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Welcome

Dear International Students and Scholars,

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Economics and Management of the University of Pisa.

The Department of Economics and Management is one of the biggest departments of the University of Pisa, including more than 70 professors and researchers, and more than 4,000 students both at the under and post graduate level, coming from every region of Italy as well as other European countries and the rest of the world.

We are glad to welcome undergraduate students, graduate students, as well as visiting scholars and, in order to guide and assist them at our department, we established the International Relations Office (IRO).

IRO specifically provides a number of services to foreign students (such as, pick-up and buddy services) and scholars. Furthermore, it assists and supports the department staff for applying to international projects and in international activities.

This booklet aims at providing our visiting students and scholars with some information regarding the teaching offer and the facilities of our department, as well as our city and geographical region, which can be useful to start their stay at Pisa in the best way.

Thank you again for your interest in our institution and we are sure that studying or visiting the Department of Economics and Management in Pisa will be a fruitful experience, full of pleasant surprises.

Prof. Nicola Meccheri
International Relations and IRO Coordinator



Our Department

The **University of Pisa**, one of the oldest in the world, has been extraordinarily successful in updating and maintaining its infrastructure and human resources to meet the new challenges of international research and education.

The University of Pisa is committed to promoting **quality** in all areas of research and teaching, and to making all our programmes available to an increasing number of international students and researchers.

Especially in the recent years, the Department has been strongly increasing its international activities. Each year, thanks to many bilateral agreements with European universities in the Erasmus+ framework and other international projects with university institutions all around the world, the Department hosts about 150 visiting students and scholars.

In both semesters, we activate a number of international courses taught in English at the undergraduate education level. At the postgraduate education level, we offer a **MSc in Economics**, which is a standard two-year master program in collaboration (joint-degree) with the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, and two one-year master programmes – the **MBA** (Master of Business and Administration) and the **MRM** (Master in Risk Management) – which are totally held in English. Moreover, we also provide a **PhD programme** in Business Studies and participate to the PhD of Economics of the University of Siena.

Relative to research activity, it covers a lot of topics in the major fields of Economics, Finance, Business Studies and Applied Mathematics and Statistics. In the recent years, we have been participating into **Jean Monnet Activities** promoting excellence of teaching and research in the field of European studies around the world, and many projects of our Department have been awarded by the European Union under this framework.





Our Programmes

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

AUDITING AND MANAGEMENT CONTROL

Spring Semester - 6 ECTS

The objective of the course is to provide students with a background on management auditing and management control principles and techniques. The programme varies according to the student background, but generally includes the following topics: internal auditing, management auditing, risk assessment and management control systems.

BASIC OF MATHEMATICS FOR ECONOMICS

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The course focuses on the following topics: sequences, series; basic Integration theory; complex numbers. Prerequisites: a basic course in mathematics.

BUSINESS PLANNING

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The objective of the course is to provide students with an operative approach to business planning process. The course can be divided into two parts. In the first part, the aim is to discuss about the business plan contents. In the second part, the students can elaborate a real business plan for a start-up with the support of business men.

CLASSICAL ECONOMICS

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The course provides the basic elements of Value, Capital and Accumulation within Classical Economics. Students must be familiar with the standard tools of microeconomics, elementary algebra, and elementary mathematical analysis. Some knowledge of models of economic growth is recommended, but is not required.

CONSUMPTION CULTURE AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The course provides a theoretical account of consumption as a cultural activity: consumers interact with each other, with the market, and socio-cultural institutions by means of consumption acts and activities thus expressing their identity. As such, consumption can be seen as both a collective cultural phenomenon and an individual, subjective activity through which consumers contribute to the development and change of consumption and popular culture. The course will describe various facets of this process.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSABILITY IN BUSINESS AND SOCIETY

Spring Semester - 6 ECTS

The course consists of a set of lectures on the importance of CSR and other soft law policies vs. hard law. Students will understand the concept of CSR and become familiar with different soft law policies, while also discussing the relevance and limitations of hard law.

COST ACCOUNTING

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The course aims at providing students with a solid background about the basic topics on cost measurement.

FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES IN THE EURO AREA

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

The course reviews the fiscal and monetary policies in the euro area. Fiscal policies are conducted individually by each country, although within the many constraints imposed by the euro area institutional framework (including the Maastricht Treaty, the Stability and Growth Pact, the Fiscal Compact). The pros and cons of expansionary fiscal policies, especially in the context of the euro area crisis, will also be analyzed, in order to identify their effects on public debt, interest rates, GDP growth and so on. At the end of the course the student will be able to analyze and discuss critically the conduct of fiscal and monetary policies in the euro area.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND IAS/IFRS

Winter Semester - 6 ECTS

This course will build upon prior studies in financial accounting but also convert them into a detailed understanding and knowledge of how international financial reporting standards can be applied in practice.

FIXED INTEREST SECURITIES: THEORY AND APPLICATIONS

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

The course is focused on market prices of fixed interest securities and the interest rate term structure. Immunization portfolios using duration and convexity and swap markets.

FOOD QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The course objective is to provide students with a thorough coverage on food and food quality. The course arises from the need to address the growing demand for highly qualified professionals able to operate in such a strategic sector of the international productive landscape. It will address legislation in this sector, marketing and communication, nutrition, the food supply chain, management control, food processes and technology.

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

The course objective is to examine the characteristics of international health systems with particular reference to the context of English, French, Italian, German and American. For each context it analyzes institutional profiles, the funding system, the actors, types of access and coverage.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENT

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The course focuses on the development of relational competencies in an organizational context. The objective of the course is to increase the ability of understanding others and their emotions; investigating other's perspective through listening and questioning; influencing others through communication; conducting an organized discussion inside a group; dealing with and resolve difficult interpersonal situations.



INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

This course surveys some major topics in the field of Industrial Organization (IO). It also serves as a foundation course to prepare the student for further study in the field of IO.

Acquired competencies and abilities will permit students to understand how price and non-price competition among firms, as well as strategic behavior in oligopolistic markets affect economic welfare and market structure. The knowledge that the student will derive from the course is useful to understand firm behavior and markets functioning, as well as to prepare the student for further study in IO.

MANAGEMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE INSTITUTIONS

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS)

The course addresses managerial issues in modern banking and insurance. It describes main bank business model and how they evolved, with a major focus on commercial banking and illustrates commercial banks' services and policies in funding and lending activities with Basel III. the policyholder protection; the prudential regulation (Solvency II).

PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

The course is an introduction of global economic development; poverty and inequality; policies for growth and development; ecological sustainability; environmental kuznets curve; energy economics; happiness and wellbeing; social and ecological limits to growth.

RISK MANAGEMENT IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

The objective of the course is to provide knowledge on risk management in banks and banks' capitalization. To this end the course focuses on risk management matters, efficiency, capital rules and supervision in Europe, in order to understand the extent each one of these factors really contributes to the soundness of banks and to their survival.

SERVICE MARKETING

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

Some topics of the course include the nature of services, marketing framework and the marketing mix for services, service encounter, human factor and service quality. This course focuses on the key elements (culture, communications, strategy, operations, people and technology) that marketers must integrate to establish and sustain service excellence and provide customer value.

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

The course provides insights on different aspects of Social Media Marketing and shows how Social Media fits into and complements the marketer's toolbox. With the emergence of these technologies, anyone can contribute, distribute and publish ideas, attitudes and aspirations. This rapidly changing environment offers new opportunities and challenges to marketers. The course melds theory with practical application



STATISTICAL DATA ANALYSIS I

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The course is focused on hypothesis testing (difference between means and proportions); analysis of variance (ANOVA) and the linear regression model. Requirements: Basic knowledge of statistical inference.

STATISTICAL DATA ANALYSIS II

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

The aim of the course is to introduce students who have already studied the basic concepts of statistical inference and of the linear regression model to the analysis of categorical data, with a special focus on generalized linear models. The course will first introduce the distributions and inference for categorical data and for contingency tables. Then, the course will introduce generalized linear models. The course will then focus on logistic regression.

STATISTICAL METHODS FOR POLICY EVALUATION AND CAUSAL INFERENCE

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

This course is an introduction to the inferential statistical methods for program evaluation. The statistical concepts are illustrated using data and real examples, focusing on the methods used for causal inference in public policy contexts.

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

Winter Semester - 3 ECTS

The objective of the course is to provide students with the fundamentals of business strategy, with particular focus on the competitive strategy in the era of e-commerce and on the business model of a company.

THE ECONOMICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Spring Semester - 6 ECTS

The course provides a short history of the process of European integration and some basic elements on the institutions of the European Union. It will analyze other matters, such as the theoretical justification for free trade in Europe, the microeconomics of integration, the Single European Market and the European Economic and Monetary Union.

WELFARE AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF THE EU

Spring Semester - 3 ECTS

The course aims to analyze some economic issues of the European Union , with particular reference to those pertaining to multiple jurisdictions fiscal federalism and tax competition . The course will also discuss and analyze some intertemporal issues, such as social security systems, public debt and economic growth.





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Our Programmes

2-YEAR MASTER COURSES



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

The MSE Programme provides students with an **advanced training in economics** supported by the complementary quantitative and statistical tools. The central aim of the program is to enhance the **abilities of students of analyzing economic phenomena at different levels: firm, industry, national and international.**

This range of skills represents the ideal foundation for the development of professionals able to interpret the fast-changing economic environments of the 21st century.

This two-year degree is designed for students aiming at intensive career paths in dynamic firms and corporations, consultancies and public organizations. It offers a solid foundation for those willing to pursue an academic career in the field of economics or other professional activities characterized by a strong research content.

The Faculty of the programme has attained **an outstanding international reputation** for research excellence in many areas of economics. The Master degree is jointly awarded by the University of Pisa and the **Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- Applications can be submitted by **graduate and undergraduate students**, the latter are expected to graduate before the closing date for enrollment (December 31).
Admitted undergraduate applicants can enroll only after graduation.

- In order to gain admission to the MSE programme, the applicant's curriculum studiorum must meet some **minimal requirements** (a minimum number of credits in some key disciplines: <http://mse.ec.unipi.it/admission-2013-2014/requirements-for-admission>).

- The candidate must possess a **good knowledge at the undergraduate level of the theoretical and quantitative tools** (mathematics and statistics) needed to profitably attend the MSE program.

- All candidates must be able to understand and express themselves both in **spoken and in written English**: the minimum level required is B2 in the CEFR.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Economics is a standard **two year** master programme (120 ECTS), completely taught in English.

Mandatory and fundamental teaching activities take place in the first year; in the second year, teaching activities are mostly elective and a student can select a personal specialization track toward the final Master Dissertation.

The **structure** of the Master in Economics is the following:

FIRST YEAR (60 ECTS)

Advanced Econometrics (9 ECTS)

Advanced Macroeconomics (12 ECTS)

Advanced Microeconomics (12 ECTS)

Advanced Statistics (9 ECTS)

SECOND YEAR (60 ECTS)

Curriculum General Economics (GE)

Student's choice for a total of 12 ECTS:

Auditing and Management control (6 ECTS)

Business and Society (6 ECTS)

Corporate Finance (6 ECTS)

Economics of Management and Innovation (6 ECTS)

Financial Accounting and IAS/IFRS (6 ECTS)

Student's choice for a total of 24 ECTS

Analysis of European Data by Small Area Methods (9 ECTS)

Analysis of Survey data and Small Area Estim. (6 ECTS)

Computational Economics (6 ECTS)

Economic Growth in History (9 ECTS)

Economic Policy (6 ECTS)

European Local Indicators of Poverty and Living

Condition (9 ECTS)

Curriculum General Economics (GE)

Mathematical Methods for Economics (12 ECTS)

European Economic Law (6 ECTS)

Curriculum in Official Statistics (OS)

Official Statistics (Internship) (12 ECTS)

European Economic Law (6 ECTS)

European Stat. System and Data Product. Model (6 ECTS)

Financial Economics (9 ECTS)

Globalization and Economic Development (6 ECTS)

History of Economic thought (6 ECTS)

Industrial Economics (6 ECTS)

Labour Economics in a European Perspective (6 ECTS)

Public Economics (9 ECTS)

Quantitative Economics for European Union (9 ECTS)

Statistical Models for Program Evaluation (6 ECTS)

Survey Methods (6 ECTS)

The Economics of European Regions: Theory, Empirics and Policy (9 ECTS)

The Economics of European Union (6 ECTS)

Time Series Econometrics (6 ECTS)

Student's free choice (9 ECTS)

Final dissertation (15 ECTS)

SECOND YEAR (60 ECTS)

Curriculum in Official Statistics (OS)

Student's choice for a total of 12 ECTS

Auditing and Management control (6 ECTS)

Business and Society (6 ECTS)

Corporate Finance (6 ECTS)

Economics of Management and Innovation (6 ECTS)

European Stat. System and Data Prod. Model (6 ECTS)

Financial Accounting and IAS/IFRS (6 ECTS)

Survey Methods (6 ECTS)

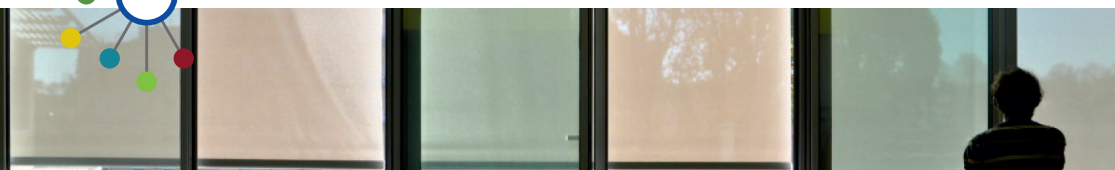
Student's choice for a total of 6 ECTS

Analysis of Survey data and Small Area Estimation (6 ECTS)

Time Series Econometrics (6 ECTS)

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Our Programmes

1-YEAR MASTER COURSES



MBA

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

January 2018- January 2019

75 ECTS - **TOTALLY HELD IN ENGLISH**

The **MBA programme** is particularly suitable for people who want to enhance **economic and managerial skills** and aspire to improve their value in the job market or step up in their career path. The MBA students acquire the right competences for working as **managers in public and private companies as well as consulting firms.**

WHY CHOOSING OUR MBA?

- Internationality of our students

Our classes are made up of more than 90% of foreign students (18-20 different nationalities per year - out of 30/32 students)

- **Class size**

No more than 30 students accepted

- **Internationality of the Faculty**

Teachers come from different Institutions in Italy and from several foreign Universities/Business Schools (Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Spain, UK, USA).

- **Innovative programme**

The course's plan includes modules on «Entrepreneurship» and on «Doing Business in Emerging Economies»

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

The **ideal candidate** of our MBA course is a **young graduate**. We do not consider only college performance and professional skills, but also **view point and ambitions, motivations and objectives.**

The MBA is open to **graduates in all disciplines**. The perfect MBA class is based on **diversity**: we are looking for different educational and professional backgrounds, nationalities, cultures and personal experiences and goals.



The MBA program in Pisa is one of the most challenging, transforming and enriching experiences I have undertaken in my life - an experience I will look back on as an important and positive turning point. The rigorous curriculum, top-notch international professors and world-class faculty form the Pisa MBA framework transforms students into dynamic business leaders.

Man Sum
(MBA Student from Hong Kong)

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

It is a **12-month full time** programme, covering a full range of general management issues. The programme is articulated in **2 terms**.

The **first term** (January - July) is dedicated to the **lectures and business game**. The **second term** (July-January) is dedicated to the **Master Thesis** which can be either a **research project** or an **internship-based project** into one of Master Network's Companies.

The **courses** are **one-week or two-weeks courses**:

Introduction to management (1 week); Team building and personal development (1 week); Financial Reporting and Analysis (2 weeks); Marketing principles (1 week); Corporate finance (2 weeks); Financial Markets (1 week); Organizational behaviour and human capital (2 weeks); Cost management (1 week); Budgeting and Management reporting (1 week); Entrepreneurship (1 week); Marketing management (2 weeks); Auditing and Corporate governance (2 weeks); Doing Business in Emerging economies (2 weeks); Strategy (2 weeks).

The **teaching formula** consists of morning lectures followed by cases and exercises in the afternoons.

The exams will be based on group works, group presentations and individual tests.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- A university degree.
- Certificate of English Language (TOEFL/IELTS is recommended)
- 1 or 2 years of work experience

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Our Programmes

1-YEAR MASTER COURSES



MRM

MASTER IN RISK MANAGEMENT

October 2017- October 2018
60 ECTS - **TOTALLY HELD IN ENGLISH**

The **Master Risk Management (MRM)** is a full time Master course organized by the Department of Economics and Management in collaboration with **some prominent Italian and international financial institutions, banks and pension funds**.

The course is meant to provide students with specific theoretical and practical skills to manage the main sources of risk characterizing financial markets, insurance institutions, pension funds or business.

The novelty of the MRM is that it is inspired by an **interdisciplinary approach**. This key feature is connected to the evidence that globalization needs managers able to analyze risk under different points of view and suggest integrated solutions.

The graduates will be endowed with **strong analytic tools** and advanced methodologies for risk management, which will be taught by both prominent international academic faculty and managers from financial, insurance and business institutions.

COURSE PROGRAMME

After six months of classes, in which both faculty academics and professional managers will alternate, in the second term the students must elaborate a **project work**, either as a research work or as a report on an internship-based activity of at least three months.

Such internship opportunity will be provided by the MRM, thanks to the partners participating in its Corporate Network, or by the students themselves. All applicants benefit from the University of Pisa's student policy and facilities.





During the course, I tried to acquire as much as possible knowledge for my career ahead. I am glad to say that during the year of Master Risk Management course I have significantly improved my knowledge and competence in making decisions in regards to asset management, and I have acquainted with great, humble and aspiring people.

Rudolfs
(MRM Student from Latvia)

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The MRM is a **12-month full time programme** covering a full range of risk management topics. It will involve **two types** of activities:

- 50 Credits: Lectures/Business Game
- 10 Credits: Master Thesis. It can be either a research project or an internship-based project.

The lectures will be organised as follows:

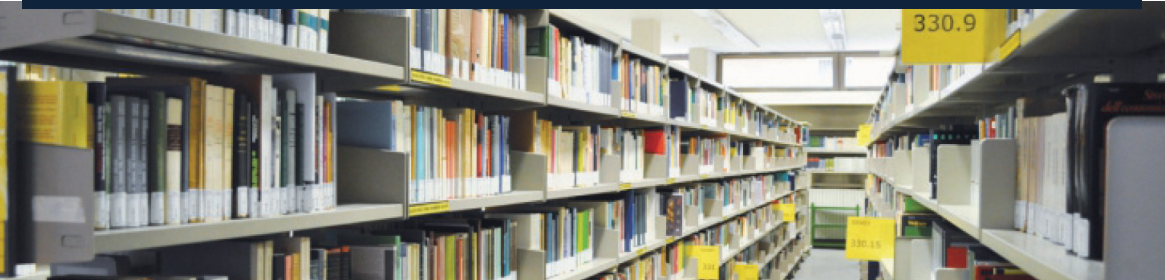
Informatic tools for Risk Management; Stochastic process and applications in Risk Management; Micro and Macro for Finance and Insurance; Econometrics for Financial Markets (I) and Econometrics for Financial Markets (II); Risk Management, Governance and Internal Control; Finance and Derivatives; Insurance Risk Evaluation and Management; Economics and risk management of pension funds; Credit and liquidity risk; Risk evaluation and reporting.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- A university degree.
- Two reference letters.
- Proficiency in English both spoken and written (TOEFL/IELTS is recommended, but may be substituted by a test administered by the University of Pisa), if English is not your native language.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

The **International Relations Office** coordinates **various international programmes** to manage the rich degree of internationalization of the Department:

- promotes the mobility exchange of professors and researchers within various international bilateral agreements.
- organizes student exchanges through European Erasmus+ programme and other international bilateral agreements.
- supports local international students and their network.
- is responsible for the application and admission of foreign students, providing them with information on procedures and admission requirements, guiding them through the process of registration as well as organizing their arrival at the Department of Economics and Management.
- supports students for all their needs and requests during their stay.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SERVICES

Welcome week

During the week before the beginning of lessons, in September and in February, the IRO organizes a **welcome week for foreign students**.

The programme consists of a meeting with the Exchange Programmes Coordinator and the IRO staff, a tour of the Department (library, computing centre, studying rooms, etc.), a tour of the City and the campus, recreational activities with other students and assistance in looking for accommodation. The welcome week is compulsory for every incoming student.



Buddy Service

The Buddy Service is the assistance provided by Italian students to a foreign one from his or her arrival in Pisa and during the whole welcome week. Your buddy provides you with the information you need about the Department, the city, University's facilities/procedures. They assist you in searching for an accommodation. Before their arrival, all incoming students will receive an e-mail containing the buddy's name, e-mail address and phone number to get in touch with her or him directly.



Pick-up service

A pick-up service is offered during the welcome week by the buddies, provided that you inform them of the day and time of your arrival. The buddies will take you to the hotel or to a hostel of your choice and to the Department.



Academic calendar

The academic year is divided into **two semesters**: winter and spring semester. Courses of the winter term start the **last week of September** and end in the **second week of December**; the courses of the spring term start the **third week of February** and end by the end of May.

Exams of the Winter term are in January and early February, while those of the Spring term take place between 1st of June and the end of July.

CFU and ECTS credits

The Italian university system is based on **CFU (credits)**.

All courses held in our Department are measured by a number of credits (CFUs) varying from **6 to 12 points**.

Each student should have an average learning workload of 60 CFU per year (1500 hours).

The ECTS credits are equivalent to our CFU, meaning that **1 CFU equals 1 ECTS**. Credits are obtained by passing exams or by other types of evaluations. Credits are not marks.





Italian Marks

The exams result is evaluated using points from **0 to 30**; 18 is the pass mark while 30 is the maximum mark. Students may get the “lode” (cum laude) if their examination is excellent.

Before leaving Pisa, you have to give back your booklet to the International Relations Office.

It contains a record of the exams passed, the marks and the number of CFUs you attained.

You will be given a transcript of records that has to be handed to your home university.

How to apply for exams

The application for taking exams is online:

<https://esami.unipi.it/esami2/elencoappelli.php>

In order to apply for an exam you need a username and a password. These data will be provided during your matriculation.

You should apply for the exam from 10 to 2 days before the exam date. The exam schedule is published online on the Department web page.



Department's Facilities

The library

The "Library of Economics" is on the ground floor of the Department.

It is one of the most popular areas as students can use all the materials freely. All the texts are on **open shelves** and students are allowed to read or study them in the library.

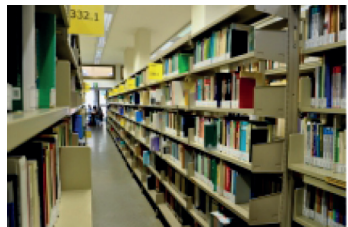
There are 208 seats, 36 of which have notebook access, 8 PCs to read catalogues and databases and a workspace for partially-sighted people.

The library has **111,000 volumes, 1,600 journals and thousands of e-journals, dictionaries, codes, encyclopaedias, bibliographies.**

The Library provides:

Internet Wireless connection; an information service to help students to use the material and do their research; photocopiers that can be used by buying a card; electronic lockers for students; a book loan service, including a self loan.

<http://www.sba.unipi.it/en>



Computing Center

The computing centre provides rooms and labs where students can work and print their texts, and check their email accounts.

The Computing Centre has four rooms with 90 computers: Mac and Window laboratories.

<http://www.sid.unipi.it/>



Department café

The Café provides daily quick hot and cold meals, and a wide range of sandwiches, snacks, drinks and ice creams, all at reduced prices for students. It is a good place to meet other students and enjoy your study breaks.

Food is available throughout the day:

- 7:30 am - 7:30 pm from Monday to Friday.
- 7:30 am - 1:00 pm on Saturday

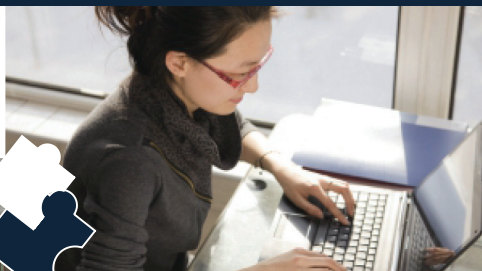
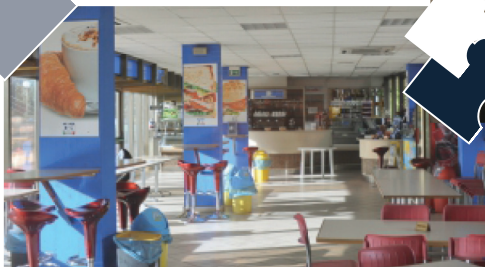
Language multimedia laboratory

The multimedia lab is equipped with 26 workstations for an interactive study of foreign languages. Its advanced technology allows every use of multimedia materials for the learning of foreign languages and other subjects.

Bookshop

Self-Service train tickets machine

ATM



University Facilities

Dining Halls

The University of Pisa offers a **low-price restaurant service** to its students. There are several dining halls distributed across the city, which provide meals (lunch and dinner) all days.

The complete meal costs about 4,00 euros, but the students can also choose a light meal.

To access the dining hall you must have a **student card** received after enrollment.

Sports

The students can participate in several activities organised by the University Sport Centre of Pisa (C.U.S.).

The Centre provides a wide range of sports facilities such as athletics, rowing, gymnastics, grass hockey, wrestling, basketball, rugby, volley ball and fencing.

The Centre has modern facilities and it is used by many students.

Libraries

The library and archive system of the University of Pisa is made up of 17 libraries, as well as the University archives and the Centre of documentation for administrative services.

The libraries are used by a large number of students to carry out research or study.





Italian language course

Free Italian language courses are offered by the CLI to all exchange students. Students are required to take an Entry Test to establish their knowledge level of the language.

At the end of the course, students will obtain an Attendance certificate if they do not miss more than 20% of the lessons.

The CLI also issues a Certificate of Language Knowledge once students have passed the final test, which gives them 4 ECTS.

Museum

The University of Pisa has built up over time an extraordinary museum heritage. The collections and the museums recount some of the most important stages of the evolution of scientific thought and European culture up until today.

The Museum System is divided into structures (offices, museums and collections), found mainly in the historic centre of the city.

Study rooms

The five study rooms are open from morning until late at night and are open on bank holidays.

Usid

The University of Pisa manages an assistance service for students with special needs. There is an office, USID, which provides assistance with special technological tools, didactic and specialized tutoring, management of timetables and lecture rooms, transport and individual assistance.





Housing

The main matter for our students and international students is **accommodation**. Usually, incoming students share a flat with other Italian or international colleagues. We create a specific departmental **Buddy Programme** which assist them in finding flats or rooms to be shared.

Student can easily find a place to live, especially if they are willing to share an apartment with other university students.

To find accommodation, you can also:

- contact the University **Residence Le Benedettine** (<http://en.residence.unipi.it/>)
- real estate agencies;
- look at adverts published on bulletin boards in the University Departments; and in the dining halls;
- consult specific websites or FB webpages;
- seek assistance from the DSU Toscana;

The average cost of a single room is about €350 per month.

<https://www.unipi.it/index.php/accommodation>

Health

Free registration to the Italian National Health Service (SSN) guarantees medical care for all Italian citizens as well as all EU and non-EU citizens.

www.unipi.it/health-insurance





Free Time

Pisa is a university city full of life. Its centre boasts a wide range of meeting places: bars, pubs, restaurants, pizzerias, discos and live music pubs.

Around Piazza Garibaldi and Piazza delle Vettovaglie you have the chance to plunge into the heart of a **youthful lifestyle** and enjoy the classic “happy hour” in one of the many bars of this area.

The cultural life in Pisa revolves around **museums, cultural associations, cinemas and theatres** where programmes of events include theatre, concerts, opera, dance and other forms of entertainment.

During the year you can participate in several events with **specific discount for students**

During the month of June many events are organized, which is why residents call it “**giugno pisano**”.

Moving around the city

Bicycles are the most comfortable and popular means of transport.

In the historic centre of Pisa, you can move around quickly and safely on a bike. You can hire a bike or subscribe to Ciclopi, the new bike sharing service in Pisa (www.ciclopi.it).

Buses (LAM) are also available with a reduced fee for students.

Opening a bank account

Before opening a bank account, it is useful to check the fees charged by different banks.

To open a bank account you should go to a local bank with your passport or identity card. You will be also required to show a certificate of your student status and your Italian tax code.



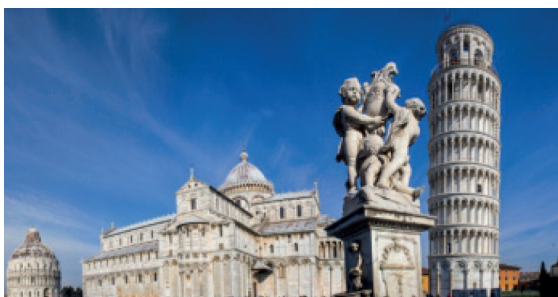


Pisa and the surrounding areas

Probably the most important thing you need to know before coming to Pisa is where Tuscany is located, how far is it from where you live, and which towns, cities and areas make up this Region.

The city of Pisa is close to many other important and famous cities in Tuscany and in Liguria, such as Florence, Lucca, Livorno, Genova and other minor centers of great beauty such as Volterra and Cinque Terre. All these cities can be easily reached by public transportation or by car. The immediate surrounding region is, however, very rich in lesser known natural and artistic treasures, which well deserve to be discovered and appreciated during your holiday in Pisa.

Moreover, Pisa is only few kilometers away from the beach and from very popular resorts such as Versilia and Viareggio, Forte dei Marmi, Marina di Pietrasanta. The closest beach towns, Marina di Pisa and Tirrenia, can be reached in 10 to 20 minutes, by car, bus or train.



Pisa the city of the Leaning Tower and more

The city of Pisa rises above the banks of Arno, just before the mouth of the river at Marina of Pisa. It is one of the most important cities in Tuscany and it is extremely well-known in the world, because of its famous symbol: the Leaning Tower.

Pisa is both an ancient and modern city. On the one hand, it is proud of its past, when it was a Maritime Republic and became a world power during the Middle Ages. On the other hand, now is famous for having three of the most important universities in Italy: The Scuola Normale Superiore, the Sant'Anna school of Advance Studies and the University of Pisa.





Pisa for foodies

Hidden places, restaurants and food festivals

Pisa is magical, but there's much more than the Leaning Tower and its rich art history: there are loads of hidden places and a fabulous culinary side that should not be overlooked!

Olive oil, wine, truffle and other culinary delights make up the excellence of Tuscan gastronomy. From the Tyrrhenian sea to the Apuan Alps there are plenty of itineraries for anyone who wants to combine culture attractions and natural beauty to discover the taste of Tuscany, a region renowned for its prosperity in food and wine products, so close to art and traditions.

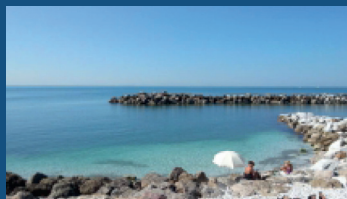
The most famous wine selections in the world, like *Brunello di Montalcino*, *Nobile di Montepulciano* and the red ones of *Chianti* will enchant you for their unique production in vineyards and farms that have never abandoned the rural tradition techniques.

You can also find the "*lardo*" aged in the marble of *Colonnata* and the bread road in Garfagnana, as well as many other places where you can tour to eat well. For example, if you want to taste a rare and refined treat, go to San Giovanni d'Asso and to San Miniato: that's where the *white truffle* - the most precious tuber in the world - comes from.

It would be a pity not to taste the *beans from Sorana*, the *Ricciarelli* and the *Panforte* from Siena, the Lunigiana honey, the Mugello chestnuts, the wild boar from Maremma or the Chianina meat. Each dish is a testament of a story, an old tradition that renews everyday on the Tuscan tables.



Pisa: a slice of Tuscan Heaven!



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