



Fact Sheet for Partner Countries incoming 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 refers to both general and special standards regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, in view of the ever-changing situation, they may be subject to review following further provisions by relevant authorities. For further guidance on what is being done for the Unito community, please read the designated pages:

Italian version: <https://www.unito.it/ateneo/gli-speciali/coronavirus-aggiornamenti-la-comunita-universitaria>

English version: <https://en.unito.it/coronavirus-updates-unito-community>

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.

For further information please read the [Guidelines for international student mobility academic year 2020/2021](#)

Virtual and Blended Mobility

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. In fact, 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: <https://en.unito.it/coronavirus-updates-unito-community/online-teaching>

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 also with their Home University whether they are eligible for blended and/or full virtual mobility.

UniTO guarantees academic recognition of the educational activities whether they are blended and/or virtual, provided they are consistent with the participant's academic path and agreed in the Learning Agreement.

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The European Commission and INDIRE the National Erasmus Plus Agency, with Note 4/2020 of 19/06/2020 state that only physical mobility will be financed, so:



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- Completely virtual mobility: the participant does not receive any contribution;
 - Blended mobility: the participant receives contributions for the actual days of mobility abroad (in Turin in case of incoming students);
 - Physical mobility abroad: the participant receives contributions for the entire period of mobility abroad (in Turin in case of incoming students).

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.

- **Departments** <https://en.unito.it/about-unito/structures/departments>
- **Schools** <https://en.unito.it/about-unito/structures/schools>
- **Degree programs** <https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/programs/degree-programs>
- **Course search** <https://en.unito.it/course-search>

SAFE INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY - 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 participants check whether the following conditions are met:
 - a. national and international health conditions are such that travelling is possible;
 - b. your home country authorities, Italian authorities, the European Commission etc... don't issue any further provision or limitation;
 - c. your Home University authorises international exchanges



2. Make sure you check updated information on information on travel conditions to Italy:
 - a. Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation portal – MAECI:
 - [focus: Italian nationals returning to Italy and foreigners in Italy](#). This page provides useful information about limitations in force to/from certain countries, possible quarantine, restrictions, etc...
 - [a page with some Frequently Ask Question \(FAQ\) about the Government measures issued by the Decree #IoRestoaCasa](#) (in different languages)
 - [information from Embassies and Consulates](#)
 - b. Re-Open EU - Italy : <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/ITA>
 - c. Italian Ministry of Health: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/home.html>
 - d. World health Organisation: <https://www.who.int/>
3. Follow your home country advice on international travel and restrictions
4. Make sure you have a valid document and visa to enter and stay in Italy:
<https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

IMPORTANT - for non-European students

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: <https://en.unito.it/living-turin/when-you-arrive/residence-permit>
Contact office.incoming@unito.it for help and support about residence permits.

5. Go to your local health centre to find out about the preventative measures you should take before departure, 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 on the spot and then obtaining a subsequent reimbursement on. 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" policies 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 so that they can provide the names of doctors and or clinics/hospitals that are affiliated to them.
8. Both EU and non-Eu nationals can apply for a health insurance with the Italian National Health System (*Sistema Sanitario Nazionale - SSN*). For further information please visit: <https://en.unito.it/living-turin/you-leave-home/health-and-insurance>
9. Students are advised to purchase refundable travel tickets and inquire in advance about booking university accommodation or renting private accommodation and the possible conditions of returning the deposit in case of delay or cancellation.
10. Save contact references for your country embassy or consulate in Italy. In case of an emergency, record location and phone numbers on your phone, inside your passport and safely online.
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 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 showing 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>



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2. Should you have an accident, notify your home university immediately, then contact us at infortuni@unito.it, at the International Mobility Office (internationalexchange@unito.it) and your UniTO department.
 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.
 6. In the event of a serious attack, armed insurgency or state of war, you are advised to stay in your home and/or hotel temporarily and try to communicate your position to your home country Diplomatic Representative. Be cautious and keep up to date with the local safety conditions, contacting your home country Embassy if necessary and following the local authorities' advice.

Focus University Insurance Coverage

Registered incoming students (students with a "Matricola" number) are covered by the following policies free of charge:

- the **Liability Policy** provides insurance for **damages** as students are civilly liable during their 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 infection 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.