



STUDYING AT SCUOLA NORMALE SUPERIORE (SNS) FIRENZE I PISA02

ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year at SNS officially starts on the 18th October. Classes and seminars usually begin in October/November and last through May/June, with a Christmas and an Easter break (an average of 3 weeks and 1 week, respectively).

Throughout the academic year, many shorter seminars in a wide array of disciplines are also offered at SNS. All related info are regularly published on our website (see [SEMINARI](#)).

ECTS CREDITS

The Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS), given its peculiarity, does not adopt a credit system to define the weight of its own courses and seminars, which can only be expressed in work hours.

However, some Sending Institutions accept to convert SNS work hours in credits, according to their own scale. Please ask your Sending Institution if it operates this conversion and how.

[Third cycle \(PhD\) students](#) usually do not need their activities to be expressed in credits, as they are usually planned and recognized at their thesis supervisors' discretion.

At the end of the mobility period, the [SNS International Office](#) will issue a **Transcript of Records**, featuring all activities carried out at SNS ([in work hours](#)).
Each Sending Institution will thus be able to recognize them, according to its own evaluation system.

COURSE OFFERINGS at SNS – Department of Political and Social Sciences

Course offerings for PhD students will be available online by October: we suggest you to check frequently the following pages [Department of Political and Social Sciences](#) and [PhD Course Catalogue](#).

Furthermore you can choose your scientific supervisor at SNS among our professors and assistant professors listed in this [page](#).

ERASMUS & SEMP STUDENTS >> LEARNING AGREEMENT

Learning Agreement for Study should be provided by your IRO office, filled in the details of your study plan, signed and submitted to international@sns.it so that our own Erasmus Coordinator can validate and sign it.

Here is a **sample form** including SNS data: [form](#).

There is no deadline for submitting your Learning Agreement, but we suggest you mail it a few days before your arrival in Firenze.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- ✓ [How to reach us](#)
- ✓ [Practical information](#)
- ✓ [ICT Helpdesk](#) Webmail: please note that @sns.it is a Google Mail account!

SNS WEBSITE

[Erasmus & Exchange Students - Visiting Students](#)

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

[SNS International Office](#) will be in touch for nomination acceptance received from your IRO office, then [SNS Secretary staff](#) in Firenze will be in touch for following steps.

[We look forward to meeting you!](#)