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Wide selection of studies and courses in English

Even though USI is the only University in the Italian speaking part of Switzerland, English is the official language of instruction in most of our study programmes:

- All Master programmes at the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society, except for the Master of Italian Language and Culture;
- All Master programmes at the Faculty of Economics except for the Master in Economia e politiche internazionali (MEPIN) and the Master in Public Management and Policy (PMP) (bilingual IT/EN);
- Bachelor and Master programmes at the Faculty of Informatics;
- A variety of courses at the Academy of Architecture in Mendrisio.

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A privileged relation with the academic staff

Study programmes present quality and interdisciplinary teaching, where theory and practice are in balance, and where students are given constant opportunities to express themselves. A barrier-free dialogue between students and professors opens windows of unexpected opportunity, in a cosmopolitan environment leading to international careers.

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Ideal conditions for study, a way forward to your future

The university's small size, its dynamic and informal culture, the quality infrastructure, and the connections to the business world provide a study experience that is much appreciated and valued by USI's students.

Furthermore, students are free to attend a variety of classes, both at undergraduate and graduate levels. Although enrolled in a faculty, they are entitled to attend classes and sit examinations in the other faculties too. This is a unique opportunity to explore new topics and personalise the study curriculum.

With more than 100 active mobility partnerships in Europe and beyond its borders, USI welcomes every year around 80 students in its five faculties, contributing to its international connotation without compromising the privileged teacher-student low ratio.

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Free of charge Italian classes, where language meets culture

USI is the only University of Italian language and culture in the Swiss Academia, and Italian is the official language of the region. For these reasons, USI is particularly committed in the organisation of free of charge Italian language courses, both intensive and extensive, and at all levels. Students are welcome to join the crash courses before the beginning of the semester, or enroll in one of the many courses over one or two semesters.

Culture is a major and inseparable component of knowing a language; for this reason, a number of cultural and social activities are organised throughout the year.

Learning Italian language and immersing in the local culture will enrich the mobility period beyond the classrooms.

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Personalised advisory service before and during your studies

Before arrival, and during the time at USI, the International Relations and Study Abroad Service will act as first touch point for mobility students and will offer a personalised advisory service to make sure that students can smoothly organize their studies and their stay. This is done in collaboration with the other student services (Dean's offices, Housing Service, Sport Service, IT support, etc.).

Students also benefit from a number of information channels: the website, the Exchange Student Handbook, the end of study reports.

The International Relations and Study Abroad Service looks forward to welcoming mobility students in Lugano and Mendrisio.

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Social activities to discover the region

The International Relations and Study Abroad Service regularly organises social activities, to help students get acquainted with the territory, discover hidden gems and get inspired for their free time activities.

Sport activities in our mountains, art exhibitions, guided tours of the region's main landmarks, participation to famous local events such as the Bellinzona carnival. This is just a small selection of our offer, but we believe there's something for everyone!

Most activities are free of charge, unless otherwise specified.

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A small region in the centre of Europe, with a hub attracting the best talents

With lakes, mountains, forests and small-size cities, the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland is a cozy territory of 350'000 inhabitants nestled between Italy (on the south side) and the Swiss German part of Switzerland on the north. Its strategic position on the north-south axis and right at the centre of Europe facilitates the connection to the major Swiss and European cities, while maintaining human-scale characteristics.

USI, with campuses in Lugano, Mendrisio and Bellinzona, is considered as a cluster of scientific development, a generator of economic activity and a force capable of attracting and retaining young talents.

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