

UNIVERSITÀ DI PADOVA

The University of Padua was established in **1222**, after a group of students and teachers decided to come here from Bologna. They set up a free body of scholars, who were grouped according to their place of origin into **nationes**, in which students approved statutes, elected the rettore (rector, or chancellor) and chose their teachers, who were paid with money the students collected. **Defending freedom of thought in study and teaching** became a distinctive feature which today lives on in the University motto: ***Universa Universis Patavina Libertas***.

The introduction of empirical and experimental methods together with the teaching of theory marked the dawn of a golden age. In the 16th and 17th centuries, Padua became a **workshop of ideas and the home to figures who changed the cultural and scientific history of humanity**. They included **Andrea Vesalio**, who founded modern anatomy, as well as the astronomer **Copernicus**, and **Galileo**, who observed the skies here.

Why study at Padua University?

1. A broad range of multidisciplinary courses - Padua offers a broad and comprehensive portfolio of programmes; interconnections among the different disciplines generate a vibrant and stimulating learning environment.
2. Superior education - The University of Padua is a TOP 250 university in the world. It is also recognised as the best university in Italy for teaching quality (based on the 2018 evaluation of ANVUR, the Agency of the Italian Ministry of University and Research in charge of assessing university performance). It provides a solid academic background and excellent training, ensuring that graduates can brilliantly succeed in their professions.
3. A leading international university for research - the University of Padua is one of the most cited universities in the world. Academic staff develop ground-breaking research tackling global challenges and supporting the advancement of knowledge, science and society. The University is recognised as the best university in Italy for research quality (ANVUR 2018).
4. Service quality - 90% of students are highly satisfied with their academic career and student experience at the University of Padua (National Graduate Survey, Almalaurea 2019).
5. One of Europe's oldest and most renowned universities - It was founded in 1222 by students and lecturers in a bid to spread freedom of thought within study and teaching. Since then, students, researchers and alumni have deeply contributed to the improvement of knowledge, science and society.
6. An international community - A large and vibrant international community of staff, students and alumni support the development of the University's missions at global level. The University participates in leading international networks, and its research and teaching projects involve lecturers from all over the world. Students can benefit from internationalised curricula and numerous study abroad opportunities.
7. Financial incentives - Padua's fees are extremely competitive when compared with those of other top-ranking universities. The University of Padua grants a large number of merit-based and income-based scholarships sponsoring international students' tuitions and/or living costs.
8. A student-centred town - The University affords a unique learning environment and is intertwined with the town and its layout. Its research centres, Departments and Schools are located across the town, and its students account for over 30% of the local population.
9. A unique setting - Padua is a welcoming and charming city, ensuring one of the finest experiences of Italian arts, culture and lifestyle. It combines history, culture and art with thriving businesses in every sector.
10. Strategic position - Efficient air, rail and road transportation links with the main cities in Italy and abroad international cities.

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