Navigating the Learning Agreement at the University of Siena

A Guide for Incoming Exchange Students
Welcome to the University of Siena!

We are excited to have you join us for your exchange program. This guide will help you navigate the Learning Agreement process, course selection, and other important details to ensure a smooth and successful academic experience.

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Provisional Learning Agreement

Exchange students must complete a Learning Agreement with the list of courses they intend to take at the University of Siena. This agreement must be signed by:

- The student
- The responsible person at the sending university
- The responsible person at the receiving institution (University of Siena)

Quick tip!
The responsible person at the University of Siena is the academic Erasmus/Exchange coordinator (USiena Exchange Coordinator).

Finding Your USiena Exchange Coordinator

Log in to your “Segreteria online”.

MENU ➤ Home ➤ Mobilità internazionale in entrata ➤ Application form for incoming students

You will find a summary of your application with the name and email address of your USiena Exchange Coordinator.
Deadlines for Learning Agreement Submission

It is very important for students to follow all the deadlines as no exception can be made.

Submission Deadlines:
• First Semester Students: July 1st to September 15th, 2024
• Second Semester Students: December 1st, 2024 to February 15th, 2025.

Fun Fact!

UniSi had 16,000 students in 2022, which was nearly one-third of Siena’s total population of around 53,000.

Submitting the Learning Agreement

How to Send Your Learning Agreement:

• **European Students**: Fill out the Learning Agreement on the OLA platform and include the name and email address of the USiena Exchange Coordinator in the “Receiving Responsible Person” section.

• **Non–European Students or European Students Not Enabled on the OLA Platform**: Download the form [here](#) and email it as a PDF to the USiena Exchange Coordinator.
Final Learning Agreement

- **First Semester Students:**
  - Submission Window: September 1st to September 30th.
  - Modification Deadline: October 23rd, 2024.

- **Second Semester Students:**
  - Submission Window: February 1st to March 7th.
  - Modification Deadline: March 25th, 2025.

**Instructions:**
- Once your final Learning Agreement is signed by the USiena Exchange Coordinator, upload it here.
- If modifications are needed, update the “during the mobility” section and get it signed by all parties.
- Upload the modified agreement here.

**Note:** Students can attend classes even if the learning agreement hasn’t been uploaded on segreteria online.

USiena Course Catalogue

For a detailed list of courses taught at the University of Siena, refer to the "Planning your degree” online platform. You can search by academic year, department, degree, study field (SSN), language of teaching, and module name.

**Information Provided:**
- Professor’s name
- ECTS credits
- Semester
- Module description and content
- Timetable link (when available)

**Quick tip! 🌟**
Incoming students can select courses from bachelor’s or master’s studies regardless of their own study level.

**Note:** Use current academic year information for course planning.
Searching for courses

You can find the page to search for all the courses UniSi provides by going to

Unisi.it ► Segreterie Online ► Cerca l'insegnamento

Or clicking here

You can find all the courses filtered by department, Course, Language, Year and key words here.

You can find the complete details of the course here.

Quick tip!

You can also filter courses by teachers if you are looking for a specific teacher delivered course.
Course Registration and ECTS Credits

Registering for Courses:
The Learning Agreement itself represents your registration for the chosen courses. You can attend all courses from the start of the semester.

Your study plan (libretto) will be uploaded into your “Segreteria Online” for exam registration (appelli).

ECTS Credits:

• All study programs at USiena are measured in ECTS credits.
• 1 ECTS credit equals 25 hours of workload.
• Full-time one-year study program: 60 credits (30 per semester).

Note: Students must register for exams on segreteria online even if they are already enrolled for course on moodle.

Assessing and Grading System

Assessment:
• Credits are earned upon passing course assessments.
• Exams are mainly oral, with some written tests.
• Multiple exam dates are available.
• Students can retake exams if not satisfied with their grades, subject to specific rules.

Grading System:
• Scale: 0 to 30, with 18 as the passing mark.
• “Cum laude” (30 e lode) is a distinction for outstanding performance.

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University of Siena awaits you!

We hope you have a wonderful academic journey with us. For any further assistance, please reach out to the contacts listed below. Enjoy your stay and study at the University of Siena!

• Incoming Mobility Office (Before the mobility): incoming@unisi.it

• Academic Office (During the study period): exchange.academic@unisi.it

Additional Resources links:
• University Website
• Segreteria online
• Incoming international students website
• Planning your degree
• USiena course catalogue
• ECTS conversion tables
• OLA platform
• Logging into your online learning agreement
• Creating your online learning agreement
• Guidelines on how to use the learning agreement for studies
• Making changes to your online learning agreement
• Exchange Academic Office
• USiena teachers
• UNISI Virtual Office