



# University of Foggia:

## international student guide



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A large, curved, metallic sign for the University of Foggia. The sign is silver and features the university's name in raised, blue letters. The background shows a modern, multi-story building with a light-colored facade and several windows. The sun is shining brightly on the right side of the sign, creating a lens flare effect.

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DEGLI STUDI  
DI FOGGIA

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A nighttime photograph of a city street, likely in Foggia, Italy. The street is illuminated by warm streetlights, and palm trees are visible in the foreground. Buildings line the street, and the sky is a deep blue. The image is used as a background for the text.

# vice-chancellor's welcome

I hope you will enjoy your stay at the University of Foggia, one of the youngest and most dynamic universities in Italy. Many of our academics have produced and continue to produce global award-winning research. Situated in the region of Apulia, the area boasts a rich cultural heritage, places of outstanding natural beauty and, above all, the hospitality of its warm-hearted people. As an international student, we know that your time here at the University of Foggia will be exciting, challenging, academically rewarding and enjoyable. You will play an important role in enriching and enhancing the experience for all our students and staff, helping to make the University of Foggia a global campus. In addition, your social life will be enriched by the opportunities to make friends from many different backgrounds within a small, friendly city. The University has close links with the local community and plays an important part in the social and cultural life of the region.



# Gargano coast caves

## our province and city

Apulia is a treasure trove of art, history and nature. A land of sun and hospitality, it is located on a strip of land in southeastern Italy, in a strategic position at the heart of the Mediterranean. The Province of Foggia is found on the northern border of Apulia, near Molise and Campania. The promontory of Gargano, the “spur of the boot”, and the beautiful Tremiti Islands, a favourite destination for the many visitors who every year choose an Apulian vacation, are found in the province of Foggia. The numerous locations along the Adriatic coast offer many opportunities for fun and relaxation, especially for beach lovers and those interested in taking excursions through nature. Foggia is a land rich in history: archaeological excavations have uncovered its first signs of settlement, from imposing medieval castles to a wealth of religious buildings. Centuries of history and a range of charming landscapes are just some of the reasons why Foggia is such a unique destination, one where you'll enjoy some truly unforgettable experiences.

# Why choose the University of Foggia?

The University of Foggia is a young and very dynamic university which is developing a reputation as an institution with a distinctly global outlook, allowing us to be at the forefront of influential research both nationally and worldwide. Our wide range of international activities continues to develop new opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange in our efforts to tackle global issues. We are ranked among the 12 top universities in Italy, have received numerous prestigious scientific awards—among which is the VQR (eValuation of the Quality of Research)—and we were the first university in Italy to receive the HR Excellence in Research award from the European Commission in 2010. In 2013, the University of Foggia came top for the quality of its research among the universities in the Apulia region. At the University of Foggia, we believe that we have the perfect combination of satisfied students, friendly university, high technology and groundbreaking research, in an inspiring and nurturing arena, to help you truly flourish. As a student city, Foggia is lively, rich in culture and easy to enjoy on a student budget. The city is one of the most affordable places to live for students in Italy. It has a rich heritage in sport, culture, social events, facilities and attractions to suit every lifestyle. The university also has a dedicated international relations department and Erasmus office for all your needs prior to and during your placement or study, and an international student networking scheme to help you make friends and settle in.



# Top Five Reasons to Choose the University of Foggia

## • High-quality teaching

Studying at the University of Foggia is about more than just obtaining a degree; it's about learning how to learn, question and research. You'll benefit from the expertise of our academics, who have a strong track record in delivering high-quality teaching and leading influential research projects, and are highly respected in their fields.

## • Cutting-edge research

Our research impacts the world we live in. We are passionate about identifying and solving real life problems and sharing that knowledge and experience with our students. We are ranked among the 12 top universities in Italy and we were the first university in Italy to receive the HR Excellence in Research award from the European Commission in 2010. We have received numerous prestigious scientific awards, among which is the VQR (eValuation of the Quality of Research) and best research project worldwide for our project 'Gluten Friendly' at the 2015 Nutri Awards.

## • Flexible study routes

To help you meet our entry requirements, we offer a range of tailored foundation and preparation courses. These are designed to improve your Italian language, develop your study skills and build your subject knowledge before you start your degree.

## • A great climate and location

You'll study and live in a beautiful region in southern Italy and have great experiences along the way. Summers are dry and hot (30°C to 40°C), while winters experience moderate temperatures. Foggia is a treasure trove of art, history and nature. A land of sun and hospitality, its numerous locations along the Adriatic coast offer many opportunities for fun and relaxation, especially for beach lovers and those interested in taking excursions through nature.

## • International student support

As an international student, you'll be met with a warm welcome when you arrive at the University of Foggia. From applying for your student visa and planning your journey, and throughout your time with us, we make sure you get all the support you need to make the most of the excellent student experience we offer and to achieve to the very best of your **potential**.

## The University of Foggia Facts and Figures

Founded in 1999

Approximately 11,000 students

Over a third are postgraduates

16 Bachelor degree programmes

15 Master's degree courses (two years)

Numerous PhDs and internships

Various summer schools



# The Departments

There are six departments that drive forward academic development in research and teaching, and foster an interdisciplinary approach. Each department provides a stimulating and supportive environment.

Further information on courses offered can be found at <http://en.unifg.it/>

Law



## Department of Law

### Undergraduate courses:

- Employment consultant and expert in industrial relations
- Forensic Science

### Postgraduate taught courses:

- Law

Economics



## Department of Economics

### Undergraduate courses:

- Business administration
- Economics

### Postgraduate taught courses:

- Business administration
- Economics and finance
- Marketing management

Humanities, Literature,  
Cultural Heritage,  
Education Sciences



## Department of Humanities, Literature, Cultural Heritage, Education Sciences

### Undergraduate courses:

- Literature and cultural heritage
- Education

### Postgraduate taught courses:

- Philology, literature and history
- Pedagogy and educational planning

Agriculture,  
Food and Environment



## Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment

### Undergraduate courses:

- Engineering logistics for food
- Food science and technology
- Agricultural sciences and technology
- Gastronomic sciences

### Postgraduate taught courses:

- Food science and nutrition
- Agricultural sciences and technology
- Food science and technology
- Viticulture and oenology

Medical and Surgical Sciences  
Clinical and Experimental Medicine



## Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences

### Undergraduate courses:

- Nursing

### Postgraduate taught courses:

- Medicine and surgery

## Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine

### Undergraduate courses:

- Biomedical laboratory techniques
- Dietetics
- Imaging and radiotherapy techniques
- Physiotherapy
- Food science and nutrition
- Sciences and Techniques of Preventive and Adapted Physical Activities

### Postgraduate courses:

- Sports science
- Genetics
- Dentistry and dental implants

# YOUR FIRST FEW DAYS

International welcome week

Things to do when you arrive



**Full registration instructions will be e-mailed to you during July, so look out for this important e-mail.**

- Contact your family to inform them you have arrived in Foggia.
- Apply for a Residence Permit
- Start the registration process at <http://en.unifg.it/international/studying-unifg/incoming-students-0>
- International relations office staff will be available to help with any questions you might have upon arrival.
- Open an Italian bank account
- Arrange tuition fee payment. The amount of tuition fees you have to pay is detailed in your offer letter from the University, along with details of different ways to pay.
- All students are issued with a University Smartcard. You will need this to access the University's library, Sports Centre and other University facilities. Smartcard-issuing locations and times for international students will be posted.



You must collect your Smartcard as soon as possible after you arrive in Foggia, as you are only provisionally registered until you do so. It will contain a digital photograph and brief details, including your name and card expiry date. Before we can issue your Smartcard, you must present proof of your identity. Please bring with you the following documents:

- A copy of your registration status
- Photographic proof of identity, preferably a passport.

There is no need to provide a photograph, as you will be photographed at the Smartcard issuing point.

You cannot be issued with a Smartcard unless you have the above items with you.

Once you have obtained your Smartcard, you will keep it for the duration of your studies. There will be no charge for your initial card but, should you lose it, there will be a charge for a replacement.

Register for the free University Italian language course. For further information, see <http://en.unifg.it/international/studying-unifg/incoming-students-0>

Register with the police.  
Register with a doctor.

International Student Welcome Week will help you to get to know other students and join in student activities during your first few days at the University.

For further information, please visit <http://en.unifg.it/International>



# visas and immigration

Everyone arriving in Italy has to pass through Immigration Control. The rules and conditions regarding entry are strictly enforced by immigration officers, but if you have obtained all the necessary documents in your home country before leaving, you should not have any problem.

## Who needs a visa for Italy?

If you are a national of the European Economic Area (EEA) or of Switzerland, you do not require a visa or immigration permission to enter and remain in Italy while you are studying. Your passport or identity card will not be stamped when you enter Italy, as there is no formal time limit on your stay. Further immigration guidance for European Economic Area Nationals is on the the following websites:

<http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

<http://www.study-in-italy.it/studying/info-22.html>

Most nationals of non-EEA countries will require immigration permission to enter Italy. Please contact the Italian Consulate in your country of residence on how to obtain a student visa.



The Italian law on immigration requires that non-EEA citizens planning to stay in Italy for more than three months have to apply for a residence permit within eight working days of their arrival in Italy. The residence permit application should be submitted at the Post Office.

Citizens of the EEA are not required to apply for a residence permit but you must register at the registry office (l'ufficio dell' Anagrafe) of the town of residence if your stay in Italy lasts longer than three months.

### Further support

The International Relations office at the University of Foggia provides advice and assistance on a range of student immigration issues. They are happy to hear from you if you have any pre-arrival immigration queries.

For further details, please see <http://en.unifg.it/international>

## accommodation

Foggia collaborates with the ADISU Foggia, the Regional Agency for the Right to University Education of Foggia. ADISU provides support to the study attendance and life of students through the benefits of accommodation service and scholarship, granted by public competition. At Foggia, most undergraduate students from outside Foggia spend their first year living in University accommodation and then live in private accommodation for the remainder of their course. Postgraduate students live in a mixture of University and private accommodation, depending on their personal circumstances.

For an overview of the accommodation available, please see the following websites:

<http://web.adisupuglia.it/sede-di-foggia/alloggi/collegi-residenze.html>

[www.cercoalloggio.com](http://www.cercoalloggio.com)





## accommodation guarantee

The following section applies to full time international students completing their degree programme at the University of Foggia. If you are an Erasmus, non-EU exchange or Study Abroad student, please go to the next section. International undergraduate and postgraduate students are guaranteed accommodation for your first year, provided that you:

- Accept our offer of a place at Foggia as your firm choice university before 30th June prior to the start of the academic year of your study.
- Are coming alone to the University for the full academic year.
- Have completed the online accommodation application by 30th June prior to the start of the academic year of your study.



### **Erasmus, Non-EU exchange and Study abroad students**

Erasmus, non-EU exchange and Study Abroad students studying at Foggia for the whole academic year are guaranteed a place in University accommodation if you meet the above conditions for undergraduate students.

If you are here for only part of the academic year, we cannot guarantee you a place in University accommodation, but we will provide you with a list of the university's recommended private accommodation.

# Finances and Fees

## Low cost of living

The cost of living in Foggia is relatively low compared to many other cities in Italy. Undergraduate students should budget for nine months per year of study and post-graduates for 12 months.

## Scholarships

The Foreign Affairs Ministry offers a certain number of grants (Borse di studio del Governo Italiano) to international students every year, or to Italian students living abroad. These scholarships are assigned according to the student's home country, branch of study and course required.

Italian language knowledge is fundamental to apply for this kind of scholarship. For further details, please see the Istituti di Cultura and the Foreign Affairs Ministry website: [http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borse-studio\\_stranieri.html?LANG=EN](http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borse-studio_stranieri.html?LANG=EN)

## Opening a bank account

You will need to open an Italian bank account to receive and make payments. Some banks in your home country may have links with Italian banks that make it easier to transfer money or to open an Italian bank account before you travel. We recommend that you explore your options and make arrangements well in advance of your departure. It can take several weeks to clear a personal cheque that is drawn on a bank outside Italy.

Many Italian banks have restricted opening hours from Monday to Friday. Money can be changed at a Bureau de Change (usually found at the airport or in the main branches of the banks) outside these hours, or you can withdraw money from the many ATMs (cash point machines) in the Italy. Please bear in mind that you will need some cash for everyday expenses in the first few weeks until your Italian bank account is opened. We recommend that you make opening a bank account a priority, after you have moved into your accommodation.

Italian banks usually require the following documents to open an account:

- Proof that you are in full time higher education: we can provide a University letter of introduction during the registration period.
- Proof of your identity that includes your photograph and signature: e.g. pas sport or current valid European Union National ID card.
- Your Italian tax code card, officially known as Italy's Codice Fiscale.
- In order to obtain your Italian Fiscal Code, you will have to go to the local IVA Offices (Uffici Locali dell'Agenzia delle Entrate), bringing along your pasport/Identity Card and a photocopy of it.

## Paying your tuition fees

Tuition fees differ depending on your chosen degree. Details are available on our university website: <http://en.unifg.it/>



# Healthcare and Medical Insurance

## For non-EU citizens

The immigration law requires you to take out health insurance during your stay in Italy. Otherwise, upon arrival, it is possible to subscribe to the Italian National Health Service (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale–S.S.N.) For further information, contact the Foreign Citizens Office or see our website on the following link:

**[www.unifg.it/internazionale](http://www.unifg.it/internazionale)**

## For EU citizens

European citizens and residents travelling within the EEA (i.e. the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and Switzerland for private, study or professional reasons are entitled to a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), also known as the Tessera Europea di Assicurazione Malattia (TEAM) in Italy. This allows legal residents of Italy to benefit from emergency medical treatment and care when temporarily in a member country.

## Further information

The Europa website publishes a country by country summary of how to access medical care using an EHIC/TEAM:

**<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1021&langId=en>**

Please see also the Italian Ministry of Health (Ministeria della Salute) website:

**<http://www.salute.gov.it/>**



**resident students and primary care physician**  
how to receive health care

# studying at the university of Foggia

Depending on your subject choice, you could benefit from our high specification science labs, the newly-built department of medicine, the modern libraries or be part of an award-winning research group.

## University studies are divided into three cycles:

- First cycle and single cycle degree programmes: first cycle degrees, single cycle degrees (Bachelor degree). Qualification required: High School Diploma; duration three years.
- Second cycle degree programmes: second cycle degree programme, second cycle degree (two year Master's degree). Qualification required: First cycle degree; duration two years..
- Third cycle degree programmes: Doctoral studies (PhD) and specialisation schools.

## Teaching and learning

As an international student, you may find that certain ways of studying at an Italian university, as well as the ways we deliver our teaching, are different from your own country.

- Lectures: University academic staff present information to a large number of students whilst you take notes to help you study later. You will also be directed to use online learning resources connected to the topic of the lecture.
- Seminars: These involve a small group of students working together with their tutor to discuss ideas in detail.
- Tutorials: you will attend personal tutorials with your Personal Tutor about general academic matters, as well as welfare issues if you need to discuss these.
- Practical sessions: some subjects, such as agriculture or science, offer hands-on experience, experimenting with high-tech equipment or working outdoors.
- Self-directed study: we encourage you to be an independent and active learner. You will be expected to devote a lot of time to reading, researching, revising and making notes on your own.





### **Academic support**

If you have any concerns about your studies, your Personal Tutor or course tutor will meet with you to offer guidance.

### **Language support**

Our free in-session Italian language programmes are designed to support you during your studies. For more information, contact the University's International Relations Office.

### **Assessments**

At the University of Foggia, each taught degree programme is divided into a series of modules. Some of these modules are compulsory, while some degree programmes offer a choice of optional modules. Each module has its own assessment method. This can take the form of oral or written exams, essays, presentations or group work.

There are two main university examination periods each academic year:

- Semester 1 examinations (January/February)
- Semester 2 examinations (June/July)

### **Research students**

Research students who would like more information on research training and the support available should visit <http://en.unifg.it/research>

### **Semester dates**

Semester 1: September–January

Semester 2: February–June

### **National holidays**

New Year's Day: 1st January

Epiphany: 6th January

Easter

Liberation Day (Festa della Liberazione): 25th April

International Workers' Day (Festa del Lavoro): 1st May

Republic Day (Festa della Repubblica): 2nd June

Immaculate Conception (Immacolata): 8th December

Christmas: 25th December–28th December

The University, as well as many businesses, will be closed on national holidays. The University will also be closed for several additional days for the Christmas and New Year holiday.



# When you are not studying

Student life is about more than just studying. Not only does the university offer a wide range of activities and projects to make sure you get the most out of university life, but it also offers the beautiful province of Foggia.



The Manfredonia Castle seen from Corso Manfredi .



Raven's Pass is one of the typical villages of Tavoliere, dated between 7000 and 5000 years ago (reconstruction) .

## Students' Union

Our Students' Union is responsible for the representation, welfare and social needs of international students, and also co-ordinates various cultural events throughout the year.



The administrative structures of the CUS Foggia, via Napoli 109.



CENTER CITY



Ancient and modern sanctuaries...  
Monte Sant'Angelo



Santa Maria di Siponto .  
Virtual Basilica



## Activities

At Foggia, sport provides a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. It's also a great way to stay healthy. Our Sports Centre (Centro Universitario Sportivo CUS) offers students the chance to get involved in a wide range of sports at all levels, with a great range of facilities on offer. See a full list of clubs at

<http://www.cus.unifg.it/default.asp>



## Explore Foggia

### Go shopping...

With its bustling main high street in the town centre and lovely boutiques scattered all around the city centre, shopping in Foggia is not to be missed.

### Experience the nightlife...

Foggia has many pubs, clubs and bars all over the city, but the famous Piazzetta, which is always crowded with young people at weekends, is usually the meeting point of students and is full of lovely, affordable restaurants and bars.

### Ancient and modern sanctuaries...

Monte Sant'Angelo, the oldest and most important religious centre in Gargano, is where the Via Sacra Langobardorum begins, which unites numerous sanctuaries from Spain to Jerusalem. Subsequently, San Giovanni Rotondo is the city of the Holy Father Sanctuary, and not far off is San Marco in Lamis: preferred by pilgrims as a "pit-stop" on the road to Monte Sant'Angelo, it is home to the Sanctuary of St. Matthew.

### Go to the beach...

Gargano, the spur on the heel of Italy, is a popular coastal getaway for Italians and tourists. It is a national park with long, sandy beaches, great forests of pine and a geographical location that tempers the summer heat with breezes blowing in from the sea on three sides, and all just a 30 minute drive from the city.

### Boat excursions...

Another great way to see Gargano is by sea. Its beaches, bays, coves and grottos are explorable by sail boat and by motorized rafts and boats, and visitors can find several guided tours from which to choose. The sights are truly unforgettable.



## Travel and transport

### Getting here

How do I travel to Foggia?

If you are travelling from outside Italy, we recommend flying into Naples or Bari International Airport, where you can take a bus directly from the airport to Foggia central station. Naples and Bari International Airports have daily scheduled flights to the major Italian cities, such as Milan and Rome.

If you plan to arrive in Rome by plane, either at Fiumicino (also called Leonardo da Vinci) or at Ciampino, you could take a shuttle bus/train from the airport to Roma Termini (Rome's main railway station) and then catch a train to Foggia. It usually takes three and a half hours to get to Foggia. For additional information,

check the following links:

[www.aeroportidipuglia.it](http://www.aeroportidipuglia.it)

<http://pugliaairbus.aeroportidipuglia.it/>

[www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

[C1pbus.it](http://C1pbus.it)



# contact us

**For information about courses and tuition fees:**

**Please see <http://en.unifg.it/international>**

**For information about:**

- Education agents
- Acceptable qualifications
- Pre-arrival information
- Cost of living
- Scholarships
- Visas

**Please see <http://en.unifg.it/international>**

**For all other information:**

Please contact the International Relations Office here at the University of Foggia:

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