## **International Relations Office**

# Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Italy

## **Fact Sheet**

#### Website

UCSC's homepage: <a href="www.ucsc.it">www.unicatt.it</a> Webpage for International Exchange students: <a href="www.unicatt.it/internationalrelations/">www.unicatt.it/internationalrelations/</a>

#### Location

Main campus is located in Milan, MI, Italy

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore is located in the heart of downtown Milan, just a few minutes-walk from the city's most beautiful sites, the Duomo, the Galleria, Castello Sforzesco, Santa Maria delle Grazie, and surrounded by the most impressive shopping district. The historic city of Milan is the capital of Lombardy in the central Po valley, which is Italy's richest, most populated and most economically active region. It is a driving force for great social, economic, cultural and political events. This vitality makes it one of the most attractive cities in Europe!

#### **Accommodation costs**

International Exchange Students may live in university housing (collegio). Most students are in single rooms, although depending on availability double rooms may be assigned. Rooms are grouped around shared facilities. Students may have meals included with the cost of board if they reside in dorms with cafeteria (mensa). Meal plans are available. There are laundry facilities, computer rooms and activity/game room. Cost may vary between €2000 and €3000 per semester.

Due to limited availability of rooms in university housing, students may be offered to stay in shared apartments (4-6 students) located in downtown Milan. Cost will range between €600 and €850 per month, depending on the options selected by students (meal plan, fast speed internet connection, etc.).

#### Costs

Costs vary considerably according to individual requirements and tastes. UCSC suggest a recommended minimum of €350-€500 per month to cover the cost of food, books, clothing and personal expenses.

#### Currency

The currency is the Euro (€)

#### Visas

For current visa information, contact the Italian Embassy or Consulate. For more information see:

http://www.esteri.it/visti/index eng.asp



### **Disciplines**

UCSC is appropriate for most majors (except engineering and IT/computer science). Strong areas are:

- Economics/Business Management
- International Relations/ Political Science
- Education
- Arts & Sciences

Note: Language of instruction is Italian

## Structure of University

Academic activities are grouped in Departments (Facoltà) for the undergraduate (laurea triennale), graduate (laurea specialistica/magistrale) and doctoral degree programs. There are 5 post- graduate schools (alte scuole) that deliver Master's and other professional training programs.

UCSC does offer a number of study options in English for international students in various fields and levels of study, undergraduate and graduate. Students should take at least 2 semesters of Italian prior to the experience to be eligible for study at UCSC

For more information see the International Relations website: www.unicatt.it/internationalrelations.

## Average semester work-load

UCSC students study for 30 ECTS credits per semester, however the actual course load could vary as courses' ECTS value can vary between 2 – 10 ECTS. International students usually register for 3-4 courses per semester with an additional course dedicated to the study of the Italian language.

## **Subjects**

Classes are called either "lezione" or "esame". Students actually register for the exam rather than the course unlike at U.S. institutions. Subjects are distributed through the Facoltà.

To access the listing of courses offered at UCSC, see

http://www.unicatt.it/ECTS or the International Relations Office page for listings of course options in English.

## **General Semester dates**

Fall Semester: September – January Spring Semester: January - July

International Exchange students usually arrive a month before the official start of classes for an intensive language course of Italian of 3 weeks (see International Relations Office web page for further information).

## For More Information Contact:

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