

Free University Bozen-Bolzano Info Sheet

Webpage for Exchange Students	Incoming Exchange Students / Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (unibz.it) Student Mobility for Studies / Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (unibz.it)	
Term Dates	Arrival	Within the week before the semester commences
	Fall Semester (Semester 1)	September to February
	Winter/Spring (Semester 2)	February to July
Quick-Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Free University of Bozen-Bolzano is a university primarily located in Bolzano, South Tyrol, Italy. It was founded on 31 October 1997 and is organized into five Faculties. • In the 2020 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, Unibz ranked in the band of 401— 500 out of almost 1,400 institutions worldwide. • They have 4,100 students registered to more than 30 undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses and from 78 student nationalities. • It is a niche university in a region with a high quality of life and surrounded by the breath-taking Dolomite Mountains. 	
Language of Instruction	English	
Courses	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 30 ECTS.</p> <p>Guidelines for the selection of courses: Course Offering / Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (unibz.it)</p> <p>Academic schedule: academic-calendar-2022-23.pdf (unibz.it)</p> <p>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, Study Abroad Academic Coordinator (or equivalent) and the student.</p>	
Housing	<p>Unibz offer accommodation in residence halls only in Bozen-Bolzano. You can apply for them through their online registration form whose link is sent to all applicants by the International Relations Office at the beginning of July (for first-semester or whole-year applicants) and at the beginning of December (for second semester applicants). Please note that short-term accommodation in student halls can be difficult to secure.</p> <p>More information about on and off campus accommodation: Accommodation / Study Guide (unibz.it) International-Students-Guide-2022-web.pdf (unibz.it)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation. 	

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Health Insurance	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period.</p> <p>You can apply for an EHIC/GHIC card which enables you to obtain medical assistance for free when abroad. If you are an EU passport holder you will be able to use your EHIC card when travelling to an EU country. If you are a UK passport holder and/or do not have an EU passport, please read the information about how to apply for a UK GHIC card. As a BU student, you can apply for your EHIC/GHIC card using the BU Letter Request Form.</p> <p>Please note that some partners may request that incoming students purchase additional health insurance to comply with their immigration and institutional requirements.</p> <p>You can find further information on the BU practical arrangements webpage.</p>
Travel Insurance	<p>BU offers a comprehensive BU travel cover to all outgoing students. after reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</p>
Visas & Permits	<p>When travelling to Italy you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at Bolzano. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Italy, and the purpose of your stay in Italy amongst other criteria.</p> <p>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up-to-date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</p> <p>Exchange students with a non-EEA nationality will receive an information package that includes the application form and the list of attachments to add to the resident permit application after the course application deadlines to start the process through the Italian Embassy.</p> <p>Useful webpages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International-Students-Guide-2022-web.pdf (unibz.it) • Il visto per l'Italia (esteri.it) • Consolato Generale d'Italia Londra – Il nuovo sito del Consolato Generale d'Italia Londra (esteri.it) • Welcome to VFS Global vfglobal <p>You should also refer to UK Foreign Travel Advice on Italy and can find further information on the GoingGlobal webpage.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have</p>

	any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.	
Approximate Costs	<p>Tuition fees: Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p> <p>Costs to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return ticket • Accommodation • VISA application fees if applicable • Insurance if applicable • Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.) • Textbooks and stationery <p>Estimated living expenses: Most students spend between €700 and €800 per month. Please see more information on costs here.</p>	
Funding	<p>Turing Scheme Funding Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit Turing Scheme Bournemouth University for more details.</p> <p>Student Maintenance Loan If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p>Student Finance England Travel Grant You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the Student Finance England Travel Grant website, or contact Student Finance.</p>	
Campus Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • IT services • Student card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UniBar • Canteens • Student associations