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UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA UNIME ERASMUS+ STAFF WEEK 1<sup>st</sup> edition 10-14 JUNE 2019



#### THE CITY OF MESSINA

Many times destroyed, many times rebuilt, the ancient Zancle, later called Messanion, was always stubbornly reconstructed in the same natural "arm of land" where wars, earthquakes and destruction changed its look but not its inhabitants' determination.

History tells us that the City of the Strait was always graced by elegant buildings. Among them was the courtly *Palazzata* along the port. The first terrible earthquake of 1783 reduced it to dust and the same thing happened in 1908 when there were more than one hundred thousand victims. After this earthquake the new Messina was rebuilt using some anti-seismic systems and a modern urban design. Nowadays, even if only a few things are left of its ancient heritage, the enchanting restored Cathedral (Duomo) can still be admired in its original form dating back to the 12th century. Close by the Cathedral, you can admire one of Montorsoli's masterpieces: the Fountain of Orion. The Cathedral square is the heart of the historical centre. A few meters away, there is the Church of the Catalans in Arabic style and the 19th century Vittorio Emanuele III Gallery. The most impressive testimony of Messina's faith and tradition is the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Letter - Madonna della Lettera - the Patroness of Messina. The statue is placed on a tall column at the mouth of the port. The Blessed Virgin Mary of the Letter blesses Messina and all people arriving in or departing from the City of the Strait. In front of the religious statue is the Fountain of Neptune. The synthesis of the historical-artistic patrimony of Messina can be viewed in the *Regional Museum* which proudly features two magnificent Caravaggio paintings.

For a video presentation of the city of Messina see this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWkHcb3yPGY



#### HOW TO REACH MESSINA

Messina is situated in the eastern part of Sicily, in the South of Italy. Although Messina does not have its own airport, it can be easily reached by flying direct to Catania, Palermo or Reggio Calabria Airports.

Direct Bus Service connections are available from **Catania Airport** (https://www.saisautolinee.it/it/default.html). There are no direct connections from **Palermo Airport** (info on http://www.gesap.it/en/aeroporto/arrive-at-the-airport/connections/); those who fly to Palermo should go to the Central Railway Station to take a train (http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en) or a bus ((https://www.saisautolinee.it/it/default.html)).

From the **Reggio Calabria Airport** to Villa San Giovanni see <u>http://www.cittametropolitana.rc.it/servizi/</u> <u>trasporti/chiamabus</u> and then you should take the ferry-boat to Messina (<u>https://carontetourist.it/it/caronte/</u> <u>orari-stretto-di-messina-passeggeri</u>).

Otherwise, from the airport of Reggio Calabria there is a bus to the Reggio Calabria Port (info on <u>http://www.atam.rc.it/html/index.html</u>) and then you should take a hydrofoil to the Port of Messina (<u>https://www.libertylines.it/cms/sw\_files/destinazioni/categorie/TASCABILE-REGGIO--MESSINA-E-VV-\_72.pdf</u>).







#### UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

The University of Messina (UniME) is one of the oldest universities in Italy. It was founded by the Jesuits in 1548. The foundation of UniME dates back to the XIII century with the establishment of a Law School. Over the centuries the University went through turmoil, facing challenges and evolutions. In 1838 the University was finally re-founded by King Ferdinando II.

In its 12 Departments, UniME offers courses in the fields of life sciences, sciences and technologies, human and social sciences. Many undergraduate and postgraduate courses are available.

Webpages: http://www.unime.it, https://international.unime.it/

Presentation video: https://www.unime.it/en/university/presentation

### Facts and figures (2017-2018)

- Organisation: 4 main University sites; 12 Departments; 1,223 professors. - Education and research: 81 Degree programmes (graduate and undergraduate); 12 Ph.D. programmes; Schools of Excellence.

- Students: 24,000 students; 262 PhDs.

- Facilities: 5 University residences; University Sport Centre; 4 libraries; 4 canteens.

#### Academic offer

Detailed list of the courses available at the University of Messina - First cycle degrees (Laurea) and Second cycle degrees (Laurea Magistrale): https://international.unime.it/study-with-us/study-courses-in-italian/ - Courses taught in English: https://international.unime.it/study-with-us/study-courses-in-english/

#### PARTICIPATION TO THE STAFF WEEK

#### Duration

The University of Messina will be hosting the 1st edition of our ERASMUS+ Staff week from 10 to 14 June. 2019.

### **Objectives**

The program will focus on the Internationalization of Higher Education Institutions and therefore applications from staff working on this issue are particularly welcome.

The objective of the UniME Staff Week is to discuss and share experiences and best practices, promote cross-cultural integration and increase the quality of collaborations, services student facilities, projects management.

### Application

The UniME Staff week is open to a max of 35 participants. To participate please fill in the Registration Form and send it to cooperazione@unime.it

We do not charge any program fee and will cover all social events and some meal costs. Accommodation and travel costs should be covered by participants. You can apply for Erasmus+ funding from your university

Participants will have the opportunity to present their Universities on Monday 10 June 2019. Please confirm it by 05 June 2019 to cooperazione@unime.it

#### Funding

Only for our KA107 Partners: we provide a scholarship according to the Project rules. For more information please contact Mrs. Nancy De Leo (ndeleo@unime.it) Accommodation

We highly recommend the following near the University:

- Hotel Messenion
- Residence Cine Apollo
- Residence Acqua del Conte
- Garibaldi R&B
- B&B La Casa di Dadda
- Hotel Royal Palace

#### Language

All sessions will be held in English.

http://www.hotelmessenion.it/ https://residencecineapollo.com/ http://www.residenceacguadelconte.it/ http://www.garibaldimessina.it/#anchor 10 https://hotelmania.net/hotel/messina/la-casa-di-dadda/ https://www.guestreservations.com/hotel-royal-palace/booking





#### STAFF WEEK PROGRAMME

	10 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019 (Rectorate) WELCOME TO UniME
	14.00 Registration & Coffee
	14.30 Institutional Greetings
	15.00 UniME presentation
	15.30 Partner Presentations
	18.00 Crush curse in Italian
	18.30 Welcome cocktail at Rectorate Building
	11 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019 (Palazzo Mariani) STUDENT SERVICES & FACILITIES
	09.00 Registration & Coffee
	09.30 Greetings from the Head of Instructional Services
	Dept.
	09.40 UniME Welcome Office - Foreign Students Service
	10.10 Roun table Parallel Sessions:
	<ul> <li>Benchmarking on the management of student mobility KA107</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Benchmarking on the management of student mobility KA103</li> </ul>
	11.10 Visit to Annunziata Campus
	13.00 Lunch at Annunziata Campus
	12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019 (Palazzo Mariani) ENHANCING
	COLLABORATIONS
	09.00 Registration & Coffee
1	09.30 Greetings from the Head of Research &
	Internationalization Dept



#### 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 SIGHTSEEING OF MESSINA

10.40 Roundtable KA107: From the Proposal to the

11.30 Meeting Point At Palazzo Mariani, Via Consolato del Mare, 4111.50 Guided Tour of Messina13.00 Street Food Lunch (at participants own charge)

14.30 Visit to Messina Regional Museum (optional – at participants own charge)

18.00 Cocktail Networking at sunset

09.40 ERASMUS+ KA2 Opportunities

11.30 Overview H2020 Programme

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## 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 (Palazzo Mariani) CROSS-CULTURAL INTEGRATION

09.00 Registration & Coffee

09.30 Center for migration, social integration and intercultural communication CEMI

10.00 UniME International Relations cross-cultural people

10.30 Foreign students in Messina. Best cases 11.30 International Communication Strategy 12.00 Final Remarks & Farewell UniMI

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We look forward to welcoming you in Messina!

