

FUTURE EXTRA-UE STUDENTS
MASTER DEGREE in:
*Environmental Conservation, Restorations and
Sustainability*
Marine curriculum (taught in ENGLISH)

Academic year 2026/2027
Università degli Studi di Sassari (UNISS)

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU WANT TO COME
ON BOARD AND YOU ARE AN EXTRA-UE STUDENT**



STEPS FOR ENROLING

- 1) Future students are first welcome to ask by mail (cds_ambiente@uniss.it) for an informal **admittance** to ECRS Master Degree: students should provide their bachelor degree study plan (in English) where courses taken and ECTS are reported. ECRS staff will verify their education and their English proficiency.
- 2) After obtaining this admittance, they are required to register the **Universitaly portal** (<https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>) and select the ECRS master degree from Università degli studi di Sassari. The portal will be set to regulate the 2026/27 enrolments in March 2026. This will be essential to obtain a VISA from the Italian Embassy, if needed.
- 3) **Enrolment** will only be possible after VISA was issued. Please consider that Enrolment is welcome within the 30 September 2026. Classes will start the 1st of October 2026.

BEFORE ARRIVAL

VISA

The full workflow and the communication with the Italian embassy takes place through University portal (<https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>). The ECRS course has no role in this process and there is nothing the course can do to speed it up. Procedures, timing, and costs depend on the Country of origin.

Furthermore, in some countries getting an appointment with the Italian embassy takes several months. Applications for Visa (University Enrolment for 26/27) have to be advanced as soon as the University is set for the academic year (usually March).

Requirements

Admission to the Master Degree in ECRS is subject to possession of a three-year bachelor degree or scientific disciplines to be evaluated by a ECRS board: all the exams taken during the bachelor degree should be listed. A knowledge of the English language at level B1 is also required, proven by a university course, a certification or verified through an interview. For enrolment all the material to provide for admission should be translated in English, if it was not released in English.

So, to explore your eligibility for enrolment please send to cds_ambiente@uniss.it your carrier documentation (a curriculum vitae with the list of the exams taken can be enough).

Enrolment at ECRS

Enrolment will only be possible if the secretary, through University portal, has checked the documents provided and then the VISA has been issued. Enrolment requires registration at (<https://uniss.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>): a UserID and Password will be provided to access the student reserved area, where the enrollment procedure will be completed.

The documentation required for the recognition of foreign qualifications is as follows:

1. high school diploma;
2. legalized University degree, translated officially in English with related Statement of Comparability issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre (CIMEA, <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-attestatodi-comparabilitae-verifica-dei-titoli>) or Statement of validity (Dichiarazione di Valore in loco) issued by the Italian Embassy in the country where the qualification was obtained;
3. official certificate issued by the foreign University, including list of successfully passed exams in the first cycle Degree, with grades, university credits/hours and date, translated and legalized;
4. valid identity document.

Tuition fees at UNISS

If the student residence country is not Italy, he/she should only pay tuition fee for the second year of the ECRS Master (so, no tuition fee for the first year!).

Exact tuition fees for the 2026/27 will be known by July 2026. They will depend on the country of origin, merit and income. The costs to attend a master's degree course in Sassari consist

of three items: tuition fee, virtual stamp, and regional tax. Payments are scheduled in three tranches expiring respectively in October (part of the tuition fee + virtual stamp), February (part of tuition fee + regional tax) and April (possible last part of the tuition fee). Tuition fees are particularly low compared to other Italian state universities.

Scholarships

The ECRS course does not assign scholarships.

At UNISS student scholarships are assigned by a regional agency named ERSU. A yearly call is published by ERSU (<https://ersusassari.it/it/servizi/servizio/Borse-di-studio/>) in July (deadline in mid September), but the participation requires some bureaucratic duties that need your presence in Italy (e.g. ISEE) as scholarships are based mostly on family income, which can be hard to certify for International students.

Alternatively, the student may rely on scholarship call by Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale, yearly out in Spring at <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/ListaBandi>. Please check the list of eligible Countries. (<https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/ListaBandi>).

One other option could be applying to INCLUSIVE-UNISS scholarships, the call is usually out in June every year.

Accommodation

STUDENT HOUSE

Rooms might be available in ERSU student houses located in Sassari.

A room in a student house can be obtained only once enrolled.

Prices (per person per month) range from 170€ in a double room to 225€ in a single room.

PRIVATE APARTMENTS

Renting a room/apartment from private owners represents an option. However, its search and contract definition is only possible on site. Prices (per person per month) are on average 230-250€ for single rooms in a shared apartment and 150-180€ for shared rooms. Private apartments or studios can be found but the cost for a decent location and apartment conditions is never below 400€/month. These amounts usually do not include bills (e.g. electricity, gas, water, wi-fi, waste recycling; roughly additional 50€/month) nor deposit. Some owners ask for a person already in Italy who can guarantee for you.

Rent contracts usually have a minimum duration of 10-12 months. The best period to locate rooms/apartments is from June to September; during the rest of the year it might be difficult to find apartments/rooms.

For early accommodation upon arrival (until finding a final accommodation), the city offers several affordable rooms in B&B (<https://www.airbnb.it/>), *affittacamere*, apartments, and hotels (<https://www.booking.com/index.it.html>).

Health Insurance and access to the Italian National Health care system

It is usually requested by the Italian Embassies and Consulate to have an insurance policy prior to arrival. However, also on arrival it would be safe to be covered by a travel health insurance policy taken out in your home country. Once here, as a student, it will be possible to be covered by the regional health system through the payment of a tax per solar year. This possibility is only given to students after the residence permit procedure is completed (see below "permesso di soggiorno").

However, we remind you that emergency hospitalization without charge in Italy is guaranteed for health issues caused by accidents or any sudden health problem, also to foreign citizens and students.

Italian Language

Although the official language of the course is English, living in Sassari the student may experience difficulties communicating for his/her needs (bureaucracy, accommodation, shopping, etc.). This is why the student might consider learning at least some basics of the Italian language already before the arrival (for instance while waiting for your visa).

UNISS offers the possibility of having a course of Italian language on-line (<https://www.uniss.it/it/ateneo/strutture/centro-linguistico-di-ateneo-cla/corsi-di-lingua-italiana-stranieri/1st-semester-4>).

AFTER ARRIVAL

Permesso di soggiorno (Residence Permit)

This is the most exhausting task. For the Italian regulation, any non-EU student can stay in Italy only with a residence permit (permesso di soggiorno). The application for this document can be submitted at a post office within 8 days from your arrival, that will give you a complicated application form and an appointment for the next steps. The subsequent steps must be carried out in person at the Immigration Office located inside the Local Police Station (in Italian: Questura) which is in charge of issuing the permit. Both at the Post Office and at the Questura you might face an officer who does not speak English; so if you don't speak Italian, it is a good idea to be accompanied by an Italian speaker. Especially with Questura the interaction can be tough.

Overall costs for the release amount to approximately 70 € plus 30 € to get the first application form and deliver it at the Post Office. The residence permit is valid only for 1 year. Before the end of that year you have to submit a renewal request and go through the same initial procedure and costs. Only with a valid Permesso di soggiorno you can apply to receive health care (see above Health Insurance and access to the Italian National Health care system), and you need health care/insurance to get the renewal. The residence permit will be issued after several months from the application. You will be notified and should go and take it at the Questura.

Phone and wi-fi

It is easy to buy a sim card and change the operator. Some apartments are rented with wifi (extra costs). In the university facilities, wifi is available for free to any student enrolled (two available nets: *unissmobile* and *eduroam*, both accessible using the student's credentials).

Transport within and outside Sardinia

Sassari is located on the island of Sardinia. The city has a bus service (ATP lines and timetable). The shuttle bus to the local airport (Alghero Fertilia 30km away) runs approximately once every 2 hrs (<https://app.arstspa.it/quadri/760.html>). The other airports in Olbia (110km) and Cagliari (220km) are not so well connected. Regional connections are possible by bus or by train, but rides are not very frequent.

Connections with other destinations in the country or abroad are possible by plane or ferry boat (through Porto Torres and Olbia ports). The closest airport in Alghero is connected with main Italian airports and with several foreign destinations depending on the season. You can book flights at affordable prices (especially if not in summer) from low cost companies. Tickets for both flights and ferries can be easily bought online.

Canteen

The regional agency ERSU manages a canteen in Sassari where it is possible to find menus based on traditional regional recipes and which take into account the needs of students with food intolerances, vegetarians and vegans (<https://www.uniss.it/en/international/incoming-mobility/guide-services-incoming-mobility-students/university-canteen>).

To benefit from this service, you must be registered to ERSU. Once registered, if you receive an ERSU scholarship, you will automatically have access to the canteen; if you have no scholarship, you can pay for single meals, the cost depending on your income (ISEE). Meals are usually cheaper than local restaurants, diners and bars.

Contacts:

mail: cds_ambiente@uniss.it

Instagram: [disciuniss](#)

USEFUL ADDRESSES

UNISS Student Secretariat, Via del Fiore Bianco 5, Sassari ERSU, Corte Santa Maria, Via Michele Coppino 4, Sassari Banco di Sardegna, Piazza Castello 1, Sassari

Poste Italiane, sede centrale, Via Brigata Sassari 13, Sassari Questura, Via Giovanni Palatucci, 1, Sassari

Ufficio Anagrafe Comune di Sassari (Punto Città 1), Corte Santa Maria, Via Giovanni Maria Angioy, 15, Sassari

FAQs

- 1. I am an international student and I have completed my registration on the University portal. Can you send me a formal acceptance letter from the University of Sassari?**

The visa application is automatically sent to the Italian embassy from the University portal, we don't issue acceptance letters.

- 2. Do you have available accommodation for students?**

Rooms might be available in ERSU student houses located in Sassari, or you can rent a room/apartment from private owners.

- 3. How can I get updated on the status of the submission of my pre-enrolment documents to the embassy through the University portal?**

For everything related to University you need to contact our university secretariat (Dr.ssa Rita Cubeddu - rcubeddu@uniss.it).

- 4. When will enrolment be open?**

Enrolment opens on 1 August 2026 and expires on 16 October 2026 (usually delayed). They will be notified by email as soon as they are allowed to enrol.

- 5. What happens if I have not yet obtained my visa by the enrolment deadline?**

You will get an extension until 15 January 2027.

- 6. When will the classes start?**

Classes will start the 1st of October.2026

- 7. Could you please provide me with the tax code?**

UNISS does not release the tax code (codice fiscale). You can request it to the Italian embassy or consulate in your country (before your arrival), or at a Tax Office (Agenzia delle entrate) in Italy (once arrived).