

# University for Foreigners of Siena

Datasheet 2025/2026 academic year

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# CONTACT INFORMATION

## NAME OF UNIVERSITY:

University for Foreigners of Siena

## WEBSITE:

[Homepage UNISTRASI](#)  
[Incoming exchange students](#)

## POSTAL ADDRESS:

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STUDENTS (IN-OUT):**

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# DEADLINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

**Can you accept more students over those indicated above?**  
It will be agreed on the basis of Bilateral Agreement and/or according to what it will be indicated in the fact sheet

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Previous request

**How the academic year is organized?**  
Our academic calendar consists in a first semester (fall semester) starting on end of September and in a second semester (Spring semester) starting on the middle of February

# Department courses (taught in Italian)

## Academic calendar

**first term:** end of September 2025 – mid of January 2026

**second term:** mid of February 2026 – end of May 2026

## Examination periods

**first term:** mid of January 2026 – mid of February 2026

**second term:** beginning of June 2026– end of July 2026

**Which department can exchange students have access to?**

Our University has just one Department: Department of Humanities (DiSU). It offers Undergraduate Bachelor's Degrees (Three years)

CORSI DI LAUREA TRIENNALE

Postgraduate Master's degrees (Two years)

CORSI DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE

# Italian language courses

Italian language courses are held every month. At the end of each month students will have to take the final exam. The courses are divided based on each level: A1 - A2 - B1 - B2 - C1 - C2, following the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

[Info about Italian language courses](#)



# Deadlines

## **Deadline for nominations**

first term and full academic year: 31st May  
second term: 31st October

## **Deadline for applications**

first term and full academic year: 15th July  
second term : 15th December

# APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

**First step:** The student must be nominated by her/his home University

**Second step:** The application form will be sent after the nomination

**Third step:** The acceptance letter will be released within about 5 working days after receiving the application form correctly filled out

**Fourth step:** the student need to register to apply for the Visa on Universitaly (<https://www.universitaly.it/>)

The student should requests the transcript (for department courses) by mail to [mobilitaextraue@unistrasi.it](mailto:mobilitaextraue@unistrasi.it) and (for italian language courses) by mail to [segrstud@unistrasi.it](mailto:segrstud@unistrasi.it) or [linguaitaliana@unistrasi.it](mailto:linguaitaliana@unistrasi.it)

# OUR UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE

Are there any kind of mandatory fees that exchange students need to pay?

No

Is there any specific requirements for admission of exchange students?  
(e. GPA, language proficiency etc.)

In order to attend our Bachelor and Master programs, international students are required to have a B2 level of Italian. Exchange students with lower levels can attend our monthly Italian language courses

**Main language of instruction:**

Italian

**Others languages of instruction:**

None

**Exchange students can also attend our Italian Language Courses for three months without any fee to pay: CLUSS UNISTRASI**

Please contact the following email for further information  
**[segrstud@unistrasi.it](mailto:segrstud@unistrasi.it) - [linguaitaliana@unistrasi.it](mailto:linguaitaliana@unistrasi.it)**

### **Are there any departments/courses not open to exchange students?**

Exchange students are allowed to take classes from different degrees but they are excluded to take courses from our online degree course “Italian language, literature and arts in an international perspective”.

### **Explanation of our grading system**

According to the Italian Grading System, examinations are graded according to a scale ranging from 0 to 30, with 18 as a pass mark. A "cum laude" may be added to the highest grade (30; 30 e lode) as a mention of special distinction. So, for the rating system A(90-100), B(80-89), C(70-79), D(60-69) our marks from 30 to 25 fall in the range A-B; our marks from 24 to 21 fall in the range C; our marks from 20 to 18 fall in the range D.

# ACCOMODATION AND HEALTH INSURANCE

## **Do you provide accommodation for exchange students?**

We help students in finding accommodation for their exchange period.  
For further information please contact [accoglienza@unistrasi.it](mailto:accoglienza@unistrasi.it)

## **If yes, what is the average cost?**

### **Private accommodation (approximate price)**

- Single room in centre: € 400
- Single room on the outskirts: € 350
- Double room in centre (per person): € 300
- Single room on the outskirts: € 250

### **Student Dorms**

We have a limited number of available places, in double room.  
We suggest in advance booking ([accoglienza@unistrasi.it](mailto:accoglienza@unistrasi.it))

**Website link for accommodation information**

**ALLOGGI**

**E-mail address for accommodation enquires:**

accoglienza@unistrasi.it

**Average living cost (approximate price)**

- Full meal at the canteen € 8.50
- Meal in a pizzeria € 20.00
- Bus ticket € 1.70
- Three-month bus pass € 107,30

**Do exchange students need to subscribe any kind of insurance that is mandatory for our University and/or for our country?**

Health insurance is a fundamental requirement in order to obtain a Permit of Stay once in Italy. So we suggest take out an international insurance policy which covers all medical costs in the case of medical treatment or hospital stays (Please note: papers of the health insurance had in the home country must bear the stamp of the Embassy/Consulate where the students address their Visa request: this in order to validate the Health Insurance.

**You can find here more details about it and the average cost**

Optional public health insurance: € 700 per year

Private health insurance: starting from € 86

**ASSISTENZA SANITARIA**



# VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT INFORMATION

Students coming from a country not belonging to the European Union, must apply for a study visa before their arrival in Italy: they can visit this [link](#) in order to check out if they need to apply for a VISA. In order to apply for a VISA, students are required to make a pre-enrollment via University portal (<https://www.universitaly.it>).

For the Italian law, those students with a VISA-type D over 90 days length (from 91 days on) should submit for the **Residence Permit Request** within 8 working days from their arrival in Italy.

# Residence permit request

Required documents for the Resident permit request:

- copy of the page of the passport with their personal data;
- copy of the page of the passport with the VISA;
- copy of their Health Insurance (if they don't get it before to leave from their home country, they can subscribe one on this [website](#))
- copy of the exchange acceptance letter we will send them;
- copy of a document where is indicated where they will live here in Siena (es. rental contract, payment receipt, booking confirmation etc.);
- € 16,00 “Marca da Bollo” (a duty stamp that can be purchased at any Tobacconist) to be put on the residence permit application.

The residence permit application kit will be submitted at the Post Office.

You will be asked to pay:

- € 30,00 for handing in the documents;
- € 70,46 as a tax to obtain the electronic residence permit.

They will get a receipt from the Post Office where is indicated the appointment they have with the Police Station (Questura) to get the fingerprints. **This appointment is mandatory.** It is necessary to keep always the receipt with them and always show it together with their passport when requested.