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The Department at a glance



Welcome to our Department

The Department of Law of the University of Ferrara was established in 2012, taking up the tasks formerly entrusted to the Department of Legal Sciences and to



the Law Faculty, one of the oldest in Europe, founded by Marquis Alberto V d'Este in 1391.

The Department of Law continues their tradition as an outstanding

and lively centre of scientific research, coupled with excellent teaching and a friendly environment, where exchange students and visiting scholars can easily feel at home.



Approximately 2,000 students are regularly enrolled at the Department; in 2016-2017, they were joined by 69 students from 15 countries.

The Department of Law – member of the *European Law Faculties Association* – has concluded a wide network agreements relating to student mobility and staff exchanges, involving partners in Europe and elsewhere.

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We look forward to welcoming you in Ferrara!

Undergraduate programmes and double degrees

The Department of Law currently offers a five-year programme of *Laurea Magistrale* in Law, which provides students with a comprehensive legal education



with a special focus on the law of European integration, and a three-year programme in Legal services, more centred on practical legal training.

The Department also offers a five-year programme in the Rovigo Campus, 40 km North of Ferrara.

Exchange students may take courses from each of those curricula, as well as from other Departments at our University.



The Department of Law runs two double degree programmes with prestigious foreign Universities. A double degree programme *Laurea in Giurisprudenza / Grado en Derecho* is organized jointly with the University of Granada, while a programme *Laurea in Giurisprudenza / Licence en droit, Master 1, Master 2* is in place with the University of Strasbourg. Another double degree *Laurea Triennale in Operatore dei servizi giuridici (curriculum Operatore di polizia giudiziaria) / Grado en criminologia* is currently being instituted jointly with the University of Granada.

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Studying law in English and other languages with local and guest professors

Besides courses in Italian, the Department offers several optional courses in other languages.

Most of these courses are opened to both local and exchange students, and focus on areas of law featuring a European or an international dimension, such as *European Labour Law*, *European Private Law*, *European Company Law*, *European Criminal Law*, *International Human Rights*, *International Institutional Law*, *Private International Law*, *International Trade Law*, *International Taxation Law*. Other courses are specifically intended for incoming students and are meant to familiarise them with International, EU and Italian Law.

While there are no formal language requirements, an upper intermediate level in the relevant language (CEFRL B2) is deemed appropriate. In any case, language courses with a legal focus are taught at the Department at various levels.

Each semester a distinguished scholar from a foreign University is invited to hold the *Gianformaggio Chair*, named after Professor Letizia Gianformaggio, who taught Philosophy of Law at the Department. In 2017-18 the Chair will be held by Professor Jean-Sylvestre Bergé, of the University of Lyon-Jean Moulin, with a course on *Operating Law in a Global Context* (Fall 2017), and by Dr Holger Hestermeyer, of the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College, London, who will lecture on *WTO Law and the Brexit* (Spring 2019). Moreover, Professor Michael Blakeney of the University of Western Australia will teach a course on *International Regulation of Intellectual Property* (Fall 2017).



Ferrara - The Council Room

PhD and LLM programmes

The Department of Law runs a PhD programme in *European Union Law and National Legal Systems*. It consists of two curricula. One focuses on the institutional framework of European integration and the constitutional problems stemming from the relationship between national, supranational and international legal systems. The other deals with specific EU policies and their impact on national legal systems. Areas covered include judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters, food and agriculture law, labour law, tax law, consumer law and the law of obligations.

An LLM programme on *Prevention & Suppression of International Crime at Sea* is currently being instituted jointly with the University of Malta, and in cooperation with Queen Mary University of London.



Ferrara - Trotti Mosti Palace



Ferrara - The Law Library

Research

The Department of Law ranked first among the Departments of Law of medium-size Universities in Italy for the quality of its research (evaluation carried out in 2016 by the Italian National Agency for the Assessment of University and Research, ANVUR).

Several projects run by researchers at the Department

have earned financial support in the framework of competitive EU and national funding programs.

A number of research centres operate at the Department, including an interdisciplinary centre on mafia and organized crime (MaCrO) and a centre carrying out research and providing legal services in the field of international and comparative law (CeStInt). In addition, the Department hosts a European Documentation Centre.

The Department of Law regularly hosts foreign visiting scholars. Guest scholars have access to the library and the electronic resources of the Department.

Whenever possible, they are assigned a work station at the Department and, upon agreement, an accommodation at the University's guest house.



Facilities available to students

A state-of-the-art library, possessing more than 125.000 books, including a collection of ancient volumes dating back to the 16th Century, is open to students and guests. Users have access to hundreds of electronic and paper journals as well as a range of

legal data bases. Efficient inter-library services for the loan of books and journals are also supplied.

A wi-fi connection is available throughout the Department.



Students have access to IT facilities, such as computers, printers and scanners.

Services for exchange students include:

- support from the International Mobility Coordinators regarding the academic aspects of their stay;
- assistance from the Teaching Managers, a point of reference for all organizational matters relating to the Department's teaching activities, who support students in managing their study plan, exam registration, student services and administrative formalities;
- a multifaceted tutorship service, featuring a Teaching Tutor charged with assisting students who experience difficulties related to course contents, and an Erasmus and International Mobility Tutor; the latter is a former exchange student who provides specific support to foreign students, helping them familiarise with the Department and the city.

The University

The University of Ferrara, founded in 1391, is one of the oldest universities in Italy. Prominent figures such as Copernicus and Paracelsus studied here.

Today, its twelve Departments offer some fifty degree programmes, ranging from Architecture to Design,



Ferrara - Cloister of S. Maria delle Grazie

from Medicine to Engineering, from Physics to Biotechnologies and Literature.

The quality of education and research, and the facilities available to students and guests, make Ferrara a top-ranking University in Italy.

The whole city is a dynamic campus, fostering interaction among national and international students.

The University of Ferrara is among the founders and leading partners of various international networks, such as Routes Towards Sustainability (see <http://www.unife.it/international/networks>). It is fully committed to a policy of equal opportunities (<http://www.unife.it/progetto/equality-and-diversity>).

A number of services, in addition to those supplied by the Departments, are provided to students and guests by the University as such, including support in finding accommodation in Ferrara (see further <http://www.unife.it/studenti/servizi/alloggi/alloggi>).

The city of Ferrara

Founded in the 6th Century, an important trading and political centre in the Middle Ages, Ferrara was at the height of its splendour under the rule of the Este family in the 15th and 16th Centuries. The Estense Duchy acted as a patron to some of the most important scholars and artists of that time.

In 1995, UNESCO granted the city World Heritage status as an example of a city planned in the Renaissance still keeping its historical centre intact, surrounded by more than 9 kilometres of ancient walls. Reminiscences of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance live on in palaces, churches and museums.



Ferrara - The Estense Castle

Ferrara, with a population of 130.000, is a cyclist and pedestrian-friendly city with a high quality of life. It is also a lively cultural centre. Yearly events include:

- the *Palio*: celebrations, parades, flag-throwing competitions and a spectacular horse race (<http://www.paliodiferrara.it>);
- Buskers Festival: the world biggest event dedicated to street performance (<http://www.ferrarabuskers.com>);
- 'Internazionale' Festival: lectures and meetings regarding international politics and economy involving journalists and authors from all over the world (<http://www.internazionale.it/festival>);
- 1000 Miglia: a vintage car race throughout Italy (<http://www.1000miglia.it>).

How to reach Ferrara



By plane — The closest airport is the Marconi Airport in Bologna, less than 50 km from Ferrara (<http://www.bologna-airport.it>), with daily connections to London, Paris, Munich, Madrid, Frankfurt, Stockholm, Brussels, Barcelona, Amsterdam and Zurich. A shuttle bus connects the airport to the central railway station of Bologna. It then takes about 30 minutes to reach Ferrara. As an alternative, a shuttle bus service directly connects the Bologna airport to the centre of Ferrara (<http://www.ferrarabusandfly.com>).

The second best choice, for those coming by plane, is the Venice airport (<http://www.veniceairport.it>).

The average journey time from Venice to Ferrara, by a combination of bus and train, is 1 hour and 45 minutes.

By train — The Ferrara Railway station lies on the Bologna-Venezia line and is the terminus for the Ferrara-Ravenna-Rimini line.

There are direct trains to Rovigo, Padova, Venice, Bologna, Verona, Florence, Rome, Napoli, and Vienna. More information on <http://www.ferroviedellostato.it>.

By car — Ferrara lies on the A13 Bologna-Padova highway (<http://www.autostrade.it>), which is, in turn, connected to the A1 highway going from Milan to Bologna, Florence, Rome and Naples, and to the A14 highway, which connects Bologna with cities on the Adriatic coast.

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The Rovigo Campus

Rovigo lies in the heart of the region of the Po river and is caressed by a sea breeze coming from its delta.



Rovigo - A view of the city

The town is first mentioned in the 9th Century. In 1194 the Este family of Ferrara came into power until 1482, when the area fell under

the control of Venice.

The streets tell of a city that was enriched with monuments and buildings during medieval times: the Donà Tower, the emblem of the city, and the Mozza tower, the remains of the ancient medieval fortress stand out.



Rovigo - The Department of Law

The Law Department's campus is conveniently located near the city centre, next to the railway station.

Those coming to Rovigo by plane

may consider either the Venice or the Bologna airport.

Rovigo lies on the Bologna-Venezia railway line. It takes about one hour to reach the city from the station of Venezia Mestre. Roughly the same time is needed to reach Rovigo from the station of Bologna.

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