



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).

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.

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 in PISA (*)

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 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](#).

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 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 at the beginning of the mobility period.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE

Scuola Normale Superiore offers to all foreign guests who will stay in Pisa for three months or longer a free Italian language course.

All beneficiaries will be notified via mailing list with all details some weeks before the beginning.

Expected sessions: February-April 2019 - May-June 2019

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 7 (2nd floor-rooms 36-37-38).

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

(*) See INFO-SHEET for Erasmus Incoming students to SNS – [Department Political and Social Sciences](#) in FIRENZE