

UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA

Officially founded in 1343, the University of Pisa has deep roots in Italian and European history. Its origins probably date back to the eleventh century. In the twelfth century Pisa already boasted a “Universitas” in the original sense of the word: a community of students and lecturers. Leonardo Fibonacci, the famous mathematician who introduced Greek geometry and Arabic mathematics to Europe, worked here.

In 1343, Pope Clement VI's bull *In Supremae Dignitatis* officially recognised the University as a *Studio Generale*, granting it unique privileges and autonomy that were only afforded to other European cities such as Prague and Heidelberg.

Why study at University of Pisa?

1. The **University of Pisa** (Università di Pisa) is one of the most renowned educational institutions in Italy. Although formally founded in 1343, there are records to indicate that the university has been active since the 11th century.
2. Famous alumni of the university include **Galileo Galilei** and **Antonio Pacinotti**, Nobel Prize winners such as **Giosuè Carducci** (Literature), **Enrico Fermi** (Physics) and **Carlo Rubbia** (Physics), and Fields medalists **Enrico Bombieri** and **Alessio Figalli** (Mathematics).
3. Nowadays the University of Pisa represents a prestigious modern centre for teaching and advanced research.
4. Almost all of its departments are located in the heart of the city in both the historical centre and the outer districts. Most facilities can be reached on foot within 20 minutes from the centre of Pisa.
5. The University of Pisa ranks third in Italy among mega state universities (those with over 40,000 students), following the Universities of Padua and Bologna.
6. The University of Pisa is a leading research university, with its faculty members actively engaged in research projects in a variety of fields.
7. The university's research centers and laboratories are working on solving real-world problems in a variety of fields, including engineering, medicine, the natural sciences, and the arts and humanities.
8. The University of Pisa has a strong international outlook, and its students have the opportunity to study abroad and participate in international exchange programs.
9. The university also has a large international student population, with students from over 100 countries around the world.
10. The University of Pisa's sporting facilities are among the best in the country and reflect the popularity and significance of sports at the university. This is evident in the wide range of both indoor and outdoor facilities available. The University Sports Centre of Pisa (CUS) is a member of CONI (the Italia Olympic Committee) and offers a full programme of fitness classes including aerobics, gymnastics, yoga and pilates. The centre has modern facilities and is used by many students.

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