WE ARE YOUR FUTURE

Tradition and Innovation at the Heart of the Mediterranean

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE
WELCOMES YOU TO
THE ‘GATEWAY
OF SICILY’
AND OF YOUR
FUTURE

Messina offers a safe and welcoming environment for tourists and students alike who are amazed at the beautiful scenery and excellent food. It was founded by Greeks in 734 B.C. It was originally called Zancle, then Messanion, and finally Messina.

Situated in the eastern part of Sicily, in the South of Italy. Although it does not have its own airport, it can be easily reached by flying direct to the Catania, Palermo or Reggio Calabria airports.
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA was founded in 1548.

Tradition and change at the heart of the Mediterranean: the University of Messina has always been characterised by the quality of research and teaching and its international vocation.

UniME has a strong international component, with agreements with universities from all over the world. Exchange programmes, double-degree and joint-degree programmes are all part of the international opportunities available to students.

Because of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) students may earn credits and take exams while they are studying abroad.
The mission of the University of Messina is to promote education and scientific research in all areas of knowledge and to offer lifelong learning to students, companies and institutions as a basis for society development.

Located at the heart of the Mediterranean, UniME has a growing visibility, competitiveness and a strategic focus on innovation and internationalisation.

YOU ARE OUR MISSION

→ EDUCATING
→ TRAINING

THE THIRD MISSION OF UniME

In addition to the traditional missions of Teaching and Research, it consists in the enhancement of research and training to generate a positive impact on society by contributing to the development of the territory through its heritage, proposing new technologies, new knowledge, attracting new talents, stimulating greater cultural vitality.

The commitment is aimed at returning a different public model of knowledge, overcoming the idea of a closed academic eco-system.
Department of Ancient and Modern Civilizations ("DICAM")
Department of Economics
Department of Law
Department of Engineering
Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine
Department of Human and Pediatric Pathology "Gaetano Barresi"
Department of Biomedical and Dental Sciences and Morphological and Functional Imaging ("BIOMORF")
Department of Chemical, Biological, Pharmaceutical and Environmental Sciences ("CHIBIOFARM")
Department of Cognitive Sciences, Psychology, Educational and Cultural Studies ("COSPEC")
Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics and Earth Science ("MIFP")
Department of Political and Juridical Sciences ("SCIPOD")
Department of Veterinary Sciences
UniME RANKINGS

The QS prestigious ranking considers several parameters including the quality of research, the academic reputation, the internationalization ratios and the employability factor related to the participating universities. In the QS World University Ranking by Subject 2021, UniME confirms its position among the top 400 universities for Medicine ranking #351-400, and among the top 500 universities for the macro-area ‘Life Sciences & Medicine’ in general ranking #451-500. Messina is also ranked for ‘Physics and Astronomy’ in the bandwidth #601-620.

In the general QS WUR 2024, which ranks the universities as a whole, UniME confirms its overall position #851-900 at global level and #30 at national level. Most specifically, the University is ranked among the top 500 in the world for the quality of its research (ranked #438 for ‘Citations per Faculty’) and #455 for its international research network.

The University of Messina confirms its position 501-600th in the Times Higher Education (THE) – World University Rankings 2023, also obtaining the 71st position in the Impact Rankings: Good health and well-being 2023.

In the prestigious Global Ranking of Academic Subjects by ARWU (Academic Ranking of World Universities), UniME is ranked in the 151-200 range for Veterinary Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences, in the 201-300 range for Food Science and Technology and Dentistry and Oral Sciences, in the 351-400 range for Medical Technologies and Agricultural Sciences and in the 401-500 range for Human Biological Sciences and Environmental Science and Engineering.

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COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

The University of Messina offers a growing number of undergraduate and graduate degree courses taught in English in the most-requested professional fields for the global market: Business Management, STEM, Political Sciences and International Relations, Educational Studies, Life Sciences & Medicine Related Studies, Legal Studies. All degree programmes are taught by highly qualified professors with extensive international experience.

COURSES TAUGHT IN ITALIAN

The University of Messina offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree courses taught in Italian in the most-requested professional fields for the global market: Business Management, STEM, Political Sciences and International Relations, Educational Studies, Life Sciences & Medicine Related Studies, Veterinary Medicine, Legal Studies, Arts & Humanities Studies, Leisure & Sport Related Studies. All degree programmes are taught by highly qualified professors.
UniME SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Upon arrival in Messina, international students will receive a warm welcome at UniMe Welcome Point.

The office is designed to provide international students with information that will help in their smooth reception and integration at UniME.

The Welcome Point also provides support and assistance in dealing with:
- enrolment
- recognition of foreign qualification
- orientation and counselling services.

The Welcome Point coordinates the activities of the Student Ambassador Program and UniME Tutor Buds.

UniME Student Ambassador Program aims to integrate in a peer to peer way, with international students.

Our Student Ambassadors and Staff Buds will help answer queries related to academic offer, applications, scholarships and fees, life in Messina and any questions about UniME.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Living in a student residence hall provides students with a good living situation, close to other students, as well as being near the University.

University Residences are located at:
- ERSU Annunziata Campus
- Centrale Battaglia, 52 Annunziata
- ERSU Papardo Campus
- Centroda Popardo (Engineering Department)

Since the number of rooms for foreign students and visitors is limited, assignment of rooms is subject to availability. For further information please contact the UniME Residence Unit.

For further housing options, the Erasmus Students Network, an association of former Erasmus students, can help you to find the right private accommodation in Messina. ESN provides regularly updated lists of private flats and houses and helps students in their search.

UNIVERSITY TRANSPORT

University students can buy a bus ticket at a reduced price. QR-2: UniME offers free shuttle bus services to the Annunziata and Papardo Campuses.

STUDENT MEAL CARD

International students have access to four main University canteens located in different areas, all close to Departments. In order to have access to the canteens, students must download the ERSU Messina App.

Here is a list of University canteens:
- Central canteen (Via Ghibellina, 356)
- Papardo canteen (V. Pappardo)
- SS Anunziata canteen (Via Battaglia, 55 Anunziata)
- Politecnico canteen (Via Consolare Valeria, 19)

International students who are not from EU/EEA countries must present their valid ID at the canteens to enjoy the reduced price.

Everything has been arranged to make study and stay as comfortable as possible.

The student is at the centre of UniMe.
Unime promotes international student exchange programmes at the European and international levels. For more information please visit the web page dedicated to specific mobility programmes (QR-9).

SSD Unime offers one of the most modern sports facilities in Italy. Students can participate in sports and take courses in all main indoor and outdoor sports. Sports facilities include indoor and outdoor pools, a dance room, a large multi-gym area, rugby, baseball, tennis, soccer and hockey pitches, horse riding and more. For further information see QR-8.

Messina offers many services like accommodation, tutoring and the buddy system to assist students. The purchase of the ESN card gives you many local, national and international discounts. ESN provides pick-up service at the Messina railway/bus station upon your arrival. You are strongly recommended to contact ESN before your arrival in Messina by e-mail: presidents.ssnie@gmail.com

Unime provides courses of Italian language for the students (QR-6).

The Unime Office for persons with disabilities offers technical support to improve access to courses, facilities, buildings, and social life. They also assist the various departments with programming and prioritized issues. The Office also oversees the counselling activities of each department counsellor as well as the coordination of free transportation.

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

SPORTS FACILITIES

ERASMUS STUDENTS NETWORK MESSINA

ITALIAN LANGUAGES COURSES

DISABILITY-SLD SERVICES FOR STUDENTS
It is an innovative initiative that aims to help students who live out of Messina with their rent payment. Students residing in other municipalities in Italy and abroad who have a registered six-month or more rental contract in the Municipality of Messina may apply. The winners will receive reimbursement of up to a maximum of 2,000 euros for their rent per year, on the basis of the personal/family income.

Scholarships for enrolled students are awarded on the basis of the personal/family income of the applicant. The Regional Agency for fish to Higher Education (ERSU) publishes a yearly call for applications for scholarships, free accommodation, scholarships for international mobility and awards for high achievement.

It is possible for students to work part-time. A residence permit for study purposes allows the holder to work for a maximum of 30 (35 hours per week) with a contract as an employee. For further information contact local labour unions.

All University premises are equipped with free Wi-Fi connection. UNIME has a well-stocked library with the best scientific and academic publications. The online integrated library database (SLA) and updated information on academic and research activities and services (LIB-SOPRA) are freely available at the University website (URL-4).

WEB MAIL STUDENT is an institutional email account for student communication.

CHAT UNIME provides information and assistance with a chat operator.

TELEGRAM UNIME is an official message system that communicates news about calls, competitions, deadlines, appointments, etc.

APP UNIME is the official University app to manage student personal careers.

MICROSOFT 365 services for UNIME students.