Facts and Figures

Date of foundation: 1343
Past glories: Galileo Galilei (student) and professor of Mathematics; Nobel Prize winners: Giuseppe Carducci (Literature), Enrico Fermi (Physics) and Carlo Rubini (Physics)
Fields medallist: Enrico Bombieri (Mathematics)

Departments: 20
Undergraduate programmes: 60
Graduate programmes: 71
Doctoral programmes: 19
Third cycle specialisation programmes: 68
Special shorter programmes: more than 100, including an MBA

Students: 54,000
Research and teaching staff: 1,580
Technical and administrative staff: 1,643

Student Timeline

May-June
pre-enrolment of the Italian Diplomatic Representation for non-EU citizens

September
registration

October-December
deadline application for enrolment

November-December
appointment with authority

January
Language test for non-EU citizens

Mid September
application deadline for students in the second semester

Mid September/Mid December
enrolment classes - first semester

January/February
examinations - first semester

End February/End May
enrolment classes - second semester

June/July
examinations - second semester

Accommodation

Students enrolled at the University of Pisa can apply for accommodation in the places provided by the USI Regional 'Right to Study Programme' aimed to low-income students. However, usually international students share a flat with other Italian of foreign colleagues. Prices of rooms are in average around 200-250,00 EUR per month. Generally these prices do not include utilities and general expenses for the upkeep of the building.

Info at: http://www.informagiovaniusitalia.com/ stu/it/tnuspest.htm or www.sainoedave.it

Student restaurants
There are three dining halls in different parts of the city, which provide meals on all weekdays. Students can choose from three types of meals: complete meal, second course, side dish, dessert and drink. 4:00 EUR, light from 3:00 to 2:30 EUR, take away 2,50 EUR.

Info at: http://www.des.toscana.it/istruzioni/indice.htm

Sport Centre
The University Sport Centre of Pisa (CUPS) is a member of CONI (the Italian Olympic Committee) and offers a full programme of indoor classes including aerobics, gymastics, yoga and pilates. The centre has modern facilities and is used by many students.

Students can use many facilities for free. The cost of sports activities depends on the sport, but will be about 50,00-60,00 EUR for three months.

Info at: http://www.cups.it

The Linguistic Centre
Perspectives Italian language courses for international students are offered in September and October, every year, by the CUPS (Centro Linguistico Interapporti). Regular courses are divided according to the year and different proficiency levels.

Info at: http://www.cups.it/linguista

The University of Pisa is one of the oldest and most prestigious Italian higher education institutions.

The University is a modern centre of teaching and advanced research, engaged in a strategy of internationalisation aiming at attracting students and researchers from all parts of the world and to establish longterm partnerships with universities, public and private institutions in various areas of the globe.

The cultural life of Pisa revolves around museums, cultural associations, cinema and theatres.

The climate in Pisa is generally mild. The city enjoys cool summers and mild winters.

Rates of criminality are very low. Overall Pisa is a very friendly and safe city, well suited to students and research-oriented communities.

The cost of living in Pisa can be quite low though this very much depends on each student's individual needs and choices.

Admission

EU citizens can enrol directly at the University of Pisa after submitting the original version of their study qualification to the International Relations Office, accompanied by the original version of the Supplementary Document or, in alternative, by a declaration of value issued by the competent Italian Diplomatic Representation.

Non-EU citizens living abroad must provide in a degree programme at the University of Pisa through the Italian Diplomatic Representation in their country of residence, normally around May-June, following the ministerial instructions and the telefacsimile published each year.

The qualifications must have already been legalized by the competent authority and officially recognized in Italy.

In order to apply for a Second Cycle (MA) degree programme, the University of Pisa must first evaluate your academic qualification; see whether you fulfill the requisites for access on the basis of your University degree and the study programmes of the course unit taken abroad. Enrollment in a two-year Second Cycle degree programme can be formalized only after the academic authorities have approved your application.

Note: Admission to degrees programmes in Italian is conditioned on presenting a certificate of Italian language proficiency (B2 level)

Fees

Normally the fees vary from a total exemption, up to a maximum of about 2,000 euro/academic year.

The amount of the University fee is dependent on the student's economic condition and on the country of origin.

Every year scholarships are available from the Toscanya Region 'Bando di Studio Programme' and from the governments of some other countries according to agreements with the Italian government.

Info at: http://www.unipi.it/informazioni/bando/100809/081109/101609.html or http://www.des.toscana.it