



Erasmus Mundus – Al Idrisi II

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University Information Sheet

The University of Bologna was probably the first University in the western world. The institution that we today call the University began to take shape in the city of Bologna at the end of the eleventh century, when masters of Grammar, Rhetoric and Logic began to devote themselves to the law. In the nineteenth century a committee of historians, led by the famous Italian poet Giosuè Carducci, attributed the birth of the University to the year 1088.

In the 14th Century, so-called "**artists**" - scholars of Medicine, Philosophy, Arithmetic, Astronomy, Logic, Rhetoric, and Grammar - began to collaborate with the **school of jurists**. In 1364, the teaching of Theology was instituted.

In the 15th Century **Greek** and **Hebrew** studies were instituted, and in the 16th Century those of "natural magic", that is, **experimental science**. In the 16th century the first studies of plastic surgery were performed in Bologna. But the golden era of Bolognese **Medicine** flourished in the 17th Century, when the microscope was employed for anatomical research.

The University's fame had spread throughout Europe and it was a destination for many illustrious guests. In 1888 the **eighth centennial** of the University was celebrated, with a grand ceremony where all the universities of the world convened in Bologna to honour the mother of universities, representing their common roots and ideals of progress and tolerance. The ceremony became an international festival of studies.

The Magna Charta

On 18 September 1988 in Bologna's main square (Piazza Maggiore), the Rectors of 430 universities signed the Magna Charta Universitatum Europaeum. The Magna Charta, which has since been signed by another 400 Rectors, affirmed the autonomy of the University, the essential link between teaching and research activities which transcend the limits imposed by "any geographical or political border". The signing took place as part of the ninth centennial of the University of Bologna, which was formally recognised as the Alma Mater of all universities.

5 campuses

Since 1989 until now, the Alma Mater has carried out the largest decentralisation programme in the history of Italian universities, establishing new **University Campus branches** in four towns in Romagna - Cesena, Forlì, Ravenna and Rimini. In 1998 the University also inaugurated a branch in Buenos Aires (Argentina).

Reform of the European University System

On 19 June 1999 in the Aula Magna of the University of Bologna, 29 Ministers of Higher Education from all over Europe signed the so-called **Declaration of Bologna**, which defines the "most relevant objectives for the creation of a European Area of higher education" and the promotion of this system in the world.

To meet these objectives European Union members must restructure their university systems by 2010, following the guidelines known as the **Bologna Process**.

Teaching, Learning, Research and International dimension

84,215: the students who have chosen the University of Bologna, making it the most popular university in Italy. Teaching and extra-curricular activities take place in 1.086.134,88 m² of space in the campuses of Bologna, Cesena, Forlì, Ravenna and Rimini.



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11,000: (average) number of research products, **200** patents, **350** funded research projects (VII framework programme and other EU programmes), **7** Inter-departmental Centres for Industrial research (CIRI), **6** national technological clusters of the Ministry of Education; University and Research.

33: the Departments of the University of Bologna.

11: the Schools of the University of Bologna.

9: the Research and Training Centres.

207: Degree Programmes: **92** first cycle 3-year programmes, **103** second cycle programmes and **12** single cycle programmes.

52: International degree programmes, 27 of which are delivered in English.

48: PhD programmes, **41** specialisation schools, **71** first and second level professional master's programmes, 14 of which are international.

2,288: international students from abroad on exchange programmes and **2,381** students enrolled at UNIBO who spent a study period abroad in 2014.

More info: <http://www.unibo.it/en/university/who-we-are/our-history>

A.2- Contact person for Al Idrisi II at your university:

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Name of the University		Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna	
Websites			
- General Website		www.unibo.it	
- Website with specific information for Erasmus Mundus applicants		http://www.unibo.it/en/international/Studying-abroad/erasmus-mundus-action-2/projects/#	
Academic calendar (lecture periods)			
- Link to academic calendar		http://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/academic-calendar	
- Lecture periods			
first term 2016/2017 (winter term)	start date:	mid September	end date:
	examination period(s):	December - February	
second term 2017 (summer term)	start date:	mid February	end date:
	examination period(s):	May – July and September	
Admission and registration			
Undergraduate level			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the moment of application and during the entire stay abroad, the students must be enrolled in an undergraduate programme at their home institution and pay the corresponding tuition fees there where applicable. A learning and recognition agreement is mandatory and has to be submitted to the home and host institutions before the start of the stay abroad. Modifications are possible only during the 			

first month of the corresponding study period.		
	possible duration	One semester: 6 months One academic year: 10 months
	registration deadline	first term: 30/07/2016 second term: 30/11/2016
	language requirements	Italian (B1) or English (B1)
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	additional information	-
Doctoral level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential applicants must be regular doctoral candidates at their home university. A study and work plan is mandatory and has to be submitted before the start of the stay abroad. 		
	possible dates and duration	6 months. PhD exchange student can arrive from October to February, according to the academic calendar of the relevant PhD course
	admission requirements	To be enrolled in a PhD course in the home country and to have a pre-admission letter by the coordinator of the PhD course in Bologna
	registration deadline	November 2016 or January 2017
	language requirements	Italian (B1) or English (B1) but it may change according to the programme rules
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	additional information	-
Post-doctoral level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential applicants must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent and will normally be a researcher at their home institution. A work plan is mandatory and has to be submitted before the start of the stay abroad. 		
	possible dates and duration	6 months. The dates must be agreed with the relevant host department
	admission requirements	A pre-admission letter from the host department is mandatory
	registration deadline	-
	language requirements	-
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Academic and administrative staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential applicants must work as academic or administrative staff at their home institution. A work plan is mandatory and has to be submitted before the start of the stay abroad. 		
	possible dates and duration	1 month. The dates must be agreed with the relevant host department
	admission requirements	A pre-admission letter from the host department is mandatory
	registration deadline	-
	language requirements	-
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Proof of Language proficiency		
It depends on the chosen course. Usually a university certificate stating the language level is enough, but some courses could ask for an official certificate such as TOEFL, IELTS or PLIDA in case of Italian language requirement		
Student and welcome services		
- Link to student guide	http://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/student-guide	
- Estimated living expenses	Approximately 800-900 EURO PER MONTH (from 300 to 500 for accommodation)	
- Housing	housing assistance (yes/no/type)	Information on some of the available options in the private market is provided
	link to housing information	http://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/study-grants-and-subsidies/housing-and-residences/housing-and-residences
- Facilities for students with special needs	http://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/guidance-and-tutoring/disabled-and-dyslexic-students-service/disabled-and-dyslexic-students	
- Welcome event / orientation week	Welcome day in September	
- Language course(s)	In September and January www.cilta.unibo.it	
International Office / Student Service Center / Visitor Service		
- Address	DIRI - Erasmus Mundus Azione II - Settore area geografica America Latina, Africa, Medio Oriente e Balcani Occidentali, Area Relazioni Internazionali, Palazzina della Viola, Via Filippo Re n. 4, 40126 Bologna (Italia)	
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