

Student Handbook UNITN-Law:

Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS programme)

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1. The Faculty of Law

1.1. General information

The Faculty of Law of the University of Trento was established in 1984. Its recent origin made it possible to learn important lessons based on a thoughtful and critical assessment of the situation regarding legal studies in Italy, and to introduce a new way of approaching law, bearing in mind the experience of the existing educational system. Unlike many and perhaps most law schools in Italy, therefore, the Trento Faculty of Law was intended, from the very beginning, to be a teaching and a research institution with a specific cultural mission.

This mission has always involved treating “legal phenomena” as distinct from domestic positive law of which it is part, being national laws and regulations worthy of study for obvious, practical reasons but clearly distinguishable from the legal phenomena *per se*. Indeed, law is a complex reality, which includes domestic positive law, international law, supranational law and, of course, their reciprocal interactions. Thus, it is no surprise that the content of university law programmes throughout Europe (and elsewhere) is tending towards uniformity and national differences now often only account for a small part of them.

In this light, the method of comparative law is one of the best tools for learning one's own domestic legal system in a broader context, which takes law into account as a social phenomenon. By “denationalising” the law, one's knowledge of it can only be improved, and its consistency tested with reference to its explicit and implicit justifications. This is the essence of the Theses of Trento, a Manifesto on comparative law which was developed in 1987 by a number of distinguished scholars partly based at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento, and which has had a lasting influence on the cultural history of the Institution.

For these reasons, the choice to study law in Trento offers students a challenging initiation into the realm of law in both its comparative and transnational aspects. The Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS), taught entirely in English, is conceived to provide its students with an authentic international experience and an all-encompassing education in comparative, European, international and transnational law. CEILS graduates will be trained to confront an increasingly complex reality, and prepared to immediately begin a career in the market of legal professions or to complete their education with an Italian or international Master's Degree.

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1.2. Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS)

Starting from the 2017/2018 academic year, alongside the five-year curriculum in Law, the Faculty of Law offers also the Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS), taught entirely in English. The CEILS programme aims to combine both the international dimension central in the ethos of the Faculty of Trento and the increasing demand for European and transnational professionals in legal studies.

By gathering domestic and foreign students and using state-of-the-art teaching methods derived from the experience of our domestic and international faculty, the students of the CEILS will be exposed to a variety of methodologies, disciplinary traditions and jurisdictions, while the courses of the programme will cover a broad range of fields and enhance the comparative, international and transnational dimensions of the law.

CEILS students will have the opportunity to apply for internship programmes in national and international institutions. The diversity of the students' community will enhance their learning commitment and intensify their contact with other cultures during their training period. Finally, upon successful completion of the programme, CEILS graduates will be able to either complete their education with an Italian or international Master's Degree, or to immediately begin a career in the international market of legal professions.

1.2.1. Curriculum of the Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS)

The Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS) comprises both compulsory fundamental courses and optional courses (several of which are held by visiting professors from all over the world). Some of these courses are considered as compulsory preliminary (*"propedeuticità"*, in Italian), that is, preparatory to other ones: this means that they have to be passed in order for students to be able to attend subsequent ones (a non-exhaustive catalogue is given in Section 1.2.3.). The notions of "compulsory" and "optional" used in reference to courses has nothing to do with attendance, which in the Italian system is, as a general rule, non-mandatory. However, professors may require students to attend their courses in order to be admitted to the exams: this requirement, if present, is stated in the webpage of the courses concerned. In addition, please note that attendance is compulsory for courses held by visiting professors and guest professors.

Besides compulsory courses, students have the chance to choose among a great number of elective courses – taught in English – and to specialise in one or more legal areas. Each year the Faculty of Law offers more than fifty courses in several legal fields. This is the result of careful annual planning, which combines students' interests and professional priorities. Both these aspects - the willingness to satisfy cultural interests and the aim of providing concrete skills to adequately face the challenges of the contemporary world - motivate the inclusion in the curriculum of other educational activities to be completed in or outside the Faculty of Law (Section 1.2.5.).

1.2.2. Compulsory fundamental courses

The following table shows the disciplines included in the curriculum, for each of the three years of study. Some of them are compulsory, whereas others can be chosen between a couple of alternative options, or by picking the courses of one's choice from the broader catalogue of optional courses and other activities. Each year students confirm their compulsory courses and chose the possible elective courses by filling out a form called "piano di studi" (learning agreement or personal study plan).

1st year	CFU credits
Comparative Legal Systems	9
Comparative Constitutional Law	9
Philosophy of Law	9
Roman Foundations of European Law	6
European Union Law	9
Foundations of Private Law from a EU Perspective	9
Informatics and Legal Research (Informatics and the Law)	3
2nd year	
History of Western Legal Tradition	9
Introduction to Economics	9
International Law	9
Comparative Private Law	6
Criminal Law	6
Multilevel Protection of Fundamental Rights	6
3rd year	
Employment and Labour Law	6
Business and Company Law	6
Criminal Procedure from a Comparative and International Perspective	6
Administrative Law	6
Civil Litigation in a Comparative Perspective	6
<i>and one elective course among:</i>	
Business and Consumer Transaction	6
Conflicts of Law	
Competition Law	
Principles of Law and Finance	
Elective courses (from 2nd year)	18
Other activities	
English Language Proficiency	6
Second Foreign Language	6
Other educational activities / Internship	9
Final exam (discussion of the thesis)	6
Total number of CFU credits	180

See section 1.2.4.

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See section 1.2.5.3

Piano di Studi / Study Plan:

Each year students fill out a personal study plan, in which they confirm their default courses and decide their free choice activities (elective courses, internships, workshops, etc...). The study plan is completed online by accessing the reserved area on the Esse3 platform, in the periods indicated annually in the academic calendar.

1.2.3. Compulsory preliminary courses (“propedeuticità”)

Examinations of most courses - whether compulsory or elective - can only be taken when preliminary foundation courses (so-called “propedeuticità”) have been passed. Please note that this refers to the possibility of taking the examination, not to the possibility of attending a course: in fact, in Italy, university courses can usually be attended freely. If one course is passed that requires another one to have been previously taken, the former is declared null and void by the competent office.

The following list is valid for students who started the CEILS programme in academic year 2017/18, and might undergo changes. Students are invited to check the Faculty of Law course web pages in order to learn whether particular requirements of any kind have been set.

Compulsory preliminary courses	To
Comparative Legal Systems	Comparative Private Law
Comparative Constitutional Law European Union Law	Multilevel Protection of Fundamental Rights
Foundations of Private Law from a EU Perspective	Employment and Labour Law
Comparative Legal Systems Comparative Constitutional Law European Union Law	Administrative Law

1.2.4. Elective courses – 18 CFU credits

Elective courses and other educational activities can be added to the curriculum by filling in the study plan; delisting them is generally possible but, once the *study plan* has been closed, it will be necessary to wait until it is reopened. The periods in which the *study plan* is reopened to be filled in and/or modified are set by the Faculty Board each year, and communicated on the Faculty website dedicated [to the Academic calendar](#).

Elective courses can be attended from the second year onwards. Each elective course grants 6 CFU credits. In terms of elective courses, students may upload in the study plan:

- Any elective course taught in English that is offered either within the CEILS programme or within the 5 year degree in Law programme; these courses can be uploaded autonomously in the study plan on Esse3;
- A maximum of one elective course in a language different than English (eg. Italian); in this case the study plan form (to [be found here](#)) must be filled in and emailed to supportostudentiecogiursi@unitn.it;

For the complete list of the elective courses taught in English please see the Faculty of Law website:
https://www.esse3.unitn.it/Home.do?sessionId=17FCA2E5F19C8121516CF0C931531A56.esse3-unitn-prod-03?cod_lingua=eng

Academic year

The “Academic year” is the teaching period and in Italy it is made up of two semesters. The first semester starts in September and ends in January. The second semester starts in February and ends in July. The actual initial and ending dates vary slightly every year according to the academic calendar.

1.2.5. Other activities

1.2.5.1. English Language Proficiency – 6 CFU credits

CEILS students are required to reach a C1 English level by the end of the bachelor programme, equivalent to 6 CFU credits. To reach the required level of English, students may attend the classes offered at the CLA (non-compulsory activity), and must take and pass the internal CLA exam (compulsory).

In case a student already holds an English language certificate at C1 level (recognized by the CLA, full list here <http://www.cla.unitn.it/en/780/certificates-do-you-have-a-certificate>) at the moment of enrolment, s/he will be assigned the 6 CFU credits in the Study plan.

1.2.5.2. Second Foreign Language – 6 CFU credits

CEILS students are required to reach at least a B1 level in a second foreign language – compulsorily Italian for foreign students – over the three years of the bachelor programme, equivalent to 6 CFU credits.

Students can either provide one of the certificates listed at <http://www.cla.unitn.it/en/780/certificates-do-you-have-a-certificate> (for German, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese) or attend a CLA course and pass the relevant exam (for German, French, Spanish, Italian).

The CLA offers language courses in Italian, English, German, French, Spanish. These courses are organized at different levels and last 50 “academic” hours (or 37.5 actual classroom hours). The courses are held by qualified, native speaking teachers.

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Opening hours:

Mon and Fri: 10.00 - 12.00 Wed: 10.00 - 12.00 / 14.00 - 16.00

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Italian as second language

Through the Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (University Language Centre, CLA) the University of Trento organises courses in Italian as a second language. These range from level A2 to level C1 and are taught by qualified teachers with considerable experience in teaching to non-Italian students. Teachers will provide students with a useful knowledge of the Italian language both for daily life and during their university career in Italy. Specific features of written Italian legal language will give participants the grounding in Italian legal vocabulary.

1.2.5.2. Internships and/or Other activities – 9 CFU credits

A total amount of 9 CFU credits is to be fulfilled within the section “Other activities” of the Study plan (see paragraph 1.2.2) either by carrying out an internship, by doing other activities (listed below), or by combining a “short” internship with some of the other activities.

Internships

Internships are educational experiences aimed at allowing students to enhance the knowledge acquired during their university years by practical application. They consist of a period spent working in an institution, association, court, company or law firm, in order to acquire specific professional skills and become more competitive in the labour market.

Law students are given the opportunity to apply their academic skills in a wide range of internship and job training programmes. The University's Job Guidance service, in collaboration with the professors responsible for internships in each Faculty (University supervisor) publishes the internship opportunities offered by partner entities.

Moreover, the University of Trento also organises and supervises partially grant-funded internships, both in Italy and abroad, especially through its many mobility programmes (see Section 1.3). It is worth noting that, thanks to a recent modification of the regulation of the EU Erasmus Programme (now ErasmusPlus),

undergraduates and Ph.D. students who have already been granted an Erasmus scholarship are also eligible to apply for an Erasmus internship grant as well.

Admission requirements

Internships are open to all students enrolled in the CEILS programme who have acquired the CFU credits equivalent to the first year of study (54 CFU credits). This notwithstanding, a student may lodge his or her application before meeting the above requirements.

Italian laws prohibit the recognition of an internship, for working students, in relation to a period spent at the institution or company which regularly employs him or her. However, in order not to be penalised, such students may agree with their supervisor upon alternative options, which may consist of an analysis of one or more issues relating to their work activity and which are of particular relevance for his or her study programme.

Choosing the internship

In order to be accepted for an internship, the candidate must identify a potential hosting institution. There are two viable options:

- selecting, among the institutions which have sent their internship proposal to the University's Job Guidance Service, the one which fits the student's profile and interests best. This is done by checking the University's internship database or, in the case of internships directly managed by the University, by keeping a watch on existing calls;
- if the research proves to be unfruitful, a student may independently identify a potential host institution.

If he or she finds one, he or she will have to verify the existence of an internship agreement between the University and such institution and, if none exists, to activate the procedure to stipulate one.

Internship project and duration

The student must agree the main features of his or her experience as an intern (activities, modalities, tools, schedule, etc.) with the host institution. The task of evaluating the congruity between this project and the way the internship is actually implemented falls to the University supervisor, who must be part of the faculty: participants in any capacity are eligible, that is, anyone from research fellows to full professors. The supervisor is usually a scholar whose expertise covers the subjects most directly relating to the concerned work activities, and must:

- verify the adequacy of the project on the basis of the study programme of the student
- define the educational aims and desired outcomes of the experience, in terms of acquiring professionally useful skills

- assure that both the candidate and the host institution comply with the project
- supervise the execution of the internship and, at the end, validate the final report

The duration of the internship period ranges between three weeks full-time and eighteen weeks part-time, while weekly working hours may not be less than fifteen hours (part-time option) nor exceed thirty hours (full-time option). These hours must be reasonably distributed among five working days and should not, as far as possible, overlap with university courses: this is why interns are encouraged to choose the full-time option only during periods where no courses are held, such as summer.

In calculating how many CFU credits are due to the intern, it should be recalled that one credit corresponds to thirty working hours, and that a part-time internship means working three hours per day, five days a week, while a full-time internship means working six hours per day, five days a week. The resulting scheme is as follows:

Type of engagement (in Italy or abroad)	CFU credits
3 weeks, full-time/ 6 weeks, part-time	3
6 weeks, full-time/ 12 weeks, part-time	6
9 weeks, full-time/ 18 weeks, part-time	9

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Other activities

The following activities can be carried out to reach the 9 CFUs required within the section “other activities” of the study plan (see paragraph 1.2.2). Please note that these activities can be carried out as an alternative to the internship or in combination with a “short” internship:

- Legal English course or other Legal language course
The Faculty of Law, with the support of the CLA, offers courses in English, French, German and Spanish legal language; they are held by native-speaking teachers, qualified with a specific legal and language training. Please note the following:
 - a) Students can insert these courses in the study plan for a total amount of 5 CFU credits, independently of the language level.
 - b) A second Legal language course can be inserted in the study plan, but no CFU credits will be assigned.

- Practical classes in English (laboratori in lingua inglese)
Students can insert in the study plan practical classes held in English that are listed in the didactic offer of the Faculty of Law, according to the following procedures:
 - a) Each practical class will be awarded 2 CFU credits, for a maximum amount of 3 CFU credits to be counted among the 9 CFU credits of other activities. Further credits (over the first 3 CFU) can be counted as surplus credits (crediti in esubero).
 - b) Practical classes in English can be inserted in the study plan by filling in the paper form for the change of the study plan ([link](#)), which is to be sent via email to supportostudentecogiursi@unitn.it within the timeframes for the changes of the study plan.
- Free courses in English (2 CFUs each) – *when active*
 - a) Eg. Legal English and Drafting, Legal Clinics
 - b) Free courses can be inserted in the study plan by filling in the paper form for the change of the study plan ([link](#)), which is to be sent via email to supportostudentecogiursi@unitn.it within the timeframes for the changes of the study plan.
- Third (fourth) foreign language:
A third foreign language can be inserted in the study plan in order to take the relevant CLA exam; also, you can have a third language recognized if you provide an international certificate recognized by the CLA. Please note the following:
 - a) The third language will be awarded 3 CFU credits only in case the student demonstrates at least a B1 level or higher;
 - b) A fourth foreign language can be inserted in the study plan but it will not be assigned any CFU credits;
 - c) These activities do not give extra points for the final exam;
 - d) Please check the CLA website for further information: <https://www.cla.unitn.it/en/2192/the-faculty-of-law>
- Other exams taken abroad:
In case the conversion of complementary exams taken during the Erasmus exceeds the amount of 18 CFU credits foreseen for the complementary exams, the extra CFU credits earned during the Erasmus may be inserted in this section.
- ECDL: 3 CFUs for the 7 modules

If a student has taken other extracurricular activities that are not listed above, or intends to do so, s/he can email supportostudentecogiursi@unitn.it with complete information about this activity: the activity will be then evaluated by the Dean of the Faculty of Law or his delegates to determine how many CFU credits it can be awarded, if any.

1.2.6. Examinations

In order to take an examination, students have to register online by means of their personal credentials no later than two days before the date of the examination; annulment of the registration is possible within the same period, and is strongly advised if the student no longer intends to take the exam.

In Italy, grades are awarded on a scale of 30. Their meaning can be roughly explained with the following table:

30-30 <i>cum laude</i>	Excellent
28-29	Very good
24-27	Good
21-23	Satisfactory
18-20	Sufficient
Lower than 18	Fail

Unlike in other educational systems, failing an exam does not preclude the possibility of successfully completing one's university career and graduating.

CEILS programs provides two curricular exam sessions – the first one after the first semester classes, in January, and the second one after the second semester classes, in June – plus one extraordinary exam session in September.

Even in case of failure to pass an exam, students are allowed to take the same exam on any subsequent exam session, with no limitation and irrespective of the year of the course (e.g., a student might decide to take the examination of a second-year course in his or her third year). The only exception is represented by the possibility for the professor, at his/her discretion, to deny access to the immediately subsequent exam session, if the student's preparation is deemed to be utterly insufficient.

1.2.7. Final exam

The gradual acquisition of research and writing skills is one of the main goals of a jurist's education. That aim is pursued by the Faculty of Law through a number of activities during the university period, such as written assignments during courses, the presentation and discussion of a paper or a written exam at the end of a course, as well as the defence of a thesis as the final test in order to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies. Such a final examination is the best way to assess whether a student has effectively acquired methodological proficiency to an adequate standard.

The final thesis is a comprehensive, critical and original dissertation on a specific curricular topic, although an interdisciplinary approach is the most positively evaluated. It is defended before a Commission of Faculty professors comprising the student's supervisor. The assessment of the performance of the candidate is carried out by the Commission in accordance with the criteria established in the ["Final Assessment and Conferment"](#)

[of Title Regulations](#)” document, as well as by taking into account his or her overall academic career.

For additional information please contact the “Ufficio Offerta Formativa e Gestione Studenti”:

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1.3. International mobility programmes

A recognition of the importance of the international dimension of education is central to the ethos of the University of Trento, as is demonstrated by the list of associations and networks in which the Faculty of Law participates:

- ELFA (European Law Faculties Association)
- EPLO (European Public Law Organization)
- IALS (International Association of Law Schools)
- ASCL (American Society of Comparative Law)
- INVERNOMOS (International Law Firms Association)
- AFDL (Asociación de Facultades de Derecho Latinas)
- IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

In accordance with this philosophy, students are invited to become involved in a wide range of educational and professional programmes, at both the European and international level, so as to be better equipped with the experience and skills necessary to compete in today's global market. Here is a catalogue of opportunities offered by the School of Law. In this framework, the Faculty is also the only Italian Law School partner of the Fulbright Program, the largest US international exchange program.

ELSA Moot Court competition

Each year Trento's law students participate in the Moot Court competition organised by ELSA (the European Law Students Association). Since 2006 our delegation has competed in the National Championship with considerable success: that year it came second and one of our students won the special “Best Orator” prize.

<http://elsatrento.org/>

1.3.1. Student mobility programmes

In pursuing its internationalisation objectives, the University of Trento has, since 1997, signed more than 30 double-degree agreements with foreign universities, involving all the University Departments. For a general overview the University, please visit the following website: <http://web.unitn.it/en/outgoing/2997/bilateral-agreements>)

For further information relating to activities, calls and applications, please contact the following address: info.ceils@unitn.it

Erasmus Plus

The Erasmus Student Mobility Programme allows students of the University of Trento to spend from three to twelve months at a European partner university, without incurring any fees and also qualify for a scholarship from the European Union. While abroad, students can study full time and/or carry out research. More specifically, they have the opportunity to:

- attend courses at a foreign university and have their exams credited by their home university
- make full use of the foreign university's facilities
- improve their knowledge of a foreign language
- participate in cultural activities and meet other people from other countries

In order to make their stay at Trento University as successful and enjoyable as possible, Erasmus students are supported by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN). The ESN offers students assistance with bureaucratic procedures, helps them to familiarise with the University and its facilities, and organises cultural, recreational and sporting events. The ESN is a non-political and non-religious association, set up by the Erasmus Bureau in Brussels (a body of the Commission of the European Union), with branches at different universities, including Trento.

The Faculty of Law is currently party to 54 bilateral agreements with partner universities:

- 2 in Austria

- 1 in Belgium (French)
- 2 in Belgium (English)
- 1 in Finland
- 6 in France
- 6 in Germany
- 1 in Greece
- 1 in Hungary
- 2 in the Netherlands
- 2 in Poland
- 4 in Portugal
- 13 in Spain
- 1 in Switzerland (German canton)
- 1 in Switzerland (French canton)
- 3 in the United Kingdom
- 2 in Turkey (English language)
- 1 in Latvia (English language)
- 1 in Czech Republic(English language)
- 1 in Luxembourg (French language)
- 1 in Croatia (English language)
- 1 in Ireland (English language)
- 1 in Lithuania (English language)

For further information, please contact the Teaching Support, International Exchanges and City Campus Division (*"Divisione Supporto Didattica, Percorsi Internazionali e Studenti Polo di Città"*):

Address: Via Verdi 8, 38122 Trento

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website: Erasmus Programme

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Opening hours:

Mon 10.00-12.00

Wed 10.00-12.00

1.3.2. Conventions and agreements

Bilateral conventions of the University of Trento

Law students may take advantage of a number of bilateral conventions signed by the University of Trento, providing mobility programmes with the following institutions:

- University of Kansas (USA)
- Melbourne University (Australia)
- Universidade Vale do Itajaí (Brazil)
- Universidad de la Habana (Cuba)
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago and Villarrica campuses (Chile)
- Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (France)
- Université de Sherbrooke, Québec (Canada)
- McMaster University, Ontario (Canada)
- Universidad de la Pampa (Argentina)
- Washington University School of Law – TLP (USA)

For further information relating to activities, calls and applications, please check the relevant webpage:

<http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1751/international>

Bilateral conventions of the Faculty of Law

Law students may profit from some bilateral conventions signed by their Faculty, providing mobility programmes with the following institutions:

- Vermont School of Law (USA)
- Haifa University Law School (Israel)
- Hebrew University (Israel)
- Washington University School of Law (USA)

For further information relating to activities, calls and applications, please contact Mrs. Lorenza Zuccatti:

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1.3.3. University funding for student mobility

The Faculty of Law may grant funds to its regularly enrolled students who undertake a mobility experience. These are allocated on the basis of the availability of economic resources as provided for in the yearly budget, and according to the following priorities:

- individual study-periods in Italian or foreign universities or research institutions in order to write their degree thesis
- group study-periods in order to refine professional or academic competencies in Italy or abroad
- other educational initiatives which may contribute to legal education

Applications will be forwarded to the Office of the Dean and subject to the approval of the Faculty Council. In case of an individual study-period, the candidate is responsible for submitting the application; they must attach a declaration, issued by a professor, to the documentation, confirming the usefulness of the experience, as well as a letter of acceptance by the host institution and a detailed plan of the study period abroad. In case of a collective study-period, the professor responsible for the mobility experience is also responsible for submitting the application. In each case, the submission must meet the relevant deadline: 31 May for study periods from July to December and 31 October for study periods from January to June.

Reimbursements will be paid against adequate documentation of the expenses incurred, which has to be forwarded to the Administrative Office of the Faculty of Law. The following expenses may be reimbursed:

- Travel expenses (second-class train ticket; economy-class airline ticket up to a certain amount of Euro depending on the destination)
- Subscription fees of seminars and courses
- Accommodation costs up to 30€/day for 15 days.

1.4. Postgraduate programmes

University of Glasgow

The agreement of cooperation allows CEILS graduates to attend the accelerated LLB in Scots Law or the accelerated LLB in Common Law at the University of Glasgow. The accelerated LLB in Scots Law / Common Law allows graduates to pursue the career of lawyer in Scotland or Britain respectively.

For further information, please contact prof. Corrado Malberti, at corrado.malberti@unitn.it

Michigan State University

The agreement of cooperation allows CEILS graduates to pursue their education with a two-year JD Program with a 25% of fee discount and the possibility to transfer up to 29 US credits (equivalent to 58 CFU ca) of their Italian degree.

University of Birmingham

CEILS graduates can be admitted to the following Master's at the University of Birmingham:

- Commercial Law LLM
- General LLM
- International Law and Globalisation LLM
- International Law, Ethics and Politics LLM
- Criminal Law and Criminal Justice LLM
- International Commercial Law LLM
- International Law LLM: Crime, Justice and Human Rights
- International Trade Law LLM

There is a 20% discount on the tuition fees for the students selected within this cooperation agreement.

Link to the LLMs of University of Birmingham.

Universiteit Utrecht

CEILS graduates can access with a reduced fee to the following LLMs:

- European Law
<https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/european-law>
- European Criminal Justice in a Global Context
<https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/european-criminal-justice-global-context>
- Law and Technology in Europe
<https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/law-and-technology-europe>
- Public International Law
<https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/public-international-law>
- Law and Economics
<https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/law-and-economics>

School of International Studies

The School of International Studies, established in 2001 by the Faculties of Economics, Law, Humanities and Sociology, as well as five Departments of the University of Trento, coordinates a Master's Programme in

European and International Studies and a Ph.D. Programme in International Studies. Legal subjects amount to a significant part in both programmes, and a number of professors of the Faculty of Law are involved in the school.

For further information, please contact the School:

Director of the School: Professor Andrea Fracasso.

Director and Chairman of the Council of the Master's Programme: Professor Andrea Fracasso.

Director and Chairman of the Ph.D. Program: Professor Jens Woelk.

Address: via Gar, 14 - 38122 Trento

tel.: +39 0461 283125

fax: +39 0461 283152

e-mail: sis@unitn.it

website: School of International Studies

Master's programmes

Master's programmes aim at completing the competencies acquired during the years of the first-level degree programme, and building specialised professional skills upon them.

In order to enrol, a candidate must pass a selection procedure, which may be based on the candidate's CV and/or on tests and interviews. Programmes offer lessons, seminars and traineeships.

For more information, please contact the Office for Postgraduate Orientation:

Address: via Verdi, 6 - 38122 Trento

tel.: +39 0461 283246

fax: +39 0461 283222

e-mail: laureati@unitn.it

2. The University of Trento welcome services

2.1. The University of Trento

The University of Trento has regularly reconfirmed its position among the top places of the national rankings, and it is well positioned in the international ones. This result is due, in particular, to the University's ability to finance itself, its success in scientific research, its ability to look towards Europe and the world, and to student satisfaction.

International acclaim is confirmed by independent sources such as THE - Times Higher Education Rankings and QS-Quacquarelli Symonds. In THE - Times Higher Education Rankings 2015-2016, produced by Thomson

Reuters for the Times, the University of Trento managed to enter the ranks of the top 200 universities in the world. The University of Trento confirmed its place in the THE - Times Higher Education Rankings 2016-17.

Moreover, national and international classifications rank the University of Trento as one of the top Italian universities.

Trento is a medium-sized university, where it is easy for students and teachers to meet one another and there is a continuous exchange of ideas among students from different disciplines: in short, the (virtuous) dynamism of a small university.

2.2. The University Welcome Office

The University Welcome Office provides assistance to the large number of foreign students who come to Trento each year: together with the LLP-Erasmus Office and the Teaching Staff Office (Ufficio Personale Docente e Ricercatore), this is the place to go to obtain information about the University, accommodation opportunities and the city.

English-speaking students in the Welcome Office can help foreign students with the paperwork involved in obtaining study or residence permits, health insurance cards, University student and library cards, etc.

The Office is located in via Verdi, 6 (opening hours: Tue and Thu from 10 am to noon), and can be contacted emailing welcome@unitn.it.

Welcome weeks and events

Welcome weeks for Italian and foreign students are organised throughout the year. They include a lot of useful services and informative meetings:

- presentations of the University and its website;
- presentations of the welcome services;
- guided tours of the Faculties, accommodation, cafeterias, the Centro Linguistico dell'Ateneo (University Language Centre, CLA) and sporting facilities;
- guided tours of Trento in English;
- a brief overview of Italian immigration law.

Moreover, a number of social events and opportunities are organised so as to encourage friendship among students and get to know Italian culture, as well as all the cultures represented within the University:

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- a welcome party to which all new students are invited. It takes place in September and is organised in collaboration with the Socrates Office;
- “welcome seminars”, introducing Italian society, politics and contemporary history;
- “welcome cinema”: a review of international films with Italian subtitles;
- the “Caffé delle Lingue” (“Language Café”), where foreign students can meet and find out about each other’s languages, traditions, customs and literature;
- Italian conversation sessions.

2.3. The Central Library (*Biblioteca Universitaria Centrale*)

The Library System, composed of many libraries disseminated all over the Province of Trento and organised by disciplines, provides fundamental support for the University’s teaching and research activities. Its mission is to select, gather and categorise information, and to provide users with quick and easy access to its services.

University members have privileged access to the Library System, but the general public can also access it. Access and borrowing at the libraries of the system are free and open to anyone who is a member of the CBT (Province of Trento library network). Membership is open to all, free of charge and effective immediately upon presentation of an ID card and completion of an application form at any library in the province.

Although law students may freely access any library of the system, the Faculty of Law is mostly served by the Central Library, whose holdings comprises the book collections of the Faculty of Law as well as those of the Department of Sociology and Social Research and the School of Economics and Management. Taken together, at the end of 2015 these holdings amount to 227,565 books and 8,117 periodicals (of which 1,321 have active subscriptions).

The services offered by the Library include book borrowing, consultation of periodicals, interlibrary loans, document delivery, and a reference service. The Library building also has reading rooms and self-service photocopy rooms.

The Central University Library (BUC) is located in via Via Adalberto Libera, 3. Its opening times are perhaps the most ample of any other Italian university library, as it may be accessed from 8.00 a.m. to 11.45 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, and 2.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. on Sunday.

Address: Via Adalberto Libera, 3 - 38122 Trento

Tel. 0461 283011

BibliotecaCentrale@unitn.it

2.4. The *Opera Universitaria*

The *Opera Universitaria* is in charge of supporting Italian and foreign students by providing them with a vast array of services, such as issuing of student cards (which are free for all students enrolled at the University of Trento), intercultural mediation, support for disabled students and psychological consultancy, as well as housing and rent-a-bike services.

The desk of the *Opera Universitaria* is in via della Malpensada, 140 (opening times: Mon to Fri from 9.30 am to 12 am; Wed from 2 pm to 4 pm), and can be contacted at:

Opera Universitaria - via della Malpensada, 82/A - 38123 Trento

tel.: +39 0461 217411 fax: +39 0461 217444

e-mail: operauniversitaria@pec.operauni.tn.it; info@operauni.tn.it

Further information can be found on the official website: <http://www.operauni.tn.it/home>

Online Help Service

The Online Help Service is a supporting tool for students and a communication tool with the offices dealing with Students Offices, dealing with the available courses and students management, for the management of the main university career's documents. It helps students to resolve the most recurrent problems independently, without needing to actually go to the Students Office.

For details and contacts please see the link of the *Opera Universitaria*: [On line help service for students](#).

2.4.1. Accommodation in Opera Universitaria housing

The *Opera Universitaria* provides international students with different types of accommodation:

- a few places in double-bedrooms in flats for 3-6 people, with equipped kitchens, washing-machine, iron, clothes horse, blankets and pillows. Towels, sheets, pillowcases, telephone, TV and internet connection are not included. Flats are located no more than 15 minutes by bus from the University and are easy to reach on foot, by bicycle or by public transport;
- furnished rooms (mostly single rooms) with bathroom, balcony and internet connection at the San Bartolameo Residence, situated in the southern part of the town and easily reachable by bus (line A, line

3 and line 8). The structure, with more than 800 beds, is provided with a common kitchen between every 18 students, a café, reception, reading-rooms and other comfortable common spaces. Included in the price are bed and bath linen (which is changed three times a month), and the cleaning of the common areas.

Who may apply

- students on bilateral agreements or international mobility programmes (e.g. Erasmus Mundus, double degree programmes, EuMI, etc.): they are entitled to accommodation for the duration of the programme;
- PhD students: they are entitled to accommodation only for the first academic year;
- post-docs: they are entitled to accommodation only for the first calendar year (12 months);
- “*borsista a progetto*”: they are entitled to accommodation only for 6 months;
- students on study or research visas: they are entitled to accommodation for the whole duration of the agreement;
- one-year professional master's students: they are entitled to accommodation until the official date of graduation.

How to apply

- students who are going to enrol on an undergraduate or post-graduate course should to apply for Opera Universitaria benefits and satisfy the economic and merit criteria required by the Opera Universitaria;
- Erasmus students must refer to the LLP-Erasmus Office;
- students on a bilateral agreement or an international programme (e.g. Erasmus Mundus, double degree programme, EuMI, etc.) will be supported by the contact person in the University, who will send you the necessary information for making an online reservation;
- doctoral students are required to contact the University Welcome Office, which will send you the necessary information for making an on-line reservation.

Further information

Erasmus students are always accommodated in double rooms.

Visiting professors and researchers (with work visas) are accommodated in University apartments, organised by the Department hosting them.

International students enrolling on undergraduate or graduate courses apply for Opera Universitaria accommodation services and grants through an application form, which must be completed with information on family income and merit. Both aspects are taken into account when allocating Opera Universitaria

accommodation. Successful applicants will have access to their rooms starting from the beginning of October.

Students who are entitled to *Opera Universitaria* services and are eligible, on economic grounds and through merit, for subsidised accommodation, pay lower rents and are entitled to their accommodation for the duration of the course.

PhD students and students not on mobility programmes or special projects, and who do not have a “*borsa di studio a progetto*”, should contact the Department hosting them.

2.4.2. Rent a bike

Bicycles are a functional, environmentally-friendly and easy way to get around in the city and its surroundings. The *Opera Universitaria* has 250 bikes available for hire to those students eligible for accommodation. They may, upon request, avail themselves of this service for a time period that cannot extend beyond their stay in *Opera Universitaria* housing. The service is free but routine maintenance is up to students.

Students who are not beneficiaries of *Opera Universitaria* accommodation, but who have a student card, may benefit from an agreement with a private rent-a-bike service to hire a bike at an economical price.

2.4.3. People with disabilities - services

This service is provided and managed by the *Opera Universitaria* and is targeted at students with special needs, particularly in order to promote their full participation in the study environment and in all activities of the University. The main activities and provided services are: welcoming, financial support, comfortable accommodation, customised transport and an accompanying person, mentors among professors, didactic supporting tools, HELP service (service desk).

For details and contacts please see the link to “Servizio Inclusione” (Office for Inclusion)

Servizio Inclusione (Office for Inclusion)

Address: via Santa Margherita, 13 - 38122 Trento

inclusione@unitn.it

Opening Hours: Mon to Fri 09.30 - 12.00 on appointment only

2.4.4. Psychological counselling

The Psychological counselling service aims at preventing and managing problems encountered by students, to enhance their performance and the quality of life during their university experience. Interviews and dialogues are free of charge and the privacy of students is safeguarded.

The service is also offered in English.

For details and contacts please see the Opera Universitaria link for psychological counselling.

Opera Universitaria - Consulenza psicologica
via Santa Margherita 13 - 38122 Trento
tel.: +39 0464 808116
e-mail: consulenza.psicologica@operauni.tn.it

Mon to Fri 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

2.4.5. Job guidance

Job Guidance Service aims at supporting students' career choices and in the transition from campus to job market. The service offers the chance to reflect and make choices in the utmost respect for student's individuality and privacy, in order to enhance potential, support in developing skills and designing careers path, through the following: individual guidance sessions for career choices and for personal development themes; dedicated meetings to learn about the different professions in the job market; mock interviews (individual and in groups); effective support for job applications. Moreover, the service constantly monitors the corporate world, offering real-time information through our website, FB page, LinkedIn groups and newsletters and invites Companies and Organizations interested to meet candidates, in order to create opportunities for direct contact with them

Job Guidance Office
Molino Vittoria, via Verdi n. 9
tel.: +39 0461 283209 - 3220 - 3226 jobguidance@unitn.it

2.4.6. University canteens and bars

There are five university cafeterias, with seating for roughly one thousand people, and three university bars in Trento. They offer many different menus, aimed at satisfying different needs in terms of cost and food allergies.

To eat at a university cafeteria, you must have a student card; these can be applied for at the students' Info Desk at the *Opera Universitaria*, and collected from the Sportello Info Mense, in via Zanella 1, or at the Studentato San Bartolameo, in via della Malpensada 90.

2.4.7. Student associations

Student associations are an important support both for educational and personal experience. The University of Trento supports cultural activities promoted by the several students' associations by providing them with University facilities and specific funds.

You will find information here about all the students' associations and about how to get support from the

University of Trento. <http://www.unitn.it/en/servizi/1651/students-associations>

2.4.8. Tutoring

Tutoring is a service aimed at providing guidance and support to enrolled students over their entire university career, at fostering their active participation in the training process and at removing obstacles and difficulties, also with initiatives at individual level. The service is targeted at all newly-enrolled students in undergraduate and graduate courses of the University of Trento.

The tutoring activities can be divided into two types:

- Overall tutoring activities: guidance and support while accessing the university system, getting acquainted with the services and the administrative procedures of the Departments, the University and the Opera Universitaria and specific support for international students, including in languages other than Italian.
- Tutoring in specific disciplinary areas: support concerning the disciplinary contents of the first-year courses.

Ufficio Servizi allo Studio via Verdi, 6 - 38122 Trento tel.: +39 0461 282332

fax: +39 0461 283222

e-mail: Uff.ServiziAlloStudio@unitn.it

From Mon to Fri 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 a.m. Wed: 2.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

3. Living in Trento

Trento - seat of the Council of Trent in the XVI Century - with its medieval castle and cathedral and Renaissance buildings, is an exquisite little city (pop. 115,00), conveniently situated where roads from Venice, Verona and Lake Garda meet and lead north to Austria and beyond. The surrounding area is spectacularly beautiful,

dotted with lakes and dominated by the fragile majesty of the Dolomites.

Monte (Mount) Bondone, just half an hour's drive from Trento, midway between Lake Garda and the Dolomites, is a famous all-year-round tourist resort. In winter, skiers can enjoy an attractive system of downhill slopes and cross-country tracks, whereas in summer an excellently maintained network of mountain trails allows visitors access to woods, pastures and slopes covered with an astonishing variety of Alpine flowers. Trento provides a privileged environment for studies and work thanks to its size and its services. In a recent statistical analysis by the newspaper, *Il Sole 24 ore* (an Italian national daily business newspaper, *il Sole 24 ore*), Trento was classified as the town with the highest quality of life in Italy. The research was carried out by the Italian University La Sapienza (Rome).

Cost of living in Trento

For details on the average budget you need to estimate to study, live and enjoy life in Trento and for contacts, please see the link of the Opera Universitaria: [cost of living](#).

3.1. Leisure time

3.1.1. Events

Festival of Economics

The Festival of Economics, held in the first week of June, has been running since 2006. It was conceived as an opportunity for economists, politicians and intellectuals to meet and exchange ideas, and to spark a debate with the general public. Although mainly hinging on economic issues, discussions touch upon a number of societal aspects, since bankers, philosophers, political scientists, journalists, demographers, anthropologists, town-planners, cinema and theatre directors and musicians, are all invited as speakers to contribute their innovative thoughts.

Each edition of the Festival - which is held in buildings, squares and gardens across the city - addresses a particular topic. So far, these have been the chosen themes:

2013: Sovereignty in Conflict

2014: Ruling Classes, Growth and the Common Good

2015: Social mobility

2016: Growth

2017: Unequal Health

Mountain Film Festival

The internationally renowned Trento Mountain Film Festival, was founded in 1952 by the city of Trento, together with the Italian Alpine Club (CAI), and is the oldest international film festival dedicated to the mountains, adventure and exploration. The Festival showcases feature films and documentaries on a vast array of themes of environmental and cultural value, ranging from Tibetan Buddhism to base jumping.

Religion Today

Since 1997 Religion Today has been the first itinerant festival dedicated to the dialogue between Cinema and Religions. Its aims are to promote, through the medium of film, a culture of dialogue and peace between religions, beginning with the recognition of their differences, as well as to educate audiences in the festival's host towns and cities about the world's great religions, through the diffusion and distribution of films about religions too.

Theatre

The Santa Chiara Cultural Centre and local theatre companies stage a variety of plays, ballets and operas in Trento. For further information, please contact the Centro Servizi Culturali S. Chiara.

Address: via S. Croce, 67 – 38122 Trento

tel.: +39 800013952

website: www.centrosantachiara.it

MUSE Science museum

The new but already internationally famous "MUSE" Science museum was opened in 2013 as an auxiliary body of the Autonomous Province of Trento. The museum is based on interaction and experimentation as well as on a solid educational programme.

The design of the beautiful glass building by the famous and international leading Italian architect Renzo Piano recalls the mountains and it is composed of 6 floors, where numerous exhibitions and activities are hosted.

For the English version of the Muse website please see: <http://www.muse.it/en/Pages/default.aspx>

Christmas Market

The Trento Christmas Market (which runs from mid-November to early January) is a magnet for shoppers from all over Italy. It is one of the several Christmas markets that create a magical winter atmosphere in the whole

Alto Adige region.

3.1.2. Sports

The University of Trento promotes the practice of sport through **UNI.Sport**, the sports network of the University of Trento, Opera Universitaria and collaboration with CUS-Trento with the goal to unite services, structures and programmes in a single network.

UNI.Sport and the Facoltiadi games

University sporting events are promoted and run by UNI.Sport, a network of sport services and facilities founded in 2008 and inspired by the organization of Anglo-Saxon and Nordic university campuses. The central idea is that practising sports at university is not just a way to feel good and have fun, but also an opportunity to learn, have new experiences and meet other people.

The UNI.Sport network encourages students to make sport an important part of their university life. The importance of non-competitive sport is emphasised, although there is also ample room for more serious sports people to test their capacities. The membership card gives students the chance to access the Opera Universitaria sports facilities, comprising the 'jewel in the crown' at the students' residence in San Bartolameo (which include two gyms with a large fitness area, two squash courts, a five-a-side football pitch, a volleyball and a basketball court - both on synthetic grass - and a badminton court) but also a boat centre on Lake Caldonazzo, a tennis centre and a gliding centre.

Card holders are also entitled to discounts at a number of gyms, sports centres, swimming pools and skiing facilities all over the province and can take part in the many courses, events and tournaments organized by UNI.Sport/CUS (Centro Universitario Sportivo). They are also entitled to the CUS card, which includes insurance coverage.

The Facoltiadi, a multi-sport, inter-Faculty competition, in which both students and professors take part, is one of the events promoted by CUS each year.

TopSport

The University of Trento is a member of the European network EAS - the Dual Career Network - which, since 2004, has coordinated and promoted collaboration between European universities and organisations supporting dual career programmes for student athletes.

Established in 2011, the TOPSport programme is one of the first experiments at national level in the area of dual careers by providing a support service, tutoring and educational flexibility for high level athletes who wish to balance their academic and sport careers, as it recognises combining professional sport activities and university education as a priority.

In addition to TOPSport, the UNI.Sport network also offers the UNI.Team programme, aimed at students pursuing specific sport disciplines at the professional level and willing to continue their sporting career with the colours of UNI.Sport - C.U.S. Trento (see below).

Hiking and Mountain-biking

Trentino is a paradise for hikers and bikers. A network of trails covers the entire area; the easiest wind through mountain pastures surrounded by the silence of the woods, while experienced hikers and cyclists will find a range of more challenging routes.

Nordic walking

Nordic walking was invented in Finland, devised by cross country skiers as a way to train during the summer. It is becoming more and more popular with nature lovers everywhere. Using ski poles and the posture and movements of cross country skiing, Nordic walking is accessible to all and is a great way to exercise and enjoy the countryside at the same time.

Downhill skiing

The Gran Pista on Monte Bondone, a ski run almost 4 km long, surrounded by meadows and conifer and birch woods, is one of several locations for downhill skiing in the Trento area. It is served by the Rocce Rosse four-seater chair lift, which has the greatest height difference (809 m) in Europe. The prestigious and well known Madonna di Campiglio ski area is situated at 40 km from the city of Trento.

Cross-country skiing

The Viote cross-country ski centre on Monte Bondone, with 35 km of ski trails, for both skating-style and classical-style cross-country skiing, lies on a sunny plateau at an altitude of 1,565 m.

Snowboarding

The Monte Bondone snow park offers jumps, rails, snowboardcross and even an Olympic size super half pipe (120 m long and 5.5 m high), to satisfy even the most demanding snowboarders.

Excursions on snowshoes

Wearing snowshoes allows you to go off the beaten track and explore the quieter, more untouched mountain areas. It is possible either to go alone or to hire a guide; snowshoes can be hired from the Viote ski centre.

3.3. How to get here and how to move around

By car

On the A22 motorway from north and south (Autostrada del Brennero: tel. +39 0461980085). Along the SS 12 trunk road from the north and the south.

Along the SS 47 trunk road from the east. Along the SS 45 trunk road from the west.

By train

Two main lines run through Trento: the Brenner (Rome-Innsbruck) and the Valsugana (Trento-Venice). A local line (the Ferrovia Trento-Malé) connects Trento with the Valle di Non and Valle di Sole.

By plane

The closest airports are: Verona "Catullo" (90 km); Venice "Marco Polo" (125 km); Treviso "A. Canova" (102 Km.); Milan "Linate" (245 km); Milan "Malpensa" (267 Km); Bolzano "Dolomiti" (50 km); Bologna "Guglielmo Marconi" (250 Km). They can all be accessed from Trento by motorway.

City transport

Trento has an efficient city transport system run by Trentino Trasporti (www.ttspa.it). The same company also runs bus lines that link most provincial towns and villages with Trento. A free timetable ("Guida ai trasporti del Trentino") is available at the railway station and at the Town Hall PR Office (Ufficio Relazioni con il Pubblico del Comune di Trento), located in via Belenzani, 3 (tel. +39 0461884453).

Taxis can be easily found at a number of taxi ranks around town or, alternatively, booked by phone (tel. +39 0461930002).