



University of Messina



International Student Guide

Tradition and **Innovation**
at the **Heart** of the **Mediterranean Sea**



The University of Messina (UniME) is one of the oldest universities in Italy. It was founded by the Jesuits in 1548. Although it has ancient origins, it is a University in continuous growth.

The University is one of the main reference points for the city of Messina, the 13th largest city in Italy, known as the “gateway to Sicily”. UniME has a strong international component, with agreements with universities from all over the world. Exchange programmes, double-degree and joint-degree programmes are all part of the international opportunities available to students.

Because of the ECTS system students may earn credits and take exams while they are studying abroad.

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THE CITY OF MESSINA



The city of Messina was founded by the Greeks in 724 B.C. It was originally called *Zancle*, then *Messanion*, and finally Messina.

Messina historically has been a crossroads between cultures as well as a major transport and trade center. It continues to be an important gateway between the mainland and the island of Sicily.

Messina offers a safe and welcoming environment for tourists and students alike who are amazed at the beautiful scenery and excellent food. It is particularly known for its welcoming people and famous *granita* (a delicious iced drink) celebrated all around Italy.

Messina is situated in the eastern part of Sicily, in the South of Italy. Although Messina does not have its own airport, it can be easily reached by flying direct to the Catania, Palermo or Reggio Calabria airports.



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24,000

Students

535

Cooperation
agreements
with foreign
universities

500+

Students
on international
mobility
every year

400+

International
students
enrolled
every year

131

Degree
programmes

53

Visiting
scholars

12

Departments

12

Degree
courses
in English

7

Double
degree
programmes





RANKINGS



UniME was ranked for the first time in the 351-400 range for Medicine (in 14th place among Italians) of the prestigious QS ranking and consolidates last year's result for the "Life Sciences & Medicine" macro-area, which also includes Chemistry 551-600 (17th place in Italy) and Biological Sciences which obtained position 601-640 (25th place). The QS ranking, in addition to the quality of the research, takes into consideration the University reputation, detected through an academic survey and a corporate survey, as well as internationalization.



In the prestigious ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022, UniME was ranked in the 151-200 range for Veterinary Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences, in the 201-300 range for Food Science and Technology and Dentistry and Oral Sciences, in the 301-400 range for Medical Technologies and Agricultural Sciences and in the 401-500 range for Human Biological Sciences and Environmental Science and Engineering.



After the 85th position in the world awarded for Objective 3 'Health and well-being' in the THE Impact Ranking, the University of Messina confirms its position in the 501-600 range of the Times Higher Education – World University Rankings 2022 ranking out of over 1662 published universities. UniME is also 25th among the 51 ranked Italian universities.

ACADEMIC OFFER



Courses taught in English

- Single Cycle Degree in Medicine and Surgery
- Bachelor's Degree in Data Analysis
- Bachelor's Degree in Political Sciences and International Relations
- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering
- Master's Degree in Engineering and Computer Science
- Master's Degree in Business Consulting and Management
- Master's Degree in Cognitive Sciences and Theory of Communication
- Master's Degree in Condensed Matter Physics
- Master's Degree in Geophysical Sciences for Seismic Risk
- Master's Degree in Data Science
- Vocational Master in Banking and Finance
- Vocational Master in Food, Quality and International Management
- Ph.D. programme: Economics Management and Statistics



Courses taught in Italian (Bachelor's Degree)

- Analisi e gestione dei rischi naturali e antropici
- Biotecnologie
- Chimica
- Consulente del lavoro e scienze dei servizi giuridici
- Diritto delle nuove tecnologie
- Economia aziendale
- Economia, banca e finanza
- Filosofia
- Fisica

- Fisioterapia
- Infermieristica
- Infermieristica pediatrica
- Informatica
- Ingegneria civile e dei sistemi edili
- Ingegneria elettronica e informatica
- Ingegneria gestionale
- Ingegneria industriale
- Lettere
- Lingue, letterature straniere e tecniche della mediazione linguistica
- Logopedia
- Management d'impresa
- Matematica
- Ortottica ed assistenza oftalmologica
- Ostetricia
- Scienze biologiche
- Scienze del servizio sociale
- Scienze del turismo, della cultura e dell'impresa
- Scienze dell'ambiente e della natura
- Scienze dell'informazione: comunicazione pubblica e tecniche giornalistiche
- Scienze della formazione e della comunicazione
- Scienze e tecniche psicologiche
- Scienze e tecniche psicologiche cliniche e preventive
- Scienze e tecnologie agrarie per la Transizione Ecologica
- Scienze e tecnologie della navigazione
- Scienze gastronomiche
- Scienze motorie, sport e salute
- Scienze nutraceutiche e alimenti funzionali
- Scienze politiche e delle relazioni internazionali

- Scienze politiche, amministrazione e servizi
- Scienze, tecnologie e sicurezza delle produzioni animali
- Sostenibilità ed innovazione ambientale
- Tecnica della riabilitazione psichiatrica
- Tecniche audioprotesiche
- Tecniche della prevenzione nell'ambiente e nei luoghi di lavoro
- Tecniche di laboratorio biomedico
- Tecniche di neurofisiopatologia
- Tecniche di radiologia medica, per immagini e radioterapia
- Terapia della neuro e della psicomotricità dell'età evolutiva
- Turismo culturale e discipline delle arti, della musica e dello spettacolo



Courses taught in Italian (Master's Degree)

- Biologia
- Biologia ed ecologia dell'ambiente marino costiero
- Biotecnologie mediche
- Chimica
- Civiltà letteraria dell'Italia medievale e moderna
- Consulenza e gestione di impresa
- Filosofia contemporanea
- Ingegneria civile
- Ingegneria edile per il recupero
- Ingegneria elettronica per l'industria
- Ingegneria meccanica
- Lingua e cultura italiana per stranieri
- Lingue moderne: letterature e traduzione
- Management del turismo e dell'ambiente
- Matematica
- Medicina e Chirurgia, ad indirizzo Biotecnologico

- Metodi e linguaggi del giornalismo
- Psicologia clinica e della salute nel ciclo di vita
- Psicologia e neuroscienze cognitive
- Relazioni internazionali
- Scienze cognitive e teorie della comunicazione
- Scienze dell'alimentazione e nutrizione umana
- Scienze delle professioni sanitarie tecniche diagnostiche
- Scienze delle Pubbliche Amministrazioni
- Scienze e logistica del trasporto marittimo ed aereo
- Scienze e tecniche delle attività motorie preventive e adattate
- Scienze economiche e finanziarie
- Scienze economico-aziendali
- Scienze infermieristiche e ostetriche
- Scienze pedagogiche
- Scienze riabilitative delle professioni sanitarie
- Scienze storiche: società, culture e istituzioni d'Europa
- Servizio sociale, politiche sociali e studi sociologici e ricerca sociale
- Sicurezza e qualità delle produzioni animali
- Tradizione classica e archeologia del mediterraneo
- Turismo e spettacolo



Courses taught in Italian (Single Cycle Degree)

- Chimica e tecnologia farmaceutiche
- Farmacia
- Giurisprudenza
- Medicina e chirurgia
- Medicina veterinaria
- Odontoiatria e protesi dentaria

WELCOME POINT

I think Messina is one of the most beautiful
and accommodating cities in Italy

Huynh Minh Tay

Master's degree in
International Management



Upon arrival in Messina, international student will receive a warm welcome at UniME Welcome Point. The office is designed to provide international students with information that will help in their smooth reception and integration at UniME.

The Welcome Point also provides support and assistance in dealing with:

- enrolment
- recognition of foreign qualification
- orientation and counselling services.

The Welcome Point coordinates the activities of the *Student Ambassador Program* and UniME Tutor Buddies.





STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

UniME Student Ambassador Program aims to interact in a peer to peer way with international students. Our Student Ambassadors and Staff Buddies will help answer queries related to academic offer, applications, scholarships and fees, life in Messina and any questions about UniME.



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*UniME
Ambassador
Program*



SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Accommodation

Living in a student residence hall provides students with a good living situation, close to other students, as well as being near the University.

University Residences are located at:

- ERSU Annunziata Campus
Contrada Battaglia, SS. Annunziata
- ERSU Papardo Campus
Contrada Papardo, Ganzirri (Engineering Department)

Since the number of rooms for foreign students and visitors is limited, assignment of rooms is subject to availability. For further information please contact the UniME Residence Unit.



For further housing options, the Erasmus Students Network, an association of former Erasmus students, can help you to find the right private accommodation in Messina. ESN provides regularly updated lists of private flats and houses and helps students in their search



Messina is quite a beautiful city.
My experience here has been really
good-great university, great people,
great food, and also great weather!

Deny Adi Prabowd
Master's degree in
Methods and Languages of Journalism



Messina is very lively.
I loved my stay here.
I had a lot fun; especially
the food and people are
great. I got to know a
lot of people and they
helped me learn Italian

Owusu Yeboah Ismail
Master's degree in
International Management

Meal card for University canteens

International students have access to four main University canteens located in different areas, all close to Departments. In order to have access to the canteens, students must download the ERSU Messina App.

Here is a list of University canteens:

- Central canteen (Via Ghibellina, 146)
- Papardo canteen (C/da Papardo, Ganzirri)
- SS. Annunziata canteen (C/da Battaglia, SS. Annunziata)
- Policlinico canteen (Via Consolare Valeria, 1)



Transport

University students can buy a bus/tram pass at a reduced price. **(QR-1)** UniME offers free shuttle bus services to the Annunziata and Papardo Campuses. **(QR-2)** "P.I.S.T.A Mobility on demand" is an experimental car sharing service that students can use. **(QR-3)**

Libraries and reading rooms

All University premises are equipped with free wi-fi connection. **(QR-5)** UniME has a well-stocked library with the best scientific and academic publications. The on-line integrated library database (S.B.A.) and updated information on academic and research activities and services (LISI-SCOPUS) are freely available at the University website. **(QR-4)**

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International mobility

UniME promotes international student exchange programmes at the European and international levels. For more information please visit the web page dedicated to specific mobility programmes (**QR-7**)

Sports facilities

SSD UniME offers one of the most modern sports facilities in Italy. Students can participate in sports and take courses in all main indoor and outdoor sports. Sports facilities include indoor and outdoor pools, a dance room, a large multi-gym area, rugby, baseball, tennis, soccer and hockey pitches, and more. For further information see **QR-8**

Erasmus Students Network Messina

ESN Messina offers many services like accommodation, tutoring and the buddy system to assist students.

The purchase of the ESN card gives you many local, national and international discounts.

ESN provides pick-up service at the Messina railway/bus station upon your arrival. You are strongly recommended to contact ESN before your arrival in Messina by e-mail: presidente.esnme@gmail.com.



QR-1



QR-2



QR-3



QR-4



QR-5



QR-6



QR-7



QR-8





Italian language courses

The Department of Ancient and Modern Civilizations (DICAM) provides courses of Italian language for the students. (QR-6)

Disabled students’ services

The UniME Office for persons with disabilities offers technical support to improve access to courses, facilities, buildings and social life. They also assist the various departments with programming and instructional issues.

The Office also oversees the counselling activities of each department counselor as well as the coordination of free transportation.

Online services

- “Web mail Studenti” is an institutional email account for student communications;
- “Chat UniME” provides information and assistance with a chat operator;
- “Telegram UniME” is an official message system that communicates news about calls, competitions, deadlines, appointments, etc.;
- “App UniME” is the official University app to manage student personal careers;
- “Google apps” is a set of useful automated office applications for UniME students.

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Casa UniME programme

It is an innovative initiative that assists qualified students who live out of Messina with their rent payment. Students residing in other municipalities in Italy and abroad who have a registered 10 month (or more) rental contract in the Municipality of Messina may apply. The winners will receive reimbursement of up to a maximum of 2,000 euros for their rent per year, on the basis of the personal/family income.



ERSU Scholarship

Scholarships for enrolled students are awarded on the basis of the personal/family income of the applicant. The Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education (ERSU) publishes a yearly call for applications for scholarships, free accommodation, scholarships for international mobility and awards for high



Working as a student

It is possible for students to work part time. A residence permit for study purposes allows the holder to work for a maximum of 1040 hours per year (20 hours per week) with a contract as an employee (*lavoro subordinato*). For further information, contact local labour unions.

The graduation day,
an unforgettable moment
of my academic career

Noemi Crifò

Bachelor's degree in
Lingue, letterature straniere
e tecniche della mediazione
linguistica



UniME - GRADUATION DAY in the ancient Greek Amphitheatre of Taormina



*'To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily
is not to have seen Italy at all,
for Sicily is the clue to everything.'*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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