



DISPOC
Interdisciplinary
Department

Welcome to Language & Mind



Where we are



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DSU Toscana

DSU Toscana is the Regional Agency for the Right to University Education. It provides financial support and services to eligible students studying at Tuscan universities.



Main Benefits:

- ✨ Scholarship
- 🏠 Accommodation
- 🍝 Free meals in University canteens
- 📄 Fee exemptions

Eligibility depends on:

- Income level (ISEE/ISPE indicators)
- Academic progress (different credit requirements each year)

Help & support:

- ☎ 055 2347200 (Mon–Thur, 10:00–13:00)
- After getting tax code (Codice fiscale): online ticket on Sportello studente (reply ~5 days)
- English & Italian service



**APPLY THROUGH THE
OFFICIAL DSU CALL!**

More info on the following link (in Italian):
<https://www.dsu.toscana.it/borsa-di-studio>



DSU UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES

There are 10 DSU residences in Siena.

Residences include rooms and shared services such as kitchens, laundry areas, and common spaces.

👉 Full list, addresses, photos and facilities:

<https://www.dsu.toscana.it/le-residenze-universitarie>

DSU Rent Contribution

While you wait for the assignment of a room in a residence place, you can get a contribution to cover the expenses for rent.

You can apply through the DSU online portal. You must upload a valid rental contract when submitting the application.

IF YOU ARE ASSIGNED A DSU RESIDENCE PLACE BUT DECLINE IT, YOU LOSE THE RIGHT TO THE RENT CONTRIBUTION!





Accommodation in Siena

Short-term accommodation in Siena is often difficult to find, so it's important to start looking early!



Tips

- Check Facebook groups daily.
- Check real estate agencies.
- Be proactive: visit apartments in person as soon as possible.



USEFUL FACEBOOK GROUPS:

- “AFFITTI SIENA”
- “AFFITTI SIENA STUDENTI”
- “AFFITTI A SIENA - RENTYOURNEST.COM”







How to apply

1

VISIT ANY POSTE ITALIANE AND ASK FOR THE “KIT GIALLO” (YELLOW KIT).

2

FILL IN MODULO 1 (STUDY PURPOSE ONLY)

3

PREPARE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND BUY A €16 MARCA DA BOLLO (FROM A TABACCHERIA).

4

SUBMIT EVERYTHING AT THE POST OFFICE AND PAY APPROXIMATELY €110.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A FATTURA AND AN APPOINTMENT AT THE QUESTURA

Important reminders

Don't lose your
ricevuta!

You need it to
prove your
legal stay in
Italy.

Submit all
documents on
time!

Delays may
slow down the
process.

Travelling
outside Italy is
allowed if your
visa is still
valid.

You can check
your permit
status online
or wait for an
SMS
notification.



Healthcare (Non-EU Students)

Non-EU students must have health insurance valid in Italy in order to obtain a residence permit.

You can choose between private insurance options such as:

- WAI Italy — online insurance (~€120/year)
- AXA Insurance — available in Siena (Viale Cesare Maccari 3), ~€70/year basic coverage

These insurances are sufficient for the residence permit, but they usually cover only essential or emergency care.

You can register for the Italian National Health Service (Tessera Sanitaria)

- around €700/year.
- Full coverage (family doctor, specialist visits, hospital care).

Registration takes time and is valid for the calendar year only.

THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

In Italy, your studies will be structured around CFU credits (ECTS-equivalent).

Each course awards a number of credits after you successfully pass the exam.

Courses in our programme:

- 6 CFU
- 12 CFU (split into two modules of 6 CFU)





Exams

Exams can be oral or written, depending on the course.

You can take exams during official exam periods:

- January-February (3 attempts)
- June-July (3 attempts)
- September (2 attempts)
- April (special session)
- November (special session)

Some courses may also include midterms right at the end of class.



Grading



- Exams are graded out of 30:
18 is passing, 30 cum laude is the highest.
- Your weighted average is calculated based on credits. For example: getting 30 in a 12cfu exam is worth more than getting 30 in a 6cfu exam.
- Your final average for graduation is out of 110 + laude.

Keep in mind!

You are not required to take an exam at the first available date.

You can sit the exam whenever you feel ready.

If you fail or are not satisfied with your grade, you can retake the exam in a later session.

Attendance is not mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged.

Classes are designed to support your learning.

Our professors are very supportive and approachable :)

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