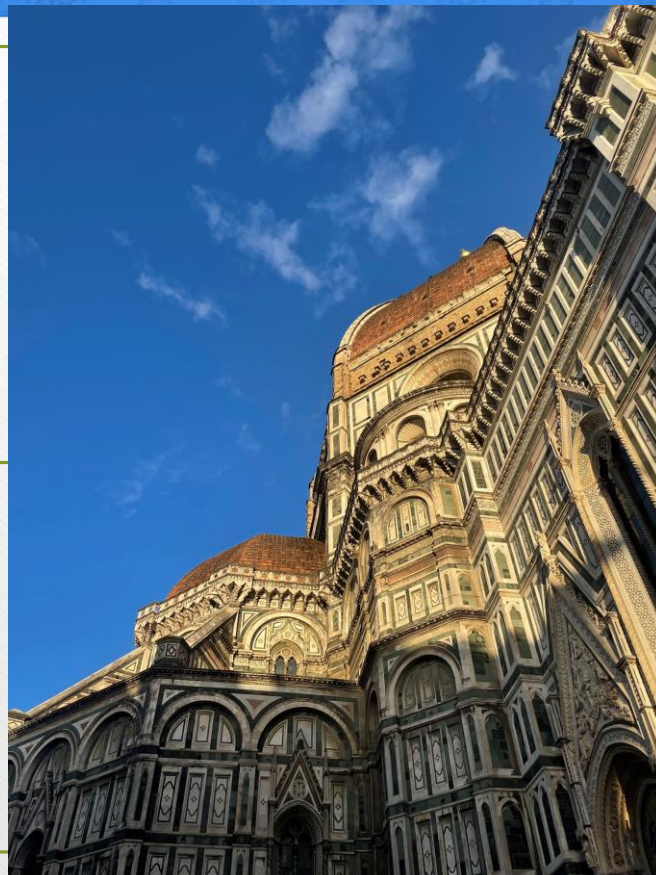


# Klaudia

*Medicine, V year, academic year 2022/2023*



*Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy.*

**E+: General information about the Host University, the organization of the academic year, the offer for students coming under the Erasmus+ Program and is it possible to "receive" Buddy?**

*K: On our course, all students are assigned one common Buddy, which sometimes at the very beginning was a burden, but you quickly get used to the University premises and thanks to the available maps you can move freely around the campus. The university is welcoming to incoming students from abroad; professors are happy to ask about their country of origin and kindly answer any questions. The start of the academic year marks the first day of classes.*



**E+: Language in which classes were conducted?**

*K: The language of instruction for each subject was Italian.*

**E+: In the case of classes conducted in the national language, was it possible to take exams in English?**

*K: This was not an option in any of the subjects I passed.*



**E+: During the application process, did the University ask for a language certificate confirming the knowledge of the language of instruction? If so, what level was required?**

*K: There was no need for this.*

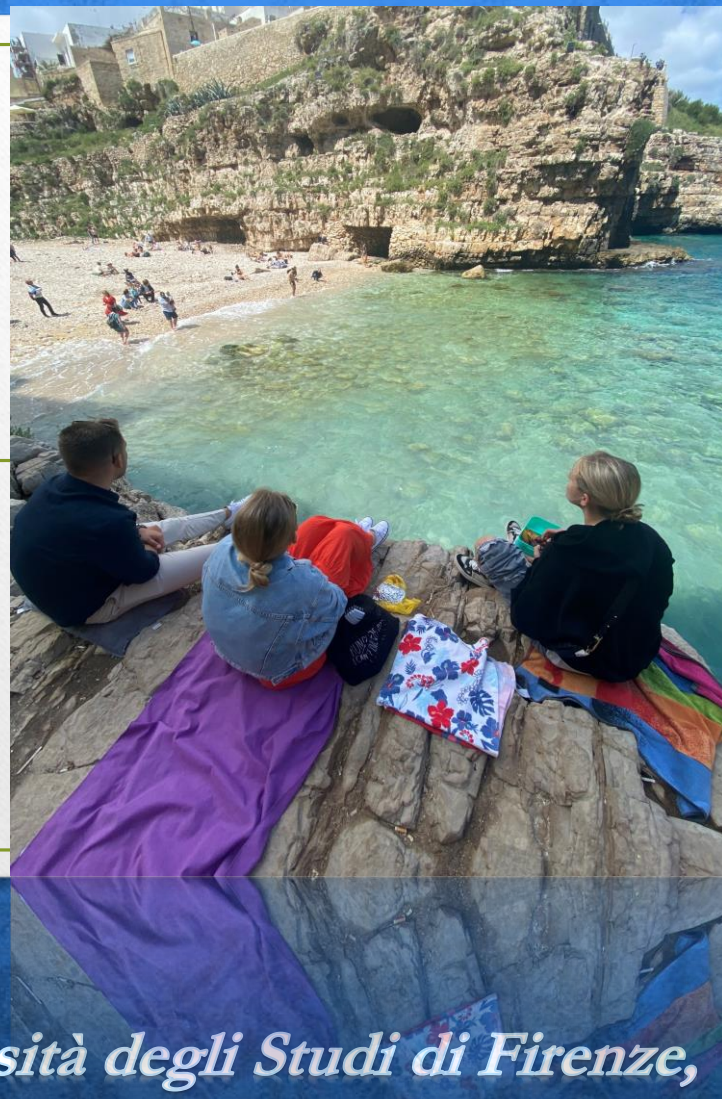
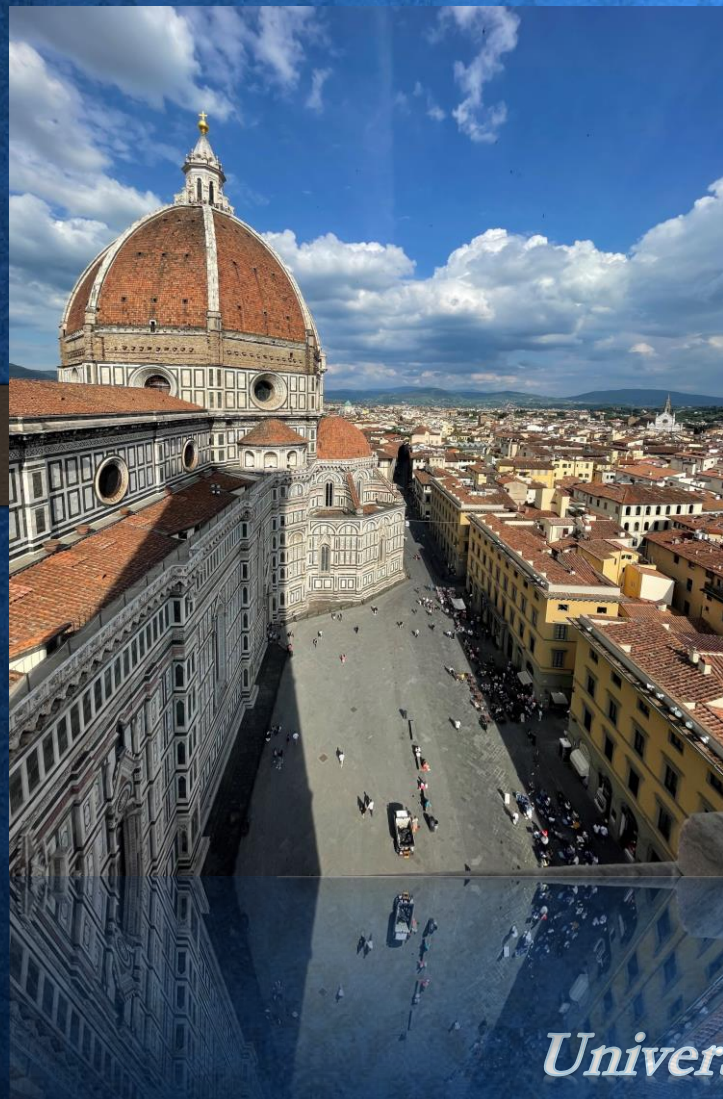
**E+: Curriculum (were there major curricular differences? Did the syllabus more or less overlap with that in SUM? Was it difficult to match the subjects and create a Learning Agreement?):**

*K: Matching the Learning Agreement was not a problem, the only obstacle being that at the Host University the subjects in question are often spread over 2/3 years, with the result that there are often lectures in two subjects at the same time, which we would like to have passed. The subjects applicable at SUM and at the Host University overlapped. It was often not physically possible to complete them, so I would recommend choosing subjects from one year of study, not from the 4th and 5th year timetable, as there is a high probability of overlap.*



**E+: Accommodation (does the Host University have dormitories? If so, how far were they from the places where the classes were conducted? Was it difficult to get a place in the dorm?):**

*K: It is not possible to live in the University's dormitory.*



*Università degli Studi di Firenze, Włochy.*

**E+: How was public transport like?**



***K:** In Florence, there are two very well-functioning tram lines, one of which reaches the University campus itself.*

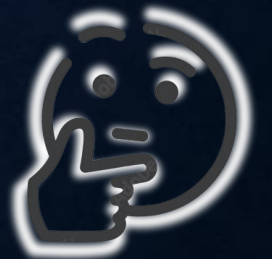


**E+: Food (was there a canteen for students? Discounts on meals?):**

***K:** There is a network of canteens offering meals at very good prices.*

**E+: Difficulties encountered and tips on how to deal with them**

***K:** Accommodation should be sought in advance due to the high tourist traffic. Some flats are intended for e.g. Airbnb, so there is less availability for standard rentals.*



## **E+: Useful information/contacts to help organize mobility?**

***K:** You might be interested in the FrecciaYoung card, which gives you the opportunity to buy train tickets within Italy at a discount if you are planning a weekend visit to the corners of Italy. It is important to make a so-called "Codice Fiscale". - Often landlords already require this when signing the contract.*

*There are many student organisations especially for Erasmus students: ESN Firenze, IG Firenze, Erasmus Generation. Before you leave, it is worth contacting them via Instagram so that you are added to groups or conversations e.g. on WhatsApp (this is also a great option for looking for accommodation).*

*If you have the opportunity, start learning at least the basics of Italian - it will definitely be easier from the start, but don't be discouraged, because during your year-long stay, the level of language you have acquired will allow you to understand and speak even with friends of Italian origin, which is very rewarding.*



## **E+: Attractions in the area worth seeing :**



***K:** A must for Piazzale Michelangelo, of course the Duomo with the entrance to the dome, the Uffizi Gallery.*

**E+: Overall mobility experience and advantages of participating in the Erasmus+ Programme:**



***K:** My exchange stay was the best decision I made during my studies. It offered great opportunities for self-development, both linguistically and socially and academically. I will always associate my time in Florence with an adventure which, despite the stress of moving, was a huge experience, filled with a mass of new people and places to meet, while studying my dream field of study.*

*Living in such a beautiful place fills you with a whole new energy 😊*