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2. OFFICIAL ARRIVAL DATE

	Official Arrival Date
Semester 1 (Fall 2014)	September 1, 2014 September 15, 2014
Semester 2 (Spring 2015)	February 2, 2015 February 16, 2015

3. ACADEMICS

Students can choose to create their own semester of study by selecting courses from two curricula: UCSC University Academic Curriculum and UCSC International Curriculum*.

Before applying participants should be aware of the requirements that can be found at the following link
<http://www.ucscinternational.it/study-programs-ucsc/academics-exchange>.

Note that applicants for UCSC coursework in Italian must provide an Italian Language Proficiency Report indicating a minimum proficiency level of B2. Applicants will have access to the form upon application. Applicants that cannot provide the Italian Language Proficiency Report upon application or those who do not meet upon application the proficiency level of B2 must guarantee to attend the pre-session Italian Language Course before beginning of classes in order to be accepted at UCSC.

Note that applicants for UCSC coursework in English* that are non-native speaker need to submit a min. TOEFL score of 79 iBT, an IELTS score of 6 or an equivalent certificate (First Certificate of English - Cambridge ESOL / ISE II - Trinity College, London); or have successfully completed a degree program taught in English; or currently studying in English at their home institution.

UCSC UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

<http://www.ucscinternational.it/study-programs-ucsc/ucsc-university-academic-curriculum>

UCSC INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM*

<http://www.ucscinternational.it/study-programs-ucsc/ucsc-international-curriculum>

Academic Calendar

UCSC UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

<http://www.ucscinternational.it/study-programs-ucsc/ucsc-university-academic-curriculum>

Semester 1 (Fall 2014)

Arrival 1: September 1, 2014

Orientation 1: September 2-3-4, 2014

Italian pre-session intensive language course: September 8, 2014 – September 19, 2014

Arrival 2: September 15, 2014

Orientation 2: September 16-17-18 2014

Beginning of classes: September 22, 2014

Public Holidays: November 1, 2014; December 8, 2014

End of classes: December 23, 2014 (Except for I Quarter courses, end of classes: November 15, 2015)

Christmas Holidays: December 24, 2014 – January 6, 2015

Examination Session: January 7, 2015 – February 21, 2015 (Except for I Quarter courses, examination session: November 24, 2014 - December 23, 2014)

Semester 2 (Spring 2015)

Arrival 1: February 2, 2015

Orientation 1: February 3-4-5, 2015

Italian pre-session intensive language course: February 9, 2015 – February 20, 2015

Arrival 2: February 16, 2015

Orientation 2: February 17-18-19, 2015

Beginning of classes: February 23, 2015

Spring Break: April 2, 2015 – April 8, 2015

End of classes: May 30, 2015 (Except for III Quarter courses, end of classes: June 6, 2015)

Public Holidays: April 25, May 1-2, June 2 and June 12, 2015

Examination Session: June 1 - July 25, 2015

UCSC INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM

<http://www.ucscinternational.it/study-programs-ucsc/ucsc-international-curriculum>

Semester 1 (Fall 2014)

Arrival 1: September 1, 2014

Orientation 1: September 2-3-4, 2014

Italian pre-session intensive language course: September 8, 2014 – September 19, 2014

Arrival 2: September 15, 2014

Orientation 2: September 16-17-18 2014

Course Registration: September 10 – 18, 2014

Beginning of classes: September 22, 2014

Fall Break: October 31, 2014 – November 2, 2014

Public Holidays: December 8, 2014

End of classes/exams: December 17, 2014

Semester 2 (Spring 2015)

Arrival 1: February 2, 2015

Orientation 1: February 3-4-5, 2015

Italian pre-session intensive language course: February 9, 2015 – February 20, 2015

Arrival 2: February 16, 2015

Orientation 2: February 17-18-19, 2015
Course Registration: February 11 – 19, 2015
Beginning of classes: February 23, 2015
Spring Break: April 02, 2015 – April 12, 2015
Public Holidays: April 25 and May 1, 2015
End of classes/exams: May 29, 2015

Academic Notes

The home institution sets the policy regarding the award of credits for coursework completed at UCSC. Participants are responsible for knowing their home institution's policies and procedures regarding this matter.

UCSC University Academic Curriculum:

- Students will be allowed to take classes from LAUREA TRIENNALE and LAUREA MAGISTRALE
- Students will be allowed to take classes from all the Faculties/Departments
- Note that the faculty of law offers ONLY year-long courses
- Student are advised to enrol in the pre-session intensive Italian language course since classes and exams are totally run in Italian
- 2014/2015 UCSC University Academic Curriculum offer will be available starting from July
- Students will not have to register for courses; they will be required to register for examination
- Course attendance is not mandatory
- Students may opt among three possible final examination dates for most of the courses

UCSC International Curriculum:

- The International Curriculum courses are elective courses within the Facoltà di Scienze Linguistiche e Letterature Straniere degree course. Elective courses account for 4 ECTS although the courses have a total 44 contact hours. **LLP-Erasmus exchange students are allowed to take a maximum of 2 courses from the International Curriculum and will likely have to complement their course load with UCSC Academic Curriculum Courses in order to satisfy their home institution course load requirements.**
- Non-E.U. students taking courses within the International Curriculum usually enrol in 4 area courses and 1 of the Italian Language options (intensive or semester).
- Students will receive all the information related to course schedule and pre-registration instructions about six weeks before the beginning of classes
- Students will be required to register for courses before beginning of classes on site
- Students will be required to regularly attend courses. They will have one midterm and final examination

4. TRAVEL INFORMATION

From point of arrival in host country to city/town nearest institution:

Please attempt to arrive at Malpensa International Airport, 40 Km from Milan City Center. There is a train connection between Malpensa and Milan (Cadorna Station) every 30 minutes.

From within city/town to institution:

Underground system: Red line, stop at Cadorna Station, 10 minute walk from campus central building. Green line, stop at S.Ambrogio Station, 5 minute walk to campus. Additional information will be provided by e-mail.

5. PLACES TO STAY for participants who cannot avoid arriving before official arrival date or after business hours:

Youth Hostel La Cordata

Via Burigozzo, 11

20123 Milano

www.ostelloburigozzo11.com

Phone Number: +39 02.58314675

Estimated cost per night: from € 21 per night (shared rooms)

Distance from institution: 15 minutes

Ostello Bello

Via Medici, 4

20123 Milano

www.ostellobello.com/en/

Phone Number: +39 02.36582720

Estimated cost per night: from € 28 per night (shared rooms)

Distance from institution: 10 minutes walking distance

6. DESCRIPTION OF ORIENTATION PROGRAM

UCSC International offers two Orientation Events for International Students at the beginning of each semester to provide students with all the necessary information for their stay at UCSC. Orientation Event dates: check paragraph 3 – Academics – Academic calendar.

Orientation Event 1 is **MANDATORY** for students:

- planning to arrive by Monday 1 September, 2014 (Semester 1 – Fall 2014)
by Monday 2 February, 2015 (Semester 2 – Spring 2015)
- enrolled in the pre-session intensive Italian Language Course

Orientation Event 2 is **MANDATORY** for students:

- planning to arrive by Monday 15 September, 2015
by Monday 16 February, 2015
- that did not attend the Orientation Event 1
- that did not attend the pre-session intensive Italian Language Course

The 3 day Orientation Event **program** consists of:

Tuesday: UCSC International Welcome Address and collection of your personalized kit;

Wednesday: Information sessions on Academic and International Curriculum courses; Information session on Permit of Stay; and University campus Tour (EU Students);

Thursday: University campus Tour (Non-Eu students);

During the orientation students will be informed on how to organize their course schedule, select courses, find classrooms, have access to campus facilities (cafeteria, library, health center and sport service etc.). They will also meet student associations and also receive their Cattolica student card/badge along with a personalized folder of information.

7. PRE-SESSION INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES

Pre-session intensive Italian language courses are offered before the beginning of the each semester. The courses are recommended for all participants but not compulsory.

Pre-session language courses are fee-paying courses (except for participants on a Direct-Enrolment). Participants will receive further information upon acceptance.

Dates: Check paragraph 3 – Academics

Level of instruction: Absolute Beginner, Beginner, Lower and Upper Intermediate.

For more information, contact Laura Ferrari (laura.ferrari@unicatt.it).

Course Description: the pre-session intensive Italian Language and Culture course consists in 45 hours (45 minutes each) over 2 weeks (4 ECTS credits). It includes grammar workshops and cultural activities. Upon payment students will have to take an online placement test in order to assess which level is the most appropriate, this also applies to absolute beginners. On orientation, students will have an oral interview with the Italian Language instructors in order to confirm the level of placement.

8. SEMESTER ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Semester Italian language courses are offered throughout the semester and in conjunction with the other academic coursework. The courses are recommended for all participants but not compulsory.

Semester language courses are fee-paying courses (except for participants on a Direct-Enrolment). Participants will receive further information upon acceptance.

Dates: During the semester

Level of instruction: Beginner, Lower Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced.

For more information, contact Laura Ferrari (laura.ferrari@unicatt.it).

Course Description: the semester Italian Language and Culture course consists in 45 hours (45 minutes each) over 2 months (4 ECTS credits). It includes grammar workshops and cultural activities. Upon payment students will have to take an online placement test in order to assess which level is the most appropriate, this also applies to beginners. On orientation, students will have an oral interview with the Italian Language instructors in order to confirm the level of placement.

9. HOUSING & MEALS

A. HOUSING

Our institution offers accommodation via a third-party provider, MIL Service. Type of housing provided: Off-campus apartment or single dorm room w/bath. For more information please check the MIL Service website:

<http://www.milservice.com/>. Visit our website for other options: <http://www.ucscinternational.it/accommodation/>

Admitted students will receive communications and reminders about housing in the pre-arrival process.

Note for Students on a Direct-Enrolment: housing benefits are included in the tuition and begin on the official date of arrival and last through the end of the placement period inclusive of all examination and vacation periods between academic sessions. Housing costs will be included in the request of payment that will be sent one month before the starting of the program.

B. MEALS

Students may choose to use the university campus cafeteria. As enrolled students, participants will have access to the student discounted rate of €7.70 (full meal) or €5.00 (lunch meal).

10. ESTIMATED PERSONAL EXPENSES

In addition to room and board, participants are responsible for all additional personal expenses including: fees not required to all participants (e.g. computer, language, and science lab fees), books, local transportation, entertainment, etc. The amount below is provided as a guide; the actual amount needed will vary depending on courses and personal habits.

Transportation (monthly pass): €22 (+one time 10€ for activation)

Text books/readers: €150

Additional expenses per month are estimated at: € 250-300 (minimum)

11. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS/HEALTH SERVICES

UCSC recommends that Non-E.U. participants take an international insurance before their departure. The health insurance should cover medical evacuation and repatriation.

Students that do not have an international insurance upon arrival will be required to sign up for a local insurance policy. The international Student Services will assist those requiring local insurance.

N.B.: the local insurance does not provide coverage for medical evacuation or repatriation.

Where participant should go if they are in need of medical attention:

Student Health Center

Largo A. Gemelli, 1

20123 - Milano

Palazzo Dominicanum

First Level

Tel. 02.7234.2217

Hours of operation:

Mon to Fri 9.00AM -5.00PM

Consultations are free of charge. Psychological counselling and Medical Specialist are available on demand.

12. TRANSCRIPT ISSUANCE

Semester 1 Late February

Semester 2 End of July

Full Year End of July

Procedure in order to ensure timely processing of transcripts: students need to provide a list of completed exams before returning home (the university will provide such a form before the end of the semester). Students who take late exams may experience some delay in receiving transcript. Please notify International Student Services of any home institution deadline for receiving transcript for graduation, etc.