Life on Campus: The University of Calabria

The University of Calabria is a medium-size university situated in Southern Italy. Its particular architecture is due to the co-operation between two architects - the Italian Gregotti and the Danish Martensson. The University of Calabria started its didactic and scientific activities in the academic year 1972-1973 and is the only example of a residential university campus in Italy. The University Campus is organized in quarters where about 3,000 students live; it gives hospitality also to some lecturers and researchers and their families. Today the University has about 31,000 students, an annual budget of more than 120 million Euros and land, buildings and equipment are worth € 1.0 billion. Teaching staff consists of about 836 units, including full professors, associate professors, assistants and researchers; technical and administrative staff consists of 740 permanent units.

The University campus is situated in a green area, close to the village of Arcavacata, four kilometres from the historical centre of Rende and ten from the town of Cosenza. At present it includes a bank, a post office, a university bookshop, internet points, sports facilities, a travel agency, social and recreational facilities, refreshment-rooms, a first-aid station, a newsagent’s, a tobacconist’s, a stationer’s, a university Catholic Chapel and the University Parish Church.

The University is organized in the following 14 Departments that are in charge for both didactics and research:

- Department of Biology, Ecology and Science of Earth (DiBEST)
- Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technologies (CTC)
- Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance (DESF)
- Department of Pharmacy, Health and Nutritional Sciences
- Department of Physics
- Department of Civil Engineering
- Department of Informatics Engineering, Modelling, Electronics and Systems (DIMES)
- Department of Mechanical, Energy and Management Engineering (DIMEG)
- Department of Engineering for Environment and Territory and Chemical Engineering (DIATIC)
- Department of Languages and Educational Science
- Department of Mathematics and Informatics
- Department of Business and Juridical Sciences (DiScAG)
- Department of Political and Social Sciences
- Department of Humanistic Science