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## **International tasks**

In line with its strategic objectives, the University of Palermo has implemented actions aimed at promoting, strengthening and expanding international mobility, international cooperation and related funding.

The **International Relations Office** was established in this view and is today

fully operational.



**SERVICES**



**MISSION**



**TEAM**



**GOALS**



**TARGET**



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## **Vision and Mission**

**Statute Art.3 says:**

**“The University considers the international dimension of teaching and research a priority and undertakes to take all measures to pursue it and is inspired by the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the recruitment of Researchers”**

**“The University supports and encourages the transfer and enhancement of knowledge, the promotion and protection of health, cultural and environmental heritage as well as the production of goods and services for the benefit of the community”**

**“The University promotes, as part of the third mission, the dissemination of knowledge and culture, as well as dialogue with the actors of the world of work and civil society, in order to trigger virtuous circles for civil, social and economic of the territory”.**



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## **International Relations Office**



IRO (International Relations Office) supports the development of the University's international activities by promoting the coordination with internal and external stakeholders





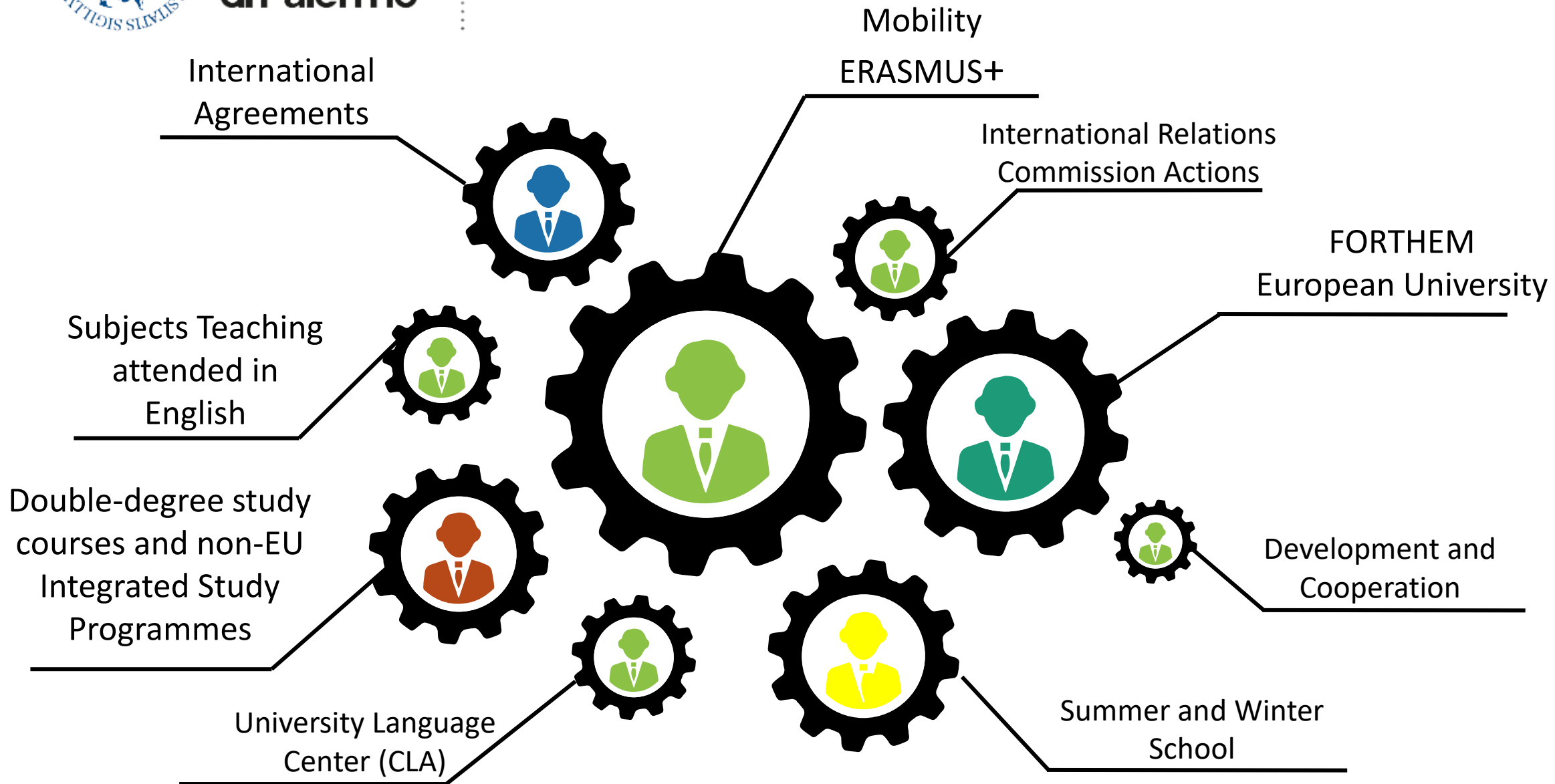
The Office comprises five operational Units (*Unità Operative, UO*) - each one with dedicated staff and a chief officer in charge:

- **UO Cooperation and networks (Chief, Antonio Serafini)**
  - Management of the *International Relations Commission* and related calls
  - Cooperation agreements and international events
  - Management of mobility for staff and visiting professors
  - Forthem Office
- **UO Projects and Funding (Interim Chief, Valeria Floriano)**
  - Support to project design, monitoring and dissemination
  - Support to narrative and financial reporting
  - Internal communication on active calls and training
- **UO Outgoing (Chief, Francesco Di Giovanni)**
  - Outgoing mobility management  
(Erasmus intra and extra EU, Double Degrees, Integrated Study Programmes, Visiting Students)
  - Erasmus Dashboard management
  - Management of internal calls
- **UO Incoming (Chief, Vincenzo Fumetta)**
  - Incoming mobility management  
(Erasmus intra and extra EU, Double Degrees, Integrated Study Programmes, Visiting Students)
  - Welcome Office for foreign students
- **UO CLA (*Centro Linguistico di Ateneo*, University Language Center – Chief, Antonio Conigliaro)**
  - Coordination of language centre
  - Administrative support



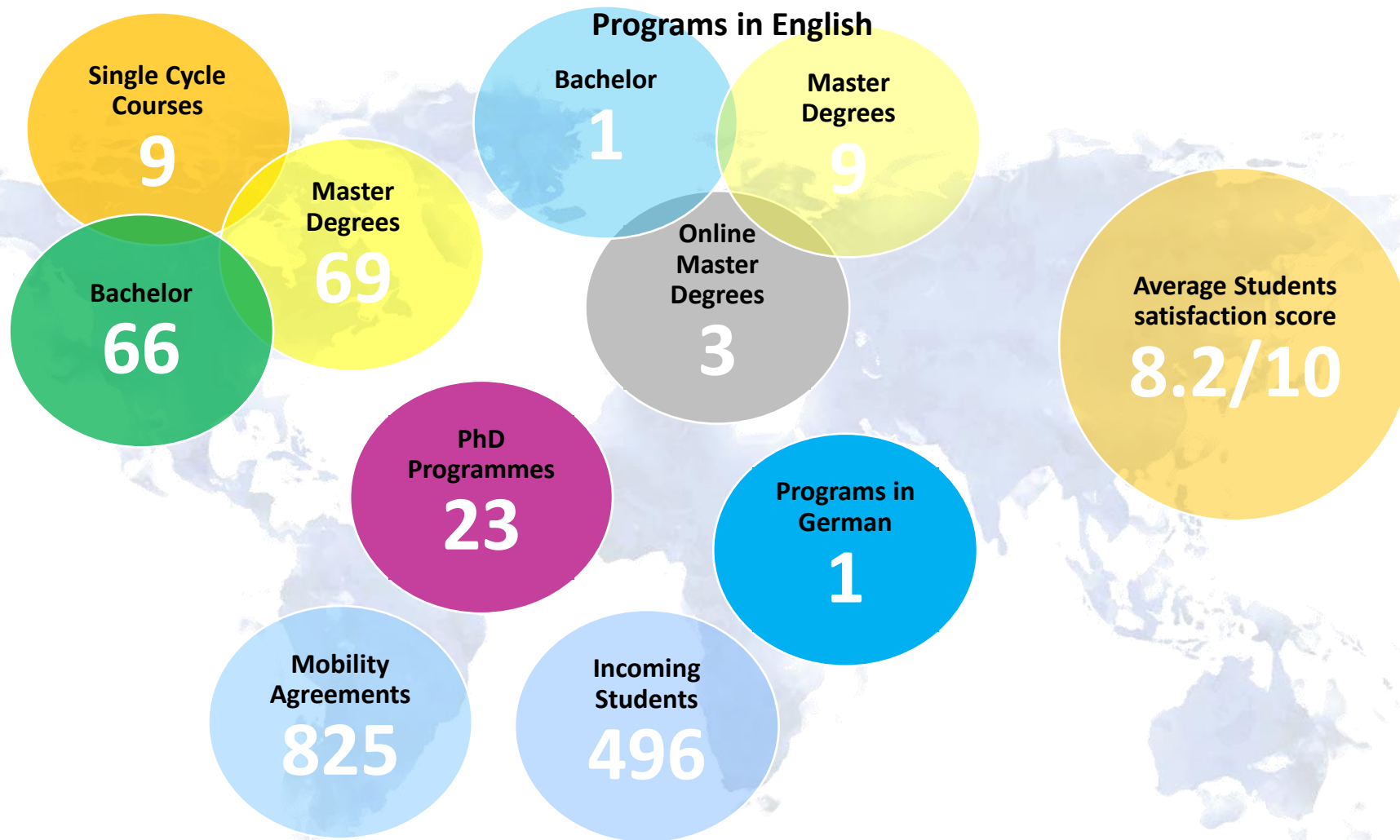


## Services and Activities





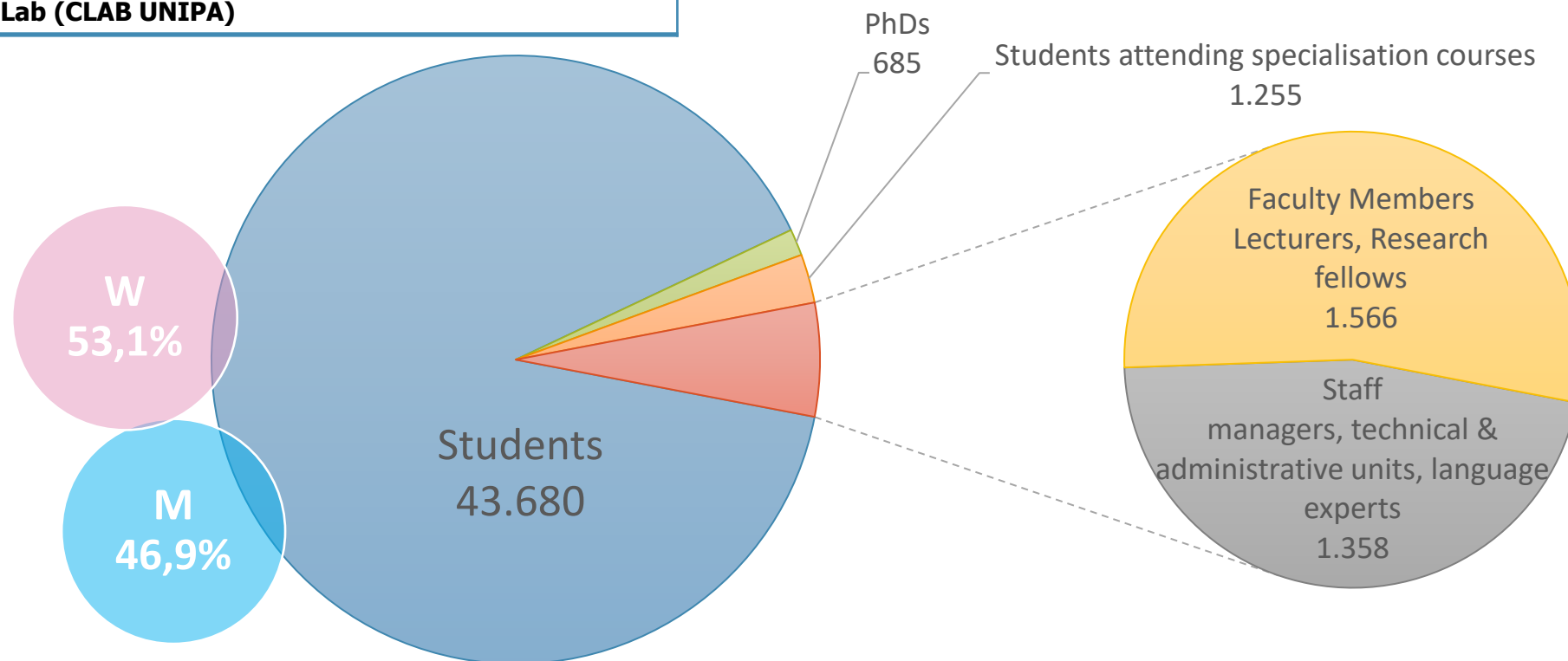
- Support to the University's structures on international programs and development cooperation in the fields of education and training
- Fostering international inter-university cooperation and structural improvement initiatives in the university system (governance, financing systems, etc.)
- Administrative support to sign conventions and agreements with international partners
- Networking with international partners and promotion of participation to innovative, international projects
- Scouting of funding opportunities at national and European level
- Support to project management and reporting
- Promoting of internationalization through the coordination and management of international mobility programmes
- Management of incoming and outgoing mobility of students (both for study and internship)
- Management of incoming and outgoing mobility of teaching and administrative staff for teaching and training





**Academic structures**

- **16 Departments - 1 School of Medicine**
- **21 libraries**
- **3 decentralised premises (Agrigento, Trapani, Caltanissetta)**
- **Museum System (SIMUA)**
- **University Library System and Historical Archive (SBA)**
- **Language Centre (CLA)**
- **Italian school for foreign students (ITASTRA)**
- **Guidance Centre (COT)**
- **Advanced Technologies Network Center (ATEN)**
- **University Business Incubator (ARCA)**
- **Contamination Lab (CLAB UNIPA)**





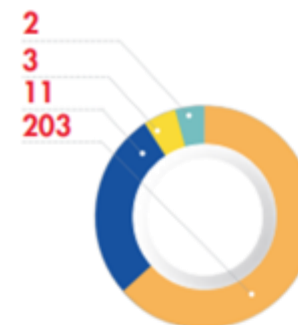


## Courses taught in English

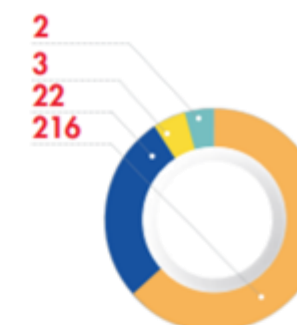
Over the last five years, the educational offer has registered a rise in terms of didactic services delivered in English. In particular, the no. of teachings delivered in English has grown.

Such an internationalisation has a two-fold aim:

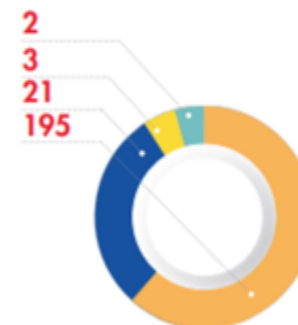
- making the profile of our students more appealing on the international job market.
- Attract an increasing number of international and Italian students.



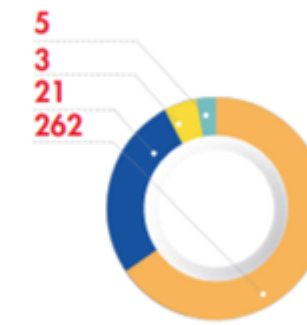
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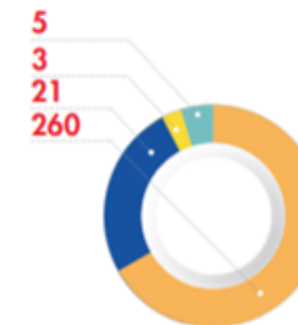
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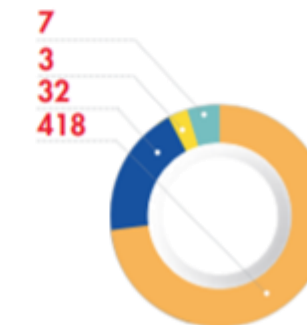
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a. y. 2018-2019



a. y. 2019-2020



a. y. 2020-2021

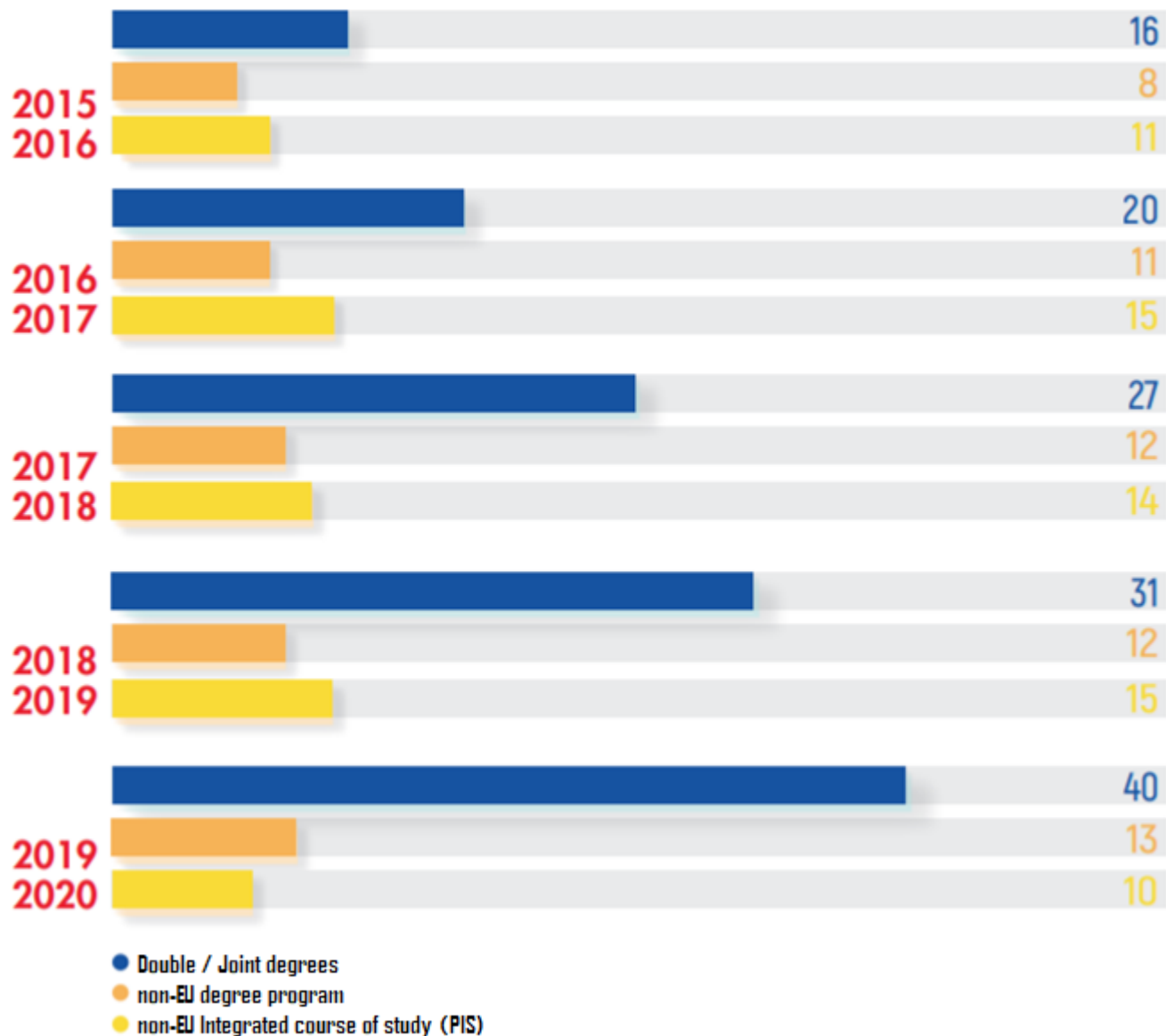
- Totally taught in English
- At least 30 ECTS in English
- Blended Courses (Italian and English)
- Number of subjects in English



## Double-degree courses and Integrated Study Programmes

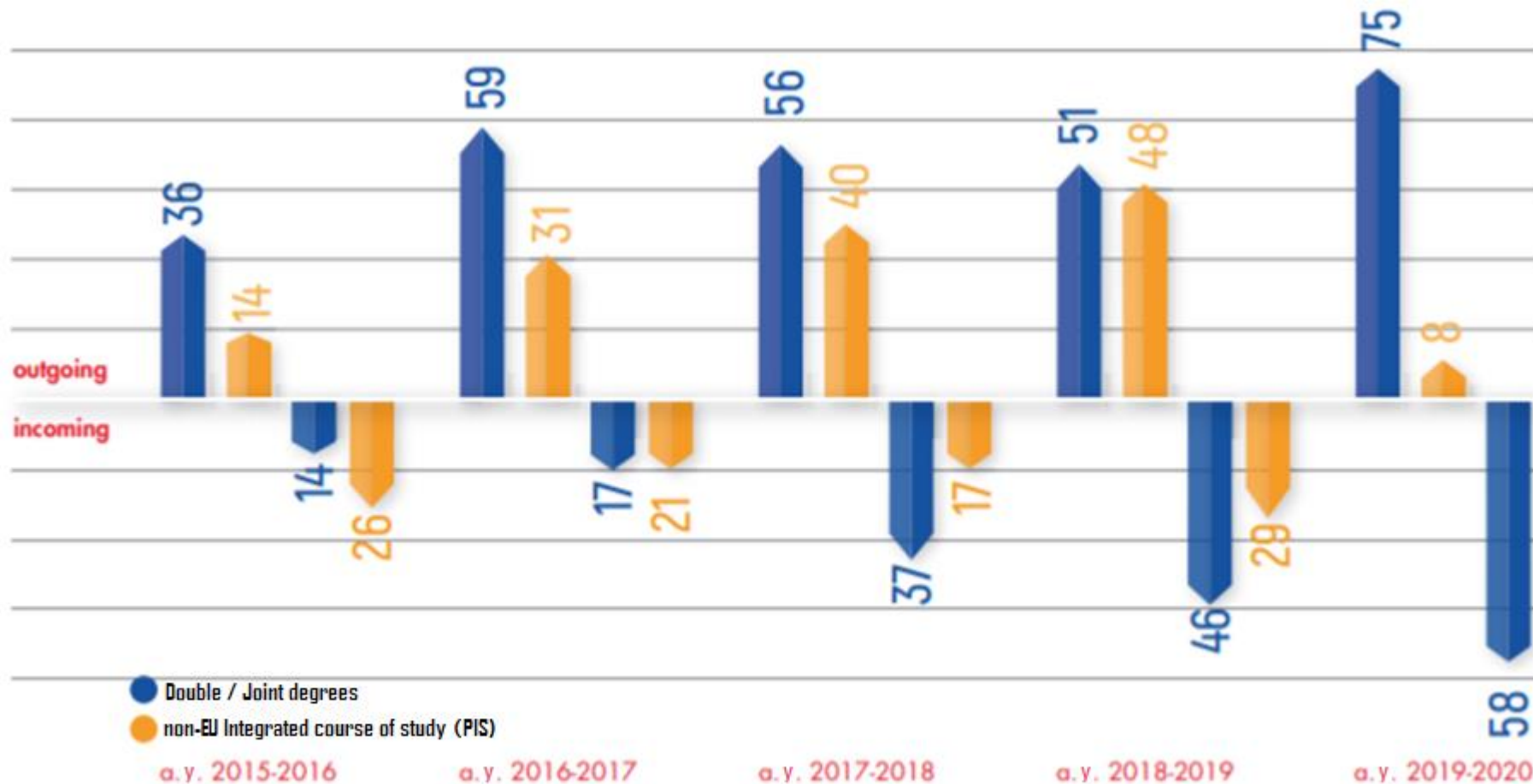


The University manages student mobilities, oversees mutual recognition of educational paths and builds didactic packets based on the study plans of the courses involved in such programmes.





# Double degree and Extra-EU Integrated Study Programmes Numbers per year



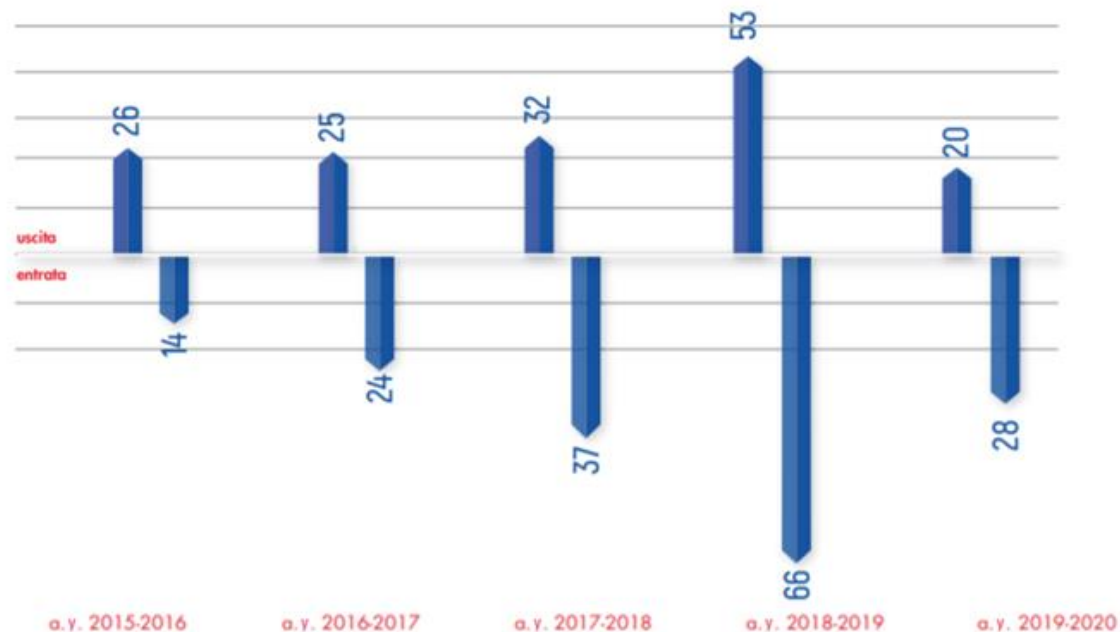


Since 2017, the University has been actively working on the promotion of international mobility opportunities, this resulting in an augmented volume of incoming and outgoing mobilities, notwithstanding the constraints due to the pandemics in 2020 and 2021.

**Student Mobility Erasmus+**



**Staff Mobility**





Over the last five years, the number of inter-institutional agreements at EU level has increased

	A.Y. 2015-2016	A.Y. 2016-2017	A.Y. 2017-2018
Intra-EU agreements	447	509	582





## **International agreements**

With several international agreements, UNIPA undertakes virtuous paths of economic cooperation, exchanges and commercial partnerships between the Sicilian productive business, local institutions and international markets.

In 2020 UNIPA signed the following international cooperation agreements:

- Universidade Estadual de Santa Cruz, Brasile;
- Université Côte d'Azur, Francia;
- Al Mustafa International University (MIU), Iran;
- North Kazakhstan State University, Kazakhstan;
- University of the Punjab, Pakistan.

Such agreements add to those signed in 2019:

- Hunan Institute of Science and Technology (HNIST) di Yueyang (Cina);
- Foreign Trade University di Hanoi (Vietnam);
- Ministero degli Interni del Governo vietnamita;
- Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (Russia);
- Tongji Zhejiang College (Cina);
- EU Project Innovation Center (EUPIC), Ente governativo cinese;
- Tianjin Chengjian University (Cina).





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## **FORTHEM Alliance – European University**



Since 2019, UNIPA is member of FORTHEM *Fostering Outreach within European Regions, Transnational Higher Education and Mobility* project. **FORTHEM** is one of the pilot European University Alliances funded by Erasmus+, Key Action 2 (call EAC / A03 / 2018) and gathers 9 partner universities covering diverse European regions:

The pandemic slowed down the work, still during 2020 and 2021 the Alliance strived to implement and adapt activities, with particular reference to those related to the digitization of courses and teaching.

Activities related to the Labs too have been implemented, with academics, students and professionals working on the following topics:

1. Diversity and migration (Palermo manager)
2. Experience Europe
3. Multilingualism in school and higher education
4. Nutrition sciences
5. Digital transformation
6. Climate and environmental resources  
(additional Lab created by consortium students)
7. Resilience, quality of life and demographic change (as above).

Relations with secondary schools have been intensified, in particular with regard to teacher training, and work is also underway to create a collaboration with local companies and public institutions.



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University Language Center (CLA)

CLA organizes and manages foreign-language courses targeted at University students, including foreign students involved in mobility programmes such as Erasmus+.

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Number and type</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Arabic</b>	5	<b>5</b>
<b>French</b>	n. 15 + n. 1 ... Open Badge	<b>16</b>
<b>English</b>	n. 49 + n. 8 ... Open Badge + n. 3 ... IELTS	<b>60</b>
<b>Russian</b>	6	<b>6</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	n. 16 + n. 1 ... Open Badge	<b>17</b>
<b>German</b>	n. 11 + n. 1 ... Open Badge	<b>12</b>

**Activities started for English courses**

<b>Annual variation</b>	<b>Exams carried out</b>		<b>Language skills test</b>
<b>Users 2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	
<b>5.122</b>	<b>15.824</b>	<b>15.384</b>	<b>+37,4%</b>

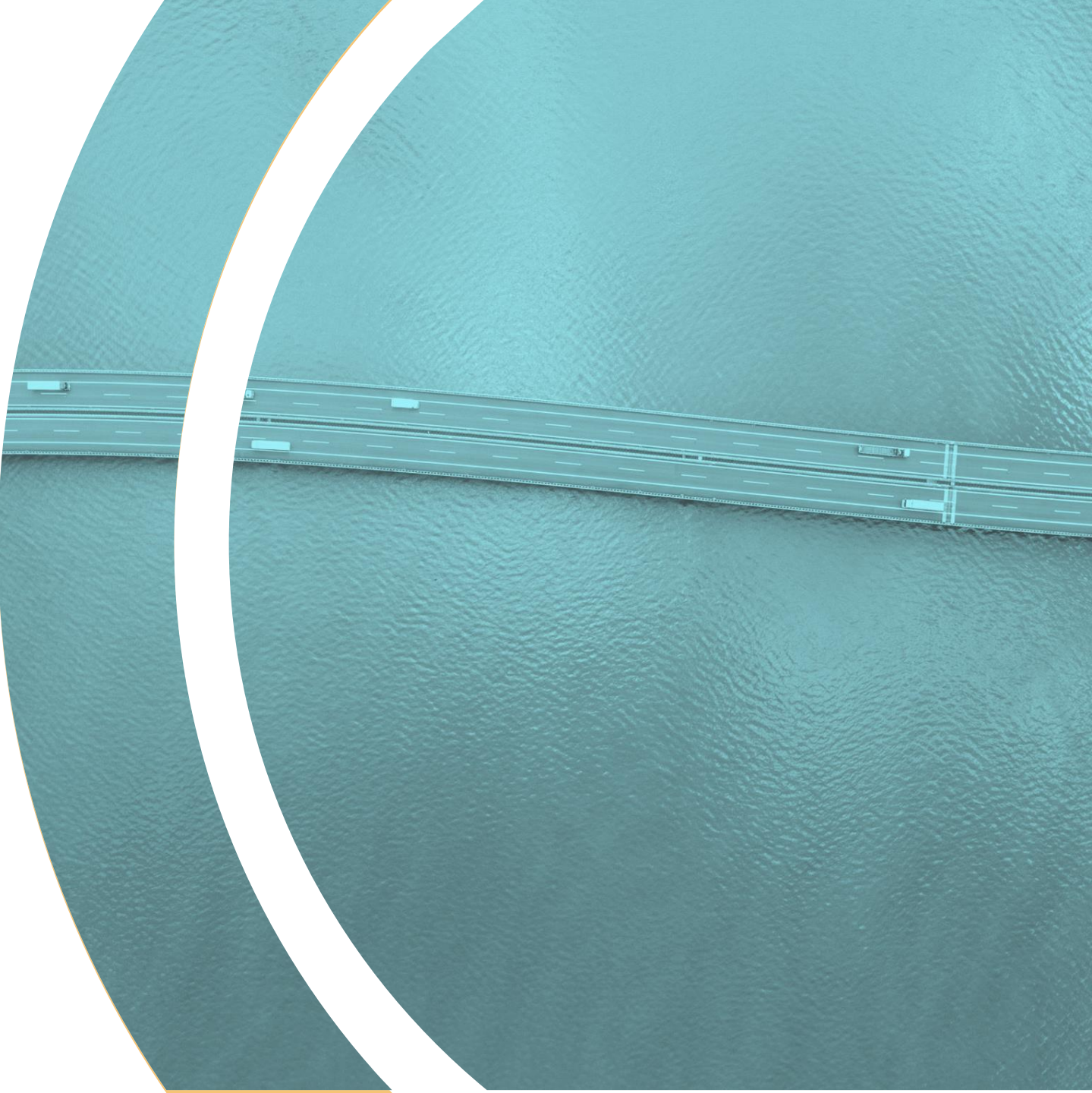
<b>Language courses 2020</b>	<b>increase 2020</b>
<b>116</b>	<b>+13,7%</b>





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**Thanks!**



**International Relations Office**