

Dear student,

We would like to inform you that you that the current situation of the COVID-19 is constantly being monitored and under control in Messina. Due to this fact, lessons - especially for classes with compulsory attendance and first year students - at the University of Messina (UniME) will be held in person safeguarding individual and public health.

We are aware that restrictions on travel from your Country to Italy might be in place. Full information on entry into Italy is available on-line on the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs webpage <https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/normativaonline/decreto-iorestoacasa-domande-frequenti/focus-cittadini-italiani-in-rientro-dall-estero-e-cittadini-stranieri-in-italia.html> .

However, **blended teaching (both on-campus and on-line lessons) will be also utilized** to make instruction available in the University classrooms and on line. All students will have the opportunity to attend the lessons even if they cannot be physically present in the University. These students include the numerous international students who are not able to arrive for the beginning of the semester and also those with particular pathologies who are advised to avoid being physically present in the classrooms. The online mode will also make it possible to reduce the number of students in the classrooms in order to safeguard the safety distance imposed by health regulations. Moreover, during the visa issuance process you will be allowed to **attend classes virtually** from October 2020 onwards using the Microsoft Teams platform.

**For further details on lectures timetable and learning activities, do not hesitate to contact only the Scientific coordinator of your Degree programme (reading us in CC).**

In case the Italian Diplomatic and Consular Authorities will issue the visa in time for the October intake (first semester), be aware that **restrictions on travel from your Country to Italy might be in place and you might be asked to undergo fiduciary isolation and health surveillance**, fill in a self-declaration and reach the final destination in Messina only by private vehicle (airport transit is allowed, without leaving the dedicated areas of the terminal).

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**Please inform us about your travel schedule in due time.**

### **Enrolment**

Once the Italian Diplomatic Authorities in your country issue the visa you can start the enrolment on-line on the ESSE3 portal [https://unime.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do?menu\\_opened\\_cod=](https://unime.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do?menu_opened_cod=) and pay the first instalment of the registration fee (156 euros). The overall UniME tuition is € 750 per year. **The first payment of € 156 is due during the enrolment process (enrolment cannot be completed without it).**

Please note that we have dealt with your pre-enrolment application (granting the status of “admitted” or “conditionally admitted”) and it is no longer necessary to contact us about the visa. We suggest that you to access the University portal and check your visa application status.

Upon arrival in Messina, you should immediately get in contact with the Welcome office unit (located in Palazzo Mariani, Piazza Antonello 1) to arrange an appointment (send an e-mail to [uopwelcomeoffice@unime.it](mailto:uopwelcomeoffice@unime.it)). Do not come directly to the Office, student face-to-face reception might be suspended or under restriction.

You have to hand over a copy of your High School diploma (for enrolment to Bachelor's degree) or Bachelor degree (for enrolment to a Master's degree) issued in English or translated into Italian, legalized and accompanied by the Declaration of Value (DoV) issued by the competent Italian Diplomatic/Consular Authorities. Please make sure your Declaration of Value (DoV) issued by the competent Italian consular section states that your degree is suitable for admittance to further studies in the country where it was issued and that it also states **the number of school years** prior to university enrolment. In case the Italian embassy or consulate is unable to process your DoV due to covid-19 restrictions, it is possible to submit a declaration/statement“ released by the ENIC/NARIC CENTER (CIMEA).

**It is necessary that you come to the Welcome Office Unit with a scanned copy of the abovementioned documents.**

### **Accommodation**

UniME will support you in finding suitable accommodation through various intermediary services

for the whole duration of your studies. For more information please visit the following web page: <https://international.unime.it/services-and-facilities/housing/>

### **Tuition fees**

The tuition fee at UniME is 750 Euros/year, which can be paid in three instalments. Please check the following webpage <https://international.unime.it/study-with-us/tuition-fees/>

### **More information**

Information on how to reach Messina is available on-line at the following. <https://international.unime.it/living-in-messina/how-to-reach-us/>

On the UniMe webpage you can find more information on life in Messina, services and facilities and sport. <https://international.unime.it/>

Should you require further information, do not hesitate to contact us at [foreignstudents@unime.it](mailto:foreignstudents@unime.it).