The City of Pisa

Pisa is world famous for its Leaning Tower, Cathedral, botanical garden (founded in 1543 making it the oldest in Europe) and many other historical monuments. It is located in Tuscany, in the centre of the Italian peninsula, near the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Its multicultural population totals around 100,000 people, in addition to the many thousands of students who enliven the city. Its cultural life revolves around museums, cultural associations, cinemas and theatres, making Pisa a great place to live and study.

Application Process

To enrol at the University of Pisa, students who hold a foreign high school diploma must have attended school for at least 12 years. In order to apply for a Master’s degree programme, the university must first evaluate the student’s academic qualifications and see whether s/he fulfils the requirements based on the university degree, study programme and exams taken abroad. Different rules apply depending on whether students are EU or non-EU citizens:

www.unipi.it/eu-student-enrolment
www.unipi.it/noneu-student-enrolment

Fees and scholarships

University fees depend on the student’s country of origin and can vary from €450 to €2,500. Students can apply for a scholarship provided by the DSU (Regional “Right to Study” programme) and be granted tuition waivers or reductions based on family income. The annual call for DSU grants is published in the month of July at the DSU Toscana website www.dsu.toscana.it. Students may be entitled to loans or grants from their country of origin in order to support themselves financially.
The University of Pisa

The University of Pisa (Università di Pisa) is one of the most renowned educational institutions in Italy. Although formally founded in 1343, there are records to indicate that the university has been active since the 11th century. Famous alumni of the university include Galileo Galilei and Antonio Pacinotti, Nobel Prize winners such as Giosuè Carducci (Literature), Enrico Fermi (Physics) and Carlo Rubbia (Physics), and Fields medallist Enrico Bombieri (Mathematics). Nowadays the University of Pisa represents a prestigious modern centre for teaching and advanced research. Almost all of its departments are located in the heart of the city in both the historical centre and the outer districts. Most facilities can be reached on foot within 20 minutes from the centre of Pisa.

Facts and figures

- Date of foundation: 1343
- Number of departments: 20
  - Bachelor’s degree programmes: 58
  - Master’s degree programmes: 65
  - Long single cycle degree programmes: 9
  - PhD programmes: 21
  - Third cycle specialisation programmes: 51
  - One-Year specialisation programmes: 67 including an MBA
- Number of students: 56,000+
- Number of research and teaching staff: 1,295
- Number of technical and administrative staff: 1,537

Position in World University Rankings

| QS world university rankings (2017) | 431-444th |
| Physics | 51st-100th |
| Computer Science | 101st-150th |
| Medicine and Engineering | 151st-200th |

Shanghai ARWU (2016) 3rd-8th in Italy

Areas

- Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Engineering
- Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences

Programmes taught in English

- Foundation Course
- Bachelor’s Degree in Humanities (1st year)
- Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering
- Master of Science in Data Science and Business Informatics
- Master of Science in Computer Engineering
- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Computer Science and Networking
- Master of Science in Economics
- Master of Science in Embedded Computing Systems
- Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering
- Master of Science in Bionics Engineering
- Master of Science in Materials and Nanotechnology
- Master of Science in Neuroscience
- PhD in 20+ fields

One-Year specialisation programmes in various fields such as:

- Business Administration (MBA), Risk Management (MRM)

and Sustainable Energy System Management (SESyM)
- Summer Schools and International Semesters

Information at www.unipi.it/programmes-in-english

Accommodation

Accommodation can be found by searching for advertisements placed on bulletin boards in each of the university’s departments. Costs for renting a room range from €250 to €350 per month. Generally, rent does not include charges for gas, electricity, water and internet, nor does it include general expenses for the building’s maintenance. We suggest students stay in a hostel for a few days upon arrival to allow plenty of time for viewing and choosing a room.

Information at www.unipi.it/accommodation

Dining Halls

The University of Pisa offers a low-price dining service to all of its students. There are three different dining halls throughout the city which provide meals (lunch and dinner) every day of the week. The cost of meals ranges from €3 to €4 depending on the number of courses chosen. Students will receive an electronic card upon enrolment which they can top-up and then use to buy meals in each of the dining halls.

The Language Centre (CLi)

For those wanting to learn Italian, intensive language courses are offered by the CLi (Centro Linguistico Interdipartimentale) to our international students in September and October each year. Regular Italian courses are also offered during the year at different proficiency levels. Students are required to take an entry test (even beginners) to establish which classes are most suitable for them. The CLi also provides courses in a wide range of other foreign languages. Information at www.cli.unipi.it