

Direzione Attività Istituzionali, Programmazione, Qualità e Valutazione Area Internazionalizzazione - Sezione Mobilità e Didattica Internazionale

FACT SHEET FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2020/2021

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This Fact Sheet is for all incoming exchange students who are planning a mobility period at the University of Turin during the a. y. 2020/2021 and is part of the University's efforts to protect its community's safety and health during international mobility programmes. It also aims to provide instructions for students so that they can be fully aware of the risks that exist during these uncertain times and any inconvenience that may occur.

The information below covers general as well as COVID-19 specific areas. Therefore, in view of the everchanging situation, they may be subject to review following further provisions by the relevant authorities.

General information for the Unito community at large is available at:

- Italian version: https://www.unito.it/ateneo/gli-speciali/coronavirus-aggiornamenti-la-comunitauniversitaria
- English version: <u>https://en.unito.it/coronavirus-updates-unito-community</u>

MOBILITY 2020/2021 - SPECIAL INDICATIONS FOR COVID-19

Incoming mobility for studies is allowed. Incoming students will be able to attend all classes made available by each degree course, following the same regulations in place for UniTO regular students. Please read the <u>Guidelines for international student mobility academic year 2020/2021</u>

For the academic year 2020/2021 UniTO will ensure international students flexible learning resources, addressing both the needs of social distancing in the academic environment and the current uncertainties of international travel. Infact, UniTO allows to carry out a "**blended mobility**" (both virtual and in presence). If safety conditions do not allow students to leave their home countries at the beginning of the semester, students can start the semester at home and attend Unito's courses online. This way, departure can be postponed and the "physical/presence" will start when conditions will allow it. For full info on remote learning, please check: <u>https://en.unito.it/coronavirus-updates-unito-community/online-teaching</u>

Should restrictions continue due to COVID-19 and participants cannot complete their mobility programme in Turin, the entire programme online (virtual mobility) will also be eligible.

Incoming students must verify with their Home University as well whether they are eligible for blended and/or full virtual mobility.

Course Catalogue

You can choose courses from your main host department and school. You can also choose courses in other departments as long as you are authorised by the relevant Professor.

All information about the scheduling, content, language of instruction, credits, online registration, and teaching method of each course is available on individual Departments, Schools and Degree Programs' webpages.

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STUDY SAFE - STEP BY STEP

The University of Turin welcomes incoming exchange students to become a part of its community. However given the current situation, bans and restrictions on international travel and local restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we recommend all incoming students to consider postponing their travel to Italy to a later date, while still being able to complete their enrolment online and start attending courses remotely.

BEFORE TRAVELLING TO ITALY

All persons travelling to Italy from any international location are required to fill out a signed statement, and hand it in to the carrier or law enforcement officers upon request. The statement is available on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation– MAECI (see below).

Furthermore, please make sure you understand the following items:

- 1. UniTO recommends all incoming students to check whether the following conditions are met:
 - national and international health conditions are such as to allow international travel;
 - no further provision or limitation on international travel is set by authorities in the student's home country or in Italy
- 2. Make sure to check the most updated information on travel conditions to Italy:
 - Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation portal MAECI:

 - a page with some Frequently Ask Question (FAQ) about the Government measures issued by the Decree #loRestoaCasa (in different languages): https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/normativaonline/decreto-iorestoacasa- domandefrequenti
 - information from Embassies and Consulates: <u>https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/laretediplomatica/</u>
 - Re-Open EU Italy : <u>https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/ITA</u>



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- Italian Ministry of Health: <u>http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronav</u> <u>irus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto</u>
- World Health Organisation: <u>https://www.who.int/</u>

3. Follow your home country's guidance on international travel and restrictions;

4. Make sure you have a valid document and visa (if required) to enter and stay in Italy: <u>https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en</u> All applicants requiring a visa for the University of Turin need to apply ONLINE via the Universitaly portal on <u>www.universitaly.it</u>

IMPORTANT - for non-European students not living in Italy

Non-EU students staying in Italy longer than 90 days must also apply for a RESIDENCE PERMIT (permesso di soggiorno) within 8 working days after their arrival in Italy. The comprehensive cost of this document is around 120 euro. For further information, visit the Residence Permit webpage: <u>https://en.unito.it/living-turin/when-you-arrive/residence-permit</u>

Contact <u>office.incoming@unito.it</u> for help and support about residence permits.

5. Go to your local health centre to find out about any preventative measures you should take before departure, any necessary or recommended vaccinations in order to obtain a clean bill of health certificate. Students should independently consider purchasing insurance cover that guarantees repatriation for medical reasons, reimbursement of medical expenses and typical additional "travel" policy guarantees.

6. If you are coming from an EU country, check what is covered by the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card entitles the bearer to free accident and emergency treatment in EU countries. Some benefits may be provided indirectly, i.e. paying costs upfront and then applying for reimbursement. Check your National Health Card for the dates you are covered for a stay abroad.

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The EHIC may not cover repatriation to your country of residence for medical reasons. Students should independently consider purchasing insurance cover that guarantees repatriation for medical reasons, reimbursement of medical expenses and typical additional "travel" policy guarantees. If you take out private insurance, check the conditions related to the COVID-19 health emergency.

7. Students with private insurance should contact their insurance company to understand what services are included and a list of names of doctors and or clinics/hospitals that are affiliated with them.

8. Both EU and non-Eu nationals can apply for health insurance with the Italian National Health System (Sistema Sanitario Nazionale - SSN). For further information please visit: <u>https://en.unito.it/living-</u>



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9. Students are advised to purchase refundable travel tickets and inquire in advance about booking their accommodation through the University residences or private landlords. They should find out in advance if their deposits are refundable in case of late arrival or cancellation.

10. Save contact references for your country embassy or consulate in Italy. Make a note of your address and phone numbers on your phone, inside your passport and online, so that you can retrieve them in case of emergency.

11. Add a family or friend's contact to your passport in case of an emergency.

- 12. Check with your mobile phone provider about coverage when in Italy.
- 13. Give friends and family your contacts in Italy and travel itinerary.
- 14. Make sure that you are able to pay using different payment methods.
- 15. Check whether your driving license is valid should you need to drive in Italy.

16. Make multiple copies of your passport and travel documents as well as useful contact numbers and save them online.

17. Carry copies of your usual medical prescriptions and records of your health conditions.

18. Indicate any allergies on your passport, online or wearable device.

DURING YOUR STAY

1. Follow the safety rules very carefully, respecting possible restrictions in force both in University premises and around town. Further information is available on the designed webpage on the Unito Portal: https://en.unito.it/coronavirus-updates-unito-community

2. Should you have an accident, notify your home university immediately, then contact us at <u>infortuni@unito.it</u>, at the International Mobility Office (<u>internationalexchange@unito.it</u>) and your UniTO department.



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- 3. Do not leave valuables unattended.
- 4. Give news of yourself regularly to your contacts in your home country
- 5. Check the rules for importing/exporting food and plants.

FOCUS UNIVERSITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

Registered incoming students (students who have received a UniTO matriculation number) are covered by the following policies free of charge:

- the **Liability Policy** provides insurance for any damages caused, since students are legally liable while attending university courses.

- the **Accident Guarantee Policy** provides appropriate insurance coverage against accidents that students might have during their university activities both on University premises and elsewhere, IF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED, outside the University, both in Italy and abroad. This includes, but is not limited to, facilities, industrial or research laboratories, other Universities offices or Research Institutes etc, where students might be studying, visiting or carrying out experiments, complementary and extra activities, in accordance with policy conditions.

NB Accident policies do not generally cover the equivalent of accidents or occupational diseases, so only fortuitous, direct and external events (injury) are covered. Since this policy has the "occupational diseases" clause, any infections may fall in this area. We are, however, obliged to point out that, since there is no precedent or legal norm in this matter to be contested by those who write the insurers' "defensive" strategy on the subject, such coverage for COVID-19 cases will inevitably be determined by medical-legal issues.