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Student's Guide

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Greetings from

Prof. Massimo Midiri

Rector of the University of Palermo

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Our main goal is to provide our future international students with a stimulating learning environment and to offer high-quality education that will contribute to the practical and theoretical aspects of their professional careers.

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THE ACADEMIC
COMMUNITY

Over
43,700
Students

Over
1,700
Professors and Researchers

Over
1,000
Bursary Students ,
Phd Students,
Post Doc Grant Holders,
Specialisation Degree Students

Over
1,300
Technical
and Administrative Staff

Over
400
Student Tutors

10
Master Degree
Single Cycle
courses

76
Master Degree
courses

77
Bachelor
Degree courses

WHO WE ARE

Established in 1806 by Ferdinand III of the Bourbon royal family, which ruled the Kingdom of Naples and the Two Sicilies, the "Accademia Panormitana degli Studi" was elevated to the status of a university.

The University currently offers **163 academic programs** including bachelor's, master's and single-cycle master's degrees, along with **44 specialization schools and 33 PhD programs**.

UniPa offers a wide range of disciplines, blending tradition with innovation, while remaining committed to social and professional development.

UniPa Overview and International Rankings

163
Degree Programs

of which, 21 in English:

16
Master Degree courses in English

3
Online Master Degree courses in English

1
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

1
Bachelor Degree course in English

33 Ph. D. Programmes

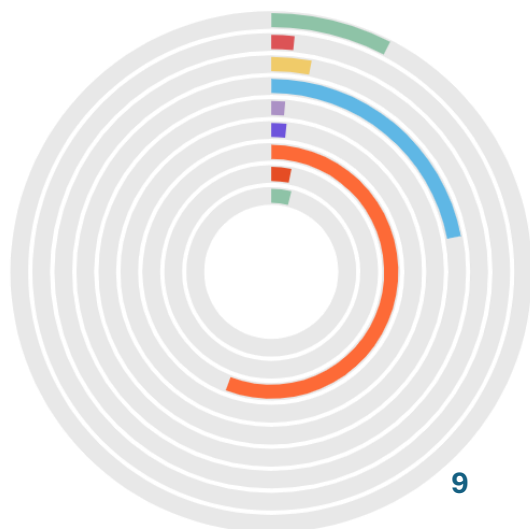**8.5/10** Average Students Satisfaction

681 Incoming Students

1200⁺ Mobility Agreements

QS - Quacquarelli Symonds Ranking 2025

UniPa Best Subject	Best Subject: UniPa position in the world 2024
Agriculture & Forestry	301-350
Engineering - Chemical	301-350
Enviromental Sciences	401-450
Physics and Astronomy	451-500
Medicine	501-600
Natural Sciences	501-550
Biological Science	501-550
Chemistry	601-650

The **QS ranking** uses two Reputation Surveys administered to academics and employers, data on scientific production from the Scopus database, and information on the size and internationalization of universities. **UNIPA ranks among 851-900 in the world.**
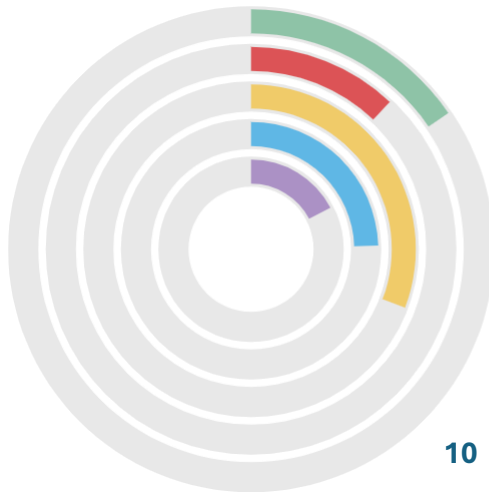

- Academic Reputation
- Employer Reputation
- Faculty Student Ratio
- Citations for Faculty
- International Students Ratio
- International Faculty Ratio
- International Research Network
- Employment Outcomes
- Sustainability
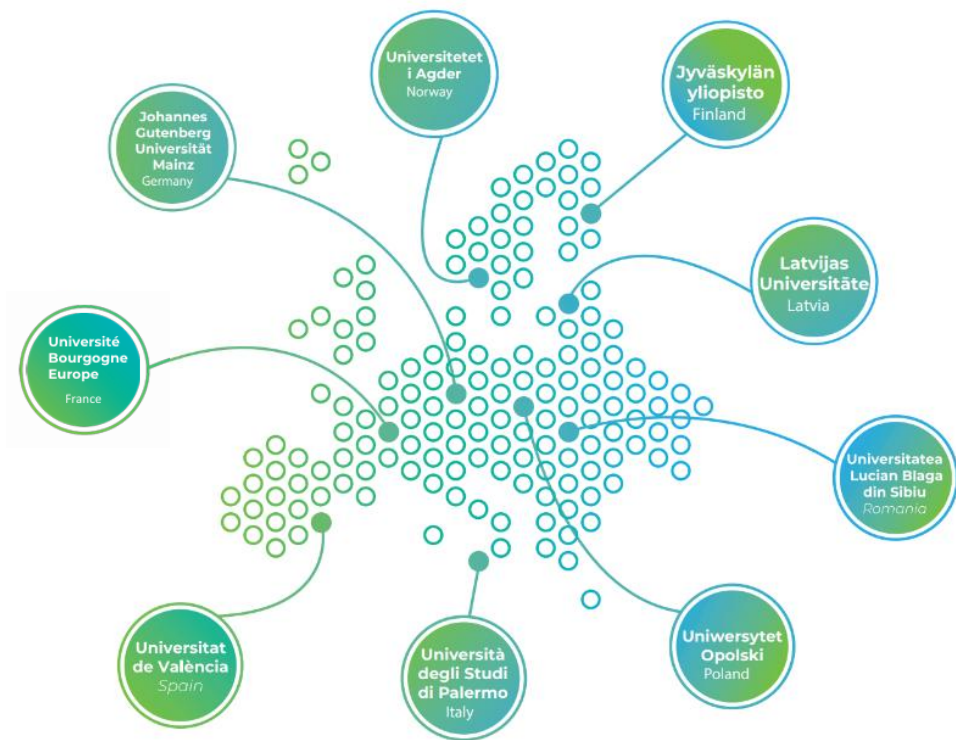
THE - Times Higher Education Ranking 2025

UniPa Best Subject	Best Subject: UniPa position in the world 2024
Law	251-300
Engineering and Technology	601-800
Arts and Umanities	601 +
Clinical, pre-clinical and health	401-500
Life Sciences	401-500
Physical Sciences	601-800
Business and Economics	601-800

The **THE** ranking, includes a Reputation Survey among academics and takes into account activities and resources targeted at research, education and the international outlook of the institution. It uses the Scopus database and size-related data provided by universities. **UNIPA ranks among 601-800 in the world**.

- 🟢 Teaching
- 🔴 Research Environment
- 🟡 Research Quality
- 🔵 Industry Income
- 🟣 International Outlook

FORTHEM Alliance

Universitetet i Agder
Norway

Jyväskylän yliopisto
Finland

Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz
Germany

Latvijas Universitāte
Latvia

Université Bourgogne Europe
France

Universitatea Lucian Blaga din Sibiu
Romania

Universitat de València
Spain

Università degli Studi di Palermo
Italy

Uniwersytet Opolski
Poland

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What is FORTHEM?

FORTHEM Alliance was launched in 2019 as one of the first 17 Alliances funded under the European Universities Initiative call for proposals by the European Commission.

Our vision is to bring together a new generation of creative Europeans able to cooperate across languages, borders and disciplines to address societal challenges and skills shortages faced in Europe.

Our goal is to educate open-minded European citizens who are committed to shared democratic values.

We aim to overcome barriers to seamless student and staff mobility while equipping students with essential 21st century skills, including problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, flexibility, self-direction, and communication.

We believe in intercultural dialogue and in Europe's multiculturalism and multilingualism.

FORTHEM creates opportunities

Learn differently Online, international classes, teachers from several universities

Progress professionally See how your job is done elsewhere, exchange with colleagues from other universities, create think tanks, get or improve specific skills, find internships and jobs, participate in new activities

Expand your network Add people from other universities to your research, students' or colleagues' group, to your association, to your think tank or to your civic engagement projects Travel

To study, teach, do research, job shadow, meet fellow colleagues and students

Nine European Universities
One Alliance

870 graduate programmes

254 research centres

227k students

23 campuses

How can you benefit?

- Set up international projects
- Collaborate with other universities
- Share best practices
- Get training
- Learn more about Europe
- Make your personal and professional life more interesting
- Help make us a European University

International Course Offerings in English

Are you planning to enrol to Unipa?

In the academic year 2025/2026 Unipa offers 17 active programs fully taught in English, 3 fully online courses, and 1 program in English and German.

General info scan here

Program details scan here

If ready to enrol scan here

Bachelor

3 years

Nursing

Nursing graduates are health professionals, who carry out activities for the prevention, treatment, and protection of individual and collective health. Alongside the frontal teaching activity, there is a parallel guided internship path, in which the student learns and applies interventions aimed at planning the work in the nursing field.

Only to mention, practical clinical training can be carried out at the IRCCS-ISMETT under the supervision of dedicated English-speaking tutors.

Masters

2 years

Business & Economic Sciences
Curriculum: Entrepreneurship and Management

The Master provides students with a solid knowledge of business, management, economics, mathematics, and statistics. The course enables students to work in the different areas of business of private and public companies. By learning how to develop and apply qualitative and quantitative knowledge, graduates acquire the qualifications for future challenges in business and management.

Complex Administrations and Organizations Science
Curriculum: Sustainability in Management and Governance

The Master aims to teach how to support coordination in policy design, implementation and performance management, between the different components of the public sector. The Master program provides the possibility to obtain a double degree with the Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary) or with the University of Hanoi (Vietnam).

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Masters

◡ **2 years**

Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence

The Master provides theoretical, experimental, and practical skills on data representation and computation, for efficient and intelligent information processing. The program covers transversal topics in Data, Algorithms, and Machine Intelligence, as well as in-depth studies in application areas where data are big, relations are complex, and machine-learning structures are deep.

Economic and Financial Sciences
Curriculum: Economic and Financial Analysis

The Master Degree program in Economic and Financial Analysis provides a solid background into advanced knowledge of macro and microeconomics, the functioning of financial markets and the banking sector. In addition, the course delves into quantitative methods aiming to train economists working for the private, public sector and for international organizations, as well as consultants for the financial services sector.

Masters

🕐 **2 years**

Tourism systems and hospitality management

The Master, stemming from an agreement between the University of Palermo and the Chaplin School of Tourism and Hospitality Management at Florida International University (FIU), helps graduates prepare for the next step in their career in the global tourism and hospitality industry. Skills for managerial-level positions and high level of internationalization are two of the main distinctive features of the course.

International Relations
Curriculum: International Studies
Curriculum: International Trade

In a stimulating multicultural environment, the Master, with its two curricula in International Trade and International Studies, offers students the opportunity to study from a multidisciplinary perspective the complexities of the international context and the fundamental dynamics of doing business globally. The Master program provides also an international mobility agreement with the Foreign Trade University in Hanoi (Vietnam).

Masters

$\bigcirc$ **2 years**

Spatial Planning

The Master trains experts in urban design and sustainable territorial development. The skills gained through this Master Degree are those required in designing and managing territorial resources, building stock (both historic and contemporary) and complex systems such as landscapes and environments.

Mediterranean Food Science and Technology

The Master provides detailed knowledge on food processes of the Mediterranean area. Food chemistry, technology and microbiology are mainly represented. Several laboratory sessions on sensory analysis of foods and meeting with national food-beverage companies are provided during lessons.

Masters
2 years

Environmental Science and Technologies

The Master prepares graduates in Natural, Geological, or Biological Sciences to tackle environmental challenges with multidisciplinary expertise. It equips students to be biologists, ecologists, and research technicians. It also empowers them for careers in environmental analysis, pollution management, waste handling, bioremediation, certification, impact assessments, and planning.

Cooperation, Development, and Migrations (COSVIM)

The COSVIM trains experts specialized in international cooperation and governance of migration fluxes. It provides a broad range of employment opportunities in areas that currently lack adequately skilled professionals.

Masters

2 years

Neuroscience

This Master trains students as experts in Neuroscience and Neurobiology and as managers in research divisions aimed at creating new drugs, new bio-engineering technologies for the management, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system.

Electronics Engineering

The Master provides the answer to the need for transversal applications, including photonics, nanoelectronics, smart cities, Internet of Things, automotive, tele-medicine and e-health. Four curricula are offered: *Modern Electronics; Telecommunications; Bioelectronics; Robotics and Mechatronics.*

Masters

⌄ **2 years**

Statistics and Data Science

The Master trains experts in data management, analysis, and statistical modeling for sectors like healthcare, finance, economics, and business. Students gain skills in Big Data, AI, cloud computing, and advanced statistical software. Graduates are highly sought after for roles in research, public and private organizations, and official statistics, working in data analysis, forecasting, and decision-making across various industries in Italy and abroad.

Automation and Systems Engineering

The Master trains professionals to design, control, and manage complex systems in industrial and information engineering, focusing on smart automation, robotics, and Industry 4.0. The multidisciplinary program integrates automatic control, industrial engineering, and ICT, covering cybersecurity, AI, IoT, and manufacturing technologies. Hands-on laboratory activities, internships, and seminars enhance expertise, preparing graduates for roles in intelligent, interconnected industries.

Management Engineering

The Master focuses on the managerial education of engineers. This is the reason why the educational objective of the course is to provide advanced and scientific knowledge of managerial issues: project management, innovation management, marketing, corporate finance, strategy, supply chain management. Four curricula are offered: *Data Analytics For Business, Digital Transformation, Innovation And Entrepreneurship, Sustainability And Social Impact*

Migrations, Rights, Integration

The Master offers specialized training on contemporary human mobility and migrant integration, with a focus on Europe and Italy. It prepares experts with advanced knowledge of migration law, fundamental rights and inclusion, situating these within broader social, historical and economic contexts. Students will explore the causes and impacts of migration, border regulation, migrant rights and integration policies through a multi-level legal framework. The program equips them to navigate international, European and national regulations, critically assessing policies, norms and institutions.

Transnational German Studies

The Joint Degree was developed by the four universities of Porto, Luxemburg, Mainz and Palermo. The Master's degree program, to great extent taught in German, offers advanced training in linguistic, historical and literary fields, complemented by work experience through internships and laboratories in the partner countries.

The program offers students an attractive master's degree in cultural studies and the humanities which:

1. Explores European culture and ideas in depth through an advanced approach;

2. Offers a wide range of interdisciplinary and trans-European content;

3. Provides an international degree with structured experiences at European universities;

4. Integrates essential extra-disciplinary skills, including intercultural, linguistic, and career-relevant competencies.

Management Engineering

The course aims to train professionals with skills in the design and production of electronic systems and measurement systems and in the definition of telecommunications architectures, systems and services.

International Relations, Politics and Trade

The course aims to train experienced professionals in the internationalization processes of companies. The expert in internationalization processes is responsible for fine-tuning and developing the company's strategy and activities on international markets, whether of a commercial nature (import/export management, e-commerce), production or distribution, regardless of the production sector, expressed also through the stable presence in the target countries.

Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering

The course aims to train professionals with skills in the design and production of electronic systems and measurement systems and in the definition of telecommunications architectures, systems and services.

Online Course Offering

Courses are mainly or exclusively offered online through the dedicated e-learn University platform based on Moodle, accessible anytime anywhere!

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Training services are available 24/7, with activities offered in both asynchronous and synchronous modes (many-to-many), and in scheduled times and methods for live events (one to many).

Activities take place within four learning environments:

The Video Library: it includes video lessond and related presentations.

The Media Library: it includes materials in support of the video lessons (e.g., handouts, diagrams, animations, bibliographic references).

The Virtual Laboratory: it is the "learning by doing" tool.

The Online Tutoring environment: it is used to carry out remote tutoring activities.

Other programs offered in English

Unipa has over 144 degree programs and a large amount offer courses in English for at least one semester.

Bachelors

Economics
Global Studies: History, Politics, Culture
Migrations Studies
Physics

Masters

Biomedical engineering

Building engineering

Chemical engineering

Civil engineering

Computer engineering

Design, Sustainability, Digital Culture For The Territory

Electrical engineering

Energetic and nuclear engineering

Engineering and innovative technologies for the environment

Legal Studies

Mechanical engineering

Pedagogy

Physics

PhD Courses at UniPa

The PhD is the highest qualification in the Italian academic system. It provides the necessary skills to take part in world-class quality research, contributing to the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area.

Unipa offers PhD programs in different fields of study, including:

- **Architecture**
- **Economics**
- **Engineering**
- **Humanities**
- **Languages**
- **Law**
- **Management**
- **Medicine**
- **Political Sciences**
- **Sciences**

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Research and Third Mission

As regards research, the University of Palermo is highly committed and geared towards promoting and supporting competitive research and the participation of its researchers in local and international calls, e.g. in the framework of Horizon Europe.

Third Mission foresees the valorisation of project research and knowledge, as to create economic and social impact to benefit of academic and local community.

Through the valorisation and the transfer of knowledge, technology and scientific discovery, research and Third Mission together contribute to the economic, social and cultural development in the national and international contexts.

HEALTCARE SERVICES

LIFELONG LEARNING

SUSTAINABILITY

CULTURE & EVENTS

UNIVERSITY & BUSINESS

MUSEUMS & LIBRARIES

Centre of Advanced Studies (A.S.CENT.) aims to enhance the University's research by promoting collaboration, innovation, and the dissemination of science and technology. It fosters international knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue, creating a dynamic space for ideas, projects, and research. Internationalization, interdisciplinarity, and knowledge sharing drive its academic and scientific initiatives.

Centre for Sustainability and Ecological Transition is a multidimensional initiative that spans research, education, collaboration with stakeholders, and internal sustainability efforts.

Aten Center is a research and development (R&D) hub specializing in biotechnology for human health. It boasts state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment, a strong focus on interdisciplinary collaboration and a commitment to technology transfer and market-oriented research. Its broad range of activities makes it a valuable resource for both scientific research and industrial development in the Mediterranean area.

Facilities & Services

Our commitment to academic excellence extends beyond the course offering.

From cutting-edge research labs and well-equipped libraries to the University Sport Centre and open green spaces, the University of Palermo has something to offer to everyone.

Discover the places that shape your academic journey, and help you connect with a diverse community of students from all around the world.

More Information

Available here:

Scholarships

ERSU Scholarship

Administered by the Regional Agency for the Right to Education (ERSU), these scholarships are awarded based on income and merit. Benefits include:

• Financial support;
• Accommodation in university residences;
• Access to subsidized dining services

Other Scholarship

UNIPA also provides scholarships often in collaboration with regional, national, and global organizations. These opportunities include:

• Tuition fee waivers: Full or partial exemptions from tuition fees.
• Living grants: Financial support for living expenses during studies.
The most benefits and scholarships are awarded through a competitive application process.

Scholarships at UniPa

Just Peace Scholarship

The University of Palermo issues a notice of 20 scholarships for students from Palestine, Ukraine, and other war-torn countries enrolled in on-campus Bachelor/Master's degree programs.

MAECI Scholarship

Grants for foreign and Italian citizens living abroad awarded by the Italian Government (for non-EU students requiring a visa)

CRUI Scholarship

100 scholarships from the Ministry of the Interior-CRUI for refugee students

Accommodation

Unipa Housing Service
Free service to help non-resident and international students find suitable accomodation provided by private individuals. Housing options are pre-visited by UNIPA housing service staff and then listed in an accessible database

ERSU
The Regional Authority for the Right to University Study of Palermo (ERSU) offers a housing service allocated based on a ranking system following a call for applications. This service is designed to support and assist university students throughout their academic journey. ERSU offers all participants in the "non-resident" call the opportunity to request a bed in one of the university residences managed by ERSU Palermo.

Language Centre (Centro Linguistico di Ateneo, CLA)

CLA provides foreign language classes to undergraduates, outgoing Erasmus participants, and to enrolled students, as well as professors and the academic staff The Centre offers innovative services in the field of languages, such as the Open Badge (digital verification of language proficiency), Rosetta Stone (online language courses) and online Test of Language Proficiency (TALs). For those interested in learning Italian, Unipa-ItaStra offers Italian language courses for migrants, Erasmus students (incoming) and foreign students enrolled at the University of Palermo. The Centre organizes Summer and Winter Schools with intensive Italian Language and Italian culture courses.

Library Services and Historical Archive (SBA)

SBA includes libraries, an historical archive and coordinating offices. It supports the University's mission and it ensures teaching support through the maintenance and continuous updating of bibliographic collections, now available in diverse and hybrid formats.

The Library System also strongly supports academic research and enhances the impact of the University's researchers. It organizes exhibitions, events, and joins local, national and international projects, with the aim of promoting the University libraries and their valuable collections. The UniPa Library System portal serves as a hub through which users can explore the University's libraries, collections, bibliographic research tools, services offered (available on-site and online) and access procedures.

SISTEMA BIBLIOTECARIO DI ATENEO
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

SiMuA (Sistema Museale di Ateneo)

SISTEMA MUSEALE DI ATENEO

Virtual Tour of the Museum here

SIMUA fosters the valorisation of UNIPA cultural heritage. It helps preserve a varied heritage of archaeological, historical, artistic, and scientific value made of historical buildings, chapels, paintings, museums, and botanical garden. Such sites are regularly open to the public or can be visited upon request.

Canteen

With a commitment to quality and variety, the canteen offers meals from local Italian favourites to international cuisines, , catering to all dietary preferences and intolerances.

The menus vary daily and each canteen posts the dishes of the day and alternative proposals at the entrance.

Timetables are posted at the entrance to each dining hall; generally, lunch is served from 12.00 to 15.00, while dinner is served from 19.00 to 21.30.

In addition, the dining hall of the S. Romano University Residence, the main canteen on the University Campus, offers a pizzeria service open every day from 19:30 to 22:30.

Find out more:

University Sport Centers (CUS)

CUS offers discounted rates to students and staff. It boasts:

- A large heated outdoor pool
- A variety of courses (fitness, indoor cycling, tennis, caribbean dance, argentine tango, yoga)

UniPa Medical Clinic (AMU)

AMU is a collaboration between the University of Palermo and the University Hospital "Paolo Giaccone."

It offers free multidisciplinary medical assistance to the academic community.

Help Desk – Centro Orientamento e Tutorato (COT)

COT provides information and welcome to international students, including: guidance, information on visa and enrolment, individual counselling.

It also delivers support on immigrations rules.

It is addressed to:

- international degree seekers;
- family members of international students;
- international PhD students;
- undergraduate/graduate international students;
- asylum seekers and students holders international protection;

Contacts:

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