of Travel’
Psychological Support for International Students

A team of postgraduates in the field of psychology is willing to help!

More info: www.unipv.it/harveymedicine/psychological-support
Who are we?
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MORE
University in Italy (not just us) use **30-point scale**. In order to **pass an exam it is necessary to gain a credit at least of 18**. A grade below 18, from 0 to 17, means that the student has failed the exam. **Students only gain credits if they pass the exam.**

The maximum grade that is possible to get is 30. A professor may add a “laude” to a 30 grade for exceptional examinations.

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At the end of each study program, the average exam grade of each student is calculated and translated on a scale, a **degree ranking**, that goes from zero to one hundred and ten points. To this number, students may then acquire extra points during their thesis defense, graduating with a score that cannot exceed the maximum grade of 110 e lode.

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*ECTS: European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

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