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UNITÀ OPERATIVA
RELAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI



Erasmus+

ERASMUS WELCOME DAY

Student Services and Facilities

International Relations Office

Piazza Università, 2 – II floor

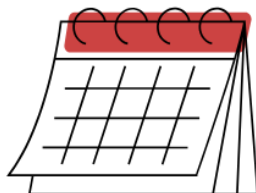
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Academic Calendar

The academic year includes:

- start and end dates of lessons
- exam sessions



Teaching activities are usually arranged within **two semesters**, but some courses may include both periods (annual).

First semester

Lessons > 1 October 2026 / 15 January 2027

Exam session > 18 January 2027/ 26 February 2027

Second semester

Lessons > 1 March 2027 / 11 June 2027

2nd Exam session > 14 June 2027/ 30 July 2027

Bank Holidays

- November 1st *All Saints' Day*
- December 8th *Immaculate Conception*
- December 25th – 26th *Christmas and Saint Stephen's fest*
- January 1st *New Year Day*
- February 5th *St Agatha's Feast Day (Patron Saint of Catania)*
- April 5th – 6th *Easter Day, Easter Monday*
- April 25th *Anniversary of Liberation*
- May 1st *Labor Day*
- June 2nd *Republic Day*

**For each course,
two examination
dates are provided**

UniCt Closing days

- December 24rd , 31st *Christmas & New Year eve*
- Middle August 2027 (t.b.d.) *Summer Break*

Some rules & procedures

LEARNING AGREEMENT

CHANGE FORM

One change per semester allowed

No later than 5 weeks after the class start

To be done online:

- OLA Procedure -> "Change form" from the home University Dashboard

N.B: do NOT make a new OLA

- NON-OLA Procedure -> Change form from the UNICT "Learning Agreement" function

ATTENDANCE

- Mandatory for all incoming students (min 60% out of total classes)
- Sheet attendance (to be signed by the Professors of each course) will be given by the International Didactics Units in each Department

Some rules & procedures

EXAMS

- GRADES: From 0 to 30; 30 cum laude for a special remark
- PASS MARK: 18
- All exams **must be booked** in advance online, from the Student Portal
- Only exams of courses authorized on the learning agreement can be taken
- All passed and failed exams will be enlisted on the transcript of records
- CONVERSION GRADES: available on the UNICT website, divided per study course

END OF MOBILITY

- Transcript of Records (TOR) and Attendance certificate released via e-mail no later than 5 weeks after the mobility date (if duly notified to IDU and IRO)
- First mobility day: Welcome Day (if attended); last mobility day: Day of the last exam attended (passed or failed)
- Before leaving: visit the International Didactic Unit (Department); send via e-mail template of Certificate of arrival to IRO (erasmus.incoming@unict.it)

Departmental Welcome/Orientation Days

Department	Date	Time	Location	Contact / Coordinator
Agriculture, Food and Environment	Oct. 1	9:00	Hall of the Department	Alessandra Licciardello, Prof. Catara
Economics and Business	Oct. 5	1:00 pm	Room 12	Roberta Russo and Prof. Torrisi
Physics and Astronomy	Individual meetings	–	–	Sara De Francisci
Law	Oct. 5	2:30 pm	Aula Magna Villa Cerami	Rosa Zanghi, Prof. Castorina
Engineering and Architecture	Oct. 7	1:00 pm	Room D7	Alessandra Alosi, Prof. Nocera
Electric, Electronic and Computer Engineering	t.b.d.	–	–	Pina Borgia, Prof. Mangioni
Mathematics and Computer Sciences	Individual meetings	–	–	Monica Vitale, Prof. Camiola
Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences	Oct. 1 (GEOLOGY) t.b.d. (BIOLOGY)	11:00 (GEO) T.B.D. (BIO)	–	Prof. Maniscalco (GEOLOGY); Prof. Lisi (BIOLOGY)
Chemical Sciences	Sept. 30	12:00	Room D0/3	Josè Marino, Prof. Li Destri
Educational Sciences	Sept. 30	12:00	Room 4 – Building Le Verginelle	Cristina Calì, Prof. Leotta
Political and Social Sciences	Oct 1	14.45	Aula Magna – Palazzo Pedagaggi	Rosalinda Gemma, Prof. Fisichella
Humanities	Oct. 14	–	Room «Coro di Notte»	Matilde Vecchio, Prof. Zago, Amaduri, La Marca, Damiata
Architecture – Siracusa	Oct. 1	1:00 pm	Palazzo Impellizzeri	Rossella Spataro, Prof. Carocci
Drugs and Health Sciences	Oct. 9	9:00	–	Prof. Guccione (confirm your presence by email)
Medicine – Biomedical and Biotechnological Sciences	Individual meetings	–	–	Giovanna Schillaci

University Canteens

University canteens are managed by the regional body **Ente Regionale Per il Diritto allo Studio (E.R.S.U.)**. Under an agreement between UniCT and ERSU, Erasmus students benefit from the special price of € 5,00/meal.

How to register?

- **Install** the APP EASY CAMPUS on your device
- **Reach** the **E.R.S.U. Catering Services Office** (Catania, Via Etnea n. 570) with the smartphone, the ID/Passport and the copy of acceptance letter/registration card.
- You will be enabled to **put money** on your virtual "canteen card" through the APP.
- Book your meal at the canteen, **use the APP to pay** by passing the smartphone at the TOTEM.

Where are they?

- University Restaurant "Vittorio Emanuele"
Via Vitt. Emanuele n. 36-38-40, Catania Mon.-Sat. 12.00-15.00 / 19.00-21.30
- "Oberdan" Canteen
Via Verona n. 25, Catania Mon. - Sat. 12.00-15.00 / 19.00-21.30
- "Cittadella" Canteen
Via Santa Sofia n. 6, Catania Mon. - Sat. 12.00-15.00 / 19.00-21.30

**For information
related to ERSU
services, contact
E.R.S.U**



Local Transport

Erasmus students have been requested to sign up for the integrated urban transport season ticket valid for their whole mobility (1 year or one semester) at the discounted cost of **30 euros**.

How to obtain the discount?

- Once tickets are ready, you will receive an email with the step-by step instructions.
- Tickets will be purchased directly from the "FCE" app, which is downloadable from here:



N.B.:

Tickets will be available starting from October 2026



Only student who marked "Yes" on the specific question about the ticket will be able to purchase it.

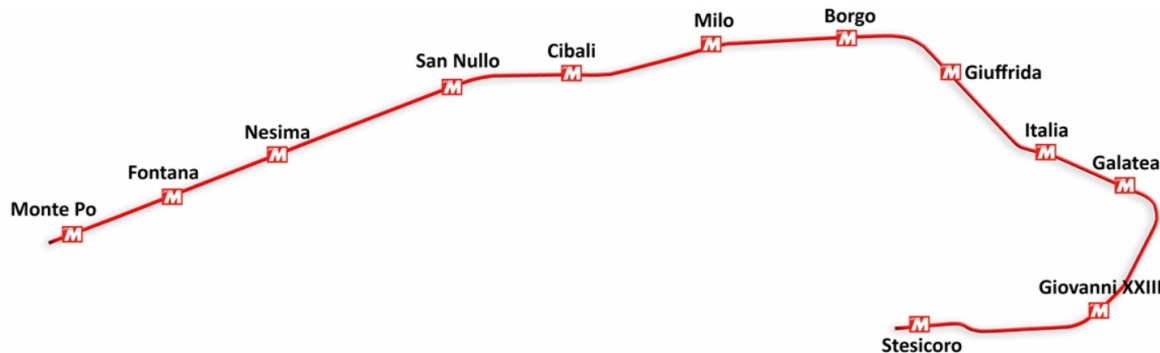
Local Transport - tips

- The bus line **BRT1** takes you from the city center (Piazza Stesicoro) to the Cittadella Universitaria, where the major scientific Department are located, and vice versa. It runs from early morning to midnight. Check the stops and the timetable here:

<https://www.amts.ct.it/mappa-delle-linee?percorso=BRT1>

- The **metro** runs each day from 6.00 to 10.30 pm (except on Sunday, from 7.00), and during the weekend until 1.00 am. Check the stops and timetable here:

<https://www.circumetnea.it/download/orario-metro-in-vigore-dal-24-marzo->



University Insurance - Medical assistance

The University of Catania will take out an **insurance policy** limited to participation at didactic/formative activities, excluding sport activities, for all incoming students.

Erasmus Students can benefit from medical assistance only if they have the European Sanitary Card (or a private health policy for non EU students).

Hospitals are handled to face emergencies, and located in several areas of the city.

For average medical assistance, please reach the **Presidio Territoriale d'Assistenza** – Viale Fleming, 24 Catania.



Connecting Families

- “Connecting Families” is a project held by the UNICT IRO aimed in connecting Erasmus incoming students with families of Unict employees and Professors.
- Families have a genuine interest in getting to know a different culture. They will be in contact with at least two students
- Students have the opportunity of learning about the Italian culture, particularly focusing on Sicilian traditions. They will meet at least twice and spend some time together during your mobility period.
- We started last year with a pilot version, we are proud of the outcome and we are ready to spend some time together!
- Join the project by filling this form:



Enjoy your Erasmus!



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