

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

APPLICATION FORMS AND DEADLINES

- Before the on-line application submission, the Partner Institution has to communicate the selected candidates to the Student Mobility Office at the Università del Salento certifying she/he has been selected as an Erasmus or exchange student and indicating the study field, the number of months of her/his study period in Lecce, home and e-mail address.
- Application and Learning Agreement have to be entered on-line before leaving and have to be printed, duly signed both by the student and the sending Institution Coordinator, then stamped and sent by mail to the following address:

Student Mobility Office
Università del Salento
Viale Gallipoli, 49- 73100 LECCE -I

Application forms for registration, Learning Agreement, accommodation and the Italian language course can be found on the following web address:

<http://unisalento.llpmanager.it/studenti/>

Deadlines:

- ❖ First semester: *June 15*
- ❖ Second semester: *October 31*

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of EU countries do not require a student visa to enter Italy.

Non European Union Citizens

Have to apply for a student visa at the nearest Italian Consulate prior to leaving their home country.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Classes are generally held from Monday to Friday.

Courses run from September/October to January (first semester), and from February to May (second semester).

Examinations take place in February and in June-July.

There are two half term holidays, around Christmas and Easter and a long Summer holiday from the end of July to September.

Public Holidays:

November 1st

December 8th

December 23rd-January 8th (Christmas holidays)

from the Thursday before Easter to the following Wednesday (Easter vacation)

April 25th

May 1st

June 2nd

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Non European Union Citizens have to apply for a residence permit within 8 days from their arrival in Italy. All procedures have to be performed in the post office in Lecce. The Student Mobility Office will assist incoming students with these practices.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

EU incoming students with EU Health card or Health Certificate can go directly to a general **practitioner of their choice**. The list of available doctors can be consulted at the ASL Office (Health National Unit)-Viale Don Minzoni, 8 – Foreigner Office.

Non-EU students have to purchase a personal health-insurance policy with a consular declaration of validity for Italy. Alternatively they can buy a local health insurance policy to be covered for any medical care on the same basis as an Italian citizen.

OUR FACILITIES

ACCOMMODATION

There are 5 student residences where students can apply for a double room with WC/Bathroom, (no cooking facilities). Residences close during Christmas and Easter holidays.

However, given the high demand for these places, most students have to find private accommodation. The average monthly rent for a single room is 160/250 Euro and 120/160 Euro per person in a double room.

At their arrival in Lecce, foreign students without an assigned room at one of the student residences, can be temporarily accommodated in comfortable hotels where they pay only 12 Euro per night, breakfast included, as the University takes charge of the extra cost. A Student Association will help students to find a suitable accommodation in a very short time.

CANTEENS

At present there are 3 student canteens. Two of them are located in town: in the Students' Residences in via Adriatica and in via Lombardia: here two meals a day are served including Sundays.

The third one is situated at Ecotekne where only lunch is served from Monday to Saturday. They close during Christmas and Easter holidays.

Prices go from €3,00 to €5.60.

ITALIAN FOR FOREIGNERS

Most courses are taught in Italian, it is therefore very important that Erasmus students planning to study in Lecce start studying Italian before their arrival and/or during their study period in Lecce.

The University Language Centre (CLA) offers free intensive Italian language courses at the beginning of each semester.

The courses are at three levels: elementary, intermediate, advanced. They take place at the University Language Centre.

TUTORS

Twice a week ex-ERASMUS students meet Erasmus incoming students at the Student Mobility Office. They welcome the newcomers in their own language, prepare documents, contact their universities on line and so on. Please feel free to contact them for any question or problem.

LIBRARIES

The library automation system of the University of Salento includes the Interfaculty Central Library and 22 libraries located in the various departments and faculties. Book patrimony of the University consists of approximately 1 million volumes, 600 national and international magazines and a precious collection of rare incunabula manuscripts and correspondence manuscripts.

The library system offers also free electronic access to electronic resources such as e-journals, databases, digital maps and statistical maps.

SIBA (Coordination of Library Information Systems): <http://siba2.unile.it/index.htm>

COMPUTERS

It's possible to use a wireless connection in all locations of the University A password will be released on demand. For further information see <http://wireless.unisalento.it>.

Computers for bibliographical research are available to students in the various libraries. Site by: SIBA (University Library Information Services):

Libraries catalogue: <http://siba-millennium.unile.it/screens/mainmenu.html>

Computers for text processing and **INTERNET connection** available at:

- CLA - The University Language Centre - Via Carluccio, n°2;
- Faculty of Foreign Languages - "Edificio Sperimentale", Via F. Calasso 3/A;
- Law Faculty, Li Tufi, Via per Monteroni
- Codacci Pisanelli, Porta Napoli (open space)
- Department of Social System and Communication Sciences - "Palazzo Guagnano", Via dei Salesiani;
- Faculty of Engineering - "La Stecca", via per Monteroni;
- Complesso Ecotekne (H1-H4), piazzale Daniele Caiaffa, via per Monteroni
- Studium 2000 – Interfaculty Library, Via di Valesio,

The **Officine Cantelmo** is a multipurpose cultural centre in the centre of the city sponsored by the University, where students can meet to study, to organize events, to participate in seminars, to navigate in internet. Here students can exchange ideas, make and listen to music, take part in artistic laboratories, etc.

Address: Viale De Pietro, 12, 73100 Lecce

URL: <http://www.officinecantelmo.it>

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus service covers the centre of the city and the suburbs (Autolinee Urbane). STP buses connect extra urban zones (where the faculties of Mathematical Sciences, Physical and Natural Sciences, Economics, Engineering, Law are sited) with the centre.

University students are entitled to reduced tickets.

SHOPPING

In general, the cost of living is lower in a southern town as Lecce than in the big cities in the central or northern part of Italy. Lecce has a lot of really nice shops, but it is advisable to buy basic necessities (food, toilet articles, clothes) in supermarkets rather than in small stores.

SPORT

The CUS (University Sport Centre) organizes a wide range of sporting activities both for Italian and foreign students. A yearly registration of € 30.00 is obligatory; there are courses with and without fee.

For further information: <http://www.cusl.unisalento.it/>

Disabled Students

Integration Center: support, information, orientation for Students with Disabilities

Address: Palazzo "Parlangeli" – via Stampacchia – 73100 – Lecce

Tel. : +39 0832 336756

e- mail: centro.sostegno@ateneo.it

For further information : http://www.unisalento.it/web/guest/stud_diversamente_abili

Living costs

Some prices

Single room in a shared apartment	160-250 a month + utilities
Shared room in a shared apartment	120-160 a month + utilities
Food at a supermarket for one week	50
Pizza + beer in a pizzeria	10
Cappuccino + croissant in a café	2
Meal at the University canteen	3–6
Meal in a café (a drink + a sandwich)	5
A beer in a pub-small	2.50
Bus ticket (one-hour validity)	0,80- 1,50 (on the bus)
"City-pass" (bus ticket for 6 trips)	4,00
Student monthly bus ticket	10 - 15
Newly-released film	5