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The Italian University System

The Italian University System is divided into three cycles.

The first cycle consists of Bachelor Degree Courses giving students an adequate knowledge of scientific methods and contents as well as specific professional skills. Essential admission requirement is the Italian school leaving certificate or a foreign certificate considered as an equivalent. Bachelor Degree Courses last 3 years. The Degree is awarded to undergraduates who have earned 180 ECTS credits.

The second cycle consists of Master Degree Courses. Master Degree Courses last two years and are advanced scientific courses or higher continuing education studies. Essential admission requirement is Bachelor Degree. The Degree is awarded by earning 120 ECTS credits.

The third cycle (post-graduate studies) consists of Doctorate Programs. Doctorate Programs last 3 years and aim at training postgraduates for very advanced scientific research. In order to obtain this third degree candidates have to write an original dissertation. Essential admission requirement is the Master Degree.

Exams are evaluated according to a 30-point scale (marks range from 18/30, minimum mark to pass, to 30/30 e lode). As regards the final graduation system scale, marks range from 66/110, minimum mark, to 110/110 and, in case, first-class honours.
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
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The Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance dates back to 1972, which is the birth-year of the University of Calabria and was initially called Department of Political Economy. During the last two decades its scientific areas in statistics and finance were growing fast to induce the Department to update its official name. The Department offers two Bachelor Degree Courses such as Bachelor Degree Course in Economics and Bachelor Degree Course in Statistics for Firms and Insurance and Master Degree Courses such as Master Degree Course in Applied Economics and Master Degree Course in Statistics and Informatics for Firms and Finance.

The Department in cooperation with the Department of Business and Juridical Sciences has activated the Doctoral School in Economics and Decisions Making. The Department is also consortiated with the Doctorate in Statistics and Applications of the University of Milan “Bicocca”.

Students and researchers enrolled at the Department are served by the Interdepartmental Library of Economics and Social Sciences, that owns about 190.000 volumes and 4.500 electronic journals and scientific databases. It is a computer-based and self-service library.

Because of the standard of its services, the good relationship between students and teachers, the great number of graduates, and the high quality of research, the Department has a solid position positions as regards the survey about the Italian universities carried out by National Agency ANVUR, that evaluates the research and didactics of Italian universities.

The best graduates of the Department can participate in the selection for PhD Programme in Applied Economics and Decision Making.

The Department has various facilities that support teaching and learning activities such as computer classrooms and study classes for graduating students. Administration of the Department offers wide range of services to the students and assist them in the bureaucratic procedures, while didactic managers provide assistance in issues regarding the study process.

There are two centres that support teaching and learning activities: the Information-Statistical Sector (Settore Informatico Statistico - SIS) and the Statistical and Information Laboratory (Laboratorio Statistico-Informatico). SIS was founded in 1996 and offers statistical services to the Faculty. The centre is provided with well equipped computer classrooms and points of service called Totems.

At the moment the Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance counts 2.625 enrolled students and proposes 80 course units. Professors and researches are 48, contract lecturers are 4 and members of administrative staff is 14. Every year the Department hosts numerous visiting professors coming from all over the world to give lectures and hold seminars for students and academic staff.

The Departments, coordinating research activities, are: labour economics, banking and finance, economic policy, international trade, industrial organization, economics of innovation, development economics, growth theory, social capital, institutional economics, economic history, demography, multivariate statistics, quality control, methods and statistical techniques for analysing data of complex samples, mathematical models for scheduling algorithms, dynamic models for the economy and models of risk management for insurance and finance. The results of research are published in series of Working Papers of the Department that are available online. The department organizes monthly seminars to present and discuss results of internal research and also seminars dedicated to the specific research programs or for educational process for students from different courses of study.

For further information on the Department, please go to: [http://www.desf.unical.it/](http://www.desf.unical.it/)
Admission Procedures

The University of Calabria applies selective entry. The Academic Senate, in accordance with the proposal of Departments, fixes the number of students who can be admitted in each academic year. An applicant pass-list is prepared for each Bachelor Degree Course, taking into consideration students’ school achievements. The entry examination is based on the general knowledge acquired at school. The students are admitted on the basis of the final classification released.

The criteria of admission to Master Degree courses are the possession of Bachelor Degree in the fields of study which are close to the Master Degree Courses offered by the Department. The classification is build on the basis of the average mark obtained during Bachelor Degree studies. Foreign students are selected separately and do not compete with Italian students in the classification.

Every year the Departments reserves places for foreign students. Who do not compete with the Italian students.

For what concerns their enrolment EU students follow the same rules of the Italian students, while NON-EU students follow the rules established by the Italian Government. To apply for a Bachelor degree the foreign applicants should provide school certificate transcript with the Apostil and Value Declaration, and a passport copy. For Master program the foreign applicants should provide the University First degree certificate transcript with the Apostil and Value Declaration, a copy of the Bachelor degree or equivalent from the home university with the Apostil and Value Declaration and a passport copy.

University fees are paid by instalments and depend on the family income. The minimum fees are €365,00 while the maximum are €1.765.

Academic Calendar 2014-2015

The academic year usually starts the last week of September/the first week of October.

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Examinations

There are exam terms in Winter, Summer and Autumn. Exams may be oral or written or both. Students are admitted to the final examination only if they have passed all the examinations prescribed by their degree course and have written the final dissertation in the case of Master Degree. All Economics students are checked after the first and second year.

Local Grading System

The Italian grading system for any examination ranges from 18 to 30 e lode (cum laude).

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Accommodation

Lodging, meals, transport facilities, first-aid medical treatment and sports facilities are provided by the Residential Centre ("Centro Residenziale"). Residential Centre provides grants for students who are well-succeed in their studies each year. All students coming from outside the University area (which includes the towns of Rende and Cosenza within a radius of 20 km) can be accommodated in the University campus. Four new residences that will host more than 800 students are currently under way to be furnished. Students may also be accommodated in apartments owned by the University in its outskirt.

The Residential Centre hosts about 2,000 students. Apartments consist of single, double and triple rooms, bathrooms and a common kitchen. In every building there is a day porter and a cleaner service for shared room. In the University residential quarters there are common places intended for study, social and recreational activities.

International Relations

The Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance pays much attention to the internationalisation in the field of research through the realisation of projects with other European institutions, as well as in the field of didactics through students and academic staff exchange with other Universities. There are several exchange programmes offered by the Department. It cooperates with Universities in Germany, Check Republic, Slovac Republic and Russia in the field of dual-degree exchange, participates at the Erasmus student exchange programmes of around 65 European Universities. Recently there has been also installed new cooperation with Chinese Universities of Hebei, Tunisian University of Gafsa and Brasilian University of Bahia. Free-movers exchange programmes are installed with Wisconsin Parkside University in United States.
The main partners of the Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance

A WIEN21 FACHHOCHSCHUL-STUDIENANGA
B GEEL07 KATHOLIEKE HOCHSCHOOL KEMPEN
B LIEGE38 HAUTE ECOLE DE LA PROVINCE DE LIEGE
BG SVIHT02 DIMITUR A. TSENOV ACADEMY OF ECONOMICS
CANADA YORK UNIVERSITY
CZ BRNO01 BRNO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
CZ BRNO02 MENDELOVA ZEMEDELSKA A LESNICKA UNIVERZITA V BRNE
CZ OSTRAVA01 VYSOKA SKOLA BANSKA - TECHNICKA UNIVERZITA OSTRAVA
D BOCHUM02 FACHHOCHSCHULE BOCHUM - HOCHSCHULE FUR TECHNIK UND WIRTSCHAFT
D FRANKFU01 JOHANN WOLFGANG GOETHE UNIVERSITAET
D KKOLN07 RHEINISSCHE FACHHOCHSCHULE KOLN
D LUDWIGH01 FACHHOCHSCHUL LUDWIGSHAFEN AM RHEIN - HOCHSCHULE FUR WIRTSCHAFT
D MAINZ01 05 JOHANNES-GUTENBERG-UNIVERSITAT MAINZ
DK ROSKILD01 ROSKILDE UNIVERSITESCENTER DK ROSKILD01
DK ALBORG01 AALBORG UNIVERSITET
E ALICANT01 UNIVERSIDAD DE ALICANTE
E AVILA01 UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE AVILA
E BILBAO01 UNIVERSIDA DE BILBAO
E ELCHE01 UNIVERSIDAD M.H. DE ELCHE
E JAEN01 UNIVERSIDAD DE JAEN
E LA-CORU01 UNIVERSIDAD DE LA CORUÑA
E SEVILLA01 UNIVERSIDAD DE SEVILLA
E TALLINN04 TALLINNA TEHNIKAÜLIKOOL
F CLERMON02 UNIVERSITE BLAISE PASCAL CLERMONT-FERRAND II
F AMIENS 01 UNIVERSITE DE PICARDIE JULES VERNE
F GRENOBLE02 UNIVERSITE PIERRE MENDES FRANCE GRENOBLE 2
F VERSAIL11 UNIVERSITE DE VERSAILLES
G KRITIS01 PANEPISTIMIO KRITIS
G PIREAS01 UNIVERSITY OF PIREAS
HU DEBREC01 DEBRECENI EGYETEM
LT VILNIUS11 VILNIUS KOPERACIJOS KOLEGIJA
MT MALTA01 UNIVERSITÀ TA MALTA
MOLDAVIA ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES OF MOLDOVA
N BODO04 HOGSKOLEN I BODO
NL EMMEN01 OPENBAAR LICHAM HOGESCHOOL DRENTHE
P COMIBRA01 UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA
P LEIRIA06 INSTITUTO SUPERIOR DE LEIRIA
P PORTO02 UNIVERSIDADE DO PORTO
P PORTO07 UNIVERSITÀ PORTUALENSE INFANTE DOM ENRIQUE
P PORTO57 UNIVERSIDADE LUSÓFONA DO PORTO
PL WARSZAW33 MILITARY UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
PL LODZ02 POLITECHNIKA LODZKA
PL WROCLAW05 AKADEMIA MEDYCZNA WE WROCŁAWIU
RO BUCUREST09 UNIVERSITATEA DIN BUCURESTI
RUSSIA MOSCOW UNIVERSITY FOR ECONOMICS, STATISTICS AND INFORMATICA
RUSSIA MOSCOW INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY-TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
RUSSIA PLECHANOV RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF ECONOMICS
RUSSIA SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
SK KOSICE03 TECHNICKA UNIVERZITA V KOŠICIACH
SK NITRA02 SLOVENSKÁ POLONOHOSPODÁRSKA UNIVERZITA V NITRE
SK BRATISL08 PANEURÓPSKA VYSOKÁ ŠKOLA
TR ANKARA02 GAZI UNIVERSITY
TR ISTANBU04 ISTANBUL TEKNIK UNIVERSITESI
TR ISTANBU 06 M.S. FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY
TR SIIRT01 SIIRT UNIVERSITY
UK CARDIFF01 UNIVERSITY OF WALES, CARDIFF
USA UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PARKSIDE
USA FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
**Dual Degree Programmes**

Dual degree programmes agreements link University of Calabria with University in Bochum (Fachhochschule Fachberich Wirtschaft in Germany), Brno e Ostrava (Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry and Vysoka Skola Banska – Technicka Universita Ostrava in Check Republic), in Moscow (Moscow University for Economics, Statistics and Informatics and Moscow National Research University – MIET in Russia), Nizhni Novgorod (Lobachevski University of Nizhni Novgorod in Russia) and in Chisinau (Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova in Moldavia). The agreements give the possibility to the students to acquire the dual degree in both home and partner Universities. The students give the exams and compose the final thesis in both Universities. The exams given in the University-partner are accepted by home-University and vice-versa. The University-partner gives the assistance in arranging accommodations and offer other assistance to the students-guests.

**Erasmus Programme**

Erasmus Programme offers the possibility of students exchange in around 75 European Universities. During the stay at the University-partner University the students undertake the exams that are successively co-validated at their return at their home-University. The results of the examinations are accepted by the respective Council of the Degree Course and are inserted in the students learning plan. The participants receive the Erasmus scholarship to cover the expenses in the partner universities. Some contributions to the travel costs are also available.

**Erasmus Placement**

Erasmus Placement Programme offers a possibility to obtain the stage at different international European companies even to the students that already participated to the Erasmus Programme. The stage is a brilliant opportunity for the students to acquire the knowledge and skills to be successfully inserted into the labour market. The scholarship for Erasmus Placement are also available.

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS FOR NON-EU MASTER STUDENTS**

For incoming NON-EU students, the University of Calabria offers 80 SCHOLARSHIPS to be enrolled in a Laurea Magistrale (2nd Cycle Degree). These grants, consist of free services by its Residential Centre, including board and lodging during the duration of the course and an intensive course (80 hours) of Italian language and culture. The final result of the evaluation of the applications will be available online. To apply, please check the following link: [http://www.unicaladmission.it/](http://www.unicaladmission.it/)

The Call for application for the enrolment of international students to Master degree courses academic year 2014/2015 is expired. Next Call is on Fall 2014, please check the above link as the time is coming. To have a higher chance to receive a grant we suggest students to apply both for the Master degree in Applied Economics and for the Master degree in statistics and informatics for firm and finance. All foreign students, including those who will be awarded of the scholarship, must follow the pre-registration and registration procedures required by Italian law. They will also have to accept the scholarship within 20 days following the communication.

The Residential Centre provides grants for students who are well-succeed in their studies each year.
## Comparison between EU Grading Systems - Based on the ECTS History grading table

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* VG = Val Godkand (Pass with distinction); G = Godkand (Pass); U = Underkant (Fail)
**Italian-German Culture Institute**

In addition to the above activities faced to promote internationalisation, there are several structures that participate actively in international programmes of students and academic staff exchange. Italian-German Culture Institute was founded on the 12th December 2000 with participation of German Embassy and Goethe-Institute Inter Nations. The Institute offers the courses of German language and culture of different levels. The certificates of Common European Framework of European standards Reference, with the following grade system: of A1 (Breakthrough) A2 (Waystage), B1 (Threshold), B2 (Vantage) e C1 (Effective), are released to those who undertake the examination. The Institute, situated at the Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance organizes with the Department and CAMS (Centre of Art, Music and Spectacle) various cultural events and manifestations.

For further information refer to the President of the Italian-German Culture Institute, Prof. Gerda Homeyer, Department of Economics and Statistics, tel: +39 0984492419, fax: +39 0984492421, e-mail: homeyer@unical.it.

**Italian-Russian University**

Italian-Russian University is founded the 18th November 1996 by the Cooperation Agreement signed by the Rector of University of Calabria and the Rector of University of Nizhni Novgorod. The cooperation is based on various activities in scientific, technological, educational fields started by the delegate of the Rector of University of Calabria Prof. Pietro Bucci and the Rector of University of Nizhni Novgorod Prof. Alexandre F. Khokhlov the 8th October 1992. Currently there are four Russian Universities joined to the exchange programmes: Moscow University for Economics, Statistics and Informatics, Moscow National Research University MIET, Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics (Moscow) and Lobachevski University of Nizhni Novgorod (Nizhni Novgorod).

In the framework of Bologna Declaration for the development of coherent European system of University education, based on students mobility, unique credit system and comparable degrees, both Universities collaborate, investing resources in the exchange of students, academic staff, young researchers, making agreements on dual degree programmes. The cooperation between the Universities aims to:

- Give the possibility to obtain degree to the students with competences recognised in both countries.
- Promote cooperation in the field of economic research as well as in statistics, finance, mathematics and innovation technologies. There has been continuous exchange of experience by participating at international conferences, visits of academic staff, creation of joint publications.
- Diffuse Italian and Russian languages. Every year a course of the Italian language is organised in Russian Universities and a course of Russian language is organized at the University of Calabria.
- Extend the cooperation with other Russian Universities.

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The Library “E. Tarantelli”

The Interdepartmental Library of Economic and Social Sciences was born in 1981. In 1987 it was formally dedicated to the economist Ezio Tarantelli.

The aim of the Library is to provide its users (first of all the students and researchers of the three Departments that the library serve) with the materials they need in didactics and research. The new building of the “E. Tarantelli” Library, situated in the third Block of the University Library System was inaugurated, on 7th February 2001, by the President of the Italian Republic, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi. It is a self-service and fully automated library. In 2007 the Library was visited by Dr Mario Draghi, President of the European Central Bank, and former Governor of the Bank of Italy. Students, researchers or everyone who visits the Library for more than three times is expected to ask for the Library User Card, a magnetic card, which allows people to use all the services the Library offers. In the Library, users can apply to the User Reception Desk. It is the main interface between the Library and its users. Through the User Reception Desk, the Library undertakes to give pertinent, timely and accurate information. The Library provides InterLibrary Loan and Document Delivery services. On 31 December 2013 the Library owned 189,168 documents.

Main Library Collections

Books and Research Material: the Library owns 91,830 Italian and foreign books, principally dealing with economics, demography, statistics, mathematical finance, law, business economics, sociology, political science, computer science and other disciplinary areas related to the Faculties of Economics and Political Sciences.

Serials: the Library owns 1,300 paper serials; 400 dealing with economics, statistics and finance, 350 with sociology and politics and 550 with business and law. The average number of annual volumes is 20. In addition the Library provides almost 5,000 online journals.

Statistics database: The statistical sector consists of different Italian and foreign historical series such as ISTAT, European Union, UNO (United Nations Organization), EUROSTAT, OECD, IMF, World Bank. Many of these statistics are provided on line in addition to other databases such as Amadeus, AIDA and Datastream.

Law and Legislation: as regards the law sector, the Library owns the main collections related to law and legislation such as: Il repertorio del Foro Italiano, Repertorio generale annuale di giustizia civile, Repertorio della Corte Costituzionale, Repertorio amministrativo dello stato, Lex, Leggi d’Italia.

Electronic Journals: the Library puts at disposal of its on-line users an increasing number of journals, from which it is possible to download full-text files. For search and consultation, users have to click on Riviste elettroniche.

On-line Databases: in order to make search easier, the Library puts at disposal of its on-line users some scientific and bibliographic databases. For search and consultation, users have to click on Banche dati on-line.
**Special Collections**

- **Textbooks:** the Textbook Section consists of all the books currently used or recommended for the courses held by the Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance.
- **CD-Roms:** the Multimedia Section consists of some of the major publications on CD-Rom as regards the field of the economic, social and statistical sciences, such as ABI-INFORM, Books in Print, British National Bibliography, Alice CD, Econ-Lit, SocioFile, Bibliografia delle riviste economiche italiane, Jurisdata, Foro Italiano, FiscoVideo, Social Sciences Citation Index, etc.
- **References, Encyclopaedias and Dictionaries:** in the Library, users can find Reference Books for bibliographic researches in the field of the economic and social sciences, as well as works of general knowledge such as bilingual and specialized dictionaries and encyclopaedias.
- **Contemporary Fiction:** at present the collection consists of nearly 700 contemporary fiction books.
- **Daily Newspapers:** a collection of the major international, national and local dailies (Financial Times, Le Monde, Wall Street Journal, La Repubblica, Il Corriere della Sera, Il Sole 24-Ore, Italia Oggi, La Gazzetta del Sud, Il Quotidiano) are available in the Library from 1976 on. Daily newspapers can be found in the Multimedia Room.
- **Microforms:** the whole series (beginning from their birth) of the most important journals dealing with economics, statistics and sociology are available also on microfilm.

**Reference, Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services**

For every document that the Library does not own, users can turn to the Interlibrary Loan Service. Users can borrow unavailable documents from other libraries or institutions. This service is liable to a fixed contribution of 4,00 Euros and to possible shipping charges which the sending institution can claim. The Reference and Document Research Service deals specifically with the bibliographic information related to scientific areas and documents that are not present in the Library.

**European Documentation Centre (Centro di Documentazione Europea – CDE)**

A European Documentation Centre is situated in the Library. It is part of a net created by the European Union for the member countries, in order to support study, teaching and research on European integration.

**Computers in the Library**

The computers in the “E. Tarantelli” Library offer access to the on-line catalogue of the UNICAL libraries, to electronic journals, networked CD-Roms and the Internet. The use of these computers is controlled by regulations.

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For further information on the Library:
- Call the User Reception Desk at the following number: (+39) 0984 496340
- Consult the Website: [http://www.biblioteche.unical.it/tarantelli.htm](http://www.biblioteche.unical.it/tarantelli.htm)
Sports Facilities, Catering Service and Health on Campus

Sports Facilities
Sports facilities are organized by the Sport Centre (Centro Universitario Sportivo - CUS). Its objective is to promote sports activities among students, university staff and their families. There are 2 football grounds, a five-a-side football ground, 2 floodlit tennis courts, and in addition volleyball, basketball and fitness gyms are provided on campus. Football and rugby tournaments are regularly organized. Besides traditional sports, other physical activities combined with music are available: modern dance, disco dance, ballroom dance, Latin-American dances but also courses in guitar and flute. In addition to sports activities (organized and managed by CUS), the Sports Centre deals with:

- Trips and excursions
- Cultural activities
- Well-being laboratory

Catering Service
At the University of Calabria there are three main refectories on campus. To make use of this service, a personal magnetic card (given by the “Ufficio Mensa”) is required. A special Committee of Inspection (including a dietist and a biologist) frequently controls the keeping of health regulations, menu standards, and staff. Menu varies and allows people to make also vegetarian choices. It usually consists of a first course (4 choices), a second course (4 choices), a side dish (2 choices), bread, a drink and fruit or dessert or yoghurt.

Refectories are closed in Summer (usually in August). They are also closed for short periods during Christmas and Easter time. For incoming students the cost of a meal is about 2.25 Euros. The opening hours are the following:

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Health
A first-aid service and some basic medical treatment are provided free at the Health Centre (Centro Sanitario) on the university campus.

Emergency telephone numbers
First-aid station: 0984 402518
Other Local Information

Italy
Italy is a country that hardly needs introduction. Its history is long and illustrious, its art and culture are visible at every turn and its cities are some of the most beautiful in the world. Famous as the home of the Roman Empire, its antiquities include the preserved town of Pompeii, the monuments of Rome itself and countless other remains from both the Romans and earlier civilisations such as the Greeks and the Etruscans.

Italy consists of 21 regions and is a long boot which stretches from Switzerland to the centre of Mediterranean.

Italy is a country of singular cultural importance. Possessing one of the major literatures and historical and legal traditions in Western Europe, it has also played a unique role in the development of fine art, architecture and music. Now it is a major political partner in the EU, a leading force in fields such as engineering and architecture. It makes an important contribution in technology, design, fashion and car manufacture. It is a prosperous and highly competitive market.

Calabria Region
Population: 1,956,115 inhabitants
Surface Area: 15,080 sq km - mountains (42%), hills (49%) and flat land (only 9%)
Provinces: Catanzaro, Cosenza, Reggio Calabria, Crotone and Vibo Valentia
Climate: Calabria enjoys three different types of climate, Tyrrhenian, Ionian and mountain climate. The Tyrrhenian climate is hot but temperate in Summer and mild in Winter (with a moderate rainfall). The mountain zone has a more alpine climate and peaks are snow-covered in Winter and a welcome cool refuge in Summer. The Ionian area is the hottest and the favourite of sunbathers. Calabria is a 250km-long region at the southernmost point of Italy, lying between the Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas. It is so narrow that no town or village in the area is more than 50 km from the sea and it is crossed by mountains from the border with Basilicata, in the north, down to the Strait of Messina in the south. The highest peaks in the region are Monte Pollino (2,248 m) and Serra del Dolcedorme (2,267 m). The Pollino Mountains are a national park, where people can find the characteristic Calabrian pines, with a silvery scaled barks similar to an ancient chain mail, and a vast flowering meadow full of crocuses, violets, cyclamens, bluebells and daisies, surrounded by yellow broom.

Calabria is a 250km-long region at the southernmost point of Italy, lying between the Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas. The Sila (divided into Sila Grande, Sila Piccola and Sila Greca) lies farther southeast. The Sila is not a real mountain range, but a long plateau, with peaks mainly under 1,600 m. The area has a whole series of morphological features: mountains, rivers, lakes, woodland, rounded ridges, steep slopes with plunging rivers so different from those on the plateau, deep gorges, hills and river estuaries. Visitors to the Sila can ski, swim in the lakes or ramble through the woods. In addition to mountains, Calabria has 800 km of coastline and a large number of tourist resorts. The beach is wide and the water is crystal clear. The close proximity of mountains and marine environment has produced interesting, charming and mixed landscapes. Calabria is a land of ancient Mediterranean civilizations. Calabria's archaeological patrimony is varied. The abundance of remains in the region is the result of close links with Greece, followed by the Roman conquest. Someone appropriately described Calabria as an open-air museum. The Romans, Goths, Lombards, Byzantines, Normans, Swabs, Angevins, Aragonese, and the Bourbons, they all left here architectural traces of great cultural and artistic importance. Agriculture still represents an important part of Calabrian economy. Olive trees, citrus and other fruit trees are extensively cultivated. Calabria is a leading producer of olive oil, but also of wine. Over 30,000 hectares of vineyards are cultivated with vines dating back to the times of the Greek settlers. Also Calabrian cooking has become very popular. National and foreign dieticians have discovered that Mediterranean cooking is healthy, but most people think it is very savoury too. Many characteristic restaurants propose real traditional cooking, using olive oil, small or powder red pepper, homemade pasta, aubergines, mushrooms, local cheese and so on.

Cosenza
Cosenza (population 68,913), a provincial capital in Calabria, stands at the confluence of two rivers. The old town, overshadowed by its castle, descends to the River Crati, whereas the growing modern
Cosenza succeeds Cosentia, the capital of the Bruttians, which came early under the influence of the Greek settlements of Magna Graecia. Taken by Rome in 204 BC, in imperial times it was an important stop on the Via Popilia, linking Rome with Reggio and Sicily.

Alaric the Visigoth died here in AD 412 (probably Malaria) on his way back to Sicily after the sack of Rome. Legend holds that he was buried along with his treasurer in the bed of the Busento River, the waters having been diverted for the occasion and then restored to their natural channel. Twice destroyed by the Saracens, the town was conquered by Robert Guiscard, but it rebelled against the rule of his half-brother Roger, who managed to restore his authority only after a siege (1087). In the 13C, 14C and 15C the city shifted its loyalties several times in the struggle between the Aragonese and the Angevins, and Louis III of Anjou died here in 1434 while campaigning against the Aragonese. A notable centre of humanistic culture in the 16C, Cosenza was the birthplace of philosopher Bernardino Telesio (1509-88), whose ideas were instrumental in freeing scientific research from theological restrictions. The city contributed freely to the liberal movement in the 19C and participated in the uprisings of 1848 and 1860. It was damaged by earthquakes in 1783, 1854, 1870 and 1905, and frequently bombed in 1943. Today it is an important commercial and agricultural centre.

Rende

Rende is one of the most modern towns in the Province of Cosenza. It stands on a lovely hill dominating the Crati Valley, just 8 km from the capital of province, the town of Cosenza. Rende is a small town of 34,045 inhabitants situated in a country area. According to the tradition, it was founded (with the name of Aryntha) by some refugees escaped from the city of Troy after its destruction. The city hall is in the old “Palazzo Feudale” built in the XII century and restored in the XVI century by Alarcon Mendoza’s family. Rende preserves a fascinating historic centre, studded with lovely, ancient churches and superb noble residences. The new part of the town is distinguished by its regular and ordered town plan and is also noteworthy for its avant-garde services and infrastructure. It was built up during the sixties, in the flatland along the river Crati. Rende and Cosenza are practically joined since only a small river separates the two towns. The centre of Cosenza is well connected to the University campus by a bus service.

How to reach Arcavacata di Rende

Bus

From Cosenza the Campus can be reached by university buses, which leave each hour from the Bus Station (Stazione Autolinee) and call at Castiglione Cosentino Scalo (nearby the railway station), in Rende. The railway station is about 3 km from the University (10 minutes by bus, 20 minutes on foot).

Train

The railway stations of Cosenza and Castiglione Cosentino are well connected to the main station of Paola (21 minutes) which, in turn, is connected to Rome and Milan by inter-city trains. Some inter-city trains also connect Rome to Cosenza and Castiglione Cosentino, without the need of changing train in Paola.

Plane

The University can also be reached by plane. There are daily flights from Milan, Rome and Florence to Lamezia Terme which is connected by bus to the Bus Station in Cosenza (55 minutes). Many cheap flights are available (excluding Winter) from most European capitals to Lamezia. By car or taxi, the airport is about one hour from the University.

Car

Finally the University is less than 1 km far from the “Cosenza Nord” exit of the A3 highway (Salerno-Reggio Calabria). Getting onto the state road SS 18 (Silana-Crotone), towards Paola, and following the road signs to University, Campus can be reached in about 5 minutes.