



Università  
della  
Svizzera  
italiana



# Bachelor

Architecture

Economics

Communication Sciences

Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana

Informatics



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Founded in 1996, USI Università della Svizzera italiana is a member of the Swiss public university system together with nine other cantonal universities and two Federal Institutes of Technology, Zurich and Lausanne. It is the only Italian-speaking university in Switzerland and outside the Italian borders. With its geographical, political and cultural background USI has grown into a multilingual academic institution with great international breadth. More than half of its students and professors come from abroad; most Master's programmes are taught in English, all of which contribute to creating a cosmopolitan and multicultural environment.

### Figures

<b>5</b>	Faculties
<b>5</b>	Bachelors
<b>19</b>	Masters
<b>37</b>	Institutes and labs
<b>2964</b>	Students
<b>817</b>	Academic staff
<b>147</b>	Admin and service staff
<b>100</b>	Nations represented

### 5 reasons to choose USI

- the quality of the Swiss public educational system
- advanced teaching methods
- an academic staff/students ratio of 1:10
- strong connections with the job market
- an international atmosphere



### USI Campus Lugano

Faculty of Economics  
Faculty of Communication Sciences  
Faculty of Informatics

### USI Campus Mendrisio

Academy of Architecture

**An international and personalised  
learning environment**



Campus Lugano



Campus Mendrisio



USI offers 5 Bachelor programmes: Architecture (in Mendrisio), Economics, Communication Sciences, Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana and Informatics (in Lugano). The Bachelor degrees are all full time and take 6 semesters to complete.

The Bachelor degree offers a broad and solid knowledge in each field of study through theory and practical exercise (case studies, laboratories, ateliers). After a first year of introduction, students are asked to choose a more specific area of interest, which is defined through several elective courses.

USI's Bachelor degrees give students the possibility of entering the job market or continuing their studies with a Master degree.

### Didactical approach

The high quality education is carefully reviewed by professors known internationally, that apply an interactive and followed teaching approach. Indeed, the objective of quality teaching requires a system which accompanies students, that is based on a close personalised education (small classes, group exercises, direct contact between professors and students).

### Credits

All courses are quantified with ECTS points. The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) guarantees that credits are compatible and transferable within all European universities. A full time academic year consists of 60 ECTS (30 credits each semester). A Bachelor degree requires 180 ECTS. The "3+2" is considered complete with a Master's degree, which comprises a study course of three or four semesters, worth 90 or 120 ECTS.

<b>Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> year (60 ECTS)</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> year (60 ECTS)</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> year (60 ECTS)</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> year (60 ECTS)</b>		<b>5<sup>th</sup> year (60 ECTS)</b>	
<b>Semester</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> semester 30 ECTS	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 30 ECTS	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester 30 ECTS	4 <sup>th</sup> semester 30 ECTS	5 <sup>th</sup> semester 30 ECTS	6 <sup>th</sup> semester 30 ECTS	1 <sup>st</sup> semester 30 ECTS	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 30 ECTS	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester 30 ECTS	4 <sup>th</sup> semester 30 ECTS
<b>Degree</b>	<b>Bachelor 180 ECTS</b>						<b>Master 120 ECTS</b>			

## Academic calendar

### Details

[www.bachelor.usi.ch/academic-calendar](http://www.bachelor.usi.ch/academic-calendar)



### Degrees

At the end of the three years, USI awards the following Bachelor degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Architecture
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Communication
- Bachelor of Arts in Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana
- Bachelor of Science in Informatics

### Study policy and exams

During the academic year there are three exam sessions (January, June and September). The exams can be either oral or written depending on the responsible Professor's choice. Attendance to interactive teaching activities included in the curriculum – such as seminars, laboratories and ateliers – is mandatory. Teachers who request students to attend their lessons, as a requirement for admission to the exam, will inform students at the beginning of their class.

### Official teaching language

The official teaching language of the Bachelors in Architecture, Economics, Communication Sciences and Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana is Italian. The Bachelor of Science in Informatics is held entirely in English.

USI organises intensive Italian classes for beginners while the Faculty of Informatics organises English classes.

### Language courses

[www.bachelor.usi.ch/teaching-language](http://www.bachelor.usi.ch/teaching-language)

### Admission requirements

In order to enrol for a Bachelor degree at the Università della Svizzera italiana, applicants must meet the following criteria:

#### Swiss diplomas

- Swiss maturity certificate recognised by the appropriate Federal Commission
- School-leaving certificates issued by Swiss schools abroad
- Final diploma from a university of applied sciences or diploma of a technical college recognised by the appropriate federal authorities \*

#### Italian diplomas\*\*

- secondary education diploma classico, scientifico, linguistico and scienze umane

- secondary education diploma artistico for the Academy of architecture and the Bachelor in Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana
- secondary education diploma in Amministrazione, finanza e marketing given by an Istituto tecnico economico, only for Bachelors in Economics, Communications Sciences and Informatics
- secondary education diploma in Informatica e telecomunicazioni given by an Istituto tecnico tecnologico, only for the Bachelor in Informatics

\* where the field of study selected is the same as the previous one, the single Faculties may admit candidates to an advanced level of the programme and exempt them from particular examinations or from the internship period

\*\* for details please refer to the appropriate guidelines issued by swissuniversities

\*\*\* with a minimum mark of 3 in two languages, mathematics, natural science, and social science subject

The Academy reserves the right to institute a selective test if the number of applications for admission exceeds the capacity of its facilities.

**Mature students ("su dossier"):** Candidates aged 25 or more, although not in possession of the required certificate of secondary education, may be admitted if their previous training and work experience (appropriately documented in their application file) is considered to be sufficient and relevant.

### Requirements

[www.bachelor.usi.ch/admission-requirements](http://www.bachelor.usi.ch/admission-requirements)

#### Diplomas from other countries

- Secondary education diploma considered to be equivalent to the Swiss maturity certificate \*\*
- The European Baccalaureat
- The International Baccalaureat is accepted as a suitable equivalent only if the final average grade is 32/42 or higher
- US High School final diploma only if the student submit evidence of having studied for 2 years in a recognised university, or have passed 5 AP (Advanced placement tests) \*\*\*
- Good Italian skills (B2 level) in order to be admitted to the Bachelor taught in Italian

[www.swissuniversities.ch](http://www.swissuniversities.ch)

### Admission procedure

To apply, one must complete the application form and send it, via postal mail, with the required documents, within the deadline.

### Form and admission procedure

[www.bachelor.usi.ch/application](http://www.bachelor.usi.ch/application)

### Application deadline

Academy of architecture: June 1<sup>st</sup>

Economics, Communication, Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana and Informatics: June 30<sup>th</sup>

### Tuition fees

The tuition fees depend on the official residence at the time of the final high school exam (Maturità):

Residence abroad  
CHF 4,000/semester

Residence in Switzerland (including Liechtenstein and Campione d'Italia):  
CHF 2,000/semester



Scholarships

USI offers a series of grants both based on merit and to promote mobility within Switzerland:

**More details on our scholarships**

[www.bachelor.usi.ch/grants](http://www.bachelor.usi.ch/grants)

Scholarship	Bachelor	Eligibility criteria	Value	Renewal
<b>USI Bachelor</b> opened only to students starting their studies the year of the obtaining of their secondary school qualification	Communication, Economics, Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana, Informatics	average grade 5/6 (85/100)	tuition fees for the first year	annual (based on merit, for details check the website above)
<b>Foundation for the Lugano Faculties</b> to further encourage the multilingual blend and cross-cultural understanding among students	all	 legal residence at the time of the final high school exam in the German- or French- speaking cantons of Switzerland	tuition fees for the first year	<i>one-off</i>
<b>Foundation for the Casa dell'Accademia</b>	Academy of architecture		50% annual rent (value 3,000 CHF)	<i>one-off</i>

Other study grants:

[http://www.usi.ch/en/bachelor-borse\\_studio.htm](http://www.usi.ch/en/bachelor-borse_studio.htm)

### Student exchange programmes

To encourage mobility not only for discovering new places, ideas, languages and cultures but also for their own academic and professional career, USI allows Bachelor students to participate in an exchange programme for one semester in another university (Swiss, European or worldwide) getting the full accreditation of the courses taken. USI works closely with all other Swiss universities and has agreements with more than 70 universities in the world.

### International Relations and Study-abroad Office

[www.relint.usi.ch/en](http://www.relint.usi.ch/en)

### Internships

In order to better understand interests and professional goals, students can benefit from activities that will help them discover future job possibilities. The USI Career service organises numerous information sessions thanks to the collaboration and testimonial of professionals and human resources managers. In particular, the USI Career service promotes and supports internships, which allow students to: make first contacts within the job market, locate opportunities in the chosen field of work and tailor their study curriculum accordingly.

### Career service

[www.careerservice.usi.ch/en](http://www.careerservice.usi.ch/en)

In particular, at Bachelor level studies, internship is:

#### Architecture

mandatory, at least two semesters  
(mandatory, to be performed at the end of the 2nd year)

#### Economics

optional, one month (may be replaced with a class), 3 ECTS

#### Communication Sciences

not requested  
(no ECTS awarded)

#### Informatics

mandatory, one semester  
(9 ECTS)

#### Lingua, letteratura e

*civiltà italiana*  
not requested  
(no ECTS awarded)

## USI Open Days

The Study Advisory Service organises several Open Days for prospective students to visit USI and learn more about the different degrees and courses offered:

November and March

November and April

### BACHELOR MINISTAGE\*

#### Be an USI student for two days

Enter the everyday life and follow Bachelor classes with actual USI students. Food and accomodation are offered to students living outside Ticino and the Lombardy region

### BACHELOR INFO DAYS

#### Get to know USI in one afternoon

Follow presentations of the Bachelor programmes and get more information about possible future Master studies and job opportunities

\*registrations to the Ministage of the Academy of architecture are limited to students from Swiss high schools. We will be happy to welcome other students at our Bachelor Info Days

## Come to USI, discover the dates and register

[www.opendays.usi.ch](http://www.opendays.usi.ch)



**LU= Lugano** Bsc in Communication, BA in Economics, BA in Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana, Bsc in Informatics  
**ME= Mendrisio** Bsc in Architecture





**Study where architecture has a rich heritage and a vibrant present**

The Academy of Architecture aims to create a 'new architect', a figure characterised by a critical, innovative and responsible approach to the transformation of man's living space. Based on a symbiotic combination of architectural design and historical, humanistic, technical and scientific disciplines, the degree curriculum consists of five years of courses and one year of professional practice. The central pivot is the ateliers, run by architects of world renown, who supervise students very closely, in true apprenticeship fashion. The Academy of Architecture offers its academic degree programmes into three stages: a Bachelor's (3 years) with a one-year traineeship and a Master's (2 years) degree and, for those willing to conduct postgraduate research, a doctoral degree.

**At USI you study Architecture:**

- in a place with a strong architectural tradition where design is backed by history and science
- with world renowned architects
- together with students from all over the world
- in a campus with state of the art facilities
- nestled in a secular park
- at an Academy where exhibitions and conferences are held regularly

Bachelor							Master				
Year	1 <sup>st</sup> year		2 <sup>nd</sup> year		Traineeship year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year		4 <sup>th</sup> year		5 <sup>th</sup> year	
Semester	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester		5 <sup>th</sup> semester	6 <sup>th</sup> semester	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester
<b>ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE</b>	Each semester has the following study plan: <b>Design Studio</b> 15 ECTS <b>Historical-Humanistic Courses</b> 7.5 ECTS <b>Technical-Scientific Courses</b> 7.5 ECTS										
	<b>MSc in: Architecture</b> 120 ECTS										

<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
<b>First year</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Second year</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Third year</b>	<b>60</b>
<i>Fall semester</i>		<i>Fall semester</i>		<i>Fall semester</i>	
Introduzione al progetto architettonico	12	Progetto: Housing	15	Progetto: Tipologie varie	15
Disegno e rappresentazione	2,5	Storia dell'architettura moderna 2	2,5	Corsi opzionali**	
Architettura contemporanea	5	Arte e architettura del Medioevo	2,5	Tutela, riuso e pratica del restauro	5
Filosofia e architettura	2,5	Antropologia culturale	2,5	Impianti	5
Modelli della città storica*		Teoria dell'Housing	2,5	Strutture in legno	2,5
Architettura e materiali	2,5	Sistemi e processi della costruzione*		<i>Corsi facoltativi</i>	
Introduzione alle strutture portanti*		Strutture portanti degli edifici	2,5	Sociologia urbana	2,5
Geometria descrittiva	5	Introduzione alla progettazione sostenibile	2,5	Elementi di architettura del paesaggio	2,5
<i>Spring semester</i>		Rappresentazione digitale	2 5	Diritto e legislazione	2,5
Introduzione al progetto architettonico	12	<i>Spring semester</i>		<i>Spring semester</i>	
Introduzione al processo creativo	3,5	Progetto: Housing	15	Progetto: Tipologie varie	15
Arte contemporanea	5	Arte e architettura del Rinascimento e del Barocco	2,5	Corsi opzionali**	
Storia dell'architettura moderna 1	2,5	Cultura del territorio:		Teoria dell'architettura	2,5
Modelli della città storica	5	Interpretare e interagire	5	Critica della città industriale	5
Rappresentazione digitale 1	2,5	Sistemi e processi della costruzione	5	Dettagli costruttivi 1	2,5
Introduzione alle strutture portanti	5	Costruzione e progetto	2,5	Progettazione sostenibile: strumenti e metodi	2,5
Analisi matematica	5	Fisica della costruzione	2,5	<i>Corsi facoltativi</i>	
		Strutture in calcestruzzo armato	2,5	Economia umana	2,5
				Strutture metalliche	2,5
				Introduzione al BIM	2,5

\*annual classes, related ECTS will be awarded at the end of the academic year

### Total amount of ECTS (Bachelor) 180

Please, note that the Study programme can change.

**Study Economics in Lugano**

From the beginning the Faculty of Economics of the Università della Svizzera italiana adopted an international approach with the goal of training economists fit for the global market. The Faculty offers a curriculum designed to provide a solid background at an undergraduate, Master and PhD's level. In particular, the Bachelor's programme includes a specialisation in one of the four streams (finance, management, economics and quantitative methods) allowing admission to high quality Master courses in strategic fields of economy.

**At USI you study Economics:**

- in a small Faculty where you can strictly interact with Professors
- gaining a solid and effective economic basis with clear and defined specialization streams
- continuing your studies with a Master in Economics or with a joint Master

<b>Bachelor</b>						
Year	1 <sup>st</sup> year		2 <sup>nd</sup> year		3 <sup>rd</sup> year	
Semester	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester	5 <sup>th</sup> semester	6 <sup>th</sup> semester
<b>ECONOMICS</b>	<b>Core Courses</b> 102 ECTS		<b>Streams: 72 ECTS</b> - <b>Economia politica</b> - <b>Management</b> - <b>Economia finanziaria</b> - <b>Metodi quantitativi</b>  <b>Elective courses: 24 ECTS</b> <b>to choose from the courses offered by the other streams and - for a maximum of 6 ECTS - from courses offered by the others USI's Faculties</b>  <b>Bachelor thesis (or internship + Bachelor thesis) 6 ECTS</b>			

<b>Master</b>			
4 <sup>th</sup> year		5 <sup>th</sup> year	
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester
<b>Masters in Economics:</b> - MSc in Banking and Finance 120 ECTS - MA in Public Management and Policy 120 ECTS - MSc in Finance 120 ECTS - MSc in Management 120 ECTS - MSc in Economic Policy 120 ECTS - MSc in Economia e Politiche Internazionali 90 ECTS <b>Joint Masters in Economics and Communication:</b> - MSc in Financial Communication 120 ECTS - MA in International Tourism 120 ECTS - MSc in Corporate Communication 120 ECTS - MSc in Marketing 120 ECTS <b>Joint Masters in Economics and Informatics:</b> - MSc in Management & Informatics 120 ECTS			

<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>				
<b>First year</b>	<b>60</b>				
<i>Corsi core</i>					
Economia politica	6.0	<i>Stream economico</i>		Politica economica	6.0
Economia aziendale I	6.0	Diritto dell'economia II	6.0	Economia e politica regionale	6.0
Matematica I	6.0	Introduzione all'econometria	6.0	Economia e management aziende pubbliche	6.0
Contabilità A	6.0	Introduzione alla microeconomia quantitativa	6.0	Stream finanziario	
Informatica I	6.0	Corso a scelta	6.0	Teoria finanziaria	6.0
Macroeconomia A	4.5	<i>Stream finanziario</i>		Econometria	6.0
Microeconomia A	6.0	Informatica II	6.0	Corporate finance	6.0
Matematica II	6.0	Introduzione all'econometria	6.0	Analisi di bilancio	6.0
Statistica I	7.5	Teoria dei mercati finanziari	6.0	Metodi quantitativi per la finanza	6.0
Diritto dell'economia I	6.0	Corso a scelta	6.0	Corsi a scelta	18.0
		<i>Stream quantitativo</i>		Stream quantitativo	
		Informatica II	6.0	Econometria	6.0
		Introduzione all'econometria	6.0	Teoria dei giochi e programmazione lineare	6.0
		Introduzione alla microeconomia quantitativa	6.0	Metodi quantitativi per la finanza	6.0
		Corso a scelta	6.0	Metodi numerici	6.0
				Teoria delle decisioni	6.0
<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>		
<b>Second year</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Third year</b>	<b>60</b>		
<i>Corsi core</i>		<i>Corsi core</i>			
Macroeconomia B	4.5	Economia internazionale	6.0	Corsi a scelta	12.0
Microeconomia B	3.0	Stream management		Memoria di Bachelor	6.0
Economia aziendale II	4.5	Controlling	6.0	oppure	
Statistica II	6.0	Strategia aziendale	6.0	[stage/ progetto/ corso alternativo 3.0 + memoria	
Inglese economico	6.0	Organizzazione e risorse umane	6.0	di Bachelor 3.0]	
Economia pubblica A	6.0	Tecniche delle ricerche di mercato	6.0		
Economia monetaria A	6.0	Marketing	6.0		
<i>Stream management</i>		Stream economico			
Diritto dell'economia II	6.0	Economia pubblica B	6.0		
Organizzazione economica	6.0	Economia monetaria B	6.0		
Contabilità B	6.0				
Corso a scelta	6.0				
				<b>Total ECTS global (Bachelor) 180</b>	
				Please, note that the Study programme can change.	
				Elective courses can be selected from the other Streams.	

### Study communication with a multidisciplinary approach

Why are smartphones and the Internet an important part of our lives? How are interpersonal relationships changing? Why is internal and external communication an essential element of corporate strategy? Why do we often hear that the public sector (governments, healthcare institutions, international organisations) should “communicate better”, or more efficiently? At the Faculty of Communication Sciences, you will not only find answers to these and many more questions, but you acquire the tools to study the dynamics of communication and grasp the opportunities it entails. These questions require a multi- and interdisciplinary approach, which is why our Bachelor study curricula includes subjects in humanities, economics, technology, psychology and sociology applied to three main subject areas: corporate communication, communication and media, and public communication.

### At USI you study Communication Sciences:

- with an interdisciplinary approach, unique in Switzerland
- for the choice of four different specializations starting from your 2nd year
- in Italian with classes in English and in a second national language, either French or German
- in an international environment

Bachelor					
1 <sup>st</sup> year		2 <sup>nd</sup> year		3 <sup>rd</sup> year	
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester	5 <sup>th</sup> semester	6 <sup>th</sup> semester
<b>Common Courses</b> 96 ECTS <b>Methodological Courses</b> 18 ECTS <b>Language Courses</b> 15 ECTS			<b>Specialization areas:</b> 30 ECTS  <b>Strumenti</b> 6 ECTS <b>Elective Courses</b> 15 ECTS		

Master			
4 <sup>th</sup> year		5 <sup>th</sup> year	
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester
<b>Masters in Communication:</b> -MSc in Communication, Management & Health 120 ECTS -MSc in Gestione dei Media 120 ECTS <b>Joint Masters in Communication and Economics:</b> -MSc in Corporate Communication 120 ECTS -MSc in Marketing 120 ECTS -MA in Public Management and Policy 120 ECTS -MSc in Financial Communication 120 ECTS -MA in International Tourism 120 ECTS			

<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>			
<b>First year</b>	<b>60</b>			
<i>Conoscenze di base</i>		<i>Corsi d'area di approfondimento</i>		
Storia dei mezzi di comunicazione	6	I – Comunicazione aziendale		Culture digitali
Comunicazione verbale	6	Comunicazione e Management	6	Tecnologie digitali nei media
Psicologia della comunicazione	6	II – Comunicazione e media		Comunicazione televisiva
Fondamenti di economia	6	Introduzione al giornalismo	6	III – Comunicazione pubblica
Tecnologie dell'informazione	6	III – Comunicazione pubblica		Introduction to Social Marketing
Teorie e modelli semiotici della comunicazione	6	Basi giuridiche delle istituzioni pubbliche	3	Comunicazione e media nell'ambito delle relazioni internazionali
Comunicazione politica	6	Basi politologiche delle istituzioni pubbliche	3	Comunicazione giudiziaria
Comunicazione istituzionale	6	<i>Corsi di lingue</i>		Tecnologie digitali nelle istituzioni pubbliche e non profit
Sociologia dei mass media	6	Inglese settoriale	3	Gestione istituzionale della diversità linguistica e culturale
<i>Corsi metodologici</i>		Lingua tedesca o lingua francese	3	Intercultural communication
Elementi di matematica	3	<i>Strumenti</i>		<i>Corsi di lingua</i>
<i>Corsi di lingua facoltativi</i>		Elementi di retorica per la comunicazione scritta	3	Tedesco settoriale
Lingua italiana		Atelier di scrittura scientifica	3	Francese settoriale
<i>Corsi di lingue</i>				Cultura e scrittura inglese **
Lingua inglese	3			Cultura e scrittura tedesca **
		<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	Cultura e scrittura francese **
		<b>Third year</b>	<b>60</b>	Cultura e scrittura italiana **
		<i>Conoscenze di base</i>		<i>Corsi complementari e/o corsi seminariali</i>
		Diritto della comunicazione	6	<i>Elaborato finale</i>
		<i>Corsi metodologici</i>		
		Metodi qualitativi	3	
		<i>Corsi d'area di approfondimento</i>		
		I – Comunicazione aziendale		
		Comunicazione aziendale	6	
		Comunicazione e decisioni	6	
		Tecnologie digitali nella gestione dell'impresa	6	
		Marketing	6	
		II – Comunicazione e media		
		Comunicazione radiofonica in Svizzera	6	
		Cinema e cinema documentario	3	

**Total amount of ECTS (Bachelor) 180**

Please, note that the Study programme can change.  
 \*\* Elective or mandatory, for students exempt from a lecture.  
 Further information can be found on the Study programme of the Faculty of Communication Sciences (in Italian).

**Literature is a visible horizon, because «Man infinitely surpasses man» (Blaise Pascal)**

Getting an education in Literature means both to enhance the memories and legacy of the past, and an ordeal with the aim of drawing notions from the present, which will help us grasp a sense for a more habitable future. «Faith of things hop'd is substance», in the words of Dante. The programme takes into account the skills required to access the qualification training needed to teach middle and high schools. The University also offers, next to closed study sessions, residential seminars in Italy and open Lectures.

**At USI you study Italian Literature:**

- in the only Italian speaking university outside of Italy
- because you will be awarded a degree valid both in Switzerland and Italy
- for the choice of three different specializations starting from the third year
- for the chance of learning a second language between French, German, and English

Bachelor						Master			
1 <sup>st</sup> year		2 <sup>nd</sup> year		3 <sup>rd</sup> year		4 <sup>th</sup> year		5 <sup>th</sup> year	
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester	5 <sup>th</sup> semester	6 <sup>th</sup> semester	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester
<b>Common areas:</b> 150 ECTS*** - Lingua e letteratura italiana - Storia e Storia dell'arte - Scienze della comunicazione					<b>Specialization areas:</b> 30 ECTS - Storia dell'Arte - Storia - Scienze della comunicazione - Storia della Filosofia	<b>MSc in:</b> Lingua, letteratura e civiltà italiana 120 ECTS			

<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>			
<b>First year</b>	<b>63</b>			
<i>Letteratura</i>		<i>Lectura Dantis*</i>	3	<i>Latino</i>
Letteratura italiana I		<i>Latino</i>		Letteratura e civiltà latina II (opzionale) 3
(Istituzioni di letteratura italiana)	6	Letteratura e civiltà latina I	6	Letteratura filosofica latina (opzionale**) 3
Filologia e linguistica romanza	6	<i>Linguistica</i>		<i>Linguistica</i>
Letteratura italiana medievale	6	<i>Storia</i>	6	Glottologia e linguistica II 6
Letterature comparate I	3	Storia moderna	6	<i>Geografia</i>
Introduzione alla Divina Commedia		Storia contemporanea	6	Storia delle rappresentazioni dello spazio
<i>Lectura Dantis*</i>	3	<i>Storia dell'arte</i>		(Geografia storica) 3
<i>Linguistica</i>		Storia dell'arte moderna	6	Storia del pensiero ebraico nel
Glottologia e linguistica I	6	<i>Comunicazione</i>		Medioevo e nel Rinascimento
Linguistica italiana I (Storia della lingua)	3	Analisi del discorso e del dialogo	6	(opzionale – corso aperto al pubblico) 3
<i>Storia</i>		Comunicazione visiva o		<i>Laboratorio per la redazione dell'Elaborato</i>
Storia antica greco-romana	6	Storia dei mezzi di comunicazione	6	<i>finale</i>
Storia medievale	6	<i>Recupero debito formativo</i>		Atelier di scrittura II
<i>Storia dell'arte</i>		Latino di base	0	<i>Elaborato finale in Lingua e letteratura</i>
Storia dell'arte medievale	6	<i>Seconda lingua</i>		<i>italiana</i> 9
<i>Comunicazione</i>		Lingua francese o tedesca o inglese		<i>Un orientamento a scelta (Minor)</i>
Comunicazione verbale	6	(settoriale / cultura)	6	<i>Storia</i> 30
Comunicazione politica	6	<i>Laboratorio per la redazione dell'Elaborato</i>		(in sede o presso università convenzionata)
<i>Seconda lingua</i>		<i>finale</i>		<i>Storia dell'arte</i> 30
Lingua francese o tedesca o inglese	3	Atelier di scrittura I		(presso l'Accademia di Architettura)
<i>Recupero debito formativo</i>				<i>Comunicazione</i> 30
Latino di base	0			(presso il Bachelor in Scienze della comunicazione-USI)
		<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<i>Storia della filosofia</i> 30
		<b>Third year</b>	<b>66</b>	(presso l'Istituto di Studi Filosofici)
		<i>Letteratura</i>		
		Letteratura italiana contemporanea	6	
		Letterature comparate II	3	
		Storia della critica letteraria	3	
		Storia e pratiche della lettura	3	
		<i>Lectura Dantis*</i>	3	
<b>Class</b>	<b>ECTS</b>			
<b>Second year</b>	<b>63</b>			
<i>Letteratura</i>				
Letteratura italiana II	6			
Letteratura italiana III	6			

**Total amount of ECTS (Bachelor) 180**

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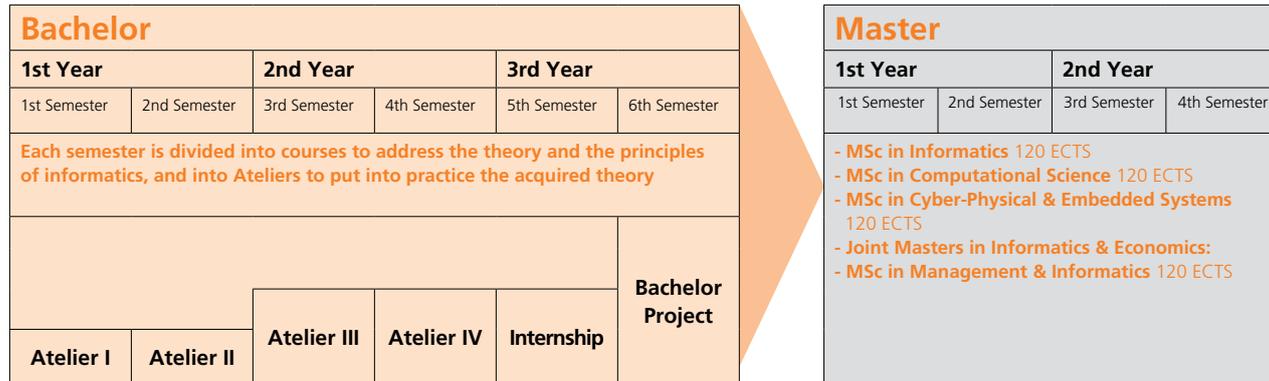
\* tbc; \*\*mandatory for the Minor in Storia della filosofia; \*\*\*at least 150 ECTS (chosen with the dean's office) of the 162 offered by the BLLCI

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- in English, to be prepared for an international career
- and learn to speak in front of an audience presenting your semester project
- with an italian tutoring in the first semester (on request)
- in small classes and therefore in direct contact with the professors



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<b>First year</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Second year</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Third year</b>	<b>60</b>
<i>Fall semester</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Fall semester</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Fall semester</i>	<i>30</i>
Computer Architecture	6	Automata & Formal Languages	3	Semestre autunnale	30
Discrete Structures	6	Computer Networking	6	Algorithms & Data Structures 2	3
Privatissimum	3	Probability & Statistics	6	Artificial Intelligence	3
Programming Fundamentals 1	6	Programming Fundamentals 3	6	Computer Graphics	6
Technical English	3	Software Atelier III: The Web	9	Information Retrieval	6
Software Atelier I: Fundamentals of Informatics	6	<i>Semestre primaveraile</i>	<i>30</i>	Numerical Computing*	6
<i>Semestre primaveraile</i>	<i>30</i>	Data Management	6	Principles of Economics	3
Algorithms & Data Structures	6	Introduction to Computational Science	3	Software Atelier V: Field Project	9
Calculus	6	Operating Systems	6	<i>Semestre primaveraile</i>	<i>30</i>
Linear Algebra	6	Systems Programming	6	Languages & Compilers	6
Programming Fundamentals 2	6	Software Atelier IV: Software Engineering Project	9	Optimization Methods*	6
Software Atelier II: Human-Computer Interaction	6			Theory of Computation	6
				Bachelor Project	18

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