



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA

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# **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA AND ITS HISTORY**

## **1. Faculties and degrees**

The University of Padova is a state university, as are most universities in Italy. There are almost 63.000 students on a total population of about 300.000 inhabitants. There is no campus system.

Our relations with other academic institutions and research centres all over the world, from America to China and Australia, are extremely active through exchanges of students, teachers, information and publications.

At present the University of Padova consists of thirteen schools: Agriculture, Economics, Law, Pharmacology, Engineering, Arts, Teacher Training, Medicine, Natural Sciences, Political Sciences, Psychology, Statistical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine.

Beginning with the academic year 2001-2002 a new University Education System has been introduced in Italy, which include a first three year level (degree), a second two year level (specialized degree), specialization schools and three year research doctorates. The distinction of what in the past was a single five year degree level into the two level of three and two years is the most important news. Besides, according to the new system, the universities can offer courses of at least one year, outside the normal academic sequence, the so called *Master* (with a term caught from the Italian legislation, but improper in Europe).

This reform has also adopted the notion of academic or *formative* credit, which actually coincides with the well known ECTS credit, promoted and supported by EU. The credit is a measure of the hours of student's work, comprehensive of teaching activity in classroom, practice, individual study and other activities. According to our legislation, each credit is given by 25 work hours, 10 of which are of teaching activity in classroom and practice. For each course year, 60 credits are globally provided, perfectly according to the ECTS system. The course units are generally characterized by 6 credits, corresponding to 60 hours of teaching activity in classroom and practice and to 90 individual study hours (total 150 hours). This credit system is, therefore, similar to the ECTS one already adopted in many European Universities. Besides the *credits*, each one of the course units, which altogether form a given study course, is also characterized by the content type, as it must be classified into one of the *scientific-disciplinary sectors* (that is disciplines groups, about 350), which should cover all the academic knowledge.

## **2. Name of the institution and its motto**

The Università degli Studi di Padova is the second oldest University in Italy and its traditional name is *il Bo* ("the Ox"). This name goes back to three possible

different origins, which are not mutually exclusive. The first is the most commonly quoted:

- the place where we now see the oldest part of the central building of the University, which hosts the *Aula Magna*, the Anatomical Theatre and several Halls, was occupied in the 14th century by a hotel named *Hospitium Bovis*, whose sign was an ox;
- that same place, on the side of Via Cesare Battisti, was earlier occupied by the butcher shops of the town (together with wood, silk shops and so on; all these shops were within easy reach by means of the nearby canal);
- a family whose name was *Capo di Vacca* (Head of the Cow) used to live where later on the University premises were built.

The motto of the University is:

UNIVERSA UNIVERSIS PATAVINA LIBERTAS

(Paduan freedom (is) total, complete, general, for everybody).

### **3. A short historical outline**

The University of Padova is one of the most ancient in Europe. Juridical, theological, philosophical and medical studies were fostered in the mediaeval town before the ground was prepared for the official birth of a permanent university, which took place on September 29th, 1222 (St. Michael's Day). The first professors and students came from Bologna, the only Italian city that can boast an older University. At that time their academic freedom was seriously threatened there, whereas the Paduan government was liberal, the town was commercially very active and wealthy, the natural environment - fertile plain and green hills all around - was ideal. Italian and foreign students were numerous from the start. Not even events such as Ezzelino da Romano's tyranny, Papal or imperial hostility, wars or plagues, could prevent the institution from flourishing over the centuries.

The Paduan civil authorities, powerful noblemen (the Carrara family) and local bishops extended their protection and patronage to the University, which was set up as a self-governing corporation of scholars, with its own regulations.

The students were organised in *nationes*, divided into two groups: the *cismontanes* or Italians, and the *ultramontanes* or foreigners. They were governed by two Rectors, elected every year from among the scholars and by their votes only. For more than a century jurists formed the main body of the University. In 1360 a separation took place between the school of jurisprudence (Civil and Canon law) and the group of Liberal arts teachers (Medicine, Philosophy, Astrology and literary subjects, Grammar, Rhetoric and dialectics), giving birth to the *Universitas juristarum* and the *Universitas artistarum*.

At first, professors were elected annually by the student body; but from 1445 onwards they were appointed and remunerated by the public authorities.

After 1404, when Padova peacefully surrendered to Venetian rule, the University enjoyed more and more protection and privileges. It rose to great splendour due to the number of students attending from every part of Italy and Europe, and because of the excellence of its professors. This favourable situation was to last until the 18th century. The Venetian Senate had the *Studio di Padova* reformed and reorganised in 1517, after the War of Cambrai. This was cleverly done, always with great tolerance even on religious matters. Professors were granted unlimited freedom in their teaching and no race or creed was banned from the Padova Studio. The University could rightly add to its coat of arms the famous motto *Universa universis patavina libertas*. Padova became the only *Studium* of The Most Serene Republic of Venice.

Throughout these centuries many professors - scientists, jurists and literati - made Padova University a centre which irradiated culture all over Europe. Many scholars came from all over Europe and often started their own cultural institutions on their return home.

Only a few are named here, starting with the school of Medicine.

Pietro d'Abano, both physician and philosopher, introduced Averroes to Italy at the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> century; Marcantonio dalla Torre was Leonardo da Vinci's anatomy instructor; the Flemish Andreas Vesalius contributed to the founding of modern Anatomical science. The latter received great impetus from the setting up of a permanent anatomy theatre by Girolamo Fabrici d'Acquapendente in 1594: the theatre is still there today. Scholars from all over Europe attended the school of Medicine and they often left their names to parts of the human body.

G. B. Morgagni was professor for almost 60 years and founded Pathological anatomy; William Harvey graduated in Medicine in Padova at the time of Galileo and, once back in England, discovered the circulation of the blood. Thomas Bartholin founded the Danish Medical school and the Hungarian Janos Samboky, physician and humanist, was also here among the famous scholars.

As for the Humanities, among the professors, we can mention Count Giovanni Dondi, Petrarch's friend; Pier Paolo Vergerio, who started the literary Renaissance in Padova; Thomas Penketh, an Englishman and professor of Theology; Vittorino da Feltre, lecturer in Rhetoric; the Athenian professor of Greek, Demetrius Chalkondyles; Gaetano da Thiene, Averroistic philosopher, and last of all M. Cesarotti, one of the founders of Italian Romanticism. Among the scholars, we might mention Pietro Bembo, Torquato Tasso, Erasmus from Rotterdam, who visited Italy and Padova between 1507 and 1509, Damiao de Goes, Franciscus Skarina, the father of Bielorrussian literature, the Polish poets Klemens Janicki and Jan Kochanowski, Antonio Rosmini, Antonio Fogazzaro, and many others.

The Doctoral College of Law was also highly renowned and had attained great status by the first two centuries owing to jurists like Francesco Zabarella; later on various European rulers and governments appealed to the Sacred College of Jurist Doctors in Padova for their opinions and judgements. The Natural sciences at Padova Studium were extensively promoted and many great events recorded. The first Botanical Garden in the world was founded here in 1545; through it several new plants (including the potato) were brought to Europe from the New World. Nicolaus Copernicus, the great Polish astronomer, was a student here, and Galileo Galilei, the founder of the modern experimental method, was a professor, starting from 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1592, as he wrote himself, for "the best eighteen years of my life" -.

A curious and important moment in the history of Padova University was the year 1678, when Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia obtained her doctorate in Philosophy, thus becoming the first woman in the world to graduate in a university.

In 1797 Napoleon "sold" the Venetian Republic to the Austrians.

During Austrian domination, Padova - though restricted by circumstances - kept to its ideals of freedom by becoming a centre of political struggle against foreign rule. After the annexation of Venetia to Italy, our University continued its glorious traditions in many ways. Professors of great eminence succeeded one another, such as Giacomo Zanella (Humanities) and Luigi Luzzati (Law), Domenico Turazza and Giulio Bellavitis (Mathematics), and Valeriano Brera and Achille De Giovanni in Medicine.

## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS**

### **1. Academic Calendar**

In Padova almost all degree courses are organised according to a semester schedule, with the following dates:

-first semester: from the first week of October to the last week of January;

-second semester: from the first week of March to the second week of June.

Some degree courses (Economics, Electronic Engineering, Computer Science, Telecommunication, Information, Automation, Biomedical Science, Physics, Material Science) are organised according to a so called quarter schedule, made of three terms per year. Each term consists of nine lectures weeks and four weeks for examinations. Lectures frequency is compulsory.

During the academic year, apart from summer holidays, we have Christmas holidays (about 3 weeks, from 22nd December) and Easter holidays (one week only, generally from the end of March to the first days of April). Other one-day holidays are: 25th April (Anniversary of the Liberation), 1st May (Festa del

Lavoro), 15th August (Ferragosto and The Assumption), 1st November (All Saints) and 8th December (The Immaculate Conception). The Feast day of the University of Padova is celebrated on 8th February.

The Academic Calendar 2006/07 is

	Lecture Period	Examinations Period
<b>Winter Semester</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2006 - 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2007	29 <sup>th</sup> January - 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2007

	Lecture Period	Examinations Period
<b>Summer Semester</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> February - 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	18 <sup>th</sup> June - 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2007 and 20 <sup>th</sup> August - 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2007

For degree courses organised according to a so called *quarter schedule*, made of three terms per year:

	<b>Lecture Period</b>	<b>Examinations Period</b>
<b>First Term</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> October – 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2006	11 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2006 8 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2007
<b>Second Term</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> January - 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2007	19 <sup>th</sup> March - 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2007
<b>Third Term</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> April - 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	18 <sup>th</sup> June - 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2007 and

		20 <sup>th</sup> August – 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2007
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Christmas Holidays: from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2006 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Easter Holidays: from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Summer Holidays: from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Feast of the Patron: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007

## **2. Student workload and examinations**

Italian students are given a great deal of freedom and are responsible for their own progress. The tutor system has only recently been proposed, with a law of 1991, and still has to be fully implemented in some degree courses. Contact hours spent attending lectures and in laboratories vary according to the Faculty but generally are about 10 hours per week. Students have to study on their own in order to take examinations. Examinations may be written or oral and can usually be taken three times a year.

The evaluation grading system goes from 18 to 30. The minimum grade is 18, which corresponds to sufficient, the maximum grade is 30, which corresponds to excellent. “Idoneità” means that the exam has been passed, but no evaluation is foreseen for the module interested.

According to the decision of our Academic Senate (“Senato Accademico”) in date 15/01/2002, one (1) credit of the University of Padova (CFU - Credito Formativo Universitario) corresponds to one (1) ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credit for all courses of the New System (Nuovo Ordinamento Didattico).

## **3. Registration for Socrates/Erasmus Students: the Application Form**

All incoming students are requested to fill in the Application Form on line, to print it out and to send the original copy duly signed and stamped by the academic authorities of Home university (Erasmus co-ordinator or International Office) to our International Relations Office:

by post to:

Università degli Studi di Padova  
International Relations Office

via VIII Febbraio 2  
I-35122 Padova

or by fax to 00390498273060



To contact us:  
tel. +39-049-8273061/3062:  
fax +39 049 827 3060:  
E-mail [erasmus@unipd.it](mailto:erasmus@unipd.it)

The deadline for the first semester and full academic year HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 30TH JULY 2006 and for the second semester is 15th November 2006.

After their arrival, all students coming as part of a Socrates-Erasmus Programme are requested to come to International Relations Office to receive all the papers necessary to their stay in Padova.

Then they must enrol at the Segreteria Studenti (Registrar's office) of the Faculty involved, stating what courses they wish to attend, with the relevant examinations.

#### **4. Study certification**

If you wish to attend lecture courses and take the corresponding examinations, please go to the Segreteria Studenti of the Faculty in which you are studying. Please take with you two photos and a "marca da bollo" of Euro 14.62: you will have to fill in some forms, asking for permission to attend the lecture courses you have chosen. Some time later you will receive the so-called Libretto Erasmus, where your chosen study activities will be listed, after approval by the Faculty concerned. At the end of your stay, you must return your libretto Erasmus to Segreteria Studenti and at your request they will issue an official certificate with the results of the examinations you have taken.

Finally, if you simply want to obtain a Certificate of Attendance from your tutor in Padova, you must visit him/her at least once a month and keep him/her up to date as to what you are doing.

You can find the "Segreterie Studenti" of all Faculties at the following address:

Casa Grimani, via Lungargine Piovego 2/3

Opening hours:	Monday, Wednesday and Friday	from 10 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.
	Tuesday	from 10 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m
	Thursday	from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## **5. Attendance of Lecture Courses**

You are kindly invited to introduce yourself to the teachers in charge of the lecture course you have chosen to attend. Please do this as soon as possible, so that they can give you advice or any other useful help. In particular, inform your tutor about any problem connected with life as a student at Padova.

Students looking for information about their Faculty and study courses can visit the web site (see list below) or address their requests to the Erasmus co-ordinators:

Agriculture	<a href="http://www.agraria.unipd.it">http://www.agraria.unipd.it</a>
Economics	<a href="http://www.economia.unipd.it/">http://www.economia.unipd.it/</a>
Education	<a href="http://www.scform.unipd.it/">http://www.scform.unipd.it/</a>
Engineering	<a href="http://www.ing.unipd.it">http://www.ing.unipd.it</a>
Pharmacy	<a href="http://www.farmacia.unipd.it">http://www.farmacia.unipd.it</a>
Humanities	<a href="http://www.lettere.unipd.it">http://www.lettere.unipd.it</a>
Law	<a href="http://www.giuri.unipd.it">http://www.giuri.unipd.it</a>
Medicine and Surgery	<a href="http://www.unipd.it/esterni/wwwmedic">http://www.unipd.it/esterni/wwwmedic</a>
Political Sciences	<a href="http://www.scipol.unipd.it">http://www.scipol.unipd.it</a>
Psychology	<a href="http://www.psicologia.unipd.it">http://www.psicologia.unipd.it</a>
Sciences	<a href="http://www.pfs.unipd.it">http://www.pfs.unipd.it</a>
Statistics	<a href="http://www.statistica.unipd.it">http://www.statistica.unipd.it</a>
Veterinary Medicine	<a href="http://www.medvet.unipd.it/">http://www.medvet.unipd.it/</a>

## **6. Access to University Libraries**

Guest students enjoy the same rights as Italian students as far as access to libraries is concerned. Each library may establish an "ad hoc" procedure in order to ensure that books are brought back safely (e.g. deposit, letter from the person responsible for the mobility exchange, and so on).

## **7. General information about Accommodation Office and Accommodation Form**

The service in charge of accommodation is S.A.S.S.A. Service. The address is:

SASSA Service powered by ESU Padova  
via Tiepolo, 48 35129 PADOVA (Italy)

Tel. +39 049 7927306  
Fax +39 049 7800187  
E-mail: [sassa@sassa.org](mailto:sassa@sassa.org)  
Web site: <http://www.sassa.org>

As already said before, Padova is a university town with a large student population: in such a situation it is very difficult to find an accommodation once the academic year has started. Student Residences (both those run by private groups and those run by ESU, the regional authority) cannot satisfy all the requests they receive. Therefore, those who want help from the S.A.S.S.A. Service in finding accommodation are strongly advised to apply well in advance, keeping in mind that the number of single rooms is in any case very limited. The deadline for the first semester and full academic year is 15th July 2006 and for the second semester is 15th November 2006.

Because of such a large demand and such a limited availability of places, successful applicants for Student Residences will receive a letter accompanied by a copy of contract and bank details for paying in the 215.00 Euro caution money: for detailed information about the procedure of reservation all incoming students are strongly recommended to visit the web site [www.sassa.org](http://www.sassa.org). Once place is accepted this will be considered binding for fee payment for the period booked. Students asking for our help will be offered the following accommodation options (each one limited in number):

- Student Residences run by ESU
- Private Residences
- Private flats

The new Accommodation Form 2006/2007 is available in three languages:

Italiano

English

Espagnol

Students should fill it in on line, print it out and send it to:

SASSA Service  
via Tiepolo, 48  
I-35129 Padova

## **8. First night accommodation**

For those who arrive in Padova outside reception hours, we suggest the following list of cheap or moderately expensive first-night places to stay:

- Ostello della Gioventù "Città di Padova"  
Via Aleardi, 30  
35100 Padova  
tel. 0039-049-8752219
- Casa del Pellegrino (booking in advance)  
Via Cesarotti, 21  
35123 Padova  
tel. 0039-049-8752100
- Hotel S. Antonio  
Via S. Fermo, 118  
35100 Padova  
tel. 0039-049-8751393 fax 0039-049-8752508
- Hotel Piccolo Vienna  
Via Beato Pellegrino, 133  
35100 Padova  
tel. 0039-049-8716331

Furthermore, and this is most important, when you decide your date of arrival in Padova, please make sure it is not on Saturday or Sunday.

## **9. Canteen**

Every guest student can obtain a canteen card issued by ESU (the regional authority runs several hostels and canteens). This card gives access to eight ESU canteens with a fixed price of about 3.50 Euro per meal.

N.B. In order to obtain this canteen card you need the student card issued by your university certifying that you are enrolled at your university for the current academic year.

## **10. Students with special needs**

Students with special needs should address their requests to the Disability Service ([serv.disabilita@unipd.it](mailto:serv.disabilita@unipd.it), tel.+39 049 827 5032/5033); every effort will be made to help them in organising their stay and to offer proper accommodation.

## **11. Italian language courses**

We will organise language courses at three levels: beginners, elementary and intermediate, according to the needs of students. An advanced course may be organised upon request. In order for a course to start a minimum of 6 to 8 students, at the same level, is required. An Italian language assessment test will be held and each student will as soon as possible be assigned to a course suitable for him/her.

Courses will be free of charge for students; as these courses are rather expensive, we strongly advise you to enrol only if you are seriously interested.

For detailed informations about Italian Courses and application procedures visit the web site

[http://claweb.cla.unipd.it/cla/lincla\\_corsi\\_ita\\_erasm\\_UK.html](http://claweb.cla.unipd.it/cla/lincla_corsi_ita_erasm_UK.html)

## **12. Erasmus Students Association**

An association of Erasmus students has been founded in Padova, named AEP, (via Oberdan 10, 3rd floor, tel. 049-8273911, e-mail: [esnpadova@yahoo.it](mailto:esnpadova@yahoo.it) website: <http://www.esnpadova.it> opening hours: Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday also from 6 to 9 p.m.). One of its purposes is to welcome foreign students who are guests at our University, and help them to get to know the city. In addition, during the academic year they will organise some cultural and recreative activities for Erasmus and Tempus students only.

## **13. At the end of your Erasmus stay**

In order to have a certificate with the exams you have made in Padova (transcript of records), you should request it to "Segreteria Studenti di Facoltà" some days before your departure, giving back your "libretto dello studente Erasmus" and a "marca da bollo" of Euro 14.62, telling them the exact address where you would like to receive the certificate. PAY ATTENTION: transcript of records could not be sent without the request and the marca da bollo.

In order to have a certificate attesting your Erasmus stay in Padova, you should come to the Servizio Relazioni Internazionali Studenti: the date of the certificate issue will attest also the end of your Erasmus stay. NO CERTIFICATE WILL BE GIVEN OR SENT AFTER YOUR LEAVING PADOVA AT THE END OF YOUR ERASMUS STAY.

## **ABOUT YOUR STAY IN PADOVA**

### **1. How to reach Padova**

Padova can be easily reached by train with direct connections from most European countries: the nearest and the most important connections are *Milano Centrale* (230 km), *Verona P.N.* (80 km), *Venezia-Mestre* (30 km) and *Bologna* (120 km).

The nearest airports are *Venezia* (35 km), *Verona* (80 km), *Bologna* (120 km) and *Milano* (230 km).

## **2. Climate**

The climate is continental, with great extremes of temperature. Bring suitable clothing with you. During the winter months (November to February), temperatures may be as low as -5 degrees and it is sometimes foggy. Spring is sunny and often warm. Summer may be hot and humid. The average temperature ranges between 0 degrees in Winter and 30 degrees in Summer.

## **3. Residence permit or permission to stay**

a) Students from EC countries. Any EC student coming to Italy for study purposes needs to get permission to stay from the local *Questura* (the police administration): *the procedure will take place in the International Relations Office of Padova University.*

To get permission, you need

- four photos (passport size);
- a photocopy of your passport or identity card;
- a photocopy of your health insurance form;
- a letter stating that you are an Erasmus student and the details of the Erasmus (code, subject area and person in charge in Padova) under which you are visiting Padova. This letter may be either from your home university or from the International Relations Office of Padova University.

b) Students from non-EC countries. These students need the same documents as EC students in order to get their permission to stay (six photos instead of four), but the E111 health form must be substituted by a health insurance, which must be translated into Italian and legalised by the Italian Embassy or Consulate in their home country. We strongly urge students to obtain health insurance in their home country; some insurance system is available in Italy too, but it is very expensive. The Italian Embassy or Consulate will also issue a visa before they leave.

In order to get permission of stay they need to present a photocopy of the visa page in the passport, and one *marca da bollo* of Euro 14.69. A *marca da bollo* is a special stamp used in administrative procedures, which can be bought at the tobacconist's.

## **4. Part-time job for Erasmus students**

From the academic year 2004/2005 the University of Padova has organised a new chance for incoming Erasmus students: the possibility to work on a part-time basis (at most 150 hours per year) in a University administrative office. Should funds be available the activity could be carried out only during the second semester (February-July).

The selection will be based on curriculum evaluation by the University: Italian language knowledge is requested by possible applicants; among the hosting offices available, selected students will be able to choose the suitable place to work: they will receive an hourly payment (i.e. in 2004/2005 it was 8.26 Euro per hour).

If you are interested, you could give your availability by filling in the form available at the International Relations Office and sending it by fax (00390498273060) to the same Office by 7th December 2006. In case of positive selection, you will be contacted by e-mail.

## **5. Health**

If you need medical assistance, you must have an E-111 or equivalent form, issued by your country's Health Service, before coming to Italy. If you are in urgent need of hospital care, go directly to the nearest hospital, to *Pronto Soccorso* (Emergency Ward), taking your E-111 form with you. If you need other medical services you must get the green form called *carnet della salute* from:

Ufficio Estero dell'USL (Unità Sanitaria Locale)

Via Scrovegni 12 Padova

Tel. +39 049 821 40 69

Opening hours 8.30-12.00 a.m. Monday to Friday; also 2.30-4.30 p.m. Monday and Friday

A file in your name will be opened at this office and there will be a list of doctors available there. The green form contains one set of coupons used to obtain services and one set of coupons for prescriptions, specialist examination, hospitalisation and so on.

During the night, on Saturday afternoons and holidays, or in an emergency, dial 118 or *Guardia Medica* (tel. 049-8808325), or go to the nearest hospital.

## **6. Insurance**

As soon as students arrive in Padova, they must pay Euro 8.50 to the University, through a payment at the Bank, as insurance. This payment covers any accidents that may occur on the way from your house to university, while attending lectures, or in an *ESU* canteen while having your meal.

## **7. Banking**

Most banks are open Monday to Friday, from 8.20 a.m. to 1.20 p.m., and from 2.35 p.m. to 3.35 p.m. European students are advised to open a bank account to facilitate the deposit and withdrawal of money. In order to do this you need: a fiscal code which can be obtained at the main Tax Office (*Ufficio Imposte Dirette*), Via Turazza, 37 tel. 049-7911501 (Opening hours Monday to Friday from 8.30 to 12.30 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday also from 3 to 5 p.m.), a copy of your permit of stay and a declaration of your Erasmus status.



## **8. Post offices**

Post offices are usually open from 8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (1 p.m. on Saturdays). The Central Post Office (Corso Garibaldi, 25) remains open until 6.30 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) for some services. Stamps can be also purchased at the tobacconist's.

## **9. Transports in Padova**

Padova is quite a small town and therefore the easiest way to get around is by walking or cycling. It is very easy to buy a used bicycle. For those who want to take advantage of the "APS Mobilità" public bus service (a ticket costs Euro 1.00), we suggest the monthly bus season ticket which costs about Euro 20.00 a month. It can be obtained from "APS Mobilità", by presenting a photo and a certificate of student status prepared by International Relations Office of our University.

## **10. University Sports Association**

Sports can be practised in several places. A special university centre (*CUS, Centro Universitario Sportivo*) offers coaches and facilities for athletics, tennis, volleyball, basketball, football, hockey (grass), baseball, softball, fencing, rowing, rugby, weight-lifting, body building. Swimming is also possible, through an agreement with the municipal swimming pool.

The following reductions are available for Erasmus and other mobility programme students, for the use of the Sports facilities of *CUS Padova*:

1. CUS Access card (free of charge).
2. Piovego Facilities (Via J. Corrado) - open Monday to Friday from 2 to 4 p.m, for the course in Pre-Athletics, according to *CUS* programmes.
3. Tennis courts are available at the same price as for Italian students.

In order to obtain an access card you are invited to go to:

Segreteria Palestra Via G. Bruno, 27 Padova tel. 049-8801551

with a photo and a medical certificate. The medical certificate can be obtained at Centro di Medicina dello sport, at the same address.

The University of Padua has also an amateur football team registered at F.I.G.C. (*Italian Football Federation*) and it is the first Italian University that participates to its Championship.

For those who are interested in participating in such an activity, all the information are available at the web site of A.R.C.S., tel. 0498273344, fax 0498273343, email [arcs@unipd-org.it](mailto:arcs@unipd-org.it).



## **11. Playing music**

Students who can play an instrument may like to join the Concentus Musicus Patavinus. The members of this orchestra are students and teachers of Padova University and come from various countries during the concert season the orchestra goes on tour, even abroad. . Rehearsals take place at least once a week and

## **12. Worship**

There are groups of students at the University who meet regularly to pray together. There is also a Taizé group active in the town and surroundings.

In Padova there are many Catholic churches. The following faiths have places of worship: Jewish, Islamic, Christian Evangelical, Methodist Evangelical, Pentecostal Evangelical. There are also other faiths.

## **13. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Students coming to the University of Padua in the framework of other international programmes should visit the web page

<http://www.unipd.it/programmi>

Foreign students wishing to enrol at University of Padua as regular student should visit the web page

<http://www.unipd.it> link “Offerta didattica”.