



## STUDYING AT SCUOLA NORMALE SUPERIORE (SNS) I PISA02

### ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year at SNS officially starts on the 18th October while in the rest of the Italian Universities starts on the 1st November.

Seminars and lessons at SNS begin in November and they usually last for the whole academic year (November-June) with a break during Christmas and Easter holidays (respectively 3 weeks and 1 week).

During the academic year it is possible to attend shorter activities, mostly seminars, that will be organized in several disciplines and published on our website.

### 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.

First (BA) and Second (MA) cycle students are allowed to earn the amount of credits they need to obtain their home institution degrees at the University of Pisa (UNIFI), where they can require to be enrolled as well.

Third cycle (PhD) students usually do not need any credit evaluation for their activities, which are usually planned and recognized on suggestion of their thesis Supervisors.

Recognition of the components carried out during the mobility will be done at the end of the mobility with the **Transcript of Records**, that will be released by the SNS International Office for all activities carried out at SNS and, if included, at UNIFI.

With this certificate, each "Sending Institution" will be able to recognize credits for all activities undertaken, according to their own evaluation system or ECTS.

### DIDACTIC OFFER - SNS

Calendars and didactic offer will be published within September, for undergraduates and Master students, and in October, for PhD students: we suggest you to check frequently the following pages [Faculty of Humanities](#) or [Faculty of Mathematical and Natural Sciences](#).

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

## DIDACTIC OFFER – UNIPI (bachelor and master students only)

If you wish to include one or more courses at the University of Pisa, their didactic offer is available in this [portal](#) >> Areas Humanities and Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences  
Then see below “how to attend courses at UNIPI”.

## HOW TO ATTEND COURSES AT UNIPI

You can enroll at UNIPI, as Erasmus or Exchange students at SNS, by following these three steps:

1. Write to [international@sns.it](mailto:international@sns.it) letting us know that you wish to enroll also at UNIPI.
2. Proceed with the online registration through the [Alice portal](#), starting from this section [REGISTRATION PROCEDURE FOR INCOMING ERASMUS STUDENTS](#) while you are still abroad.
3. Complete your enrolment at UNIPI, once you arrive in Pisa, by booking an online appointment available in this [calendar](#) (constantly updated) that will be held at WIS! Via F. Buonarroti n.4 – Edificio E Aula PS1.

## ERASMUS STUDENTS

**Learning Agreement for Study** should be provided by your IRO office, filled with your study plan and signatures, then submitted to [international@sns.it](mailto:international@sns.it) in order to be signed by our Erasmus Coordinator; check our [form](#) for SNS data.

No deadline foreseen for receiving your Learning Agreement filled in and signed, but we suggest to send it via mail few days before your arrival in Pisa.

## NON-ERASMUS STUDENTS

In order to plan your study activities at SNS and, if included, at UNIPI, we recommend you to fill the [Study Plan for Exchange Students](#) to be sent to [international@sns.it](mailto:international@sns.it) at the beginning of your mobility.

## ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE AT CLI UNIPI

Scuola Normale Superiore offers to its foreign guests - whose staying in Pisa lasts three months - a free Italian language course that will be advertised few weeks before the beginning, via mailing list.

This course will allow you to obtain 4 ECTS ([See info](#))

Sessions should be held in October-December 2016, February-April 2017 and May-June 2017.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

- ✓ [How to reach us](#)
- ✓ [Practical information](#)
- ✓ [Campus life](#)
- ✓ [Support centers](#)

## LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Our office is located in Palazzo della Carovana - Piazza dei Cavalieri – second floor (rooms 37-38).

We look forward to seeing you!