Programme overview
Messina is paradigmatic of seismicity with its millennial history of devastating earthquakes and has a strong tradition in seismic monitoring and geophysical academic studies. In its long history, Messina (as whole Sicily) has been the heart of integration of cultures and populations coming from different countries and continents. For all these reasons, Messina is an ideal place for international research cooperation and high formation in Geophysics, with particular reference to earthquakes and seismic risk. The Master’s degree course will furnish, in particular, practical skills through laboratory, field activities and training in private companies and professional institutions. The student can also decide to work with the support of Unime professors on the topic of seismic risk in his/her country or region of origin.

International mobility is highly encouraged. This high-formation programme has agreements with various international partners with great expertise in the field of seismic risk:
- University of Thessaloniki (Greece);
- University of Istanbul Bogazici (Turkey);
- University of Malta.

Minimal entry requirements
Candidates must hold a Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) in scientific courses, with basic knowledge of Earth Sciences to be admitted. The course commission will evaluate the candidate’s qualifications for admission.

Language requirements
English language B2-level based on the European Common Framework of Reference for Languages is required. Candidates who have earned a degree taught in English or come from countries whose official language is English do not need a certificate of English language competence.

This programme is very important for seismic risk analysis and management. We are learning some very important skills that I hope to take back home so we can avoid disasters caused by earthquakes. My professors are very qualified and help us when we have problems. We have a lot of interesting activities.

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Study programme

Year 1

• Physics of Environmental Processes
• Prevention of Earthquake Disasters (Mod.A: Seismic Monitoring and Surveillance - Mod.B: Seismic Risk)
• Scientific Computing and Applications
• Additional Language Skills
• Earth Shallow Structure and Seismic Response (Mod.A: Active and Passive Seismology - Mod.B: Laboratory of Seismic Data Processing and Field Campaign)
• Environmental Geology
• Fundamentals and Applications of Petrology
• Geophysical tools (Mod.A: Geophysical Observation Methods and Remote Sensing - Mod.B: Oceanography)

Year 2

• Quaternary Geology and Active Tectonics
• Applied Geology and Land Planning
• Physics for Cultural Heritage Protection
• Dynamics of Structures
• Seismo-induced Chemical Risk
• Student Choice Disciplines and/or Activities
• Training Course
• Thesis

International opportunities

UniME students have the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus+ Mobility programme both for study and training. Calls are published on the site twice per year.

Job opportunities

There are several job categories available for graduates, i.e. consulting, academic, government, and local State administration. This degree prepares specialists in seismology and geology to work in management roles in the field of Seismic Protection of Cultural Heritage Buildings, with a main focus on the high seismic risk region of the Mediterranean Sea.

Tuition fees

€750/year

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