

Welcome to Unipd!

This Counterguide has been prepared by the people of **Students For Udu-Padua** specifically for those taking their first steps in Padua, with the intent of helping them navigate within the city and the University in order to experience university life to the fullest.

Everything you will find in this guide: tips, directions, and feedbacks, have been written by students who live them daily and who have found themselves, over the years, living a new experience, perhaps in a new city, just like you at this time!

The official university guides are too tied to the academic world and omit all those pieces of information that would be useful to those who have never studied or lived in Padua: the cafeterias in where you can eat better, the study rooms where you can find a seat, where you can listen to some music and dance, or even where you can find refreshment spots to relax in complete calm.

With the **Controguida**, we give away what we know about Padua and its university, because we know how difficult it can be to feel comfortable in a new environment; so we hope that this guide can be a useful tool aimed at making it easier to settle in.



ABC for the Fresher

ENTRANCE EXAM

The entrance exam is the first hurdle towards all courses that have a restricted access or quota system.

UniPD presents a lot of this type of courses, but they have proven that they want to reduce this number so that they can welcome more students.

We, as UDU, are **against restricted access in all of its forms**.

As for the open access courses we have a different matter. Every person who couldn't meet the required points at the entrance exam, will be attributed an Academic Leveling Course.

Which is a formative debt that has to be passed by the end of the first year.

You can still enroll in your second year, but you won't be able to sustain those exams.

All the info on the admission and enrollment will be found in the **admission notice** of the specific degree. You can find the notice in the "didattica" section of the university website (didattica.unipd.it).

FILTER SEMESTER

Starting from the 2025/26 academic year, a filter semester will be introduced for **Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine courses**, replacing the entrance exam. It will consist of three subjects worth 6 credits each, which can be validated in the event of admission to related courses. If the 18 credits for the semester are not obtained, they can be validated for enrollment in a related course.

To enroll as an international student you will need to register and follow the instructions on the University website. Once that registration is done a new one will have to be filled in the University of Padua website with a flat registration fee of 250 (simbolo euro che non trovo PD).

University: universitaly.it/medicina2025

University of Padua: unipd.it/en/open-semester

FLASH CARD

Those who enrol at the University of Padua will automatically receive a **Flash Study Card** valid for 7 years.

It will serve as an identification badge for all university services.

In addition, once you receive the physical version, the Flash Card can be activated as a prepaid card.

To receive it, simply wait a few weeks after the end of enrollment and it will be sent to the address listed on Uniweb in the "Personal Data" section. If it does not arrive, don't panic, you can identify yourself with your ID, passport, or digital badge.

For more information: [https:// www.unipd.it/cartaflash](https://www.unipd.it/cartaflash)

For information and duplicate requests, write to carriere.studenti@unipd.it

EXAMS APPEALS

University exams take place within **exam sessions**, which are periods during the academic year that provide a break between classes. There are 3 sessions, generally held between January and February (winter session), between June and July (summer session), and finally between August and September (make-up session).

Students have 5 "attempts" distributed across the 3 sessions to pass an exam, known as **"Appeals"**

Additionally, there are two ways to take an exam outside of a session:

pre-exams and **partial exams**.

In the first case, students can request professors to schedule a pre-appeals, which allows them to take an exam before the session to lighten the study load during the official session or to meet the needs of multiple students.

Partial exams are held during the academic year to divide a course into multiple tests, typically in year-long courses.

It all sounds great, but even at university, problems arise: the number of appeals is not consistent across all schools within the university. The Schools of Economics and Engineering have **4 appeals**, while we continue to work and advocate to reach at least 5, as is the case in most other schools. Thanks to student representation efforts, we have secured 6 appeals in the Humanities and 7 in Law. However, issues persist: deadlines for grade entry and publication are often not met, exam dates are rescheduled at the last minute or postponed by a day, and some professors fail to notify students in case of unforeseen circumstances, causing exams to be canceled, among other problems.

As student representatives and part of the student union, we will continue to mobilize to prevent these issues from recurring in the future.

ECTS/CFU

European Credits Transfer System (ECTS) or "Crediti Formativi Universitari" (CFU) are the standard used by universities to quantify the workload required for a specific course (and exam). 1 ECTS corresponds to 1 CFU.

One CFU corresponds to 25 hours of study, divided between lectures/exercises/lab-work, and individual study. Generally, **the more CFUs assigned to an exam, the more study hours (and effort) are estimated to be necessary to pass it.**

A bachelor's degree requires 180 CFU, a master's degree 120 CFU, and a single-cycle master's degree 300 CFU, divided among various **Scientific-Disciplinary Sectors (SSD)**. These sectors identify the different "subjects" covered throughout the academic journey. For example, "Organic Chemistry 1" falls within SSD CHIM/06. It's important to know which SSDs are part of your curriculum because some master's programs **require a minimum number of CFUs in specific sectors.**

Additionally, credits influence the weighting of grades: the average grade, and consequently the basis for the graduation score, will be weighted according to these credits.

OUT OF COURSE

It is best to clarify a fundamental concept right away: **students who repeat a year at university** do not have to retake all of their exams for that year, as is the case in high school. Exams that have already been taken and passed will always be counted.

You may have to repeat a year and/or be unable to take exams in subsequent years if, according to the regulations of your course of study, **you have not earned the minimum number of credits** (usually between 23 and 30) within a calendar year. This limit is necessary in order to progress to the next year and remains valid until the minimum threshold required is reached.

All other exams, in accordance with the prerequisite rules, can still be taken as normal. Please note, however, that there is no fixed rule, as each course has its own regulations. Repeating a year does not automatically result in an increase in university fees or the loss of canteen services.

Instead, students who have not acquired the necessary credits to graduate within the standard duration of their degree program are defined as being **out of course**. In this case, university fees increase considerably, but only from the second year of being behind schedule.

For scholarship holders: if you have earned the minimum required credits (135 for a bachelor's degree and 80 for a master's degree, by August 10), you are entitled to an **additional semester of scholarship**. Beyond this period, you will lose the services and benefits provided to those who are on track with the same scholarship.

Obviously, repeating a year or falling behind **does not mean being a second-class student**, because there are many valid reasons that can justify these situations. It is important to overcome the cliché of the 'model student': **each person has their own pace, their own limits, and their own personal situation**.

FINAL EXAM AND GRADUATION

At the end of their degree course, after obtaining the required credits, students must take a final exam, which may be oral, written, practical, or a combination of the three; the format varies depending on the course of study. The result of the exam affects the final graduation grade, which is already partly determined by the **weighted average of the exams**. For those who graduate on time or who have participated in special projects, almost all courses offer bonus points.

INTERNSHIP

The **training internship** is a unique opportunity for university students to apply everything they have learned in theory classes in practice. This opportunity is reserved for students and recent graduates, within 12 months of graduation, for a maximum duration of 12 and 6 months respectively. It allows them to apply the knowledge acquired during their academic career, while developing transferable skills. All of this takes place in companies, public bodies, and non-profit organizations in **close contact with the university**. Supported by professionals in the field, students can acquire knowledge of work processes and organizational dynamics, thus facilitating a faster and more informed professional integration.



International Mobility

Erasmus+

Study The Erasmus+ program offers the possibility of spending a period of study (between 3 and 12 months, in blocks of 3 months each) at one of the partner universities in the 27 EU member states, plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, Serbia, and North Macedonia. Mobility is also **possible to the UK**. The mobility period is fully recognized: the exams taken abroad replace the corresponding exams in Padua, and the scholarship is a valuable resource. You can participate in the program once during each cycle of studies, with the only constraint of not exceeding a total of 12 months of mobility in the same cycle.

Traineeship The Traineeship program allows a traineeship in one of the partner countries. It can be carried out both during studies and within 12 months of graduation, with a duration from 2 to 12 months. It is possible to participate in the program once during each cycle of study, with the only constraint of not exceeding a total of 12 months of mobility in the same cycle.

The call for applications is published annually with different deadlines for study and traineeship mobility. All information can be found on the University website or by following the social profile **Instagram @udupadova**.

Arqus

Arqus is the European University Alliance composed of 7 universities: Bergen (Norway), Dublin (Ireland), Granada (Spain), Leipzig (Germany), Lyon 1 (France), Maynooth (Ireland), Padua, Vilnius (Lithuania), and Wrocław (Poland). The goal is to increase cooperation between institutions, creating a true European campus. You can take advantage of short-term mobility programs (from 5 days to 2 months), participate in joint study programs, and obtain double or joint degrees, with full recognition of the activities carried out. **Explore all the opportunities** offered by the alliance and stay updated: <https://arqus-alliance.eu/>.

Other International Programs!

The University also offers other international study opportunities besides Erasmus+ and Arqus. Furthermore, occasions for international experience are also provided within the framework of the UNIMED network (Union of Mediterranean Universities).

Tra MIMI (Tirocinio in Italia, Mobilità Internazionale)

Tra MIMI (Internship in Italy, International Mobility) is a new form of international mobility. It allows students to take advantage of an internship period that lasts from 3 to 6 months, in an Italian university. This opportunity is supported by a scholarship from the University of Padua.

UNIVERSITY PLATFORMS AND APPS

Uniweb

Uniweb is the official online platform that allows you to manage your academic career, book exams, check fees, and everything concerning your Right to Study.

Moodle

Moodle is the platform where professors publish teaching materials for lessons, notices, communications, exercises, and other resources. Access is granted through your University credentials (username and password of Uniweb). Often the Single Sign-On (SSO) login allows access to all useful platforms.

UniMail

This is the official mailbox that the University gives students immediately upon enrollment, essential for managing all communications between the student and the professors/university. Remember to always use the University email to communicate with professors, always signing your email with your name, surname, and student ID number.

OrariUnipd

The **OrariUnipd** App shows the class and exam schedules, allowing you to easily add them to your calendar.

Galileo Discovery

It is the website of the university library catalog that allows you to individually book books from all UniPDB libraries, but not only. **Galileo Discovery** allows you to search within all libraries by searching in all available library catalogs and requesting to borrow a book.

App MyUniPD

The official mobile app of the University of Padua, which can be accessed with your own University credentials and allows you to visualize the main Uniweb functions. You can check at any time which grades have been recorded or when they are contributing to the average.

Affluances

The app that helps you orient yourself within the University libraries. You can check the occupancy rate of study places available in each university library, view opening and closing hours, and book a seat. It also allows you to book single seats, not in groups, only for study.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – The voice of those who experience university life

Every two years, the entire student community at Unipd is called upon to elect its representatives. These are not distant figures, but students like you, who experience university life and bring the needs, ideas and problems of students to the decision-making table.

Our task is to be a bridge between you and the University: to listen, support and make proposals that improve the quality of study and university life, whether small or large.

Academic Senate – This is where decisions are made

The Senate is one of the most important bodies of the University: here regulations are discussed and approved, new degree courses are evaluated, exam sessions are planned and decisions are made that affect us all, every day.

Our representatives in the Senate bring the voice of the students to the table when it comes to teaching, services and the quality of education. They are the direct channel for proposing concrete changes or reporting widespread problems.

Contact your representatives:

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Board of Directors – The university from the inside

This is where the budget is managed, investments are decided and major projects concerning spaces, facilities and services are approved. From the renovation of a classroom to the creation of new scholarships, every decision passes through here. Having student representatives means having a say in how funds are spent and what priorities the University should focus on.

Contact your representatives:

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University Sports Committee – Sport, events, community

It's not just about lectures and books: university is also about sport, cultural activities and socialising. The University Sports Committee coordinates tournaments, manages facilities and supports initiatives that promote student wellbeing.

Thanks to the student representatives, you can suggest ideas, request discounts or propose events open to everyone.

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ESU Board of Directors – Right to study

The ESU is the regional body responsible for canteens, accommodation, scholarships and cultural initiatives. It is a key point of reference, especially for those who live away from home or need financial support.

Contact your representatives:

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School Council – Decisions close to you

Each School of the University coordinates several related degree courses. The School Councils discuss Erasmus, timetables, exam sessions, internal regulations and secretarial services. Participating in or contacting this body means taking action on very practical issues that affect everyday life.

Department Council – Where research begins

The Department is the “home” of your subject area. This is where research is planned, laboratories are managed and decisions are made on how to organise teaching. Having representatives means being able to request better equipment, propose new projects or report structural deficiencies.

Study Programme Council – Your direct point of reference

This is the body closest to students: here, issues relating to classrooms, timetables, exams and teaching materials are discussed. It is the ideal place to raise everyday issues and get quick answers. As representatives, we are always available to collect reports and proposals to improve the course.

Student Council – The all-student body

It coordinates all student representatives at the University. It appoints representatives to committees and is responsible for expressing opinions on all important decisions affecting students.

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Other bodies and committees – Quality is built together

In addition to the main bodies, there are committees that work on specific aspects:

The Evaluation Unit, which verifies the quality of courses and services.

The Joint Committees and GAVs (Self-Evaluation Groups), which monitor teaching and propose concrete improvements.

You can always contact your course representatives to report problems or make suggestions.

CNSU – The voice of students at national level

The National Council of University Students represents all students in Italy at the Ministry of Universities. It formulates proposals and opinions on laws and reforms, and having a representative from Padua means that our voice can be heard in Rome.

Contact your representatives.

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THE HOUSING PROBLEM

Finding a house in Padua is increasingly difficult: prices continue to rise, public and non-public residences have few places, and discrimination is not lacking, especially towards international students. Added to this is the lack of information and official guides from the University, which often remain tied to platforms like AirBnB, overpricing, and often fall into the shadow of public investments that do not grow enough. For the first months of university life, the emergency accommodation offered by the city is no longer enough; we continue to mobilize against the rental problem with campaigns like "**Homeless Students**" and to obtain resources for new public housing and student services. Together with E&R, we have started a project to stabilize intergenerational housing and student support, which continues to grow. We also support the project to fight illegal and undeclared rentals.

Public Housing

To find accommodation in Padua as a student, you can apply for a room in the **university residences managed by the ESU**. To be eligible, you need to meet requirements based on income and academic merit, respecting the deadlines set by the notice. The University of Padua has launched the "**Collegi alloggi**" project to give students with scholarships access to accommodation, and housing support is free for all students. The support is valid for 11 months a year.

Private Housing

Studying at university as an off-site student involves the problem of private housing, aggravated by the "affitti in nero" (*undeclared rentals*) trend. Living without a registered contract means giving up rights and protections. The ESU supports the promotion of legal contracts for students. As student representatives, we are committed to informing students about their rights and obligations and to fostering legal contractual models with **fiscal incentives** (*Incentivi fiscali*) for landlords. The "**Student Rent Desk**" (*Sportello Affitti Studenti*) is a **free service** provided by Studenti Per - UDU Padua that supports students in finding housing.

It is always possible to read the complete text of the legal contract models and relevant regulations on the University website.

Discouraged Contractual Forms:

- **Contract with implicit or verbal agreement:** This exposes the student to a situation of blackmail, fraud, or possible eviction at any moment.
- **Contract that involves only one tenant:** in this case, the owner and the tenant are solely responsible for the property.
- **Sublease contract to a student who lives in the house:** the owner assumes responsibility for this situation, exposing the student to risks and making studying more difficult. The person responsible for the sublease is the landlord.

Forms of Legal Contracts:

- **Free contract (4+4 years):** This contract has a minimum duration of 4 years, with automatic renewal for another 4. The tenant can terminate the contract at any time, but only for serious reasons and with a notice period of at least 6 months, which must be specified in the contract.
- **Concerted contract (3+2 years):** This contract has a minimum duration of 3 years, with the possibility of automatic renewal for another 2. The landlord can terminate the contract after the first 3 years with serious reasons and a notice period of at least 6 months, but only after having reached the minimum required threshold.
- **Transitory contract (maximum 18 months):** This contract is used for temporary and documented needs (such as a temporary job). It has a maximum duration of 18 months. If the reasons are not clearly specified, the contract automatically converts into a free contract (4+4 years). The frequency of a single university course is not considered a valid reason for this type of contract.
- **Transitory contract for students (from 6 to 36 months):** This contract is specific for the student tenant, with a duration of 6 to 36 months. At the expiration date, it renews automatically for the same period, unless the student decides otherwise. The student must give the landlord a notice of at least 3 months, while the landlord cannot refuse the renewal.

Sportello Affitti

The "**Sportello affitti**" of Studenti Per UDU Padova is a promotion of the Giovani Project Office and is supported by the Municipality of Padua. It was born as a point of reference dedicated to all students who find themselves facing the complex search for accommodation in the city. Its objective is to offer clear and secure guidance, starting from the moment a student arrives in Padua until they move into their new home, in a market that is often vague, not very transparent, and not always easy to understand. The service provides practical and up-to-date information on the different types of rental contracts, the possibility of accessing public housing, or agreed-upon contracts, and all the main information regarding forms of discrimination that can occur during the house search for the first time.

To better meet the immediate need for understanding, we have created the "**Guide to Living in Padua**", a simple, comprehensive, and clear guide to use even after having signed the contracts. Inside, you will find all the details, including practical information for moving in and out of the house. This tool is an essential part of the service, aiming to make the student fully responsible in facing the home search. The first consultation is free and is designed to provide concrete support to all students of the University of Padua, who in the presence of problematic legal or contractual issues may receive a specific type of legal consultation.

The Student Rent Desk is a **free service**, open to everyone, active from the age of 16 to 30, and is located in Via Stratica 4a, Padua. All those who are looking for accommodation can find personalized support and useful tools to approach the search for a home during their course of study with greater peace of mind.

You can find us in **Via Stratico 4a Mon-Fri from 16 to 20**

Tel. 339.8653626

Tel. 320.4457153



GETTING AROUND PADUA

Moving around Padua is one of the first things a student needs to do. Knowing the public transport services is fundamental for moving around effortlessly. Public transport in the city is managed by **BusItalia Veneto** and consists of **urban and extra-urban buses**, and the **Tram SIR2 and SIR3**.

The single ticket costs around **€1.70**, but it is advisable to purchase an electronic ticket in advance at authorized newsagents or tobacconists. Alternatively, you can take advantage of the various subscriptions offered. The city also offers multi-journey tickets (Carnet 10 tickets) or special discounts on subscriptions for those under 26. BusItalia Veneto also offers special discounts and regional bonuses on subscriptions for students attending middle, high school, or university in Padua, Venice, Vicenza, and Rovigo.



Right to Study

Presenting the ISEE

The **ISEE (Equivalent Economic Status Indicator)** is the indicator of the economic situation of the household. It is a document that attests to the economic conditions of the household and is issued free of charge by **CAF** (Tax Assistance Centers) or **INPS** (National Institute for Social Security).

The ISEE is fundamental for obtaining fee reductions, scholarships, and public housing.

Regional Scholarships

The **Regional Right to Study Scholarship** (Borsa di Studio per il Diritto allo Studio Regionale) is managed by the ESU (Regional Body for the Right to University Study). The scholarship can be provided in money and/or through services such as accommodation or meals.

Part-time Collaborations (200 hours)

The **part-time collaborations** (also known as "**200 hours**") are a scholarship that is based on economic and merit requirements. For a maximum commitment of 200 hours, a minimum compensation of **€7.02 per hour** is guaranteed. Only students enrolled in first-level and second-level degree courses can participate. The collaborations can be in various University offices, offering support to students.

What isn't working?

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HERE you find the QR code for the Telegram group!

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STUDENT TAXATION (FISCALITÀ STUDENTESCA)

The amount of the installments varies based on the course followed and personal conditions (economic and merit-based). To benefit from exemptions and reductions...

Payment of Fees (Pagamento tasse)

University fees must be paid in **three installments**, calculated based on the **ISEE** (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) if the 'Request for Benefits' is filled out on Uniweb. The first installment, the payment of which is necessary for enrollment or registration, also includes the Regional Fee for the Right to Education, which also varies according to the ISEE within a minimum limit of **€ 141** and a maximum of **€ 186**. It is necessary to have a valid **ISEE for the University Right to Education** and to fill out the Request for Benefits.

Thanks to our representation work, the total exemption from paying fees for income reasons (**No Tax Area**) has increased from 25,000 to **30,000 ISEE points**, while further deductions are available up to **70,000 ISEE points**.

INSTALLMENT DEADLINES (SCADENZE RATE):

- FIRST INSTALLMENT: **September 30**
- SECOND INSTALLMENT: **February 15**
- THIRD INSTALLMENT: **May 15**

WARNING (ATTENZIONE): If a deadline is not met, a **late payment fee** must be paid, and you may temporarily experience problems enrolling in teaching activities or registering exam results.

How to pay?

All payments must be made via **PagoPA** by accessing your reserved Uniweb area.

Working Student and Part-Time Enrollment (Studenta lavoratore e iscrizione a tempo parziale)

Working Student Exemption

For all students engaged in work activities, with a gross annual income earned in 2024 or 2025 of at least **€ 3,500.00**, a **€ 400 reduction** is reserved for the annual all-inclusive contribution for ISEE up to **€ 50,000**. This exemption is granted for a number of years equal to the normal duration of the study course, plus **3 additional years**.

Part-Time Enrollment

Students who, due to work or family commitments or health reasons, believe they can dedicate only part of their time to studying, can opt for **part-time enrollment**, obtaining a **40% reduction** in the all-inclusive contribution.

WARNING: Even if you are eligible to receive a total or partial fee reduction based on ISEE, you are still eligible to benefit from part-time enrollment.

The request can be submitted via Uniweb, in the "Iniziativa" (Initiatives) section, by **October 30, 2025**.

The Minimum Career Progression (La progressione minima di carriera)

The fees that every student must pay are also calculated based on **merit requirements**. If you do not reach a certain number of **CFU (University Credits)** within a certain time, you may see your installments increase, even if you start from the No Tax Area. If the "minimum career progression" is not achieved, you could end up paying more than **€ 1000** even if you are in the No Tax Area!

As student representatives, we believe this constraint is excessively disproportionate and unfair.

To reach the minimum career progression, you must satisfy the following requirements:

- **10 CFUs** by August 10 at the end of the first year;
- **25 CFUs** in the 12 months preceding August 10 for subsequent years.

Other Exemptions and Incentives

Other exemptions and incentives are offered, such as:

- For public administration employees;
- For merit;
- For the birth of a child during the academic year;
- For enrollment in scientific degrees (**STEM**);
- "Mille e una lode" (One Thousand and One Honors) merit scholarship.

ALIAS CAREER (CARRIERA ALIAS)

The **Alias Career** is a Unipd service that aims to guarantee more privacy and dignity to all **trans students** attending the University, allowing them to use their **chosen name** instead of their legal name on official university documents. It is a tool that can be activated by anyone enrolled in any course at UniPd.

To activate the Alias identity, simply send an ID document, a passport photo, and the Activation Request Form (found on the Unipd website) via e-mail to **alias.studenti@unipd.it**. **Medical documentation is no longer required**, making the service accessible even to those who have not started or do not intend to start the transition.

With the activation, the student signs a **confidentiality agreement** in which the University undertakes not to disclose their legal identity without their consent.

SPORT

The **University Sports Center of the University of Padua is the largest sports club in Veneto region**, with facilities located at Via Corrado 4 and Via Giordano Bruno 27. **Membership is free for students and offers various benefits**, such as discounts on medical examinations, ski passes, and swimming activities. The CUS offers a wide variety of sports, activities, and facilities, such as rugby, field hockey, basketball, volleyball, five-a-side soccer, swimming, ultimate frisbee, triathlon, cycling, and many others, as well as pilates, dance, wrestling, and parkour, with levels ranging from provincial to national. To book courts, you can call 049 685222. Thanks to our work alongside with CUS, in addition to free membership and special agreements, **we have also secured the opening of a study room**, which is useful for those who want to combine study and sport. You can also relax and socialize in the clubhouse.

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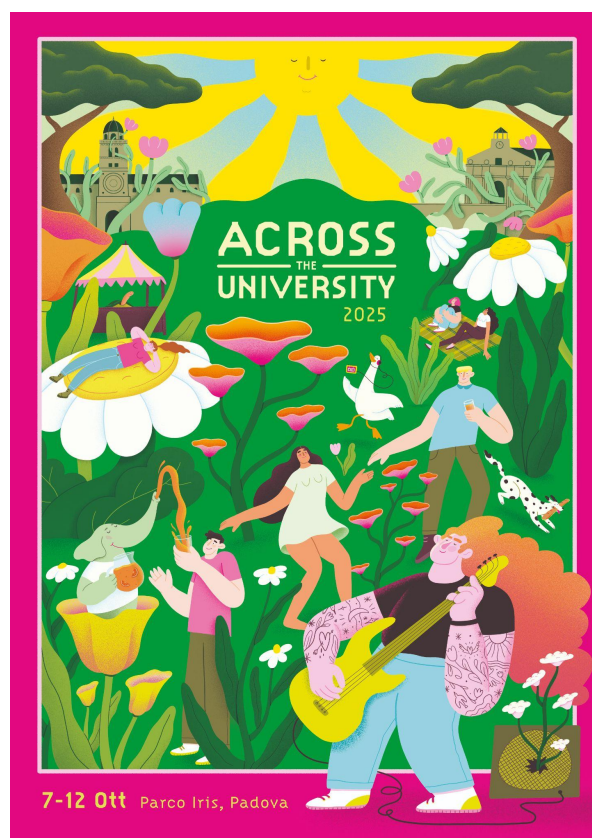
VOLUNTEERING

In 2019, Padua was awarded the prestigious title of **"European Volunteering Capital"**. The city is home to over 3,000 non-profit organizations, representing about half of those in the entire province. Shortly after receiving this recognition, the world was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. During that difficult period, Padua managed to support the most vulnerable people thanks to the voluntary commitment of numerous students. A total of 2,415 people volunteered, more than half of them under the age of 30, for a total of 116,242 hours of solidarity volunteering. Getting to know the world of volunteering in Padua is a fundamental way to understand the city as a whole. It is estimated that about a third of the population is actively involved in associations, making joining one of these an opportunity to get in touch with Paduan life and discover new and interesting aspects of the area. **For those who wish to explore the opportunities for activism in the city, the Volunteer Service Center (CSV) of Padua and Rovigo offers guidance in finding the most suitable association to which to donate time and skills for a cause close to one's heart.** The headquarters are located in Portello.

CSV contacts:

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY

Across the University is one of the most important activities our association does. It's a festival entirely organized by us, and we like to say it's "made by students for students."

This year, the festival will take place during the second week of October, from **October 7-12**, right at the beginning of the academic year. We are now in our 17th edition, and Across has become one of the most significant festivals in Padua. Come and check it out! Live concerts, music, debates, conferences, food, and "spritzi" are just some of the things you can enjoy. Across is also, and above all, a place where you can spend time with friends, relax in the chill area, and meet new people while enjoying the first autumn breeze.

The festival offers cultural events in the afternoon, such as conferences and debates on current affairs with guests from the world of journalism, academia, or social media. In the evening, the focus shifts to music and concerts.

Some of the artists who have performed on our stage over the years include: The Zen Circus, TheGiornalisti, Willie Peyote, Tananai, Big Mama, Tripolare, Post Nebbia, Chiamamifaro, Fuera, Sick Tamburo, and many others.

Among other things, Across aims to redevelop and enhance the city's green spaces, protecting them. This year, for the third year in a row, it will be held in **Parco Iris** (in the Forcellini area), although previous editions have taken place in other locations like Parco delle Mura or the CUS.

This festival has great meaning for our association because we believe that community and fun are among the most beautiful and rewarding ways we can engage in political action.

Across can also become an unforgettable experience for you! Come and discover it from the inside by becoming a **volunteer**. The festival is made possible by the commitment and passion of many students. Every single aspect of the practical organization—from contacting artists to preparing sandwiches, from cleaning the park to building the bars and pouring the beers—is the result of the collective work of many student volunteers. For this reason, we launch a call for volunteers every year: anyone can become part of the great Across family. Join us!

OUR BATTLES

CONTRASTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

We have always worked to oppose gender-based violence at the university. In 2023, we submitted a document with a project to combat gender-based violence, based on years of work and demonstrations in support of intersectional transfeminism. Thanks to this, last year we managed to get our university to join the UniRe (Responsible University) project, which involved the allocation of €250,000 to set up an anti-harassment help desk, the creation of training sessions for teachers and administrative staff, the promotion of fundraising for research on topics related to the project, and activities with high schools. We are committed to continuing this work towards greater collaboration with anti-violence centers and the implementation of mandatory awareness courses. We believe it is essential that the university continues and increases its commitment to combating gender-based violence, as this fight is a collective effort that concerns us all.

STUDENT-FRIENDLY TRANSPORT

Public transport is a constant source of problems for the student community: vehicles in poor condition, inconvenient timetables, and high prices. As a union, we have always fought for improvements in public transport services and achieved significant changes, such as funding for QuiBus in Padua and discounted travel passes for students at the Agripolis Campus in Legnaro. After conducting a survey in the spring on the use of public transport by the student community, we obtained a joint meeting with the University and the Region where, based on the responses obtained, we asked that public transport be made free for students. We are in constant dialogue with the institutions to ensure that this request is implemented.

SPACES SUITABLE FOR OUR NEEDS

In recent years, we have worked hard to ensure that our university spaces are suitable for the needs of the student community: there are still dilapidated classrooms with broken seats or no power outlets, facilities with poor accessibility, and study rooms that are closed without notice, as in the case of the Jappelli study room. Thanks to our constant commitment, we have achieved improvements in accessibility, new common rooms, and new study rooms, such as the common rooms at Botta and Maldura, the study rooms at Palazzo Bo and Via Ugo Bassi, the San Gaetano cultural center, and the Arcella study room. We will continue to work to ensure that the university provides more spaces that are better suited to everyone's needs.

FREE PADS DISPENSERS

Last year, we succeeded in getting installed free pads dispensers in several departments at our university, with a commitment from the university to extend the initiative to all other departments. Constantly linked to the need for greater training and education on issues of affectivity and sexuality, we are working to ensure that condoms are also included in the dispensers.

PALESTINE: FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA

The Palestinian people have been victims of genocide and apartheid for 77 years, yet the institutions of our country are unable to face reality. Unfortunately, our university is also complicit in these crimes against humanity through collaborations with various Israeli universities. These universities, as highlighted in Francesca Albanese's well-known report on the economics of the Palestinian genocide, are an integral part of the countless acts of discrimination that Zionism perpetrates against Palestinians, from erasing their history to developing weapons to massacre civilians. As a student community, we find it abhorrent that our university is complicit in this, so we are present in the streets and in representative bodies to loudly demand the termination of these agreements. In May 2025, our work led to the unanimous approval by the Department of Political Science of a motion calling for the suspension of agreements between the University and entities complicit in genocide. Unfortunately, the Academic Senate once again ignored this request and opted for a simple non-renewal of the agreements in the future. We will not stop and will continue to call for an academic boycott of any entity complicit in the Palestinian genocide.

