





on deciding to study with us this Summer!

We hope this presentation can provide useful resources and suggestions, to help you make the most of this experience!



## **Priorities first... The WiFi!**





Search for the network named "wifi-unicatt"

To log in, use your user account and password (the same as your iCatt account)



## Before departing, we should «land» somewhere...



I	nternational students, welcome!	
	Welcome to Università Cattolica International Student Services!	
	This page is dedicated to international students who are arriving to Cattolica's Rome campus.	
Here you can find all the	important resources that will be useful to you before your arrival, during your stay and overall, for	your life in Rome.
Before your arrival	Cattolica Communications (via ICatt)	V
During your stay	Student Visa (for non-EU students)	V
Life in Rome		
	Fiscal code	
	Health and Safety	▼

### Our journey starts here!

This link leads to the official "landing page" that we prepared specifically for our Summer Students, containing all sorts of bits and pieces of information, some of which we will also cover during today's talk.





## **New Beginnings**







Make sure to also continue to refer to your "International Student Guide".

Also refer to the landing page in order to learn more about the class schedule for your course(s).









#### Global Health and Epidemiology Summer Course 2025 Coordinator: Stefania Boccia

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	9.30 – 13.00 Orientation session classroom: aula Lazzati@Polo  14.30 – 18.30 Public Health and epidemiology classroom: aula 3@Polo	09.00 – 12-00  Visit to the History of Medicine Museum at Sapienza University (Viale dell'Università 34a)  14.00 – 17.00  Global warming and environmental exposures impacting population health classroom;	10.00 – 13.00  Vaccines and vaccination policies: a global picture classroom: aula 3@Polo  14.00 – 17-00  Decarbonization of healthcare and its related aspects classroom: aula 3@Polo	09.00 – 12-00 Visit to Santo Spirito Medicine Museum (Borgo Santo Spirito, 3)	10.00 – 13.00  Healthcare emergencies management classroom: aula 3@Polo	FREE	FREE
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	9.00 – 12.00  Antimicrobial Resistance: a global challenge classroom: aula 2@Polo  14.00 – 16.00 Global health trends and challenges: the global burden of disease classroom: aula 2@Polo	10.00 – 13.00  Social determinants of health and disease: an overview classroom:  Aula 20 (ex 230).  @Economia  14.00 – 17.00  Public health genomics classroom:  Aula 20 (ex 230).  @Economia	13.00 – 17.00 Global health - from current challenges to governance classroom: aula 3@Polo  18.00 – 19.00 Visit to Gemelli Hospital (Gemelli ART)	10.00 – 13-00 Interactive session/working groups - Designing a global health project classroom: aula 3@Polo	10.00 – 13.00 Discussion & Q&A for the exam. Final exam, final remarks and conclusion classroom: Lab.	FREE	FREE







#### **SUMMER 2025**

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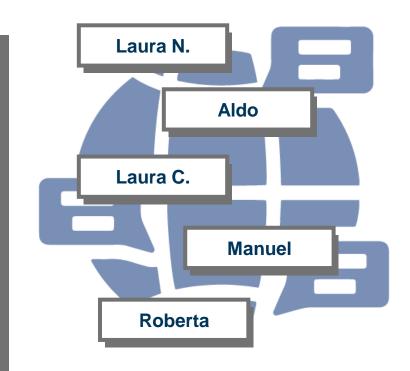




# Ladies and gentlemen... The International Office!

The International Office of our Rome Campus provides support with regards to admission procedures and student services for international students of our Rome Campus (either "degree-seeking" or "Exchange").

The office also helps international applicants complete the procedures to legally validate their status after their arrival, including the **Permit of Stay** application, the **Health Insurance** and other similar aspects.



Location: "Istituti Biologici", Ground Floor, Rooms 230-231 E-mail: ucsc.international-rm@unicatt.it



# Your Orientation

Part 1 – Where are we?

Part 2 – The University and its Student Services

Part 3 – Culture, safety and best communication practices





## Rome, the «Eternal City»







## Rome, the «Chaotic City»



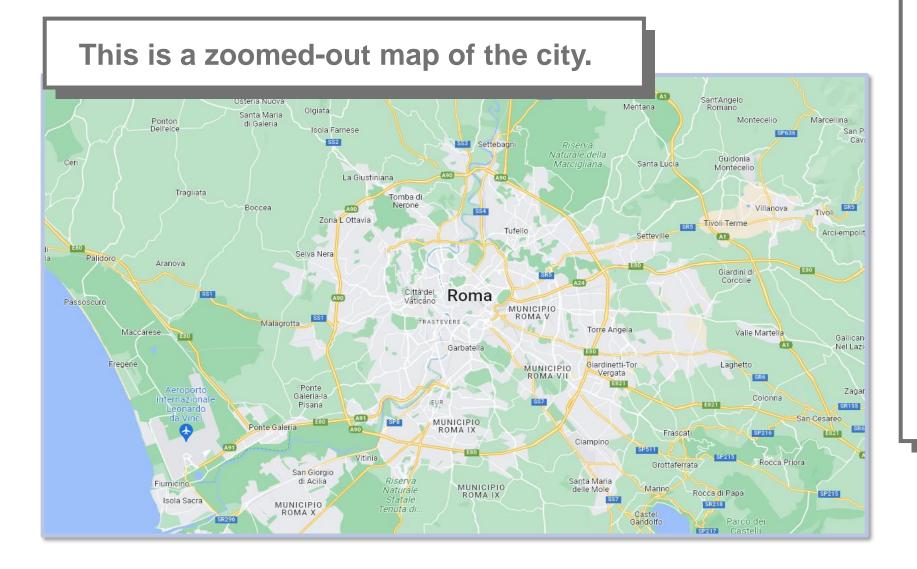


Rome is also a vibrant and at times chaotic city, due to its massive size and the fact that it is made of many different areas, zones and neighborhoods, each with their own quirks.

For someone who is planning a long-term stay in Rome for the very first time, it can feel **disjointed** and **confusing** at first.



## Finding your way around Rome



Rome has a circular structure, inside of which the many different zones ("Municipi") that make up its territory are positioned.

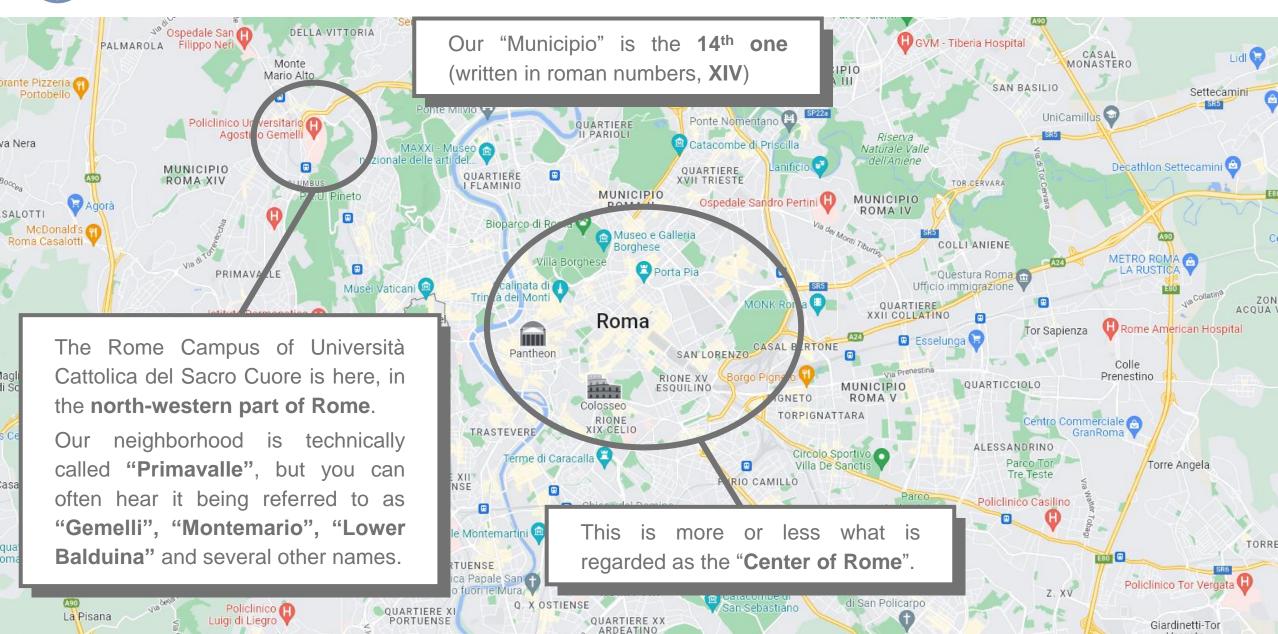
The city is surrounded by a ring-shaped toll-free motorway, called "Grande Raccordo Anulare".





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In terms of public transport, there are mainly **three** ways to get around the city.



**Bus system ("Autobus")** 

Several bus lines all across the territory of Rome, each with its own path and specific timetable





"Metro"

The subway service of Rome, with three main lines

METROA

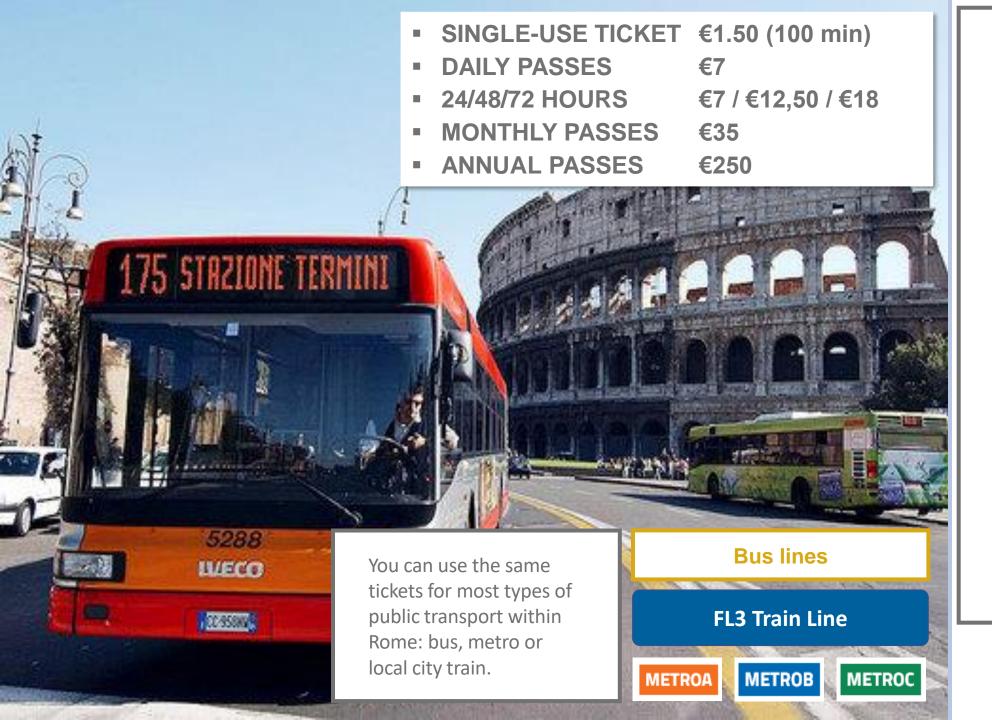
**METROB** 

METROC

**Train** 

A few internal train lines, that connect distant parts of the city

FL3 Line Roma – Cesano/Viterbo



#### Buy your tickets:

- at a **Giornalaio** (newspaper kiosk);
- at a Tabaccheria
   (tobacconist store,
   easily recognizable by
   the big T outside);
- at a Metro or TrainStation;
- through an online app on your phone, such as "MooneyGo" or "TicketAppy".

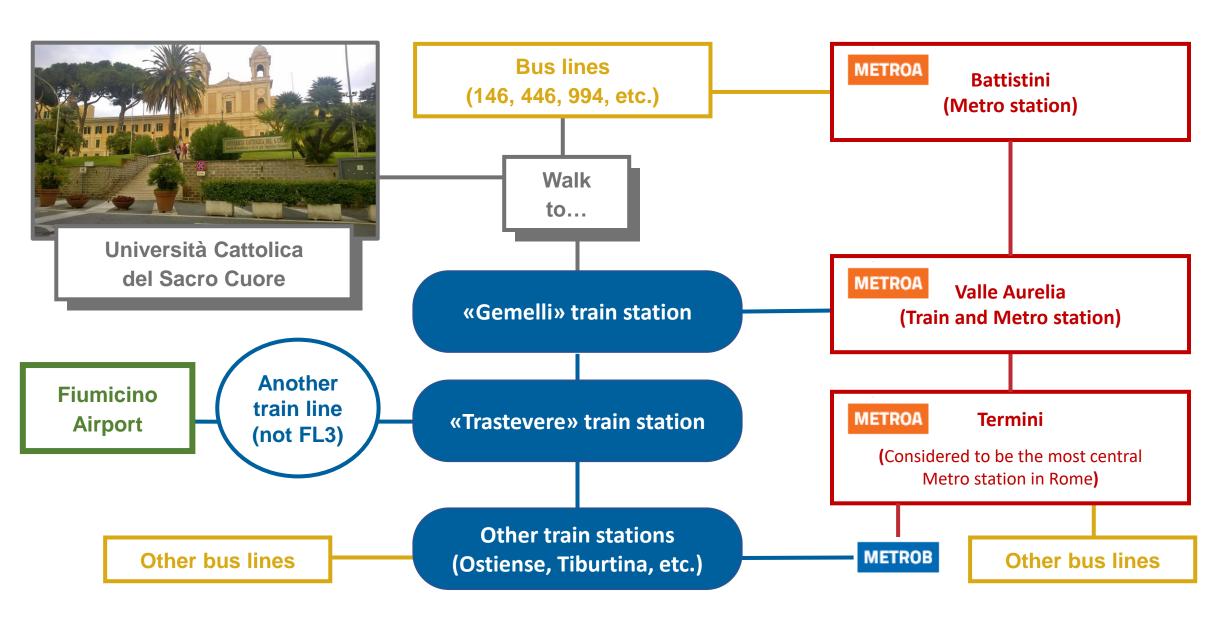
Remember to buy and then validate your tickets! Public transportation officials are very strict on this.





## To Infinity and Beyond!







## **Checking the ATAC Website**

**ATAC** is the name of the service that is in charge of two of the most important means of public transport in Rome: the Metro and the Bus system.

If you are planning to move around the city and you need a reliable indication of whether certain transport services will be fully operational, checking <a href="https://www.atac.roma.it/">https://www.atac.roma.it/</a> is definitely a good idea.





## What to do in case of strikes?

In case of a public transportation strike:

- https://www.atac.roma.it/

Always check the news section! Make sure to ask an Italian friend to help you with the linguistic barrier, if needed.

- <a href="https://www.trenitalia.com/tcom/Informazioni/Treni-garantiti-in-caso-di-sciopero">https://www.trenitalia.com/tcom/Informazioni/Treni-garantiti-in-caso-di-sciopero</a> (for Trains)

This website can be useful to get a list of trains that are guaranteed to travel in case of strike.







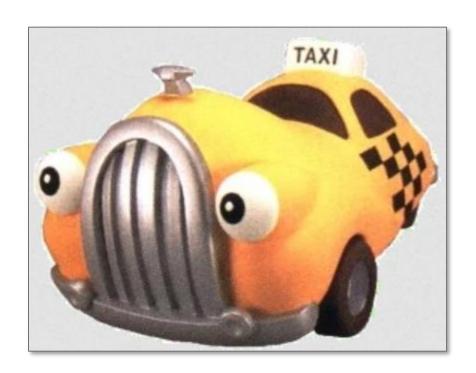
## **Taxi Service**

- White taxis are generally cheaper and easier to find in Rome than UBER.
- They generally accept cards, <u>but always ask the driver</u> <u>first.</u> Do not assume that they accept credit card payments without explicitly asking beforehand.

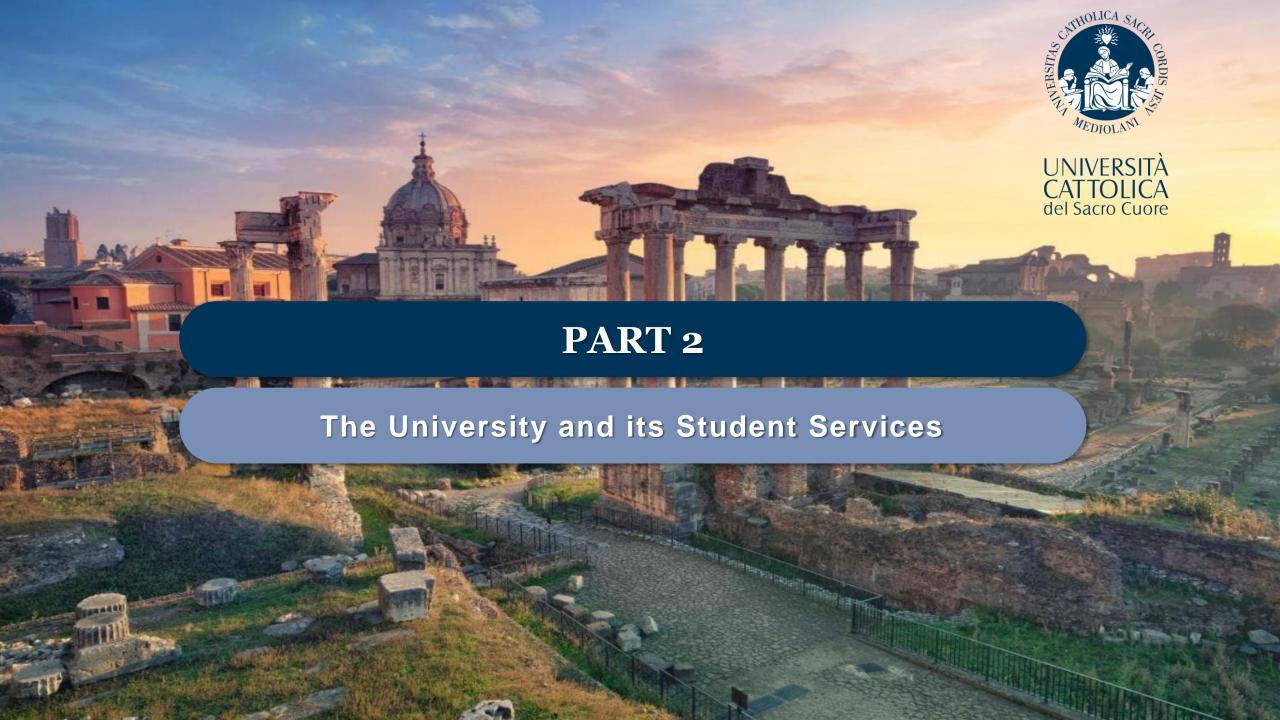
#### How to catch a cab:

- At a taxi stand at several points throughout the city.
- You can call a taxi by using the following phone numbers. Please clearly mention your current location when talking to the phone operators: 063570 or 060609
- You can also download this app: <u>Freenow</u>



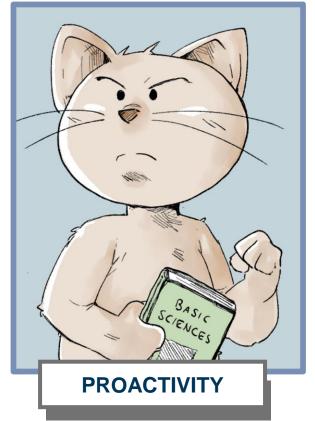








Now it is time to embark on your journey as a Summer Student of Cattolica!

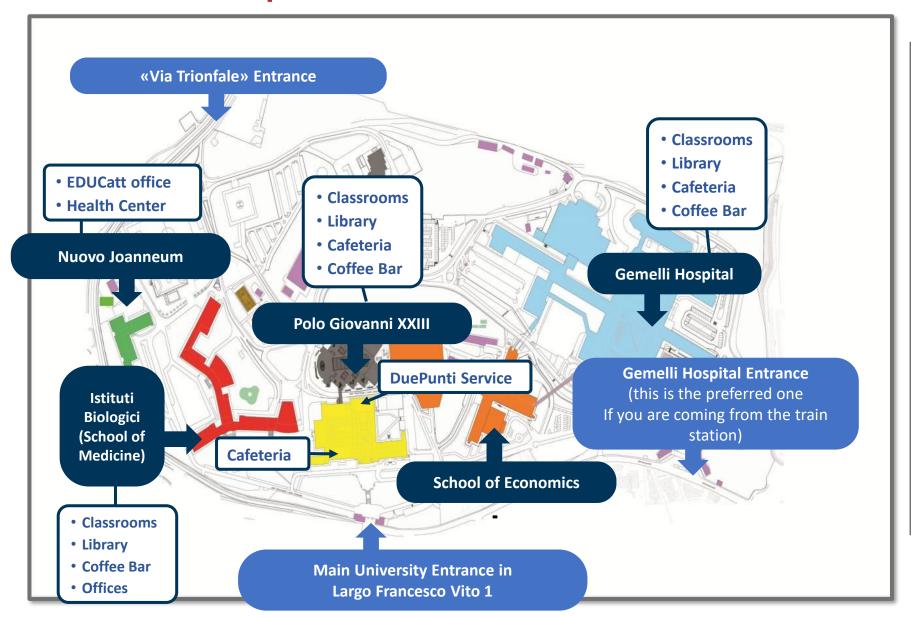








#### The Rome Campus of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore



The Rome Campus includes several different facilities that are used for one or another Program.

The main building of the School of Medicine is called "Istituti Biologici" (Biological Institutes).



# The Rome Campus of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore









Do not worry if you get lost around the Campus at first!

Give yourself some time to get used to the surroundings and feel free to explore around.



# How to Use Your Student ID Card



- Eat at the Cafeteria
- Use University services
   (printers, medical centre, library services)
- Access some areas reserved for authorized personnel

## CAFETERIA (MENSA)

## For your MEALS. How to pay?

- Use your student ID card: CARTAATENEO+ (cash not accepted)
- Card top-up machines at the entrance of the <u>"Polo Universitario Giovanni XXIII"</u>
- Purchase meals online via <u>Educatt website</u>

#### WHERE?

Mensa&Caffè.23 - Polo Giovanni XXIII

Monday to Friday:

Lunch from 12.00pm to 3.00pm

Dinner from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

#### **Duepunti Kitchen**

Monday to Friday:

12.00pm to 3.00pm

#### Mensa.21 (Sala Colonne)

Monday to Friday:

Lunch from 12.00pm to 3.00pm



- COMPLETE MEAL 6.65€: main course, second course, side dish, fruit, bread + free refill drinks
- LUNCH FORMULA 5€: main course, side dish, fruit, bread
   + free refill drinks OR second course, side dish/fruit,
   bread + free refill drinks
- OTHER FORMULAS:
  - Red Price formula 2.50€ (available at Mensa&Pizza.9, Mensa.7, Mensa.21, Mensa&Caffè.23. Each canteen has different variants of Red Price. To find out, please contact your location.);
  - Pizza and chips 5€ (Mensa&Pizza.9)



## **Printing & Photocoping**

#### WHERE?

**Duepunti Service** close to Polo Universitario Giovanni XXIII

Mon-Fri, 10:00am - 04.00pm

## **Using your ID CARD**

#### WHERE?

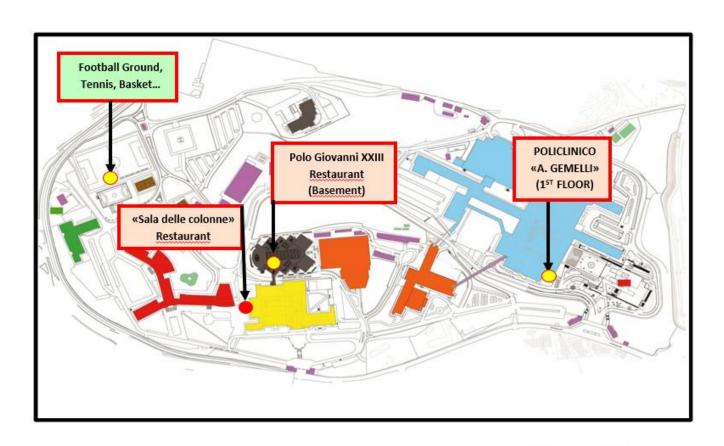
Any printing and photocopying machines on campus available to students



The campus provides the following sports areas to all our students as well as external users:

- a football field;
- three tennis courts;
- a volleyball court
- a basketball court
- o a 5-a-side field
- a gym for judo and gymnastics

Several sport events are held on campus such as football, basketball and volleyball tournaments between teams made up of University students, doctors and staff.



- EduCatt Sport inCampus
- Sportclubby App for booking



### **Health Center**

#### Università Cattolica's Health Center (CENTRO SANITARIO)

provides registered students with medical care, nursing care and psychological counselling.

#### **Campus Universitario - Collegio Nuovo Joanneum**

Largo F. Vito, 1 00168 - Roma

Tel. 06.3050120 - Fax 06.30155708

E-mail: info.rm.dsu@educatt.it



# Contacts in case of emergency



112 – Emergency Service

5555 - Campus Dorms

**06 5852 6811 –** "Care Continuity" service

**06 30151** – Emergency Aid (Pronto Soccorso) service at Policlinico Gemelli Hospital for gynecological, ophthalmic and orthopedic needs

06 4997 5710 - Dentistry Emergency Aid at Policlinico Umberto I

**06 3054 343** – Toxicological (Poison Control) emergency service at Policlinico Gemelli





### iCatt, your Personal Interface

iCatt is the official **Student Interface** provided to all enrolled students of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

iCatt offers a comprehensive overview of all sorts of data about the experience of a student of our Programmes.

Here is an example of what you can do through iCatt:

- Receive **information**, notices and alerts about your career
- Check the classes schedule and exam dates
- Access Blackboard links for your courses

https://icatt.unicatt.it



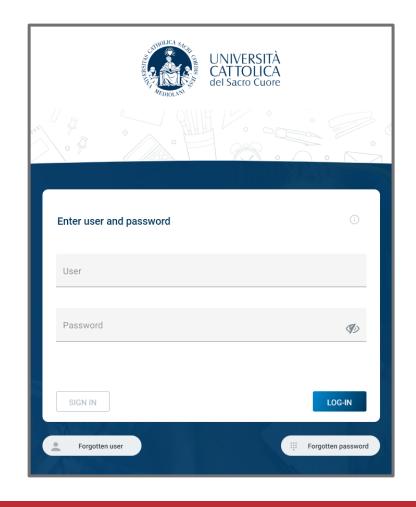


### **Your Student Portal**

#### How do I access iCatt?

You can access iCatt from the **Cattolica home page** or directly at <a href="https://icatt.unicatt.it">https://icatt.unicatt.it</a> using the same user ID (firstname.lastname01) and password you used for the application portal.

(Note: your user ID may include middle names and could have "02" instead of "01")



#### Note:

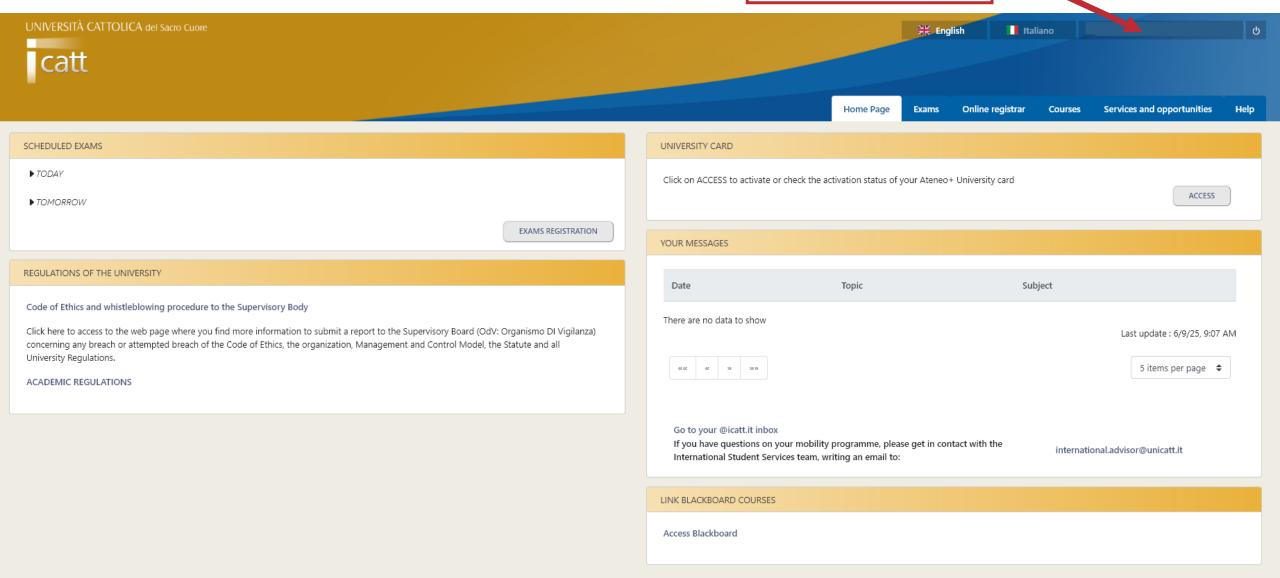
If you happen to have forgotten your password, access the login panel, then select the 'forgotten password' option.

Afterwards, when asked to do so during the recovery process, type the «codice fiscale» that was sent to your email address just before you started your application to Cattolica



## **Catt** Your Student Portal

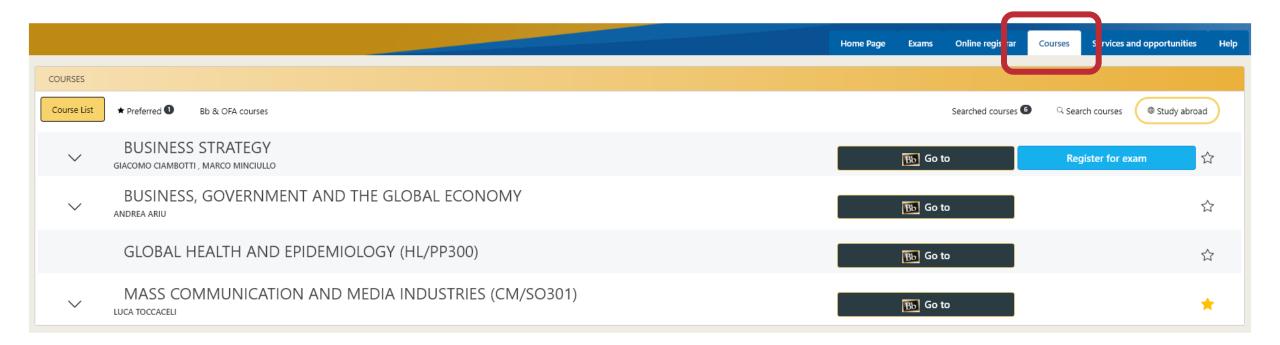
The name, surname and ID number of the student will be shown here



## Blackboard



Blackboard is the internal platform used for accessing course materials, course content, assignments etc.



You can access your Blackboard material by selecting the "Courses" option from within iCatt





institution Page





Activity Stream

















#### John Doe

00000.doe

#### **Basic Information**

Full Name	John Doe
Email Address	john.doe01@icatt.it
Student ID	00000

#### **Additional Information**

Gender	Male
Birthday	Jun 15, 2000

#### **System Settings**

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This is what Blackboard looks like. Use the main menu on the left side to check the content that your Professors will upload for your courses.



## You've got mail!

Every student enrolled at Cattolica has an iCatt email address: your iCatt username + @icatt.it



All **Cattolica official communications** related to your courses will be sent to your **@icatt mailbox**. **Make sure to check it regularly.**For more information visit **this page**.

You may want to <u>add a new account</u> to your current email box in order to access more than one account on your email app and receive push notifications



## **Italian Food 101**

Antipasto (Appetizers)



Primi Piatti (First Courses)



Secondi Piatti and Contorni (Second Courses and Side Dishes)





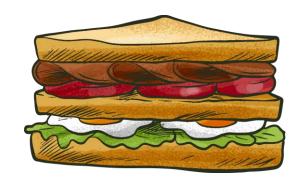


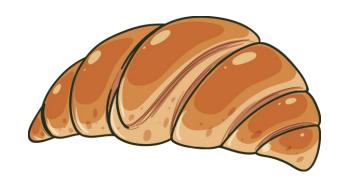


## **Coffee Bars**



You can take advantage of the coffee bars around the city or even on Campus, for a quick snack, a coffee, a «cornetto» or... cappuccino.











### **Food and Drink**

- Payment system varies in bars and restaurants
- Aperitivo: it's a pre-dinner/relax after work moment that usually goes from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm.
  - You can have drinks and snacks or small dishes.
- Tipping isn't expected (You may leave some extra euros and this will be appreciated, but it is not necessary).
  - However, you will be charged a '*coperto*' (service fee) that is usually around € 2,00 per person
- Lunch time: 13.00 pm 2.30 pm Dinner time: 7.00 pm 10.00 pm
- Public water fountains: free, clean water
- Visit the local farmers market for an authentic Italian grocery shopping experience
- Typical breakfast at the bar: cappuccino and cornetto (also called brioche or croissant)





## **Safety Tips**

- When going out at night in clubs and bars:
  - Be aware of cultural differences with regards to drinking
  - Use the coat check or cloakroom
  - Always make sure to watch out your own glass
  - Always walk away from provocations
  - Ask for help from professionals
  - Go into a public shop or a bar, if you feel threatened in any form.



**EMERGENCY SERVICE NUMBER: 112** (Police, Ambulance, Fire Department)





## **Safety Tips**

When you feel you are in a potentially risky situation, always try to blend. Thieves and pickpockets tend to target tourists.

- Be aware of pickpocketing. It is a frequent risk especially around the main train/metro stations (for instance Termini, Ostiense, Trastevere, Gemelli)
- In general, it is not a good idea to be out alone at night.
- Take precautions for your safety while travelling
   back home after a night out.
- Use a taxi to get back home, if needed.
- Always try to travel in groups, so as to minimize unneeded risks.

- Always make sure your backpack/handbag is closed. Hold
   your bag/backpack in your arms on transport
- Don't leave your phone/wallet on the table in bars
- In Italy you are required to always have an **ID card** with you.

  However, we advise you to keep your **passport** in your **apartment** in a **safe place**.
- Make sure you have scans or copies of your important
   documents, and keep them safe at home/ online

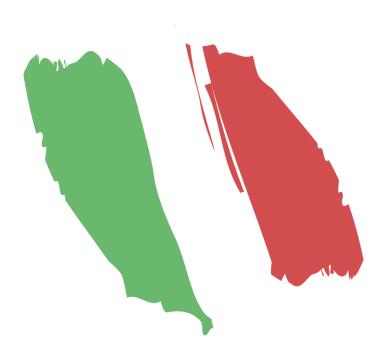
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## **Rules and Expectations**

- Appropriate clothing is expected at University: watch and learn from local students!
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Quiet hours are generally 10 pm on weekdays and 11 pm on weekends.
- If you visit a church, cover shoulders and knees and remove hats.
- Get out of your comfort zone!
- Interact with locals.

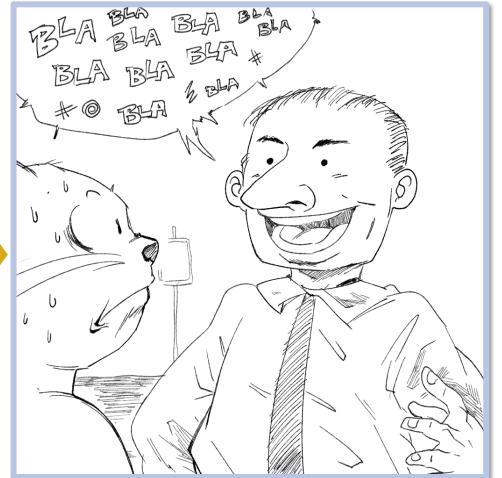




# Interacting with other people

Italians are generally warm, welcoming and kind! They also try their best to help you in case of need, although situations like this one can sometimes happen due to the language barrier...





#### Do not worry though!

Allow yourself some time to learn and try interact with everyone!





## The Secret Art of Italian Gestures

It is no secret that Italians tend to communicate a lot with gestures, sometimes even more so than with words... Learn the meanings behind two most relevant examples!





Shock with an element of irritation

"What are you saying / doing / thinking?"





Confusion with mockery and disappointment

"Look at that... I have no words."





## The right communication style is key

Hi lol

hi, can i get an enrolmant certificate?? k thx bai

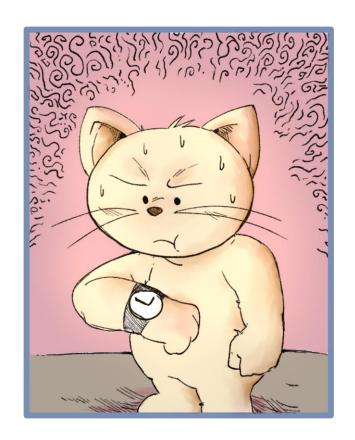
This is definitely not appropriate...

- Always use proper grammar.
- Refrain from making use of an excessive and/or inappropriate amount of modern slang.
- The purpose and intent behind all your e-mails should always be to clearly convey your request and allow others to easily understand you.

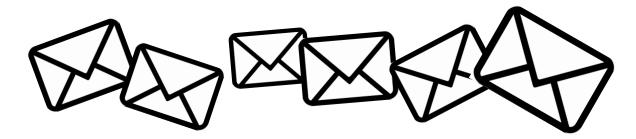




## The right communication style is key



When you send a request to either a Professor or a University representative/office and you experience some unexpected delay, it is easy to get carried away and start sending the same e-mail multiple times repeatedly, over and over and over...



**Try to avoid that:** they definitely got your message the first time! Sending the same thing multiple times will not help them get back to you in a quicker fashion!

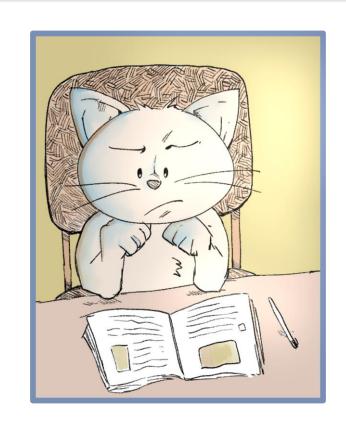
Never expect or demand to receive an answer to any of your e-mails within 24-48 hours. If it happens, that's great! But remember that it is not necessarily a cultural norm here.



# The right communication style is key

Using the right linguistic style and adapting your style accordingly, based on the authority and the level of the person you are talking to, is an essential skill to learn. It is a way to demonstrate **respect** and mutual **understanding.** 

- When you have to send an e-mail, use the proper style depending on the tone and confidential level of the person you are talking to.
- It is better to use somewhat formal greetings if you had **no prior interaction with someone**, or if you are talking to a Professor ("good morning Professor", **instead of just** "Hi", "Hello", etc.)
- Always sign your e-mails with:
  - Your Name and Surname
  - The Course that you are attending and the Year





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