



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

### ACADEMIC YEAR

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

For the rest of Italian universities (including the University of Pisa), while the academic year starts on the 1st of November, classes normally begin in the second half of September.

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 [AVVISI](#)).

### 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.

First (BA) and Second (MA) cycle students are allowed to earn the amount of credits they need by enrolling at the University of Pisa (UNIFI) and passing the exams they choose (as the UNIFI does adopt a credit system). 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. If not, simply enroll at UNIFI.

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) and, if applicable, at UNIFI as well (in ECTS). Each Sending Institution will thus be able to recognize them, according to its own evaluation system.

### COURSE OFFERINGS at SNS

Course offerings for undergraduate and Master students will be available online by September (by October for PhD students): we suggest you to check frequently the following pages [Faculty of Humanities](#) or [Faculty of Mathematical and Natural Sciences](#) and [Undergraduate Courses Catalogue](#) or [PhD Course Catalogue](#).

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

### COURSE OFFERINGS at UNIFI (*ONLY for Erasmus-SEMP- Exchange students – BA & MA Cycle*)

If you need or wish to take one or more courses at the University of Pisa, you can look at its course offerings in this [portal](#) selecting either “Humanities” or “Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences”.

## HOW TO ATTEND COURSES at UNIPI (ONLY for Erasmus-SEMP- Exchange students – BA & MA Cycle)

You can enroll at UNIPI, as Erasmus or Exchange students at SNS, by following these 3 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 Erasmus-SEMP-Exchange STUDENTS](#) prior to departure from your home country.
3. Upon arrival in Pisa, complete your enrolment procedure by booking an online appointment. Choose among available dates (check this constantly updated [calendar](#)); appointments will be held at WIS! (Welcome International Students!) Office, located in Lungarno Pacinotti, 44.

## HOW TO TAKE EXAMS at UNIPI (ONLY for Erasmus-SEMP- Exchange students – BA & MA Cycle)

To register for UNIPI exams, go to this [page](#) and use the menu on the left to check syllabi, dates, and deadlines for subscriptions (usually up to two-three days before the exam date).

## 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](mailto: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 Pisa.

## EXCHANGE & VISITING STUDENTS >> STUDY PLAN

Exchange and visiting students should fill in and submit the [Study Plan for Exchange Students](#) to be sent to [international@sns.it](mailto:international@sns.it) at the beginning of the mobility period.

## ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE \* CLI UNIPI

Scuola Normale Superiore offers to all foreign guests who will stay in Pisa for three months or longer a free Italian language course. The beneficiaries will be notified via mailing list. This course will enable you to obtain 4 ECTS ([See info](#))

Expected sessions: October-December 2017 - February-April 2018 - May-June 2018

## USEFUL INFORMATION

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

## SNS WEBSITE

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

## LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Our offices are located in Palazzo della Carovana - Piazza dei Cavalieri – 2nd floor (rooms 36-37-38).

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