

University for Foreigners of Siena datasheet 2026/2027 academic year	
Name of University:	UNIVERSITÀ PER STRANIERI DI SIENA
Country:	ITALY
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How many of our exchange students do you accept for next academic year?	It will be agreed on the basis of Bilateral Agreement and/or according to what it will be indicated in the fact sheet.
Can you accept more students over those indicated above?	Previous request
How your 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
Academic calendar	First term: end of September 2026 – end of January 2027 Second term: beginning of March 2027 – mid June 2027
Examination periods (if not yet available, please provide us the approximate periods):	First term: end January 2027 – end February 2027 Second term: mid June 2027 – end of July 2027
Deadline for nominations:	First term and full academic year : 31 st May Second term : 31 st October
Deadline for applications	First term and full academic year : 15 th July Second term : 15 th December
Documents list required for application:	Application form + copy of passport (the application form will be sent to the student once received her/his nomination from her/his home University).
Are there any kind of mandatory fees our exchange students need to pay?	No
Do you have 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
Which department can our exchange students access to? Can they take classes from different departments?	Our University has just one Department: Department of Humanities (DiSU). It offers Undergraduate Bachelor's Degrees (Three years) https://dipartimento.unistrasi.it/1/153/1585/I_nostri_Corsi_di_Laurea_Triennale.htm and Postgraduate Master's degrees (Two years) https://dipartimento.unistrasi.it/1/154/1599/I_nostri_Corsi_di_Laurea_Magistrale.htm

	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" They can also attend our Italian Language Courses without any fee to pay for 3 months: http://cluss.unistrasi.it/ cluss@unistrasi.it – segrstud@unistrasi.it – linguaitaliana@unistrasi.it
Are there any departments/courses not open to our 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"
Could you explain us your grading system in full?	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.
If available, can you indicate the web site link where to find your courses list open to our exchange students?	https://dipartimento.unistrasi.it/1/153/1585/I_nostri_Corsi_di_Laurea_Triennale.htm https://dipartimento.unistrasi.it/1/154/1599/I_nostri_Corsi_di_Laurea_Magistrale.htm
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
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 an advance booking (accoglienza@unistrasi.it)
Can you provide the web site link for accommodation information?	https://www.unistrasi.it/1/165/526/Alloggi.htm
E-mail address for accommodation enquires:	accoglienza@unistrasi.it
What is the average living cost?	Costs of living in Siena (approximate price) • Full meal at the canteen € 8.50 • Meal in a pizzeria € 20.00 • Breakfast in a bar € 3.00 • Bus ticket (valid for 70 minutes) € 1.70 • Three-month bus pass € 107.30
Have our exchange students to subscribe any kind of insurance that is mandatory for your university and/or for your 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: <i>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.</i>
If yes, can you give us more details about it and the average cost?	Optional public health insurance: € 700 per year
Visa 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 (https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home.aspx) 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. In order to apply Residence Permit, students need to bring with them: - 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 (PLEASE NOTE: we suggest to subscribe an health insurance at their home country, provided that it covers also emergencies involving hospital admissions; 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). - 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 submit at the Post Office. € 30,00 to be paid for handing in the documents; € 70,46 to be paid 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.
Timing of the acceptance letters release	Within about 5 working days after receiving the application form filled out.
Acceptance letter sending mode	By mail both to the student and his/her home University
Timing of transcript of records release	Late February after the end of first semester exams period; early August after the end of second semester exams period
Transcript of records ending mode	You should request the transcript by mail to mobilitaextraue@unistrasi.it and we will send it both to the student and his home University