## Practical information for mobility students

## Welcome to the University of Pisa!

## Before you leave:

Please make sure you get in touch with the <u>Italian Erasmus coordinator</u> (otherwise known as CAI, "Coordinatore di Area per l'Internazionalizzazione), especially for the Erasmus Placement, to:

- Find out how the department is organized and what courses you should take as well as when to take Italian lessons
- Learn about all of the administrative steps necessary in order to start
- While you are still abroad you could register online through the <u>Alice portal</u>, in order to obtain the credentials required to complete the enrolment procedure at the University of Pisa
- Fill in and submit the <u>Application form for incoming students</u> and obtain the validation from the CAI (Non-EU incoming students that staying in Italy for more than 90 days, is required to upload the post office receipt of the Residence permit application).

# In order to be as prepared as possible for this new experience, please keep in mind a few logistical aspects:

- **Guideline for international students**: Admission to Italy from abroad in relation to Covid-19
- **Accommodation**: Check useful <u>information about finding accommodation</u>. We strongly recommend you to get started with your apartment search as soon as you can
- Visa and residency permit: Compulsory steps if you are an incoming Non-EU Erasmus student
- Entry and residency rights for EU citizens
- <u>Cost of living</u>: although living in Pisa can be quite inexpensive, please do keep in mind that the cost of living is greater than the regular monthly stipend received by the Erasmus programme
- **Health insurance**: learn how the health system works in Italy and what steps you need to follow before your departure
- **Opening a Bank account**: find out if your bank at home has a branch in Italy or any agreements with an Italian bank in Pisa

Please make sure to read our **International Student Guide** with a summary on each of these aspects.

## What to do once you arrive in Pisa?

Sometimes students may feel a bit overwhelmed by the novelty of a new city. This is absolutely normal. Following are a few steps that will help you feel more confident as you head into this new adventure:

#### **Necessary steps:**

1. E-mail your **CAI** representative to set up an appointment so you can meet

- 2. If you have not yet registered through the **Alice portal**, this is the time to do so
- 3. Please, fill in and submit the **Application form for incoming students**, if you have not done it vet
- 4. If you are an incoming Non-EU Erasmus student, coming from a non-Schengen Country and planning to stay in Italy longer than 3 months, you must apply for the Residency permit. Before applying a kind reminder about measures of admission to Italy from abroad. Furthermore, please keep in mind that you need to upload the post office receipt attesting the submission of the Residency permit on your Application form for incoming students, before its submission. On the other hand, if you are a Non-EU Erasmus student, coming from a Schengen Country, you do not have to apply for the Italian residency permit provided you have the requested documents indicated at this link.
- 5. You can finally download the documents concerning your mobility through your account on Erasmus incoming platform.

All of these steps will finally make your "Erasmus student" status official!

### **Erasmus mobility documents**

You can download the documents concerning your mobility through your account on Erasmus incoming platform (**Find out more**).

#### STUDENT CARD

The student card "**Studente della Toscana**" is a magnetic card that gives you access to several services throughout Tuscany, and especially at the Universities of Pisa, Florence and Siena, as you can see at this **link**.

Moreover, this card, as proof of your enrollment at the University for the Erasmus+ mobility period, will also provide you with discounts and special conditions (i.e. conventions with cinemas, museums and exhibitions) even outside Tuscany, in Italy or abroad.

#### **How to get your Student Card**

(Students enrolled a.y. 2021/22 starting from September)

Once you will be in Pisa and after your enrollment completion, please send a request to erasmus.incoming@unipi.it including the following mandatory information:

- Full name and surname
- The name of your Department at the University of Pisa
- Domicile address in Pisa for the delivery of your student card

Please make sure to specify clearly your last name on your doorbell and mailbox at the address you provided, otherwise the post office cannot deliver the card and it will return to our office.

#### **UNIVERSITY BOOKLET**

You can access your booklet through the following **page** by using Alice's credentials after your enrolment procedure is completed.

If you wish to keep updated on the registration of all your exams, you need to download the APP "IO" and activate the notification service.

Please be informed that, as the procedure is in the phase of being implemented, you are kindly invited to keep updated through the following pages:

- Erasmus programme
- Erasmus portal

For more useful information, please go to the  $\underline{\text{following link}}$  where you will learn more about living in Pisa.