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UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA (UNICT) Established in 1434, the University of Catania is the oldest in Sicily. Plenty of historical university buildings are spread out in the old city centre, in stark contrast though with the modern hi-tech campus La Cittadella. UNICT offers an attractive portfolio of academic titles and is strongly committed to the creation of modern laboratories where the ancient Mediterranean culture meets most of the modern and state-of-the-art technologies for advanced training.

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Chapter 1

BEFORE ARRIVING

1.1 Apply for UNICT courses

These procedures are subject to the current and future emergency provisions of the Italian Government and the European Union regarding the prevention and containment of the COVID-19 virus epidemic.

In consideration of the provisions sent to higher education institutions by the Minister for Universities and Research and relating to the start of the academic year 2020/21, it is noted that in the face of the persistence of the COVID-19 emergency, the physical mobility of international students in Italy can be replaced, if necessary, with distance learning activities. This does not mean that international students, if they require an entry visa for Italy, should not in any case promptly arrange for a visa application for study purposes at the diplomatic-consular Missions of reference for their respective places of residence, in order to use this visa as soon as conditions permit.

1.1.1 Apply for a Bachelor Degree or a single cycle Master Degree (Medicine, Dentistry, Architecture, Pharmacy, CTF, Law)

First of all, be aware that all our Bachelor courses are in Italian and a B2 knowledge of the language is required in order to enrol. If you don't have a B2 Certificate of knowledge of the Italian language you will have to pass a language test at the beginning of September.

These are the steps to follow if you want to enrol at the University of Catania:

1. Check the list of available seats to see whether there are available places in the course you are interested in. The pre-enrolment can be carried out for **one course** only among those indicated. The list is available on our website: <https://www.unict.it/it/didattica/lauree-e-lauree-magistrali/offerta-formativa-2021-2022>;
2. If you need a pre-admission letter for the Italian Embassy, fill in our online form (at this page you find the link: <https://www.unict.it/it/didattica/isciversi-un-corso-di-laurea-o-laurea-magistrale-ciclo-unico>) for the evaluation of the application by entering your personal and academic data and upload the required documentation (copy of the passport, High school Diploma translated in Italian and possibly Statement of comparability or Declaration Of Value and language Certificates).
3. Once you have entered your data, uploaded the documents and submit the online application form for administrative review. You will receive an email informing you of whether or not you can proceed to pre-enrolment through the pre-enrolment system.
The request of the eligibility letter is not compulsory to enter a Bachelor degree!
4. Apply for pre-enrolment through the www.universitaly.it website, once the approval form is received, the University will ask the embassy for a type D visa "Application to Italian Universities".
5. Contact the Italian Embassy in the country where the qualification was awarded in order to obtain the **Dichiarazione di valore in loco** of your Secondary School leaving qualification.
6. If you prefer you can eventually contact an ENIC/NARIC evaluation centre in order to obtain a **Statement of comparability**, this procedure is online and it takes normally 15 days. For Italy, you can do it through the Cimea website: <http://www.cimea.it/en/index.aspx>

7. Contact the Foreign Students Office *sestat@unict.it* to check the procedure to register for an entry test and if you have to take an Italian language test.

1.2 Apply for a Master Degree

Master degree courses are aimed at providing students with an advanced level of education for the exercise of a highly qualified activity in specific areas. Master Degree courses last 2 years, and the degree is awarded to students who have earned 120 credits.

Students that want to enrol in a Master degree course must possess a suitable foreign university or post-secondary qualification (Bachelor Degree) and should possess curricular requirements and personal competencies and skills.

1.2.1 Apply for a Master Degree in English

The University of Catania offers 8 Masters' Degree courses taught in English:

- LM 17 Physics
- LM 22 Chemical Engineering for Industrial Sustainability
- LM 25 Automation Engineering and Control of Complex Systems
- LM 28 Electrical Engineering
- LM 29 Electronic Engineering
- LM 33 Mechanical Engineering
- LM 62 Global Politics and Euromediterranean Relations
- LM 91 Data Science for Management

The call for non-EU students living abroad to enrol in English taught Masters' Degree courses is published each year in February on our website (<https://www.unict.it/en/education/masters-degrees>):

1. Follow the instructions set in the call in order to present your admission request and if admitted confirm your seat.
2. You'll receive an admission letter and you'll have to apply for pre-enrolment through the www.universitaly.it website once you received the approval from the University. Ask the embassy for a type D visa "Application to Italian Universities".
3. Contact the Italian Embassy in the country where the qualification was awarded in order to obtain the **Dichiarazione di valore in loco** of your Secondary School leaving qualification and of your Bachelor Degree.
4. If you prefer you can eventually contact an ENIC/NARIC evaluation centre in order to obtain a **Statement of comparability**, this procedure is online and it takes normally 15 days. For Italy, you can do it through Cimea website: <http://www.cimea.it/en/index.aspx>

1.2.2 Apply for a Master Degree in Italian

A B2 knowledge of the language is required in order to enrol. If you don't have a B2 Certificate of knowledge of the Italian language you will have to pass a language test at the beginning of September.

These are the steps to follow if you want to enrol at the University of Catania:

1. Check the list of available seats to see whether there are available places in the course you are interested in. The pre-enrolment can be carried out for one course only among those indicated. The list is available on website <https://www.unict.it/it/didattica/come-iscrivarsi>
2. Fill in our online form (at this page you find the link <https://www.unict.it/it/didattica/iscrivarsi-un-corso-di-laurea-magistrale>) for the evaluation of the application by entering your personal and academic data and upload the required documentation (copy of the passport, Transcript of records, Syllabus and language Certificates

are compulsory. Possibly attach also Statement of comparability or DOV).

3. Once you have entered your data and uploaded the documents, then proceed to submit the online application form for administrative and academic review. You will receive an email (normally within 30 days and not later than 2 months) informing you of whether or not you can proceed to pre-enrolment at the embassy.
4. Apply for pre-enrolment through the www.universitaly.it website once you received the approval from the University. Ask the embassy for a type D visa "Application to Italian Universities".
5. Contact the Italian Embassy in the country where the qualification was awarded in order to obtain the **Dichiarazione di valore in loco** of your Secondary School leaving qualification and of your Bachelor Degree.
6. If you prefer you can eventually contact an ENIC/NARIC evaluation centre in order to obtain a **Statement of comparability**, this procedure is online and it takes normally 15 days. For Italy, you can do it through Cimea website: <http://www.cimea.it/en/index.aspx>
7. Contact the Foreign Students Office sestat@unict.it to check the procedure to register for an entry test and if you have to take an Italian language test.

1.3 Pre-Enrolment procedure

The pre-enrolment application for the issue of visas to candidates of study courses at Italian universities must be submitted using the UNIVERSITALY portal (www.universitaly.it) by the 30th July of each year. The preliminary acceptance by the university does not confer any right to obtain a visa.

1.3.1 Pre-Enrolment request for a Bachelor Degree or a single cycle Master Degree

Students interested in a Bachelor Degree or a single cycle Master Degree course should access the UNIVERSITALY portal and fill in the related “pre-enrolment application” which must be submitted subsequently to the Italian Mission of the place of residence once validated digitally by the university of reference; For those study courses where a unique national access test is necessary (Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry and Dental Prosthesis, Veterinary Medicine and specific courses to become an Architect), the pre-enrolment request is to be considered automatically presented to all the other Universities indicated at the time of enrolment for the test as alternatives to the first choice.

To the diplomatic-consular Missions you should present:

- original copy of final secondary education qualification, obtained after at least 12 scholastic study years, or a fully legal substitute certificate;
- certificate declaring the pass grade of an eventual special academic competence exam eventually required for entry to University in the Country of origin;
- two photographs (of which one must be authenticated by the Italian Mission having jurisdiction for that territory);
- a summary of the pre-enrolment request as validated by the university.

1.3.2 Pre-Enrolment request for a Master Degree

Students interested in a Master degree course must register on the UNIVERSITALY portal and pre-enrol. They will then communicate to the Italian Mission in the country of origin the summary of the pre-enrolment application generated within the UNIVERSITALY portal, as validated by the institution of higher education.

To the diplomatic-consular Missions you should present:

- academic qualification gained from a University or post-secondary qualification gained in a non-university Higher Institute which allows them to proceed in loco to further studies at academic institutions at the next level;
- certificate released by the competent University declaring the exams passed, as well as, for each subject, detailed programmes for the completion of said qualifications;
- two photographs (of which one must be authenticated by the competent Italian Mission for that territory)
- admission letter;
- the summary of the pre-enrolment request as validated by the University.

1.4 Study visa

The procedures for issuing these visas must be concluded, normally, by 30 November 20xx, in order to allow the effective enrolment of international students. To obtain an entry visa for STUDY purposes for University Enrolment (type D “national”) and, subsequently, of a residency permit, the foreign student must demonstrate being in possession of the following requisites:

1. Economic means for subsistence during the planned stay. These means are quantified as €460.28 per month for each month of duration of the academic year, equal to €5,983.64 per year. The availability in Italy of such means of support must be proven through personal or parental economic guarantees or provided by Italian Institutions or Authorities of proven liquidity, including Universities, local Government, foreign Institutions or Authorities deemed reliable by the Italian diplomatic Mission; they cannot be demonstrated through the exhibition of a bank guarantee, or of a guarantee insurance policy, and neither with cash or guarantees supplied by third parties.

2. The availability of the necessary sum for repatriation, which can also be demonstrated by showing a return ticket.
3. Suitable lodgings in the national territory.
4. Adequate insurance cover for medical expenses and hospital stays which the student must demonstrate being in possession of, at the time of the residency permit request.

1.5 Arriving in Catania

The second-largest city in Sicily by population, Catania spreads out over the Plain of Catania, between the Ionian Sea and the slopes of Etna.

1.5.1 How to reach Catania

Flights: The main airport in Catania is the **Catania-Fontanarossa Airport (IATA: CTA)** with scheduled and charter planes arriving from destinations throughout Italy, Europe and several other countries around the world.

Common international airlines flying to Catania Fontanarossa are:

- Brussels Airlines
- Turkish Airlines
- Ryanair
- Alitalia

Buses: Frequent buses run to Catania from Taormina, Messina, Enna, Caltanissetta, Ragusa and Syracuse and back. Less frequent buses run to Catania from Naples, Rome etc. The main bus station is opposite the railway station and 10 minutes walk from the city centre.

Trains: Frequent trains run up the east coast to Catania from Taormina (but the station in Taormina is a long walk below the town, better to take the Bus) and Messina, then on to Naples and Rome etc, and back. Trains

also run to Catania from Enna, Palermo (slower than the buses) and Syracuse. A scenic route runs inland to Caltagirone and Gela. There is one daily train to Catania from Agrigento.

Ferries: Several Ferries run from mainland Italy to Catania. There is an overnight car ferry that runs daily between Naples and Catania as well as ones from Genova and Civitavecchia. One can also get a ferry to/from Valletta, Malta.

1.5.2 How to move from the airport

If you are arriving in Catania by plane, you will want to know how to get from Catania Airport into the city centre and then eventually to your hostel (or your temporary accommodation). A shuttle bus runs from the airport to Catania Centrale railway station and is your only option other than a taxi (or a rented car).

- The bus takes 25 minutes, with departures every 30 minutes. The ticket is €4.00, and it could be bought from the driver.
- The Taxi ride costs €10.00 - €20.00. Agree on the price before entering.

Once at the main bus station, you tend to experience Catania's public transport network which is made up of a metro system with a single line and buses. To reach your accommodation you have the city's public buses which can be useful depending on where you're going. Tickets are sold at the tobacco shops (Tabacchi) or and usually validated with the machines inside the buses.

- The ticket costs €1.00 and last 90 minutes, irrespective of how many buses you take.
- A combined bus and metro ticket is €1.20 and lasts 120 minutes.

NB! The metro service runs from Monday to Saturday, from Nesima to Stesicoro and back, with intermediate stops. The service runs every 15 minutes, in both directions from 06.40 to 21.00.

It will be valuable to utilize the local transit and mobility app Moovit when travelling within Catania.



Figure 1.1: Catania Metro Route

Chapter 2

IN CATANIA

2.1 Italian phone number

While you are in Italy, an Italian phone number is extremely useful.

To obtain a rechargeable SIM card with a regular Italian phone number, go to one of the mobile phone company stores (e.g. WindTre, Tim, Vodafone, Fastweb) with a valid passport. The provider will give you a sim card that will be associated with a calling/data plan.

2.2 Codice fiscale (tax code)

Codice fiscale (or fiscal code in English) is the Italian tax number for the identification of a Taxpayer for the local Tax Authorities. The *codice fiscale* is composed of the letters of your name, surname, and numbers related to the date and place of birth.

It would be better to request the fiscal code from the Italian Consulate/Diplomatic Representation in your country before your arrival. The Italian Consulate/Diplomatic Representation in your Country will give you a temporary A4 document with your fiscal code, which you will be able to use in Italy. Upon arrival, you will need to apply for the fiscal code card at the **Welcome office of the University of Catania**. Alternatively, you can apply directly at **Agenzia delle Entrate** from Monday to Friday at 08:30-13:00. Via Monsignor Domenico Orlando No.1 – 95131, CATANIA. Email: *dp.catania.utcatania@agenziaentrate.it*

2.3 Permesso di soggiorno (Residence permit)

The permesso di soggiorno allows extra-EU students to reside in Italy for more than 90 days. The application must be submitted within 8 days following your arrival in Italy. However, the deadline for the application currently depends on the pandemic rules.

Please respect the quarantine rules as indicated in the web address:
<https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/normativaonline/decreto-ioresoacasa-domande-frequenti/focus-cittadini-italiani-in-rientro-dall-estero-e-cittadini-stranieri-in-italia.html>

The necessary documents for the issue of the permit are:

- The Application Kit, is available at the Welcome office. Or, to get for free for free at the post office.

- Photocopies of the pages of your passport containing your personal information, your Italian visa and the passport pages containing stamps and other visas.

- Photocopy of the *codice fiscale*.

- Photocopy of the health insurance valid for 1 year.

- The Letter of Enrolment from the University of Catania stamped by the Italian Consulate/Diplomatic Representation in your country.

- Copy of the documents attesting the availability of appropriate financial means for one year (the time for which the residence permit is valid).

Tip! The same document that you used to obtain a visa can be submitted

- €16.00 (marca da bollo) stamp that can be purchased in any Tabacchi.

- The document attesting the accommodation in Italy.

NB! The photocopy of your rental contract must be registered at the local tax office. Or, if you got the scholarship and place in the residence from ERSU, you can request the document from the ERSU office.

- Passport-size photos (2 for the Immigration Office (Questura), 2 for the fingerprints' office).
- The document attesting the payment of the University fee. The document can be printed from your university student portal Smart_edu.
- The study plan with the University Stamp.

Once you are in the post office, you will have to pay the Residence Permit Fee (€70,46) and office expenses (€30.00). After completing these steps, you will be given a ricevuta (receipt) by the post office indicating the date of your appointment at the Questura. Please note that it is very important to keep it in the passport, to prove to have applied for it.

On the date of your appointment, you will need to go to Questura di Catania (Viale Africa, No.25). Do not forget your passport, original documents of the photocopies that were enclosed in the Application Kit, photos and any missing documentation that you were not able to insert in the Kit and obtained later. On this appointment, you will get a note for the fingerprinting appointment in another police office. Do not forget to take 2 passport-sized photos, a copy of the passport and the receipt there.

Once your residence permit is ready, you will be notified through a text message with the details of its release and date for collection. The Residence Permit Card can only be personally collected by you.

To track the status of your application, after the appointment at the Questura, you can enter on <https://questure.poliziadistato.it/stranieri/> the code allocated to the file or the password written on the receipt given by the post office.

According to the Polizia di Stato *website*, students are responsible to renew their Residence Permit within 60 days before the expiry date. The renewal process does not require a new visa, but you will have to repeat the Residence Permit application procedure anew.

2.4 Insurance

The Italian immigration law requires students to have health insurance during their stay in Italy. If you have private insurance in your country, please be sure that:

- it has validity in Italy with not less than €30,000.00 amount of coverage,
- it is stamped by the Italian Consulate/Diplomatic Representation in your country,
- the exact coverage period is 1-year. Since the duration of your residence permit is connected to the duration of the insurance.

Alternatively, once in Italy, you can request insurance coverage at **Welcome Association Italy (WAI)** for extra-EU students, for a 1-year subscription. This is an option that still allows you to apply for a Residence Permit. You can get it by:

1. Register on the website <https://www.waitaly.net/accedi/> and choose the membership plan (€120 for 1-year).
2. You can either pay with your card online or at the post office.
3. After the payment, you will be able to save the document both in Italian and/or English.

Another option is to register with the **National Health System** (€149,77), but it is very important to know that this insurance covers you from January till December no matter when you pay the tax.

2.5 Bank Account

All foreign students upon arrival to Catania need to open an Italian Bank account, whose IBAN code is crucial for financial transactions. The main banks are Intesa Sanpaolo, UniCredit and BNL. However, there is an opportunity to open a bank account through Poste Italiane. Each of them has

different requirements which are changing every year, so it is highly crucial to check the student-friendly solutions before choosing the bank where you want to open an account.

The following documents are usually required:

- The residence permit (or the receipt for its application)
- Passport and its photocopy
- Rental contract (for your address identification)
- Fiscal code
- Photocopy of the Admission Letter

2.6 Completion of enrolment

Another fundamental task, once you arrive in Catania, is achieving the procedures necessary to complete your enrolment. This process is fundamental to confirming your enrolment to the University of Catania that you already started while you were still in your country of origin.

To complete your enrolment, you will be asked to contact/go to the Foreign Student Office on an appointment, where the responsible person will help you to finalize the procedure. The Office is located in:

Via Santa Maria del Rosario, 9 (1st floor)
95131 - Catania.

The documents required to complete your enrolment are: • copy of the passport (the personal details page and the VISA page)

- copy of the request of the residence permit (the 3 papers the post office gave you while applying for residence permit)
- copy of the fiscal code
- the original DOV

2.7 Housing

It is imperative that you find a place to sleep in Catania before arriving in the city, considering that the University does not offer housing services. You can temporarily stay in a B&B or a hostel. For a longer period of stay,

you can seek a room/apartment in the city. There are different websites on which you can have a look to find the most suitable solution for your stay in Catania. For B&B's or hostels you can consider Airbnb and Booking. On the other hand, for rooms or apartments, you can consider Zappyrent, Subito, and Facebook groups.

It is important to stress that those applying and being ASSIGNEE of the bed and scholarship of ERSU should consider these housing solutions. Because it is possible that by the moment of your arrival you will not be in possession of some documents necessary for ERSU, and you will not be immediately able to get the room you got assigned in.

Finally, ERSU Foresteria, is another housing solution offered by ERSU allowing a short stay (max 90 days) in their guesthouses (see chapter 3, section 3.4).

2.8 Transportation within the city (Buses and Metro)

In 1.4.2, brief mobility around Catania was highlighted, where the Catania Centrale railway station was taken as a reference point for transportation around the city using either the Buses and/or the Metro, which, as it was stated, are the main public transportation in the city. However, while in Catania, transportation is key to your study experience, thus a further transportation guide in the city of Catania is presented:

- The buses are managed by Azienda Metropolitana Trasporti Catania SPA (AMT), and tickets, as mentioned earlier, could be bought at the Tabacchi shop. A special bus **BRT-U**, short for BRT Università, connects the Metro station Milo and the Cittadella Universitaria and some university centres nearby Cittadella.
- The Metro is managed by the company FCE. Tickets can be bought at the entrance of any metro station using the ticket machines.

Students enrolled at the University of Catania have the possibility to buy a metro and bus pass at a special price. The pass can be purchased on the University student portal from 1 July to 30 October and will be valid from 1 October to 30 September. Also, university students have the possibility to travel by bus and metro for one year with only €20.00, by requesting electronically at the time of enrollment in the first year or enrollment in years following the first, using a special card that will allow access from the turnstiles of the stations.

2.9 Italian identity card and SPID

As a legal resident of Catania, you can apply for the **Italian ID Card** (Carta d'identità), as it is needed for certain procedures. For foreign citizens living in Italy, the ID Card will only be an identification document and will not be valid for expatriation or outside the Italian territory, i.e., it can not be used as a travelling document.

To apply for the Italian ID card, after you obtain a regular residence permit and a personal residence in Italy, you will need to go to the **Comune di Catania**, the Municipal Registry Office, with:

- a filled form for its request (the form could be obtained online or at the Municipality),
- a valid passport,
- residence permit (or the receipt for its renewal),
- rental contract,
- 3 recent photos of half-bust on a white background clearly showing the face,
- insurance certificate,
- fiscal code.

Once you have the Card, it will be valid for the same time as the residence permit. If the latter is not renewed, the ID Card should be returned to the nearest Registry Office in the city.

Recently, it is also possible to apply for the electronic ID Card (Carta d'identità elettronica CIE). To apply for it, it is also necessary to go to the Registry Office with the same documents explained for the ID card with the difference of cost. The CIE cost €22.00, hence the receipt for its payment is an additional required documentation. For foreign citizens, as is the ID card, the CIE is also only valid as an identification document and not for expatriation or outside Italy.

At the moment of the application for the CIE there will be half of a linked PIN, while the other half will be delivered together with the delivery of the CIE. This code is useful to apply online for the SPID by a smart-card reader.

The SPID (Sistema Pubblico d'Identità Digitale) is the digital identity that allows you to have access to all the public administration online services, by using a username and a password. It is becoming extremely important and useful recently, with the digitalization of bureaucratic procedures. For foreign citizens living in Italy with a residence permit, the SPID application can be done having:

- a valid Italian identification document (Italian ID Card or CIE)
- a health card with fiscal code or the fiscal code card, or their certificates of attribution.
- an Italian telephone(or cellphone) number and email address

Chapter 3

ERSU SCHOLARSHIPS AND SERVICE

This chapter explains the procedure to register with ERSU, how to apply for the scholarship, documents needed, dormitories, canteens and the "Progetto salute" (salute project). It is crucial to adhere to the dates and deadlines of specific requirements that ERSU publishes each year. In addition, some points refer to the pandemic situation and rules to be followed to make the procedure easier, safer and respected in all of its parts.

After successful completion of the application, one is usually put in a list, or ranking, constituting students depending on the year of your application.

- For first-year students, you will be put into a general ranking of all first-year students of UNICT in descending order of the ISEE value, i.e., the one with the lowest value is placed on top.

- In subsequent years, you will be ranked according to your course of study in descending order of the number of credits, i.e., students with the highest credits within your course of study will be placed on top.

Then you will be assigned benefits based on your position in the ranking. So, you will be in one of the following category:

- ASSIGNEE, • ELIGIBLE: You have to wait, and probably, due to scrolling of the list, you will receive money and bed, • NOT ELIGIBLE, • SUSPENDED: For some reason (incomplete documentations or missing

documents for instance). Hence, you are required to provide other documents to complete the procedure, and some of them could be provided once in Catania, as depicted in sections of this document.

3.1 What is ERSU

ERSU is the acronym of *Ente Regionale di Diritto allo Studio Universitario*, “Regional Right to University Studies Agency”, a regional institution that guarantees the right to education for Sicilian students, in particular, the University of Catania. It aims to assist students with their university studies through benefits and services. The benefits are directed to students with economic difficulties and a proven track record in their studies. The benefits offered to students are inclusively, but not limited to:

- Scholarship;
- Residence in ERSU dormitories;
- Meals in ERSU canteens.

3.2 Register on ERSU portal and apply for ERSU scholarship

To apply for ERSU scholarships and services, one should signup, or log in if already registered, on the ERSU website <https://www.ersucatania.it> and register on the student portal page "*Portale Studenti*".

Then access your personal page with the credentials given at the point above and enter the page for "*Concorso per l'attribuzione di borse di studio*" and follow these steps:

- Fill all the requested fields as shown in the picture;
- Confirm the given data;
- Use the button to generate OTP code and wait for a phone message, with the code for the validation of the given data;
- Validate the data for the request of benefits using the OTP code received as depicted above.

The deadline for the online request of Scholarships validated with OTP code is fixed in the call, be sure to check it.

3.2.1 Step by step guide to fill in the request

NB!When you use a tool to translate the page, the “proceed” and “back” (procedi and indietro) buttons will not respond. When that happens, you will need to refresh the page in Italian to proceed.

A. Once in the call page click on Procedi Fig. 3.1;



Figure 3.1: figure A

B. Select the following Fig. 3.2:

- Straniero: SI;
- Nucleo familiare residente in Italia: NO;
- Calcolo ISEEU/ISPEU parificato non disponibile per studenti stranieri residente all'estero.

Then, in the field at the centre, enter your fiscal code. The text below asked that you attach to your request for scholarship the documents released from your country, translated in Italian and legalised regarding your family assets and income in the year 20XX (the documents regarding the family economic situation should refer to two years before the current one, so i.e. for enrolment and scholarship for a.y. 2021-22 you should attach the documents related to the year 2019).

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REQUISITO ECONOMICO-PATRIMONIALE

In questa pagina si dovranno riportare gli estremi della Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica (DSU)
I campi contrassegnati dal simbolo "*" sono obbligatori.

Le condizioni economiche e patrimoniali dello studente sono individuate, rispettivamente, sulla base dell'Indicatore della Situazione Economica Equivalente (ISEE) e dell'Indicatore della Situazione Patrimoniale Equivalente (ISPE) ai sensi del Regolamento sulle modalità di determinazione del nuovo ISEE di cui al DPCM 5 dicembre 2013 con specifico riferimento alle prestazioni per il diritto allo studio universitario. Sono esclusi dai benefici previsti dal presente Bando gli studenti per i quali i valori ISEE e/o ISPE superino i seguenti limiti:
ISEE - Indicatore della Situazione Economica Equivalente € 23.626,32
ISPE - Indicatore della Situazione Patrimoniale Equivalente € 51.361,58
 Consulta le "note informative sull'attestazione ISEE" e sul calcolo "dell'ISEEU parificato per studenti stranieri"

Straniero No Si Nucleo familiare residente in Italia (redditi prodotti in Italia) No Si

Calcolo ISEEU/ISPEU parificato per studenti stranieri/italiani con nucleo familiare residente all'estero
 Calcolo ISEEU/ISPEU parificato non disponibile per studenti stranieri o italiani con nucleo familiare residente all'estero

Codice Fiscale Dichiarante*

Nota importante per gli studenti stranieri o italiani con nucleo familiare residente all'estero

Lo studente straniero, in base alla nazione in cui sono prodotti i redditi ed è disponibile il patrimonio della famiglia d'origine, non in possesso dell'ISEEU/ISPEU parificato, dovrà allegare alla richiesta di Borsa di studio, la documentazione rilasciata dalle competenti Autorità del Paese, tradotta in italiano e legalizzata, se prevista. Lo studente straniero è sempre obbligato a dichiarare anche i redditi e il patrimonio eventualmente posseduti in Italia dal proprio nucleo familiare. Lo studente straniero residente in Italia, senza redditi e patrimonio all'estero, essendo equiparato agli studenti italiani, dovrà essere in possesso dell'Attestazione ISEE per le prestazioni per il diritto allo studio universitario.

Attestazione ISEE per dottorato di ricerca
 Attestazione ISEE non disponibile per dottorato di ricerca
 Attestazione ISEE per le prestazioni per il diritto allo studio universitario
 Attestazione ISEE non disponibile per le prestazioni per il diritto allo studio universitario

Estremi DSU

Figure 3.2: figure B

C. Choose Genitori, if you are living with your parents. Then;

- Coniugati: if married,
- Divorziati: if divorced,
- Orfano di un genitore: if you have lost one of your parents.

Choose Altro if you are living alone, without your parents. Then, you have to select the correct one between the following:

- Coniugato: if you're married,
- Non coniugato con figli: if you are a single parent,
- Orfano di entrambi I genitori: if you have lost both your parents,
- Autonomo: if you are living alone and you earn at least 6,500.00 per year,

- Divorziato: if you're divorced.

Then click on Continua.

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RIEPILOGO SITUAZIONE ECONOMICO-PATRIMONIALE

In questa pagina sono visualizzati i dati relativi al nucleo familiare e agli indicatori di situazione economica e patrimoniale equivalente acquisiti dalla banca dati INPS, riportati nell'Attestazione ISEE per le prestazioni per il diritto allo studio universitario rilasciata nel 2020.
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Nucleo familiare*
dei genitori altro

Genitori coniugati

[Consulta la nota informativa sulla definizione del nucleo familiare ai fini ISEE](#)

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D. Fig. 3.4

- Click on nessuna condizione particolare,
- Or click on Stranieri provenienti da paesi extraeuropeo particolarmente poveri: if you come from one of the following: Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Cambogia, Repubblica Centro Africana, Chad, Comoros, Repubblica Democratica del Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Korea-Dem-Rep, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sao-Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra-Leone, Solomon-Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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EVENTUALE POSSESSO REQUISITI PER ACCESSO AI BENEFICI RISERVATI
Indicare una delle seguenti specifiche:

- nessuna condizione particolare
- disabilità grave di cui all'art. 3 comma 3 della L. 104/92, o con invalidità non inferiore al 66% di cui all'art. 14 del DPCM 09/04/2001
- affetti da disturbi specifici dell'apprendimento (DSA), di cui alla legge 170/2010
- stranieri provenienti da paesi extracomunitari particolarmente poveri o rifugiati politici, aventi diritto alla protezione internazionale
- orfani di vittime del lavoro
- stranieri figli di emigrati siciliani all'estero
- orfani di vittime per motivi di mafia
- vittime dell'usura e/o figli di vittime dell'usura
- residenti nelle isole minori ricadenti nel territorio della Regione Siciliana
- orfani che dimostrino di essere ospiti o essere stati ospiti in una struttura di accoglienza, pubblica o privata

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E.Fig. 3.5

Choose Primo Anno then select Università degli studi di Catania;

Then click on Continua;

F. Fig. 3.5

Select Laurea Magistrale if you are attending master's degree courses otherwise Laurea Triennale for bachelor's degree courses.

Then select the Department, the Study course, the Place in which you are attending lessons of your study course (Catania, Ragusa, Siracusa...).

In Passaggio, Rinuncia and Immatricolazioni Precedenti select **NO**, while if you already completed a bachelor's degree course select **SI**. In Titolo gia' conseguito, select the Laurea Triennale, and insert the Year of graduation and the City in which you completed your Bachelor.

Then, click on Continua.



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CARRIERA UNIVERSITARIA

Dichiaro che nell'anno accademico 2020/2021 intendo iscrivermi per la prima volta:

- Al primo anno
- Ad anni successivi al primo
- Non intendo iscrivermi perché laureando

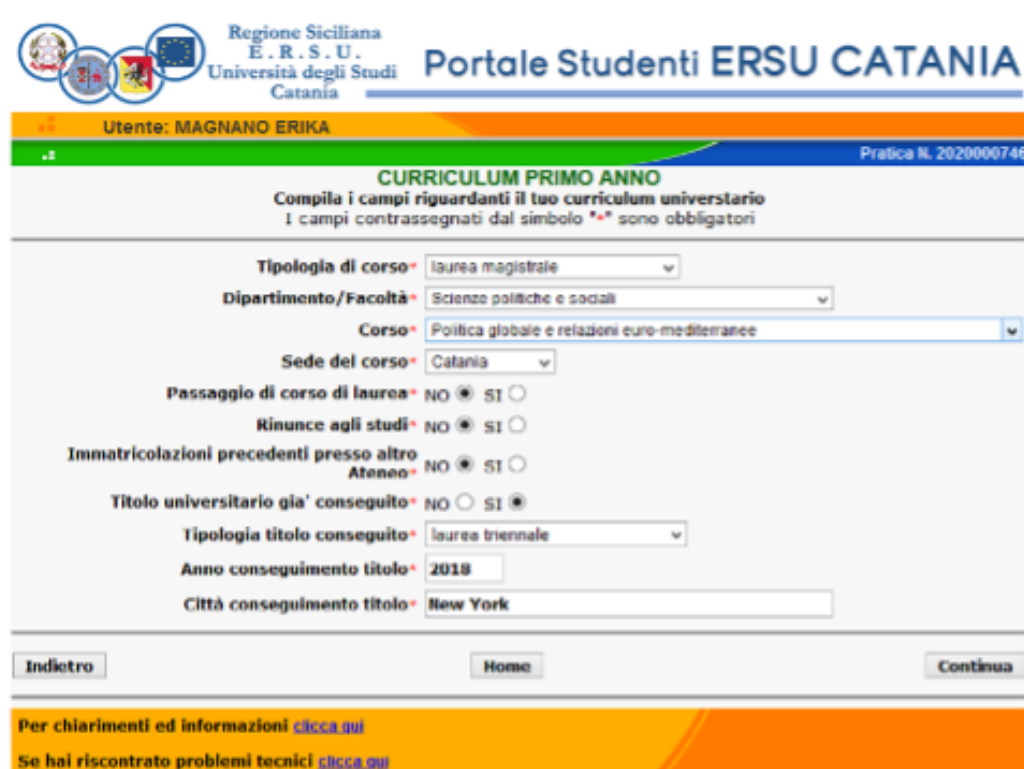
alla seguente istituzione Universitaria: Università degli studi di Catania

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CURRICULUM PRIMO ANNO

Compila i campi riguardanti il tuo curriculum universitario
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Tipologia di corso* laurea magistrale

Dipartimento/Facoltà* Scienze politiche e sociali

Corso* Politica globale e relazioni euro-mediterranee

Sede del corso* Catania

Passaggio di corso di laurea* NO SI

Rinunce agli studi* NO SI

Immatricolazioni precedenti presso altro Ateneo* NO SI

Titolo universitario già conseguito* NO SI

Tipologia titolo conseguito* laurea triennale

Anno conseguimento titolo* 2018

Città conseguimento titolo* New York

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Figure 3.6: figure F

3.2.2 Documents needed

In the Student Portal of ERSU, within the **Additional documentation** section, you will need to upload the following documents (in pdf maximum 2 MB) to regularized the request for benefits:

- Copy of front and back of an ID document, such as a passport;
- Copy of the residence permit, or the application receipt. If you attached the receipt, remember to upload the permit once it is received;
- Copy of ISEEU (explained in the next subsection)

3.2.3 ISEE-parificato (Equalized ISEE)

ISEE is a fiscal document in which your economic situation (in connection to your family) is declared. This document is usually made in Italy. As a foreign student, with family resident abroad, you will need to make ISEE-parificato or the Equalized ISEE - an ISEE documentation equivalent.

For the issue of ISEE, each applicant must go to the C.A.F. (Tax assistance centre) with special documentation, certifying the household composition, income and movable assets owned abroad by each member of the household. This documentation should be issued by the competent authorities of your country where the income was produced, translated into Italian and validated by the competent Italian Diplomatic authorities.

For countries where there are particular difficulties to grant this certification attested by the local Italian Embassy, the documentation is made by the competent diplomatic or consular representations abroad in Italy and legalized by prefectures.

Documentation needed for the issue of ISEE at the CAF:

- Family statement
- Family income
- Financial assets, including real estate properties
- Copy of fiscal code
- Copy of the residence permit (or the receipt for its application)

3.2.4 Scholarships assignation criteria

The assignation criteria of benefits are highlighted at the beginning of this chapter. However, it's worth mentioning that as a first-year ERSU scholarship recipient (or ASSIGNEE) you are only provided with the first instalment of the scholarship, the remaining amount is given under the following conditions of merits:

- You have acquired 15 CFU before 10/08 and 20 (15+5) CFU before 10/11/20XX: you will receive the second part of the scholarship + the reimbursement of €140.00 fees payed for enrolment + exemption of university fees + international mobility if required;
- You reach just 20 CFU before 10/11/20XX: you will maintain the benefits of the scholarship (first half of the amount) + food you have consumed in ERSU canteens, but you will loose the second half of the scholarship and you should pay half of the price for the bed in the ERSU residences;
- Neither the first, nor the second option: you will have to give back the scholarship and also the money corresponding to the food you have consumed in canteens and pay the bed.

If you are ELIGIBLE, but not ASSIGNEE to the scholarship, you have the following options:

- You have acquired 15 CFU before 10/08 and 20 (15+5) CFU before 10/11/20XX: you will maintain the eligibility to the scholarship, + the reimbursement of €140.00 fees payed + exemption of university fees;
- You reach just 20 CFU before 10/11/20XX: you will maintain the eligibility to the benefits (foods), + the reimbursement of €140.00 fees payed + exemption of university fees but you have to pay the bed assigned;
- Neither the first, nor the second option: you will have to give back the money corresponding to the food you have consumed in canteens.

3.2.5 IBAN code

To receive the scholarship from ERSU, a bank account with an IBAN code should be declared in the Student Portal of ERSU. For the request of the

bank account, see Chapter 2, section 5.

In case of particular difficulties in opening a bank account, it is suggested to open a European Bank account (example N26) online and upload the euro-IBAN. This allows you to receive the money, or just to complete the documentation using the section for uploading IBAN in the Student Portal page on ERSU website.

3.3 Dormitories

During the application for the ERSU benefits, to get the bed, you will have to declare your interest in the appropriate section. Later, if you are an ASSIGNEE to the bed, Posto Letto (PL) - as it is described in the ERSU student portal – you can accept the place in the residences by the following:

- Confirm before the 10th day after the publication of the list of the assigned students;
- Access the personal page of your ERSU student portal with your credentials;
- Access the application to accept the bed in the residence;
- Fill the form;
- Confirm the data by using OTP code;
- Insert the OTP received on your mobile phone to complete the request.

NB! Check in the call the deadlines to fill in the online form to access the benefits by auto-declaration and using OTP code.

Then you will have to upload these documents in the subsection of the student portal page of ERSU, Additional documentation, a single pdf file maximum 2 MB:

1. Acceptance of the rules of the residences of ERSU; Medical certificate provided by a certificated (Italian) doctor. Ask your tutor or residence offices to make an appointment for you;
2. Payment receipt of 150 on the ERSU account for the security deposit;
3. Recent passport size photo;
4. Copy of an ID document;

5. Original and copy of the permit (if not arrived yet it could be sufficient the receipt; then you will give the residence office the final document);
6. Copy of the residence permit, or the application receipt. If you attached the receipt, remember to provide the permit to the residence once it is received;
7. COVID-19: Subscription of behavioural rules linked to risks of Covid-19 epidemic situation;
8. COVID-19: Auto-declaration of self-isolation period of 14 days;
9. COVID-19: Negative covid-19 test made within 72 hours before the entrance to the residence.

3.4 Foresteria service (Guest House)

ERSU offers to students for a maximum of 90 days the possibility to stay in their dormitories by paying a relatively small amount, between €90 - €130 per month. To ask ERSU for this service, you should:

- Fill in the form you find here: <https://www.ersucatania.it/servizio-ospitalitanelle-residenze-foresteria/>
- Send the application and documents required (ID, Enrolment certificate and fee, ISEE-parificato, Medical certificate) to the email: foresteria@ersucatania.it and ask about the availability of the bed.
- The manager responsible for rents will check the application, documents and availability, and will notify you about further steps, usually deposit payment and submission in presence.

3.5 Canteens

You can access the ERSU canteens, in "Cittadella", "Oberdan" and "Vittorio Emanuele" by:

- Downloading the mobile app, EASY CAMPUS;
- Access the ERSU student portal web page and go to the MENSA App section, EASY CAMPUS;

- Fill the request and the given form;
- Upload in a single pdf file the auto-declaration signed and filled with a copy of the ID document, tuition fee copy for the academic year and ISEE documentation.

If you are an ASSIGNEE, you will have free meals (lunch and dinner) for each day until a maximum of 360 meals. If you are ELIGIBLE, you will have meals at €1.60 until a maximum of 360. Passed this limit you will pay meals depending on ISEE, by charging money on the mobile app.

3.6 Salute Project

ERSU offers to students of the University of Catania the possibility of carrying out specialist visits to the Polyclinic paying just the contribution rate fixed by the National Health Service.

ERSU provides students, enrolled at the University of Catania, the possibility of booking specialist visits to the outpatient clinics of the Polyclinic at the cost of the ticket only if you do not have the relevant exemption. To be able to use the service, you must first ask your doctor for the appropriate prescription, then connect to the Ersu website: <https://www.ersucatania.it/prenotazione-progetto-salute/> where you can fill in the online form in which you need to enter your credentials (name, surname, address, telephone number, and email address), the type of visit requested and attach the doctor's prescription.

ERSU will register and communicate by email the booking with the date and time of the visit, which will in any case take place at the Policlinico via Santa Sofia. On the indicated day, after paying the ticket, the visit will be carried out, without further additional costs. To request more information, you can contact by email at: clara.lomonaco@ersucatania.gov.it and by phone at: 095/7517929.

Chapter 4

UNIVERSITY LIFE

4.1 UNICT online

4.1.1 Student portal

The UNICT student portal, Smart_edu, is used by all students at the University of Catania for numerous services. To access this portal, you need your fiscal code and a password that will be provided when registering, make sure these credentials are safely kept.

The website is available both in English and Italian, you can change the language by pressing on the flag on the upper right corner of the page.
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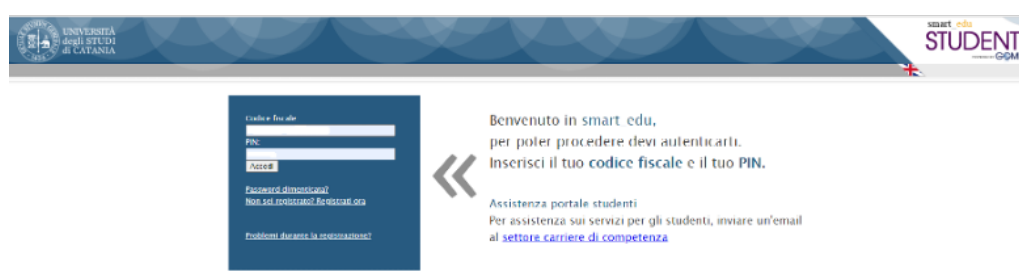


Figure 4.1: Welcome page on smart_edu

The portal consists of four sections.

- The first one is for the student's personal data, where the ISEE is located and can be uploaded if required, according to which, the annual fees

to be paid will be calculated

- The second one is for the request of enrolment.
- The third part is for the student's career. Here you can check the study plan and the exams taken and in the Appelli, or Exam's Timetable, section to book the exams to be taken. Due to the Covid-19 emergency, in the section Prenotazione Aule it is possible for the student to book a seat to attend the lessons in presence. To book a seat for all the lessons you are interested in during the week, you have to do the booking for the week prior between Monday to Wednesday. You will receive an email confirming the booking. It is not possible to follow the lessons in presence without booking them in advance.
- The fourth part is to pay fees and contributions, selecting Pagamenti da effettuare, or tuition Fees: up-coming rates, to show the payments to be made with its deadlines, selecting Pagamenti effettuati, or tuition Fees: paid rates, which shows the payments already made.

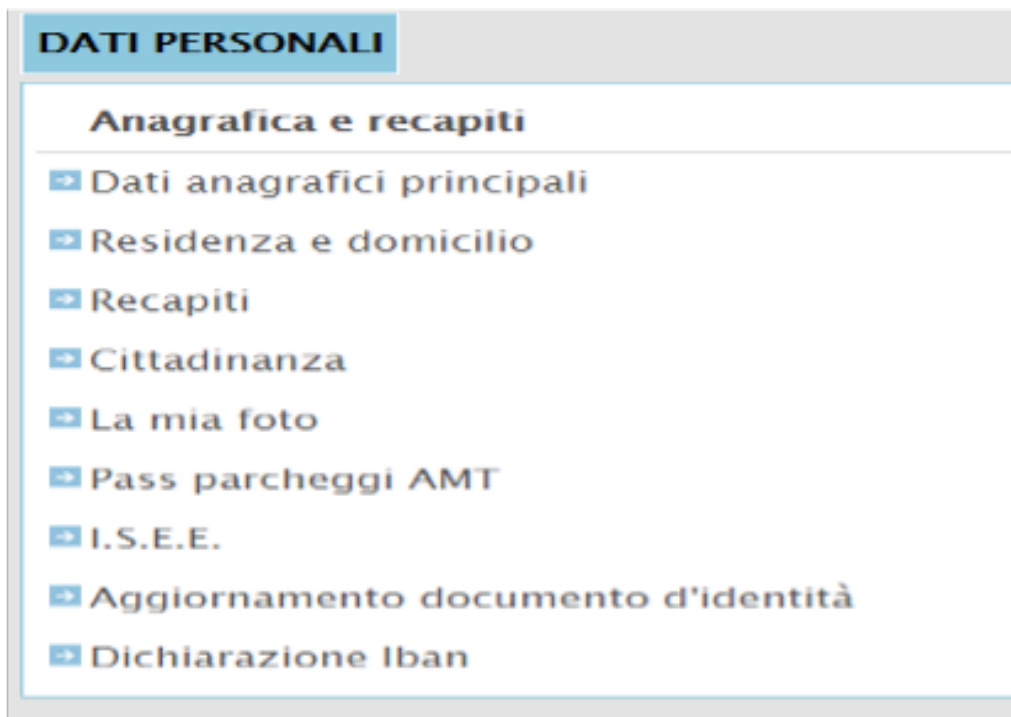


Figure 4.2: Personal Data

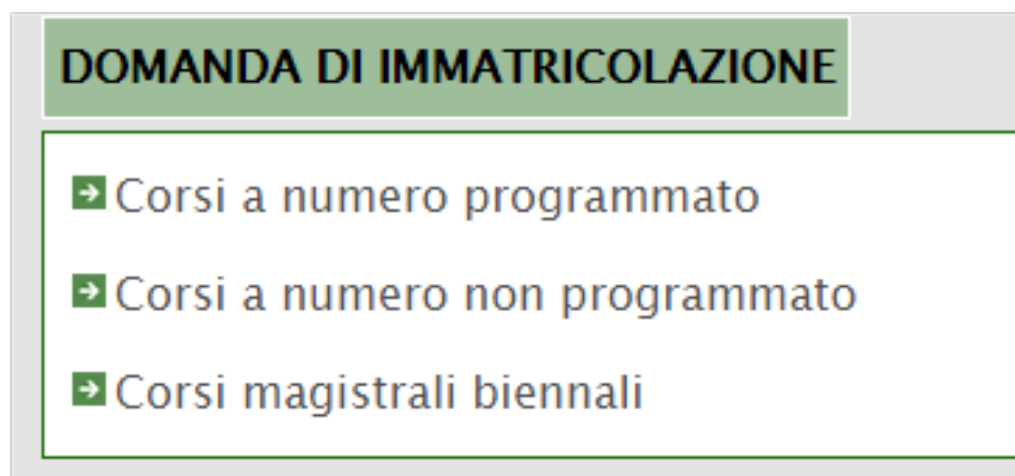


Figure 4.3: Enrolment request

4.1.2 Departments and study courses pages

Each degree course has a specific website, in which it is possible to obtain information about:

- professors' announcements,
- degree course announcements (e.g., seminars, suspension of lessons, etc),
- the contact details of each professor to whom you can write,
- the contacts of career secretariats and students that solve some of the problems that you may run into.

You can access the page of your department and degree course from the University of Catania's general website, by clicking on Department.

On the specific website of every degree course, you can find the schedule of lectures and exam calendar, amongst other things. You can also find the resource centre, Studium, usually at the bottom right of the page.

4.1.3 Student email

Each enrolled student of UNICT is automatically associated with an email. This email is invaluable for receiving communications from the University of Catania. The email address is usually linked with the personal email address that the student used during the registration of enrolment. The default

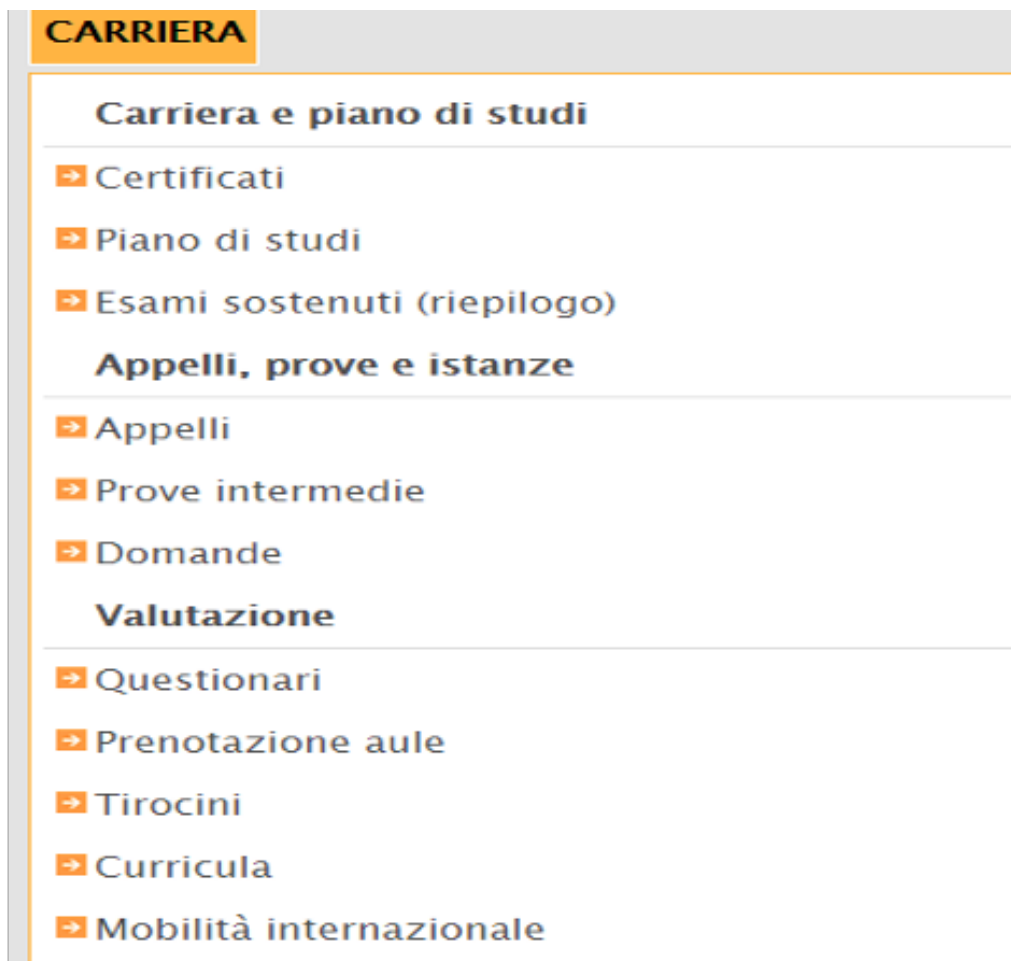


Figure 4.4: Career

alias created for the mailbox corresponds to your matriculation number (e.g. `matriculationnumber@studium.unict`).

The email address can be retrieved from Studium (see the next section). You can customize the email at first access.

If you need help, you can write to `assistenza.posta@studium.unict.it`.

4.1.4 Studium

Studium is a support platform used by the University of Catania to allow professors to share with students materials of interest. Studium can be

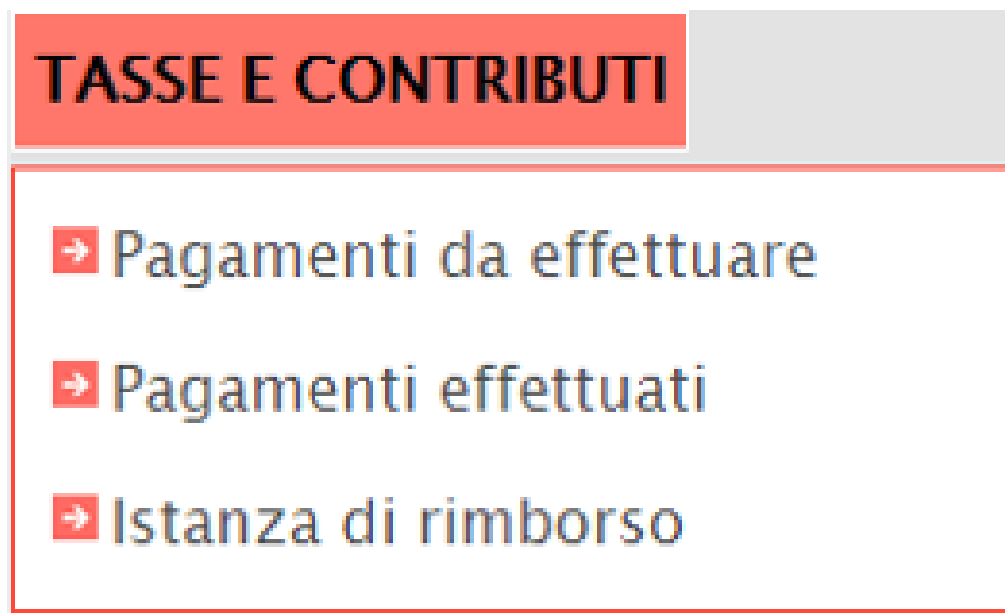


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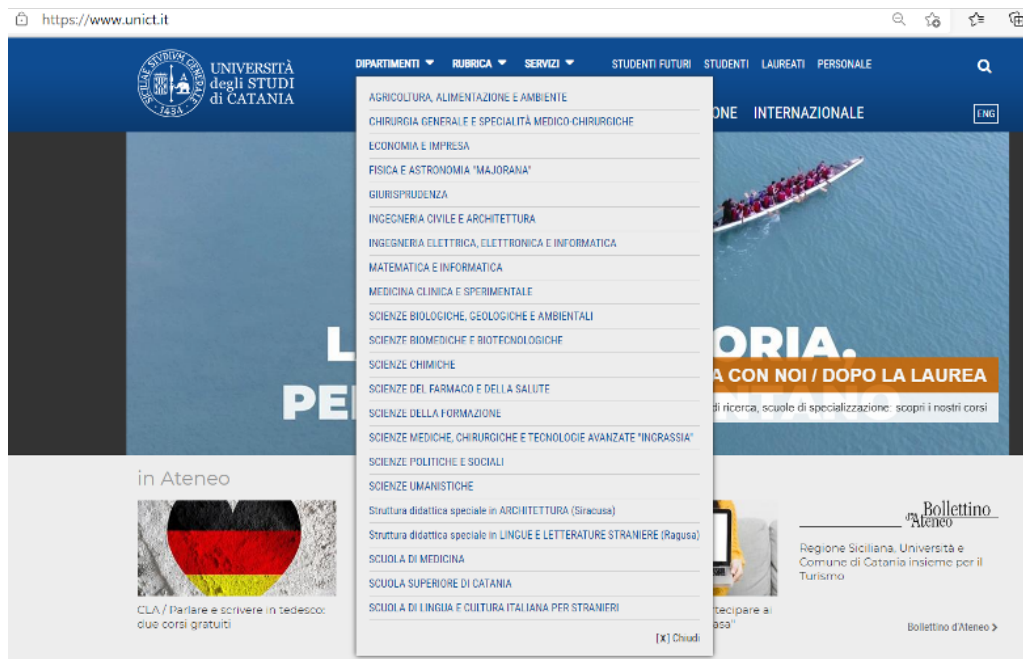


Figure 4.6: UNICT website

assessed with the same credentials as Smart_edu, i.e., your fiscal code and the password of the UNICT student portal.

Within Studium, you can navigate to your degree course and subjects of interest with its related materials. One material of importance you can access in Studium is the Syllabus for a course usually prepared by the professor in charge of the course. The syllabus contains important information on teaching staff, learning objectives, course structure, detailed course content and textbook information. The syllabus is also accessible on your depart-

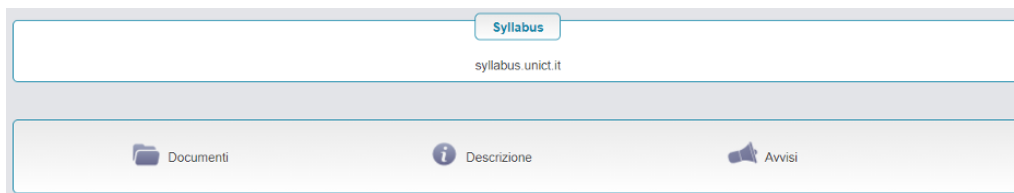


Figure 4.7: A course syllabus on studium

ment's website. NB! Sometimes you may have to go between Studium and your department's website to assess a course syllabus because it might not be in one.

Studium web address: <https://studium.unict.it/>

4.1.5 Exams

The academic year consists of two semesters. Within each semester there are lectures, exercises and laboratory activities. Exam sessions are scheduled at the end of each period in parallel with the suspension of teaching activities. A third exam session is scheduled in the period preceding the start of the new academic year. Thus, you have three exams: 1st Session: January/February 2nd Session: June /July 3rd Session: September

During each exam session, there are two or at most three sessions for each subject. To take the exams, it is necessary to book for the date of your interest in the dedicated area of the student portal following the indicated path: Smart_edu > Home > Career > Appeals (in English) or Smart_edu > Home > Carriera > Appelli (in Italian).

The exams are usually written and/or oral, as reported in the syllabus by each professor.



Figure 4.8: Booking of exams

4.1.6 Additional educational obligations (OFA)

Adequate initial preparation is required to enrol in a degree course or a single-cycle master's degree course. Each study course indicates at the admission stage the knowledge required for access. If the verification of the knowledge reveals gaps in one or more topics, you can still enrol, but you will have to carry out some additional activities, called the Additional Educational Obligations (OFA). The student who is admitted with OFA can take the exams only after having filled in the gap.

Each study course annually organizes activities dedicated to the recovery of OFA which can be consulted on the website of the chosen study course.

4.1.7 Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams (or MS Teams) is an online platform made available by the University of Catania to ensure the fruition of the online lessons for all the students. The platform allows you to follow interactive videoconferencing lessons with sharing desktop, file, audio and video as intended from the class schedule published on the website of each study course.

The MS Team's access code for each course can be retrieved from your department's webpage through the link "CODICI INSEGNAMENTI".



LEZIONI 2° SEMESTRE

Le lezioni si terranno in modalità mista: **in presenza su prenotazione** (servizio attivo sul **Portale studenti**) e **a distanza** sulla piattaforma **Microsoft Teams**.

La dotazione hardware minima per prendere parte ad una video lezione è: un computer dotato di cuffie e/o altri dispositivi audio, oppure un tablet o uno smartphone.

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Figure 4.9

To log in for the first time, each student can access the MS Teams platform using their email address @studium.unict.it and valid credentials for access to the student portal Smart_EdU (fiscal code and password). You can download and install the MS Teams app on your computer and smartphone, instead of using the web version.

To join a specific course:

1. click on the button at the top right "Join or Create a Team".
2. Enter the alphanumeric code previously found on the website of your department in the appropriate text box and click on "Join the team with a code".

In subsequent accesses to the platform, all the courses previously registered will be visible. The student will find all the teaching material shared by the professor as well as the video lesson in progress and those previously recorded.



Figure 4.10

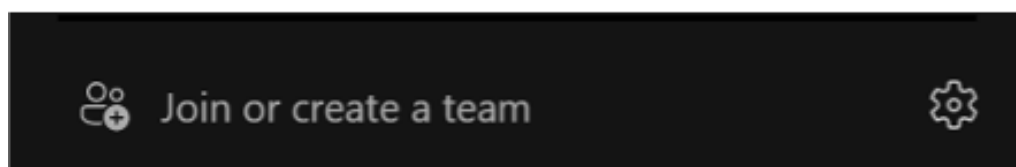


Figure 4.11

Important points to consider:

- Do not immediately start MS Team meetings, instead wait for the professor to start the lesson as scheduled and then you can "join" the meeting with your colleagues,
- During the lesson it is important to turn off your microphone and your webcam; activate them only if requested by the professor,
- The recordings can be watched again, but it is not allowed to download or publish them on other platforms,
- The names of the students participating in the online lessons are visible to the professor,
- Not every professor records the lesson, hence do not start the recording by yourself unless the professor agrees to it.

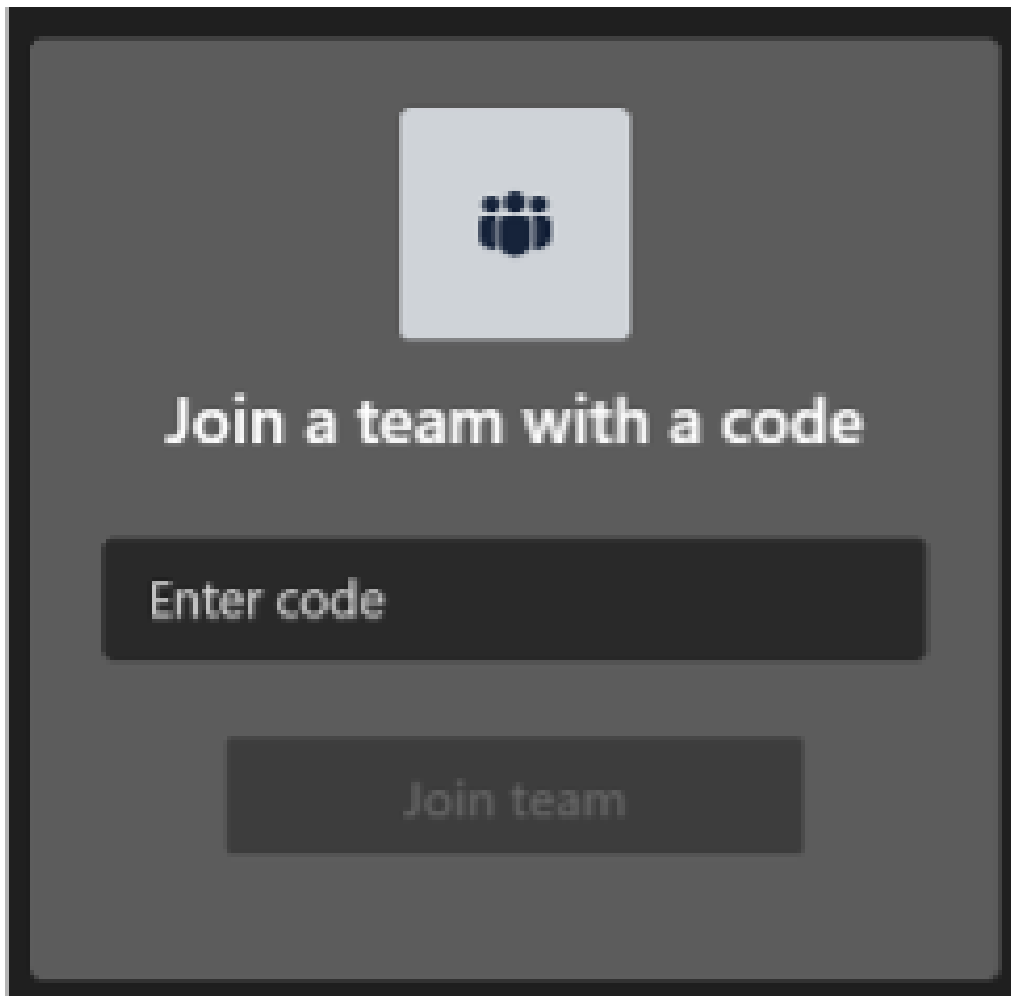


Figure 4.12

4.1.8 Study plan

The study plan is the list of educational activities that must be achieved in the various years of your studies to be admitted to the final graduation exam. To complete the study plan, students must be regularly enrolled in the new academic year. If you are not in good standing (for example, non-payment of taxes or other administrative reasons) it is not possible to fill in or modify your choices in the study plan.

Before completing the study plan, it is necessary to be well informed about the formative and any curricula activities envisaged by the relevant degree course. It is advisable to read the didactic regulations of your degree

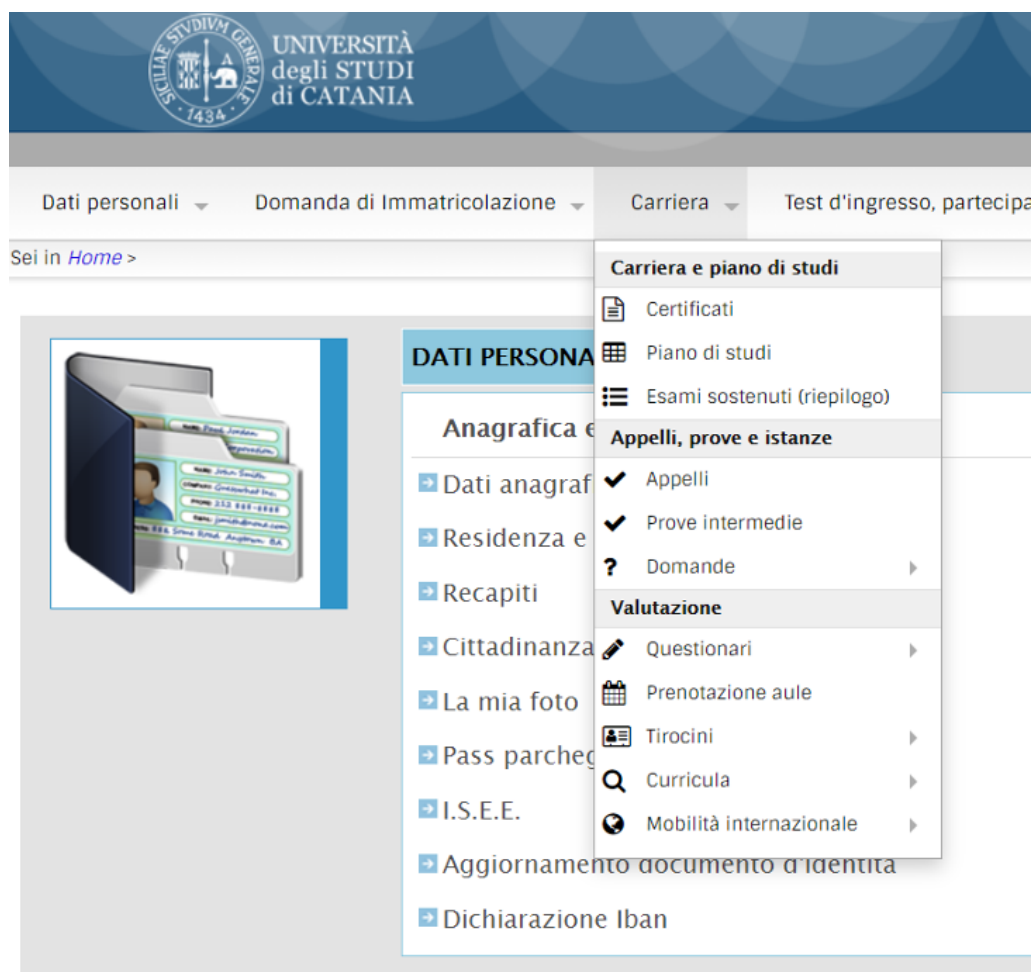


Figure 4.13

course. Study plans correctly completed and sent within the submission deadlines cannot be modified during the year, not even to change the subjects included among the credits of your choice.

You can fill the study plan online through the student portal by following the indicated path: Smart_edu > Home > Career > Study plan.

4.2 Facilities

4.2.1 Italian language courses

Every semester the University of Catania organizes an Italian language course in which foreigners who are interested in a certificate and qualified knowledge of the Italian language may take part. The course is free for foreign students enrolled in the University of Catania and consists of 100 hours (80 hours of lectures in Italian + 20 hours of laboratory activities) usually during one whole semester. The course gives you a maximum of 9 CFU.

You can find more information at: <http://www.italstra.unict.it/en>.

4.2.2 Library services

The University of Catania is full of libraries! Every student can borrow books for studying and research from one of the libraries. If you want to borrow a book, you must first confirm if that book or publication is available (and not already being lend) through the UNICT's library website: <http://unict.summon.serialssolutions.com/advanced>. Each department has its library, so it is important to check where the book is physically available.

4.2.3 Discount on books

Being enrolled in the University of Catania allows you to receive a discount on university books in affiliated libraries. Just by showing proof of the paid University fees, you will receive 20% off books for your study course.

The full list of affiliated libraries can be found at: <https://www.unict.it/it/servizi/sconti-sui-libri-di-testo>.

4.2.4 University sports center (CUS)

Centro Universitario Sportivo (CUS) is the university sports center. Its main building is in the Cittadella Universitaria, next to the ERSU canteen. Here there is a running track, soccer and basketball courts, and the gym.

The other building is in Via Santa Sofia 98, Catania, where you can find volleyball, basketball and tennis courts.

If you want to sign up for the gym or one of the different fitness courses, there is a discounted fee for university students.

You can check out the website where you can look for all the fitness courses: <http://www.cuscatania.it/>

Chapter 5

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE (SSC)

The Scuola Superiore di Catania (SSC) is a higher education Centre of the University of Catania, whose mission is to select brilliant young minds and promote an early start to research for them.

The SSC develops culture, scientific research and innovation by:

- offering highly qualified and innovative educational experiences;
- evaluating and transferring knowledge and technology to the outside world;
- promoting a scientific community, which is open to cultural growth and liberal social exchange;
- living in a campus offering facilities, totally free of charge.

The SSC is organized into two Classes:

1. Humanities and Social Sciences students including ordinary undergraduates in law, economics, politics and humanities;
2. Experimental Science students including ordinary undergraduates in science, medicine and engineering.

SSC Students all have to enrol at the University of Catania and pass the Admission Exam. They attend both the University's undergraduate courses and the SSC courses. Furthermore, they take part in seminars and cultural events organized by the SSC and live within its College (Villa San Saverio).

The SSC education program integrates university studies with additional courses, seminars, laboratories, internships at national and international scientific institutions, and with an early start to research by collaborating in research projects.

SSC Students attend a tutor-guided educational course integrated with their degree course at the end of which they'll receive a License Diploma. The SSC courses are updated annually, taking into account the international continual evolution of scientific knowledge and technology, and include:

- Interdisciplinary courses dealing with cross-cultural themes and content;
- Specialist courses: integrating university preparation with in-depth knowledge of specific themes connected to the students' particular discipline with the further objective of encouraging early research;
- Foundation courses: providing basic preparation for all ordinary students;
- Laboratory courses: introducing students to interdisciplinary research within groups;
- Foreign language courses: taking students to Advanced Level (C1 - CEF) in a foreign language (usually English).

To become a student of the Scuola Superiore di Catania, you need to apply to the call of admission (20 places available every year) and pass the exams and place in the merit ranking.

Eligibility consists in having the right qualification to access the University of Catania's undergraduate courses. Exam notification, including exam programs, is also online at: www.scuolasuperiorecatania.it.

The SSC Admission Exam (in Italian), generally given in September, has two parts: written and oral which vary according to the chosen Class: Humanities and Social Sciences or Experimental Sciences.

Students of the Scuola Superiore di Catania must:

- enroll at a University of Catania's undergraduate course;
- pass all their degree modules on time with a minimum average of 27/30;
- attend the SSC internal courses and pass their exams;

- live within the College “Villa San Saverio”.

The SSC students benefit from free board and lodging (+ library, journals room, gym, multi-media theatre) at the College “Villa San Saverio” and may ask for contributions towards external study and research.

For further information, write to prelaurea@ssc.unict.it

Chapter 6

ANNEX

6.1 Living Cost

Accommodation (Single Room)	€200-€350 approx., excluding €25-€50 for bills (Water, Electricity, Internet). You might be asked to pay 2-3 months' rent in advance.
Residence Permit for Non-EU students	116 (Including Postelitaliane Fees, Marca da bollo).
Fiscal Code	Free of Charge
Food (ERSU Meals)	€0.00 - €6.00, depending on your income and scholarship availability.
Food (Outside ERSU canteens)	€7.00 onwards depending on the type of cuisine; Coffee €0.70 onwards (Chiosco), 1.00 onwards (Bars), Colazione/ Tavola Calda €1.00 - €1.50 onwards.
Leisure Activities	Museum €5.00 - €10.00 onwards, Disco €5.00 - €10.00 onwards.
Food items Pricing	Pasta/Rice €2.00 onwards, Bread €1.00 - €1.50 onwards, Fruits €1.00 -€2.00 onwards, Milk €1.50 onwards, Biscuits/Cake €1.50 onwards.
Health Insurance for Non-EU students	Around €150.
University Fees	Yearly fees €306.00, 1st semester €156.00, 2nd semester €150.00 (First Semester fees paid while applying for the university offer letter).
Stationaries	Pens/Highlighters/Pencils €1.00 onwards, Notebooks €1.50 onwards, Textbooks depends on the course.

Figure 6.1

While departing from your country, it is suggested that you bring at least €1,300.00 - €1,500.00 for the first few months of expenses.

For renting houses/apartments	https://www.zappyrent.com/en/renting-catania , https://housinganywhere.com/s/Catania-Italy NB! If you book early from Housing Anywhere, you might find single room apartments from 100.00 - 150.00 euros excluding monthly bills.
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Figure 6.2

For Information regarding scholarships on ERSU	https://www.ersucatania.it/ .
Your ERSU student portal	https://studenti.ersucatania.it/ .
UNICT web link	https://www.unict.it/ . You can find the links related to the student webmail, library services, your departments' websites and all the relevant information about the courses.
University of Catania student portal	https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it/ .
The University Webmail services:	https://ads.unict.it/ads/ls/?wa=wsigin1.0

Figure 6.3

6.2 Important Links

6.3 Useful and emergency contacts

Emergency Services	112, 113 For all kinds of sudden emergencies; either of the two emergency numbers can be contacted and you will be directed to the respective responsible authority.
Ambulance	118 For medical emergencies.
Fire Services	115 For fire emergencies.
Police	112, 113 For any kind of police-related emergencies.
Erika Magnano	e.magnano@unict.it You can contact Dr. Erika Magnano for problems related to your studies at the University of Catania.
Maria Sanfilippo	maria.sanfilippo@ssc.unict.it You can contact Dr. Maria Sanfilippo for any kind of problem that you might face in Catania. Do not hesitate to reach out.

Figure 6.4