



For International PhD students

*Arriving in a new city can be a daunting prospect and at The University of Ferrara **we are keen to help you to feel both at ease and welcome in your new home.** At the University of Ferrara, PhD students joining us from overseas and this require a little extra help in finding their way around and settling in. Our aim is to look after the health and well-being of our students in the widest sense.*

The **Doctoral School Office** (<http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato>) and **IUSS-Ferrara 1391** (<http://iuss.unife.it/>) are the **firsts points of contact** for international students and offers a range of services supporting your enrolment, accommodation, study and social life, as well as a referral service facilities on campus.

The **Research Doctorate** programme is three years in length and it is the highest academic degree. Training activities, including international experiences, are focused to form high level researchers. We have **seventeen PhD courses**, shared in **three Schools**: Life, Health and Environment Sciences (SVISA); Humanities and Social Sciences (SUS); Science and Technology (SciTec).

IUSS-Ferrara 1391 promotes and organizes **interdisciplinary cultural and scientific activities** aimed at all postgraduate students.

Bearing in mind its international focus, IUSS-Ferrara 1391 offers Italian students the opportunity to **learn foreign languages** as well as the chance to **learn Italian**.

Each year, IUSS-Ferrara 1391 chooses a scientifically and socially relevant theme that brings together initiatives from all interdisciplinary events and various PhD research area. "**I Colloqui dello IUSS**" are conferences concerning a theme of broad significance, that want to offer to all PhD students and to the city a reflection about scientific, economic and social development.

Each year a specific topic is chosen: the 2011/12 is dedicated to the theme "**Sustainability**".

Stay abroad scholarship

For students enrolled in the first, second and third year PhD courses IUSS gives the opportunity to win some "Stay abroad scholarships" that integrate with a period abroad the research activities for the PhD thesis, carried out through international scientific cooperation.





Accommodation

IUSS-Ferrara 1391 has **its own student accommodation**, which comprises a social and cultural center allowing PhD students to stay in Ferrara and get to know students from other universities in Italy and abroad. Not all PhD students will be allocated accommodation automatically: Interested parties should download the application form for admission to IUSS student accommodation and return it by the specified deadline.

<http://iuss.unife.it/alloggi-en>

University facilities

Sport

The **University Sport Campus** (CUS) have extensive experience in the provision and delivery of a large variety of sports, exercise classes and fitness programmes, with competitive prizes.

<http://www.cusferrara.it/>



Wireless Campus

Students can enjoy free, fast wireless available from most University academic, administrative buildings using *Wi-Fi*.

University Language Centre

Organizes **Italian courses** for international students of all levels who want to improve the language quickly and effectively. The collection of self-learning Language Materials is purposely built for enhancing students learning and proficiency in Italian, English, French and German. It consists of books, Dictionaries, examination papers, CDs, CD-ROMs, VCDs, DVDs.

<http://www.unife.it/centro/linguistico>



Enjoy the city!



Ferrara is a quiet city that invites you to walks and **bike** rides. Its ancient Renaissance lay-out with amazingly wide and straight streets has been very well preserved. Its Medieval Quarter, on the other hand, is characterized by its narrow and winding streets and alleys. The magnificent **Este Castle** irradiates the charm of the Este Family court which is also shown in the famous Schifanoia Palace frescoes. More than this, there are so many fascinating and interesting places you can visit.

We wish you the best time in Ferrara!!

