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Dear students,
Welcome to the University of Parma.
This Brief Guide is a useful tool which provides you with the main information regarding the course catalogue, the services and facilities of our University, in order to guide you during the first steps of your new academic path. Inside this booklet, you will find the list of degree and post-graduate courses, the addresses, the contacts and essential descriptions of what the University of Parma offers you to enrich your study and life experience: online services, libraries, laboratories, top-level research, exchange programmes with foreign countries, support for disabled students, language courses, sports facilities and much more.
The University of Parma, which boasts a thousand years of history, has now about 30,000 students and 1,739 professors, researchers and administrative staff. Its rich course catalogue is made up of 42 First Cycle Degree Courses, 47 Second Cycle Degree Courses (9 of which entirely held in English) and 7 Single Cycle Degree Courses (1 of which entirely held in English) organized into 9 Departments. In the city centre you can find the Departments of Arts and Humanities, Economics, Law and Politics, Medicine and Surgery and Veterinary Science. The other scientific Departments (Chemistry, Life Sciences and Environmental Sustainability; Engineering and Architecture; Food and Drug; Mathematical, Physical and Computer Sciences) are located in the University Campus, a 77-hectare area in the southern side of the city which also hosts a brand new Technopole and cutting-edge sports facilities for all students.
In addition, Parma is a very nice human-scale city, where life is pleasant and inhabitants are friendly and welcoming: it is not by chance that more than half of our students comes from other Italian provinces, and, consequently, our University is ranked among the top ones for the number of non-resident students.
Welcome, research, attention and innovation: they are the key elements to fully accomplish our mission, that is to grant you a complete and authentic experience of personal, intellectual and professional growth. You are, indeed, the centre of all our activities, the heart of one of the most important European Universities, which still preserves its ancient prestige while projecting itself into the future.
A really warm welcome to all of you!
The Rector
HOW TO FIND US

MOTORWAYS
Autostrada del Sole [A1] “Parma” exit
Autostrada Parma/La Spezia [A15] “Parma Ovest” exit

AIRPORTS
Parma airport “Giuseppe Verdi” is located a few minutes from the city. Other international airports near by are Bologna, Genoa, Milan Malpensa, Milan Linate, Bergamo - Orio al Serio and Verona.

DISTANCES
Parma is located
120 km from Milan
100 km from Bologna
190 km from Florence
250 km from Venice
460 km from Rome
RENNOWNED SINCE THE AGE OF CHARLEMAGNE

It was right in Parma, in 781 A.D., where Charlemagne and the monk Alcuin of York met to lay the foundations for the rebirth of the Palatine School: this was the first important citation of the cultural vocation of the city and its higher education activities. With an imperial decree dated 13th March 962 AD, Emperor Otto I conferred on Uberto, the Bishop of Parma, the power to order and elect legal leaders, allowing them to exert their authority throughout the Empire.

SIGNIFICANT FOR GREAT PERSONALITIES

A number of important professors and students chose to study in Parma as far back as the 11th and 12th centuries; to name but a few, the theologian San Pier Dami ani or the monk Donizone, who praised the high school of Parma in its "Vita comitissae Mathildis" (1115): "Parma leads the way in grammar [...] the seven arts are taught with passion".

The prestige of Parma further lasted for the following centuries: even the famous poet Petrarch sent his son to study there.

FROM PARMA TO LEADING POSITIONS

According to the historian Ernest Dümmler, Parma has been a “celebrated seat of learning” since the 11th century, attracting students from countries beyond the Alps. Sinibaldo dei Fieschi and Simone de Brion studied in Parma before becoming, respectively, Pope Innocent IV and Pope Martin IV. In the 16th century the House of Farnese founded in Parma one of the most prestigious University colleges ever seen in Italy. In the 18th century Parma welcomed some distinguished scholars like the Illuminist philosopher Condillac, while in the early 19th century its popularity was so high that Napoleon extended its jurisdiction as far as Alessandria.

UP-TO-DATE STRUCTURES AND SERVICES

The University of Parma has been able to maintain its vitality for a thousand years thanks to its key capacity of constantly keeping up with the times. Nowadays, the results of such success are evident in every department, through its links with the world of work, its technological facilities and its excellent research activities.
Today, more than ever, “innovation” is one of the keywords of the University of Parma. Within the structures of the University of Parma there are scientific research activities of world excellence. The research areas range from agri-food to biotechnology, from pharmaceutical innovation to experimental medicine, not to mention the importance of studies in the legal, economic, humanistic, engineering, architectural and veterinary medical fields. Among the excellences, we must not forget the discoveries on the “mirror neurons” in the area of Neuroscience, the studies in Information Engineering that led to the creation of autonomous vehicles (without driver), the studies in the field of mathematics and those in the food sector, in which the University of Parma - also thanks to its position in the center of the Food Valley - aims to consolidate its status as a reference point, not only at regional level.

FOOD PROJECT

The Food Project is an initiative promoted by the University of Parma with the aim of harmonizing and strengthening the skills and the competencies already existing within the University, at the research and teaching level, in the food sector, and to promote scientific interaction among in universities, industries, research centres, and with national and international educational institutions. The goal is to make the University of Parma a recognized European hub in the field of food technology and nutrition.
A FRIENDLY CITY FOR MODERN LIVING

Busy but not chaotic, tidy but not boring, Parma is a perfect combination of beauty and efficiency: a pleasant medium-sized city of about 197,000 inhabitants where riding a bicycle is the ideal way to move around. The neighbouring peaceful countryside is enclosed by the fascinating Po valley to the north and the woods of the Apennines to the south. The Ligurian sea is also an hour away by car. The high quality of living in Parma is immediately perceivable and the University perfectly takes part in this favourable mix of florid economic activities, especially the remarkable food industry and the typical pleasure for life of the inhabitants of Emilia Romagna.

Parma received many awards in recent years:
- Since 2003, seat of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
- Since 2015, named by UNESCO “Creative City for Gastronomy”
- In 2020, Parma has been appointed as “Italian capital of culture”.

SO MUCH TO SEE, TO DO, TO DISCOVER

Parma offers a wide range of cultural and entertainment opportunities all year round: about twenty theatres and cinemas, exhibitions, museums and art galleries where you can admire the masterpieces of the local painters Correggio and Parmigianino and a worldwide famous opera house, the Teatro Regio. Music has a leading role in the city, with the Verdi opera festival or the international jazz music festival, rock concerts and performances in the modern Paganini Auditorium designed by the well-known architect Renzo Piano.

“Parma University City” is a joint project between University and municipality of Parma with the aim of making Parma a more and more suitable city for university students, gathering ideas and suggestions directly from the protagonists.
THE ITALIAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

First cycle Degree Course (3 years)

University Master Programme - First level

Research PhD

Second cycle Degree Course (2 years)

University Master Programmes - Second level

Single cycle Degree Course (5/6 years)

Research PhD

Postgraduate School
DEGREE PROGRAMMES HELD IN ENGLISH

Administrative Headquarters at University of Parma

SINGLE-CYCLE degrees
- DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
- MEDICINE AND SURGERY (6 years)

SECOND-CYCLE degrees
- DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT
- DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE
  - ARCHITECTURE AND CITY SUSTAINABILITY
  - COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING
  - ENGINEERING FOR THE FOOD INDUSTRY
  - INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT
- DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES
  - LANGUAGE SCIENCES AND CULTURAL STUDIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
- FOOD AND DRUG DEPARTMENT
  - FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

Administrative Headquarters at other Universities

SECOND-CYCLE degrees
- DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE
  - ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
  - ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING
  - ELECTRIC VEHICLE ENGINEERING
- FOOD AND DRUG DEPARTMENT
  - FOOD SCIENCES FOR INNOVATION AND AUTHENTICITY

Click on Courses to know more
OUR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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Click on Programmes to know more
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

Via M. D’Azeglio, 85
Student registry office
segreteria.corsiumanistici@unipr.it

FIRST CYCLE DEGREE
¬ ARTISTIC LIBRARY’S AND PERFORMING ARTS HERITAGE
¬ COMMUNICATION AND CONTEMPORARY MEDIA FOR CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
¬ EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES
¬ HUMANITIES
¬ MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CIVILISATIONS
¬ PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

SECOND CYCLE DEGREE
¬ CLASSICAL AND MODERN PHILOLOGY AND LITERATURE (joint degree)
¬ DESIGN AND COORDINATION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
¬ HISTORY AND CRITIC OF ARTS AND PERFORMANCE
¬ JOURNALISM, EDITORIAL CULTURE AND MULTIMEDIA COMMUNICATION
¬ LANGUAGE SCIENCES AND CULTURAL STUDIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS (in english)
¬ PHILOSOPHY (joint degree)
¬ SOCIAL AND CLINICAL APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW, POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Via Università, 12
Student registry office
segreteria.giurisprudenza@unipr.it

FIRST CYCLE DEGREE
¬ POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
¬ SOCIAL WORK

SINGLE CYCLE DEGREE COURSE 5 YEARS
¬ LAW

SECOND CYCLE DEGREE
¬ INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN RELATIONS
¬ PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

Parco Area delle Scienze, 181/A

Student registry office
segreteria.ingarc@unipr.it

FIRST CYCLE DEGREE

- ARCHITECTURE REGENERATION SUSTAINABILITY
- CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER, ELECTRONIC AND COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING (double degree France)
- COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES ENGINEERING
- CONSTRUCTIONS, INFRASTRUCTURES AND TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT (professional degree)
- DESIGN FOR FOOD AND SUSTAINABILITY
- MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING (double degree San Marino, USA)
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

SECOND CYCLE DEGREE

- ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING (joint degree - in english)
- ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING (joint degree - in english)
- ARCHITECTURE AND CITY SUSTAINABILITY (double degree Morocco)
- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING (double degree France - in english)
- COMPUTER ENGINEERING
- ELECTRIC VEHICLE ENGINEERING (joint degree - in english)
- ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
- ENGINEERING FOR THE FOOD INDUSTRY (double degree USA - in english)
- ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING
- MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING (double degree San Marino, USA)
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Via Gramsci, 14
Student registry office
segreteria.medicina@unipr.it

FIRST CYCLE DEGREE
- Audioprotthetic Techniques
- Biomedical Laboratory Techniques
- Environment and Workplace Prevention Techniques
- Imaging and Radiotherapy Techniques
- Logopedia (Abilitante alla Professione Sanitaria di Logopedita)
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Orthoptic and Ophthalmologic Assistance
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology: Theory and Techniques
- Sport Sciences, Physical Exercise and Human Health

SINGLE CYCLE DEGREE COURSE 6 YEARS
- Medicine and Surgery
- Medicine and Surgery (in English - Piacenza Hub)
- School of Dental Medicine

SECOND CYCLE DEGREE
- Medical, Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies
- Nursing and Midwifery Sciences
- Psychobiology and Cognitive Neuroscience
- Theory and Methods of Preventive and Adapted Physical Activities

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, LIFE SCIENCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Parco Area delle Scienze, 11/A
Student registry office
segreteria.scienze@unipr.it

FIRST CYCLE DEGREE
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Earth Sciences
- Materials Sciences
- Natural and Environmental Sciences
SECOND CYCLE DEGREE

- BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (double degree Brasil, France, Germany)
- FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT (double degree Brasil)
- FOOD QUALITY SYSTEMS AND GASTRONOMY MANAGEMENT
- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT (double degree Brasil, France, Germany, Lithuan - in english)
- TRADE AND CONSUMER MARKETING (double degree Brasil, France, Germany)

FIRST CYCLE DEGREE

- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- MATHEMATICS
- PHYSICS

SECOND CYCLE DEGREE

- MATHEMATICS
- PHYSICS
- SCIENZE INFORMATICHE

FIRST CYCLE DEGREE

- LIVESTOCK SCIENCE AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES

SINGLE CYCLE DEGREE COURSE 5 YEARS

- VETERINARY MEDICINE

SECOND CYCLE DEGREE

- INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
Via J. Kennedy, 6
Student registry office segreteria.economia@unipr.it

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND COMPUTER SCIENCES
Parco Area delle Scienze, 7/A
Student registry office segreteria.scienze@unipr.it

DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SCIENCE
Via del Taglio, 10
Student registry office segreteria.medicinaveterinaria@unipr.it
OUR COMMUNITY

STUDENTS

First cycle degree courses 17,918
Single cycle degree courses 4,356
Second cycle degree courses 6,583
Master programmes, PhD, postgraduate schools 1,776
Total Number 30,633

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL STAFF

Professors and Researchers 883
Administrative and Technical staff 856
Total Number 1,739
SERVICES AND FACILITIES

TO STUDY

PARMAUNIVERCITY INFO POINT
Right in the heart of the city this new information centre welcomes and informs all citizens and students on university activities (educational offer, services, events). The info-point also sells “University of Parma” merchandising. From 1 July to 30 October the ParmaUniverCity Infopoint become also Welcome Point Matricola a first level information point addressed to future students and current students. Tel 0521/904081 - 904082.

STUDENT GUIDANCE SERVICE
The Student Guidance Service provides information and support prospective students in choosing the course of study through orientation interviews, educational visits, etc.
orienta@unipr.it

JOB PLACEMENT
This service provides information to students and graduates about the best ways to enter the labour market (job day, job vacancy notice board, seminars and other opportunities).
placement@unipr.it

LIBRARIES
The University libraries, are accessible to students and citizens and offer free access to catalogues and databases of books and journals, to online bibliographic research as well as book loan from the local catalogue or interlibrary loan.

UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE CENTER
Learning foreign languages at basic and advanced level.
c.ling@unipr.it

WELCOMING AND INCLUSION CENTER
“Le-Eli-che”: Support service for vulnerable groups, aimed at students with disabilities including learning disabilities, Special Educational Needs (B.E.S.) or learning difficulties (D.S.A.).
cai@unipr.it

Psychological Counseling Service: It is dedicated to current and future students, to graduates, to the university staff and their families. It involves individual or group interviews led by psychologists trained in this area. counseling@unipr.it
Welcome and accommodation office: The Welcome Office offers assistance to Italian and foreign visiting professors, students on an exchange period or enrolled at the University of Parma in finding accommodation in the city. This service also provides individual advice and support on immigration procedures and necessary documents, especially as regards the entry and stay in Italy (visas, residence permit, etc.).

Welcome@unipr.it

TUITION FEES
Students can request partial or total exemption from tuition fees, if they meet the established merit or income requirements.

Sertasse@unipr.it

ER.GO - REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE RIGHT TO HIGHER EDUCATION
Call Center 051/6436900

Residential facilities
Students can find an accommodation in one of the 6 ER.GO Residences in Parma (600 places) on the basis of a competition announcement published on the website www.er-go.it.

Scholarships
ER.GO provides scholarships for students enrolled at Universities. To be eligible for a scholarship students must apply online on the website www.er-go.it.

Canteens
various affiliated canteens and bars are available near the university.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS
Regularly enrolled students can apply for paid working activities in administrative offices, libraries and other university structures. The activities last for a maximum of 150 hours.

150ore@unipr.it

STUDENT CARD
It functions as a personal badge to access all the services of the University and the financial services of the partner bank of the University. Furthermore, all Student Card holders can benefit from discounts and promotions in various shops and cultural institutions in Parma.

Studentcard@unipr.it
UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS
The University Museum System includes scientific and historical heritage museums where research and educational activities are closely connected. Such museums constitute a fundamental instrument for spreading knowledge and supporting scientific research.

sistema.museale@unipr.it

CSAC
Founded in the late sixties, the Study Centre and Communication Archive (CSAC) boasts a rich collection of contemporary art masterpieces, photographs, graphics, design, fashion and architectural projects of over 12 million items organized into 5 sections: Fine Art, Photography, Media, Projects and Visual Arts.

info@csacparma.it

capas@unipr.it

CREDITS FOR CULTURAL, ARTISTIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
All students can obtain University credits if they carry out cultural, artistic or social activities. Credits for cultural and artistic activities: capas@unipr.it
Credits for social activities: didatticasperimentale.serviziosociale@unipr.it

CREDITS FOR SPORT ACTIVITIES
The students of the University of Parma who play sports at amateur or professional level (with the CUS or not) can be assigned up to 6 credits.

creditisportiviunipr@cusparma.it

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creditisportiviunipr@cusparma.it
CUS PARMA, THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS CENTRE
Our University, together with the CUS - University Sports Centre, promotes well-being and healthy lifestyles by encouraging students to play sports at all levels and providing access to structured programmes in different sports. Every year, the CUS offers students courses in different sport disciplines for both amateurs and professionals. We have various and well-equipped sports facilities on our Campus: gyms, soccer fields, a pool, a golf course, an athletics track, etc. segreteria@cusparma.it
SERVICES AND FACILITIES

INTERNATIONAL

ERASMUS AND INTERNATIONAL HOME
The service centre for international activities and exchanges. The EIH primarily offers information and a front-office service for both outgoing and incoming students and staff. Piazzale San Francesco, 3 - 43121 Parma - ITALY

STUDYING ABROAD
• Erasmus+ SMS and SMT programmes: grants for study periods or traineeships in a European or extra-European University or Company.
• Overworld programme: scholarships to attend courses in Extra UE Universities.
• Double Degree programme: students can obtain a double academic title from one of the partner Universities.
erasmus@unipr.it

STUDYING IN PARMA
International Students admission
Everything you need to know about the application process for non EU students at our University. admissions@unipr.it

Exchange students
Information for incoming students through exchange programmes (Erasmus or International agreements). incoming@unipr.it

MOVING AROUND

BIKE and CAR SHARING
Thanks to “Infomobility”, students can take advantage of discounts and reduced rates for bike sharing, car sharing and bicycle parking.

BUS
Discounted rates for all students without age limits (including Erasmus and exchange students). To take advantage of these discounts, it is necessary to go to the counters TEP (www.tep.pr.it).