

UNIVERSITY OF CAMERINO



UNICAM: WE LIKE IT

For a student, choosing a university is like deciding to depart on an adventurous journey for an important and extraordinary period of his or her life.

The University of Camerino not only assures its students good academic quality, but also assures a good quality of life, thanks to premises and services that are technologically advanced and in perfect harmony with their natural surroundings.

UNICAM aims at ensuring that the educational process is particularly productive and serene for its students.

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CAMERINO

THE TOWN

The town of Camerino of today, with its approximately 7,500 inhabitants, is located in the heart of the region of Marche, 661 meters above sea level, on the crest that separates the valley of the Chienti river from that of the Potenza river.

The town, of pre-roman origin, has held important political and ecclesiastical roles throughout the centuries reaching a notable level of economic and civil development. Its University was founded nearly 700 years ago and is, today, a very active center of learning.

This and the wealth of its monuments make Camerino note-worthy as a center of culture and art.

ITS HISTORY

The ancient settlement of 'Umbris Camerti', from which Camerino takes its name, comes from the word Kamars meaning rock, in 309 AD stipulated an 'aequum foedus' or treaty of equals, with Rome. During the period of the empire, as a commune and then as a colony, it had its own magistrates.

The Diocese dates back to the 5th century AD and till this day is the most extensive Diocese in the region of Marche despite the reductions that have been made to it throughout the centuries.

During the age of the Longobards, Camerino was the capital of a dukedom and in the period of the Franks it was the capital of the region then known as 'Marca'. Its communal life started early. In 1259 it was destroyed by the army of Manfredi for its loyalty to the pope.

The da Varano family were protagonists in the recovery and development of Camerino making it the major town in Marche.

CAMERINO



They established a government of nobles and remained in power as dukes until 1539. They encouraged a splendid age of culture and economic growth.

The passage of Camerino, as a state and Dukedom, to the Papal state, didn't eliminate its cultural vocation.

The number of its academies and scholastic institutions multiplied, and buildings and works of art continued to embellish the city.

ITS NATURAL SETTING

Thanks to its geographical position, the town of Camerino has a healthy climate with cold winters and warm, dry summers.

It lies on the border of the Sibylline Mountain National Park and is close to other places of great environmental and

naturalistic interest, such as the natural reserve of Torricchio, owned by the university, the regional Park of Colfiorito and the Caves of Frasassi.

Camerino is a short distance from the ski slopes of the Sibylline mountain range (Mount Vettore is 2476 meters high), and at the same time only 45 minutes from the beaches of the Adriatic sea.

Camerino thus enables you to be in contact with nature in any season.

TOWN LIFE

Theatrical and musical programs, concerts, cinemas, museums and cultural events, as well as its human dimension all offer interesting opportunities to the visitor and the student.



UNICAM SATELLITE SITES

MATELICA

Most of the life of Matelica revolves around the central Piazza Mattei, with its elegant seventeenth century fountain. Around it you'll find the town's chief attractions - the Loggia of the Ottoni family, built by the town's ruling family in 1511 and the 13th century Palazzo Pretorio, topped by an 18th century tower. Also worthy of note are the cathedral, with 15th century bell tower, in Corso Vittorio Emanuele, and the church of the Maddalena, with its Romanesque portal and façade. A visit to the Civic Museum, the Piersanti Museum, the Piermarini Theatre (built at the end of the 19th century in the traditional horseshoe shape) and the City Library is strongly suggested.

ASCOLI PICENO

Founded by the Italic population of Piceni, Ascoli Piceno is the major town of southern Marche. Though a sizeable town with a population of 60,000, its historic centre can easily be covered on foot. If you are wandering round the old quarter that stretches from the banks of the Tronto river to Corso Mazzini, the city main street, be sure to walk along via Soderini and via di Solestà, two characteristic streets. The central historical part of the city is built in marble called travertino, a greyhued stone extracted from the surrounding mountains. According to traditional accounts, Ascoli Piceno was home to more than two hundred towers in the Middle Ages: today some fifty can still be seen.

SATELLITE SITES

SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

This is one of the main holiday resorts of the southern Marche and, with over 7,000 palm trees on its wide promenade, it has a touch of tropical charm.

But it's also a thriving town that doubles as one of the most important fishing ports on the Adriatic coast. The older part of the town sits above the main resort, on the far side of Corso Mazzini, with its castle and narrow streets brick houses.

In summer this is a popular resort and even a lively place with a fun nightlife that's great if you're younger.

The most pleasant stretch of beach - and the highest concentration of good hotels - runs from the centre of town southwards.

The beach to the north of the large port area is less inviting although it offers many more stretches of free, public beach.





THE UNIVERSITY

ITS TRADITION

The great literate and jurist Cino da Pistoia, who lived in Marche in the years 1319-21, and in Camerino in the spring of 1321, remembers the territory as having an exceptional number of juridical schools, to be found even in the neighbouring villages.

Camerino, which became a centre of learning as early as the year 1200 offering courses in civil law, canonical law, medicine and literary studies, is the first region to be uplifted to the level of overall Center of Learning. Upon the request of Gentile III of Varano, Pope Gregorio XI, by way of the apostolic authority he possessed and by a papal edict directed to the commune and the people (January 29th, 1377), decided to authorise Camerino to confer, (after appropriate examination) bachelor and doctorate degrees.

On the 15th of July of the year 1727, Benedict XIII re-founded the Universitas



Studii Generalis with the faculties of Theology, Law, Medicine and Mathematics; on April 13th, 1753, Emperor Francesco Stefano I of Habsburg Lorena extended the validity of the degrees taken in Camerino to the entire territory of the Holy Roman Empire and conferred the title of rector to its head, and the situation remained so up until 1958, when it became the state university it is today.

UNIVERSITY

INNOVATION AND QUALITY

Care for the student is the guideline that determines the choices the University of Camerino makes. This means that innovative ideas and proposals keep stemming from the ancient heart of this university, and have lead, for one, to its straining for an overall system of quality. University of Camerino has seven 'Schools': Architecture and Design, Bioscience and Biotechnology, Law, Pharmacy, Environmental Science, Veterinary Medical Science, Science and Technology.

The new rule of Camerino University (published in March 2009 in the Official Journal of Italian Republic) joint together training and research making unique structures: faculties and scientific departments are now together in 7 scientific Schools.

UNICAM has also satellite sites in Matelica, Ascoli Piceno e San Benedetto del Tronto.

Organized and structured services allow all students to study with profit, also to the their first year at UNICAM (short name of this ancient University full

immersed in nature, history and art).

University of Camerino is the site of the natural place to learn, where spaces and appropriate tools are available for



students, and where continuous relations with teaching staff are possible thanks to the professor/student ratio in favour of the students. UNICAM offers lodging in either small apartments or university dormitories with over 800 hundred beds and good quality cafeterias.

UNICAM offer Degree Courses of certified quality, which respond well to the complexity and progress of the social and economic framework. A lot of diversified Courses are offered and the specific study itineraries are designed on the basis of suggestions made by economic and professional personal.

In particular, in line with its policy to increase international cooperation and to establish an international higher education network, UNICAM offers a comprehensive range of programs, ranging from undergraduate courses to doctorate studies, especially designed for international students, with lectures in English. Since 2005, UNICAM has also



instituted an International School of Advanced Studies with the objective of increasing the participation of foreign students in its PhD programs. Foreign students will receive preferential treatment in the awarding of PhD student scholarships for the International School of Advanced Studies.

Holder of the quality control certification of ISO 9001:2000, by the certifying company AFAQ France, for all university



activities and services, cultural and sporting activities, tutoring services, certified

language skills and trainingship for all university students in leading sector companies, high level and innovative masters, job placement upon graduation: just some aspects of this modern University as well as of ancient tradition.

For all offered courses, the teaching method aims mainly to integrate the fundamental aspects of theoretical didactics with the early professional inclusion in dynamic and competitive framework, and also aims to obtain and merge three results: curiosity, knowledge and know-how.

UNICAM has also an important tradition in scientific research and a lot of innovative research programmes and activities.

Since 2005, UNICAM has adopted, like other Italian Universities, the European Charter for Researchers and a Code of Conduct for their Recruitment (signature took place in Camerino, July 7th 2005).

UNIVERSITY



▷ ORIENTATION AND THE USE OF THE CREDIT SYSTEM

ORIENTATION

UNICAM, in collaboration with secondary schools, provides an orientation service, organising 'stage' (work experience) within the University premises, guided



visits of the University and organises for professors and students to meet.

An important occasion to get to know each other is created which helps the student to understand, to clear up any of the legitimate doubts he has regarding the University Faculty of has choice and therefore enables him to make a more qualified and motivated choice of what he wants to study.

The journey can begin even earlier

For students attending secondary school the credit project has been created: it is possible to enter UNICAM already possessing a certain package of credits

earned through the secondary school program and evaluated on entry at UNICAM on the basis of previous agreements with the high schools concerned.

It is also possible to experience university life during the secondary school years through a type of 'stage', or working experience at the University itself.

This, too, aims at assisting the student in making a good choice, to the advantage of his future career as a student.

TO ORIENT
YOURSELF



▷ THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND THE DEGREES

WHAT ARE CREDITS?

Thanks to the establishment of the credit system, it is possible, today, to attribute a quantitative value to the hours the student devotes to a particular university program, or in other words quantify the number of working hours the student needs to complete his university degree. One credit is defined to be 25 hours of time spent studying on the whole and includes time spent in the classroom, drill and practice, work in the lab and individual study time.

Together with the credit, the unit of measure that enables a quantitative evaluation of the student, is the mark, that represents the qualitative measurement of a student's accomplishment.

Credits are a fundamental element in the attainment of a degree and something that can be 'spent' even after the degree, should the student continue his academic career.

UNICAM offers a rich and varied choice of Bachelor Degrees, as well as numerous opportunities for continuing studies at a higher level with Master Degrees, Post Graduate Intensive Courses (University Master), Schools of Specialisation and Doctorate Degrees.



COURSES



THE BACHELOR DEGREE

This is the lowest degree offered by the university. It is earned on having obtained 180 credits and usually requires three years of time.

It guarantees a basic theoretical understanding of the subjects chosen by the student integrated with a formation designed to enable an adequate entrance onto the job market. With the introduction of the three year Bachelor Degrees the traditional four and five year degrees and University Diplomas are disappearing. The exceptions are Degrees in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies: in these cases, in fact, only five year master degree programs are possible and they are regulated by the European Union.

THE MASTER DEGREE

The Master Degree is a choice open to those having a Bachelor degree.

It is earned on having obtained 120 credits (in addition to those obtained with the Bachelor) and usually requires two years to complete.

The Master degree prepares the student for specific professions where elevated qualification is required.



DOUBLE DEGREE

The University of Camerino is distinguished within the Italian scene by the number and quality of agreements with foreign Institutes and Universities. Thanks to these agreements there is now the opportunity to pursue Dual Masters Degree Programmes. These programmes, developed and organised jointly by the institutions, leads to two recognised Masters degree certificates, one from the

POST GRADUATE INTENSIVE COURSES (UNIVERSITY MASTER)

These are post graduate certifications: post Bachelor degree (1st level Master) or post Master degree (2nd level Master).

A Master provides professional knowledge and know-how and is also open to the practising professional who needs further qualifications.

As compared to other courses of



student's home institution and the other from the host institution.

Within this programme students must follow teaching activities for one year in the partner Institution.

specialisation at University, these courses confer an academic title.

It is obtained with a minimum of 60 credits in addition to those obtained with the bachelor or master degrees.

COURSES

THE DOCTORATE DEGREE - PhD

The Doctor of Philosophy degree represents the highest level of university education. It lasts 3 or 4 years and is open only to those who have completed the Master degree.

Admission is competitive and by examination and is reserved to a limited number of students who will eventually receive the title of PhD.



THE COURSES OF SPECIALISATION

These are post bachelor or post master degree courses of specialisation, that provide knowledge and know-how for the practice of specific professions.

The course is of at least 2 years in length and it is completed after the attainment of 300 to 360 credits. The student then receives a diploma of specialisation.



▷ THE SERVICES UNICAM OFFERS ITS STUDENTS

THE SERVICES THAT SUPPORT THE ACCADEMIC ASPECT

TUTORING

A tutoring service offered by professors and young graduates is made available to University students that are in difficulty or simply need information.

The UNICAM tutor, that is also available on-line, responds to the academic needs of the student (study program, studying for examinations, methods of study, work training programs ('stage') and is committed to introducing the student to university life and its methods and procedures so helping the student to overcome difficulties quickly.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AND FINANCIAL HELP

UNICAM annually provides 'grants for excellence' in goods and services for newly-registered students with high academic achievement, bursaries, a tuition-fee reduction for merit and special consideration to working students.



SERVICES



STAGE AND PLACEMENT

The service offers internships as training experiences within a work context (public and private companies and institutions, service providers both in Italy and abroad).

In these, learning, knowledge and know-how are tightly integrated. The service provides different tools to help students enter the world of work.

The UNICAM Data Base permits students and graduates to place their curriculum on-line, and to choose among many internship offers.

OTHER SERVICES AND LEISURE TIME

SERVICES ON LINE

UNICAM enables you to use the web to apply for admission as well as to register for successive academic years. It offers its students free access to internet and a personalised electronic mailing address.

WHERE TO LODGE

UNICAM offers lodging in either residences or university colleges, with over 800 beds and good quality cafeterias. The University, by way of a database, collaborates with the municipality of Camerino and ERSU (The Regional Institute for the Right to Education) in order to offer assistance to students who don't come from Camerino and who are searching for housing.

ASSISTANCE TO THE DISABLED

Particular attention is given to disabled students: specialised tutors are made available, they are given help with administrative procedures, provision is made for the use of technological and teaching aids, they receive free urban transport, logistic assistance, campus housing designed for disabled persons, the exemption or partial exemption from University tuition fees and free access to sports facilities.

SPORTS

‘Mens sana in corpore sano’ (a healthy mind in a healthy body): thanks to CUS, the University Sports Center, and the contributions of ERSU, the student has access to modern, functional, sports facilities just like those on the best of

American campuses. There are covered structures for swimming, basketball, volley-ball, aerobics and other sports. Other activities such as athletics, biking, mountain biking, jogging etc. find their best natural setting with UNICAM.



STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

UNICAM sponsors a number of different student's associations that can respond to the student's needs when he is not studying, from a logistics point of view and by offering group activities.

SERVICES

UNICAM SCHOOLS

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

BIOSCIENCE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

LAW

PHARMACY

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

VETERINARY MEDICAL SCIENCE

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

An overview of the academic courses is available on
http://www.unicam.it/studenti/guida_studente.asp

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