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Medicine, V year, academic year 2024/2025



Università degli Studi "Gabriele d'Annunzio" Chieti Pescara, 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?

E: Classes are held on the Chieti campus, which is easily accessible by train or bus from Pescara, where most Erasmus students live. The academic year begins in October and lasts until the end of January. The second semester begins in March and ends in June. Exams are oral. At the beginning of the semester, each student receives login details for the application ('Ud'A'), where the class schedule and exam dates are available. The application is also used to report attendance in class, so everyone must have it. As far as I know, it is possible to 'get' a Buddy, but I do not know how the assignment system works - some people got this help, and some did not.



E+: Language in which classes were conducted?

E: Italian.

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

E: Yes, there was no problem with that. Most of the professors spoke English.

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?):

E: No.

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?

E: The programme was more or less the same as at SUM. Apart from Forensic Medicine, Family Medicine, Biostatistics and Emergency Medicine, all other courses were the same as those taught in the fifth year at SUM. When compiling your LA, it is important to remember that the courses we study in the fifth year in Katowice, for example, are taught in different years of study in Chieti, which is why we choose courses from their fourth, fifth and sixth years.

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?):

E: The host university had halls of residence in Pescara and Chieti. Those in Chieti were very close to the university and the hospital. As far as I know, it is not difficult to get a place there. I looked for a room on my own, like most people.

Most Erasmus students decide to live in Pescara and commute to Chieti for classes, and I also recommend this option – ESN events, most meetings and parties take place in Pescara.



E+: How was public transport like?

E: There is public transport in Pescara, but it is not a large city, and buses run in Italian style with significant discrepancies in the timetable, so I recommend walking around the city or buying a second-hand bicycle.

Getting from Pescara to Chieti is easy and convenient – there are regular buses (the fastest ones get you to the university in 20 minutes) and trains (15-20 minutes). Pescara Airport is about a 15-minute drive by city bus. It is also easy to get to Rome from Pescara by bus, which takes about 2 hours and 20 minutes.

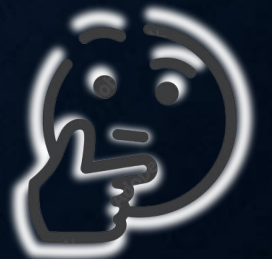


E+: Food (was there a canteen for students? Discounts on meals?):

E: Yes, there was a student canteen on the Chieti campus. The prices were low (a few euros for a lunch set).

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

E: I think that the most difficult part is related to documents – I recommend checking them twice before sending them, and if you have any doubts, make sure to check everything at the dean's office or the Erasmus+ Office. Once you are there, in addition to writing messages about any issues to the office, coordinator or professors, I suggest visiting their offices and asking about everything in person. 😊



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



***E:** The email address for the Erasmus office, where you can write with any doubts or questions (I warn you that you will have to wait for a reply): incoming@unich.it
Erasmus Student Coordinator for Medicine: Prof. Paolo Amerio – a very, very helpful person.
Unfortunately, he does not tend to reply to emails, so I recommend dealing with him in person.*

Course catalogue:

<https://unich.coursecatalogue.cineca.it/corsi/2021/481/insegnamenti/7171#5>

E+: Attractions in the area worth seeing :



***E:** Pescara itself is more of a holiday resort; apart from the beach, there aren't many attractions, but living there, I didn't really miss anything. The fact that it is not a big city is conducive to spontaneous meetings, because everyone was close to each other. The region itself – Abruzzo – is an amazing place – there are beautiful mountains and lots of trails (I especially recommend visiting Campo Imperatore and Rocca Callascio), small, hidden towns (Città Sant'Angelo, Santo Stefano di Sessanio, the old town of Chieti), and along the coast you can ride a bike path many kilometres north and south of Pescara. The beautiful Tremiti Islands are also nearby, with a ferry service from Termoli.*

Rome, Naples and Bari are easily accessible by bus.

The city itself is ideal for walking, with many cafés and restaurants.

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



***E:** It was fantastic! Before leaving, I was afraid of many things, but everything is manageable 😊*

I met great people from all over the world. Thanks to being surrounded by people from other countries, I felt much more comfortable speaking English. I also learned a lot of Italian. I had many adventures, got to know Italian culture better, travelled and enjoyed every Italian coffee I drank and every pizza I ate.

My Erasmus experience taught me a lot – openness to the world, spontaneity and how to deal with many unexpected situations – also thanks to the support of new friends who quickly became very close to me.