UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA (UNIBO)
**Subject Area** Marketing; Law; Economics (by arrangement)

**Language** Classes are taught in English or Italian, depending on the modules selected. B1 in English is required. However, before coming to Bologna you are strongly advised to have at least basic knowledge of Italian (level A2), in order to be able to study and make the most of the lessons.

**Academic Calendar**

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**Module Catalogue** Have a look through the module catalogue for modules available to exchange students.

**Financial Support** As a UK Erasmus student, you are entitled to receive an Erasmus Grant for your time away at a participating Erasmus institution.
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BOLOGNA, ITALY

Bologna is a medieval town located in Northern Italy in the Emilia Romagna that was founded by the Etruscans and has since thrived as a popular trade and learning center. It has a population of nearly 400,000 and is home to the oldest university in the world, University of Bologna, founded in 1088.

Fusing haughty elegance with down-to-earth grit in one beautifully colonnaded medieval grid, Bologna is a city of two intriguing halves. On one side is a hard-working, hi-tech city located in the super-rich Po valley where suave opera-goers waltz out of regal theatres and reconvene in some of the nation’s finest restaurants and trattorias. On the other, is a Bolshie, politically edgy city that hosts the world’s oldest university and is famous for its graffiti-embellished piazzas filled with mildly inebriated students swapping gothic fashion tips. No small wonder Bologna has earned so many historical monikers.

La Grassa (the fat one) celebrates a rich food legacy (ragù or bolognese sauce was first concocted here). La Dotta (the learned one) doffs a cap to the city university founded in 1088. La Rossa (the red one) alludes to the ubiquity of the terracotta medieval buildings adorned with miles of porticoes, as well as the city’s longstanding penchant for left-wing politics. All three names still ring true. Bologna is the kind of city where you can be discussing Chomsky with a leftie newspaper-seller one minute, and be eating like an erstwhile Italian king in a fine restaurant the next.

MORE INFO
lonelyplanet.com
bolognawelcome.com
italyguides.it

Population 388,825
Currency Euro €
Time difference GMT+1
The origins of the University of Bologna go way back, and it is considered to be the oldest university in the Western world. Its history began in 1088, when law was first taught freely in the city, and became tied to the city of Bologna from the early Middle Ages, establishing the very idea of university. Indeed, the very first higher education and research structure, known as the “universitas studiorum”, was founded in Bologna. The city and the university have lived side by side for nine centuries, their stories are entwined, a university based firmly in the historical centre of the city, where still today students and teachers live and work among the columns, palaces, halls, stairways and squares that tell the story of their predecessors.

The university and the city of Bologna blend into each other, institution and territory, urban history and geography, economy and culture. Today the University of Bologna is a Multicampus university with 5 campuses. Currently the University of Bologna hosts more than 80,000 enrolled students, including more than 5,000 foreign students. In addition to these, every year there are around 2,500 exchange students. The University runs 11 Schools and 33 Departments. Teaching activities are held at the Schools, and here exchange students will also find the offices to help them find their way around the programmes, the classrooms, and the laboratories.
Erasmus code | BOLOGNA01
No of students | 78,215

Style of study Students’ performance is assessed in a variety of different ways (written and oral exams, short essays, lab projects, oral presentations).

Grade system The University of Bologna has adopted the ECTS grading tables which, for each positive grade on the Italian scale, indicate not only the corresponding ECTS grade but also the actual percentage of students who obtained that grade. For all programmes the statistical distribution differs and is updated annually. Below table is a guideline for the overall Italian grading system and might differ at UNIBO.

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<td>E (sufficient)</td>
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<td>under 18</td>
<td>FX, F (fail)</td>
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Application Times

Please note that you have to apply to the exchange programme in your current year by 20 December. Applications for the host university must be submitted between April and May or September and October (depending on the Trimester), in the year following your initial application.

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Living Costs
Bologna is one of the most expensive cities in Italy, after Milan and Rome. The general estimate is that students require around €700 to €800 per month, however this might change depending on your lifestyle.

Rent €300 - €400/per month
Food €60/per week
Meal in a University canteen €4 - €6
Coffee and croissant (in a café) €2.50
Cinema Ticket €8
Bus ticket (ordinary ticket, urban area, 75 minutes validity) €1.30
Monthly bus ticket (for students up to 27 years of age) €27

More on Cost of Living in Bologna
🌐 Numbeo.com

Transport
TPER - Bologna Passenger Transportation is a public transport company, which carries out local services in the city of Bologna and services in suburban and rural areas of the province. All young people up to the age of 27 enjoy special benefits for both annual and monthly subscriptions.

Certain subscriptions are only available if Mi Muovo card is used. It’s a single, integrated travel card for public transport available to residents of Emilia-Romagna, making travel on public transport much easier and more practical.

Finding accommodation is one of the most difficult issues to deal with for a student wishing to study in Bologna. As a matter of fact Bologna is a relatively small town and hosts one of the biggest among the Italian Universities.

To find accommodation in Bologna, you may contact the SAIS (Student Accommodation and Information Service). The SAIS supports exchange students in finding accommodation in the university residences, colleges, short-stay accommodation or in private rented property. The service is free of charge.
CONTACT FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

If you’re interested in the programme or you have any queries, please contact the Edinburgh Napier University’s Global Mobility team first:

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STUDENT EXPERIENCES

“High standards, studying possibilities and professors are excellent!”

Student Feedback
Photos from students