



# Università degli Studi di Messina

## INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

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# Welcome to UniME

The University of Messina was founded in 1548 and has an ancient tradition going back more than 500 years.

The University is one of the main reference points for the city of Messina, the 13th largest city in Italy, known as the “gateway to Sicily”. UniME has a strong international component, with agreements with universities from all over the world. Exchange programmes, double degree and joint-degree programmes are all part of the international opportunities available to students. Furthermore, UniME currently ranks as the second best Southern Italian University for its quality of teaching.

Messina, a city of 240,000 inhabitants at the centre of the Mediterranean, facing the Strait of Messina, has always been a place of meeting and interaction between diverse cultures.

Tradition and innovation intermingle in the four different areas where the 12 departments of UniME are located. A number of courses are taught in English, and Italian language tuition is available for incoming students.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



## I. BEFORE GETTING TO ITALY

The identity documents required to access the Italian territory depend on your citizenship:

- EU and Schengen area citizens are only required to carry the ID card or passport during their stay in Italy. If you stay in Italy more than 3 months you are required to register at the local Registry Office.
- Non-EU and non-Schengen area citizens are required to carry a valid passport and may be required to obtain a Visa to enter Italy. If you stay in Italy more than 3 months you are required to apply for the Residence Permit (*permesso di soggiorno*).
- Documents required for visa application can be found on the websites of the Embassy/Consulate of Italy you're applying from.

## II. GETTING TO MESSINA



Messina is situated in the eastern part of Sicily, in the south of Italy. Although Messina does not have its own airport, it can be easily reached by flying direct to Catania, Palermo or Reggio Calabria Airports.

### Catania to Messina

**SAIS Bus** from Catania Airport to Messina Central Station. The tickets can be booked online at <https://www.saisautolinee.it/> or the SAIS kiosk at the arrival gate of the airport.

**Train** from Catania Centrale to Messina Centrale. Booking via Trenitalia [app](#) or [website](#).

### Palermo to Messina

There are no direct connections from **Palermo Airport**. Those who fly to Palermo should go to the Central Railway Station to take a train or a bus to get to Messina.

### Reggio Calabria to Messina

Those who fly to Reggio Calabria Airport should go to Villa San Giovanni and then take the ferry-boat or the speed-boat to Messina. Otherwise, from the airport of Reggio Calabria there is a bus to the Reggio Calabria Port and then you should take a ferry to the Port of Messina.



## III. ON ARRIVING IN MESSINA

Should you require assistance to complete all necessary documents related to your enrolment and stay permit we suggest you to book an appointment with the Welcome Office writing to [uop.welcomeoffice@unime.it](mailto:uop.welcomeoffice@unime.it)

- **Residence permit (*Permesso di soggiorno*) – For Non-EU and Non-Schengen citizens**

A residence permit is a document or card required to allow a foreign national to reside in a country for a fixed or indefinite length of time.

Extra-EU citizens, planning to stay in Italy **up to 90 days** are **not required** to apply for a residence permit.

Extra-EU citizens planning to stay in Italy **more than 90 days** have to apply for a residence permit for study purposes.

If you plan to stay in Italy more than 90 days, you must apply for a residence permit **within 8 working days** of your arrival in Italy: contact **the welcome office** soon after your arrival for information and help in obtaining a residence permit.



- **Tax code (*codice fiscale*)**

Tax identification code is a mandatory document to identify citizens living in Italy. You will need it – for example - to apply for a residence permit, open a bank account, enter into a tenancy agreement, receive the payment of a scholarship.

You can get a codice fiscale at the Embassy/ Consulate of Italy in your home country or get one issued at the "[Agenzia dell' Entrate](#)" in Messina.

- **ISEE (Certificate of Income Equivalence)**

ISEE is a document made at a [CAF](#) (government liaison office) that accesses your family income and provides an equivalency measure.

This document is vital while applying for university fee reduction, university canteens and scholarships.

- **Opening a bank account**

Opening a bank account in Italy can be useful for receiving a scholarship or for payments in your everyday life in Messina.

Requirements, terms and conditions, policies, vary from bank to bank: check the banks' websites for information.



## • Public Transport

Messina local transportation is served by **ATM - Azienda Transporti Messina** which manages one tram line, and multiple bus networks. Buses and trams usually run from 6a.m. until 11pm.

Tickets can be purchased at any news-stand, tobacconist, bar or sometimes onboard the bus or tram. You need to buy your bus/tram tickets/pass before boarding.

On the [ATM MovUp](#) app you can check out prices, passes, timetables and plan your bus journey throughout the city. Make sure to check this app regularly to be aware of variations and changes.

For for more details visit [Transport](#)

## • Sport

Messina's great location, close to the mountains and the sea, provides a fantastic environment for a **range of sport activities**.

The **University Sports Centre** offers **different sports** at all levels to promote competitive and non-competitive sports among students.

Check info on [Sport](#)

## • Additional information

Other details on International students can be found [here](#)



# INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Single cycle degree Course in Medicine and Surgery of the University of Messina - International Medical School at the University of Messina - aims at training medical doctors with multidisciplinary theoretical-practical and methodological knowledge and professional, decision-making and operational autonomy for health promotion, prevention and the treatment of diseases in Italy as well as within international contexts; it also provides the methodological foundations of scientific research and the methodological and cultural bases for lifelong learning.

The degree programme lasts six years and consists of 360 European Credits (ECTS), in accordance with current Italian and European legislation. At least 60 ECTS will be acquired through training activities aimed at the development of specific professional skills.

The professional activities are essentially carried out in the Operative Units of the "G. Martino" University Hospital in Messina, where care and assistance to patients are combined with teaching and scientific research, and in the offices of General Practitioners.

For further information on the course, do read this [brochure](#).

# DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL AND DENTAL SCIENCES AND MORPHOFUNCTIONAL IMAGING:

## LOCATION

The "G. Martino" University Hospital is situated in the southern part of the city and can be reached by the tram and buses.

Lessons of Year 1 Medicine and Surgery will be held at the 1st floor of Building G 'Torre Biologica' in room 'La Fauci'.

How to get here?

- **Tram** – the University Hospital is located near the tram stop BONINO in the south of the city.
- **Bus 1/Shuttle 100** – get off at this stop.

Directions from the tram stop to the entrance of the hospital – map 1.

Once at the University Hospital, you can reach Building G in the following ways,

- On foot, following these directions.
- Bus 36 within the hospital. (*ask the driver to take you to Torre Biologica*)



# COURSE AT A GLANCE

Below, you can find the links to the main webpages of our degree course:

[Course Website](#)

[Study Plan](#)

[Timetables](#)

[Exams](#)

[Classrooms and Laboratories](#)



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