Guide to UNITN-Law

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1. The Faculty of Law

1.1. General information

The Faculty of Law of the University of Trento was established in 1984. Its recent origin made it possible to learn important lessons based on a thoughtful and critical assessment of the situation regarding legal studies in Italy, and to introduce a new way of approaching law, bearing in mind the experience of the existing educational system. Unlike many and perhaps most law schools in Italy, therefore, the Trento Faculty of Law was intended, from the very beginning, to be a teaching and a research institution with a specific cultural mission.

This mission has always involved treating “legal phenomena” as distinct from domestic positive law of which it is part, being national laws and regulations worthy of study for obvious, practical reasons but clearly distinguishable from the legal phenomena per se. Indeed, law is a complex reality, which includes domestic positive law, international law, supranational law and, of course, their reciprocal interactions. Thus, it is no surprise that the content of university law programmes throughout Europe (and elsewhere) is tending towards uniformity and national differences now often only account for a small part of them.

In this light, the method of comparative law is one of the best tools for learning one’s own domestic legal system in a broader context, which takes law into account as a social phenomenon. By “denationalising” the law, one’s knowledge of it can only being improved, and its consistency tested with reference to its explicit and implicit justifications. This is the essence of the Theses of Trento, a Manifesto on comparative law which was developed in 1987 by a number of distinguished scholars partly based at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento, and which has had a lasting influence on the cultural history of the Institution.

For these reasons, the choice to study law in Trento offers students a challenging initiation into the realm of law in both its comparative and transnational aspects. The five-year programme in Comparative, European and Transnational Law is conceived so as to train students to confront an increasingly complex reality, preparing them for careers in academia and, at the same time, for work as highly qualified practitioners at national level (as lawyers, notaries, judges and public prosecutors) as well as international level (e.g. as legal experts and legal advisors in intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations).

### The building

The home of the Faculty of Law is a noteworthy, functional building designed by the renowned Italian architect Mario Botta. This new building was inaugurated on 17th October 2006. Scientific and teaching activities are in progress on a daily basis. In addition, cultural events and art exhibitions are periodically organised by the Faculty.

### Studying law in Italy

In Italy, law is a five-year degree. Unlike degrees at most of the other Departments, the first and second study cycles are not divided into a bachelor programme (first 3 years) and a specialised programme (subsequent 2 years), as they are concentrated in a single five-year degree programme - called “Laurea magistrale in
“Giurisprudenza” in Italian. This programme is in many ways equivalent to a Master’s Degree (M.A.) in other countries, and it gives access to doctoral programmes, to one or two-year Master’s programmes and, in Italy, to specific training programmes (e.g. the Scuola di Specializzazione per le professioni legali, “Postgraduate School for Legal Professions. See Section 1.4). In order for a law degree to be awarded, Italian legislation sets minimum credit requirements for each area of legal studies:


The laurea magistrale in Giurisprudenza requires students to accumulate 300 ECTS credits, which are acquired by passing the courses included in the “piano di studi” (that is, the partially customisable academic curriculum) and successfully discussing their final dissertation.

1.2. Degree Programme in Comparative, European and Transnational Law

Starting from the 2011/2012 academic year, only one degree is awarded at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento, which brings together the two previous curricula in, respectively, domestic law and European and transnational law. The curriculum in Comparative, European and Transnational Law is a programme that is spread over five years, during which the Italian legal system is studied critically and in depth, focussing both on its specialised branches (e.g., criminal law, administrative law, labour law, etc.) and in its relationship with the European and international realities, as well as with other domestic contexts viewed from a comparative perspective. In particular, students will be accompanied in coming to understand the main features of the Italian legal system and the way it contributes to European integration and to other dynamics of international cooperation in legal matters, and how, in turn, other national and supranational experiences affect - or could positively affect, if duly taken into account - the way in which law is enacted, interpreted and applied in Italy. The Italian legal system, whose roots go back to the sophisticated Roman legal tradition, has many interesting features for future legal practitioners coming from foreign countries, but also a lot to learn from them: this is the reason why the Faculty of Law promotes the enrolment of non-Italian students and the cultural exchanges between them and their Italian colleagues. This is also the reason why, in Trento, this logic of cultural exchange and legal comparison is put at the heart of all teaching activities.

1.2.1. Curriculum of the Degree Programme in Comparative, European and Transnational Law

The characteristic features of the Curriculum in Comparative, European and Transnational Law are the attention paid to the fundamentals of Italian law (both its theoretical premises and its practical application) and its strong inclination towards comparison and internationalism.

The five-year programme comprises both compulsory fundamental courses and optional courses (several of which are held by visiting professors from all over the world). Some of these courses are considered as compulsory preliminary (“propedeuticità”, in Italian), that is, preparatory to other ones: this means that they
have to be passed in order for students to be able to attend subsequent ones (a non-exhaustive catalogue is given in Section 1.2.6.). The notions of “compulsory” and “optional” used in reference to courses has nothing to do with attendance, which in the Italian system is, as a general rule, non-mandatory. However, professors may require students to attend their courses in order to be admitted to the exams: this requirement, if present, is stated in the webpage of the courses concerned. In addition, please note that attendance is compulsory for courses held by visiting professors and guest professors.

In order for each individual student to derive maximum benefit from the classes - particularly the fundamental courses which are compulsory in the first year education programme - lectures are offered to two separate groups of students (students with the initial surname letters A-L and M-Z). Lectures for the two groups will have an identical programme and educational aim.

Besides compulsory courses, students have the chance to attend a great number of optional courses – taught in Italian as well as in other languages – and to specialise in one or more legal areas. Each year the Faculty of Law offers more than fifty courses in several legal fields. This is the result of careful annual planning, which combines students’ interests and professional priorities. Both these aspects - the willingness to satisfy cultural interests and the aim of providing concrete skills to adequately face the challenges of the contemporary world - motivate the inclusion in the curriculum of other educational activities to be completed in or outside the Faculty of Law (Section 1.2.7.8.).

1.2.2. Compulsory fundamental courses

The following table shows the disciplines included in the curriculum, for each of the five years of study. Some of them, being compulsory, are set by default, whereas others can be inserted in the curriculum through the annual completion of a form called “piano di studi” [learning agreement or personal course of study] (either by choosing between a couple of alternative options, or by picking the courses of one’s choice from the broader catalogue of optional courses and other activities).

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<th>ECTS Credits</th>
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<td>1st year</td>
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<td>Philosophy of Law I 9</td>
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<td>Fundamental Notions of European Union Law 9</td>
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<td>International Law 9</td>
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<td>Criminal Law 9</td>
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<td>Political Economy 9</td>
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<td>History of Medieval and Modern Law I 9</td>
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<td>Commercial Law</td>
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<td>Labour Law</td>
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<td>Advanced Criminal Law</td>
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<td><strong>4th year</strong></td>
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<td>Advanced Commercial Law</td>
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<td>Civil Procedure</td>
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<tr>
<td>Roman Law and the Foundations of European Law</td>
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<td>Criminal Procedure</td>
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<td>History of Medieval and Modern Law II</td>
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<td><strong>5th year</strong></td>
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<td>Administrative Procedure</td>
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<td>Taxation Law</td>
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<td>And one course to be chosen between:</td>
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<td>Advanced Philosophy of Law</td>
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<tr>
<td>Methodology of Legal Science</td>
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<td><strong>Other activities (mandatory for acquiring the remaining 82 ECTS credits)</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Optional courses</td>
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<td>*Foreign language</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other educational activities</td>
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<td>Final test (discussion of the thesis)</td>
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<td><strong>Total number of ECTS credits</strong></td>
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*The identification of the first language (or languages) of the students as a “foreign language” depends on citizenship of the student and not on his/her actual knowledge of the Italian language*

1.2.3. **Compulsory fundamental courses taught in English**

Starting from the 2015/2016 academic year the Faculty of Law, on an experimental basis, offers three first year compulsory fundamental courses in English corresponding to the equivalent compulsory fundamental courses taught in Italian.

- Comparative Legal Systems (*Sistemi Giuridici Comparati*) - first semester;
- European Union Law (*Istituzioni di Diritto dell’Unione Europea*) - second semester;
- Legal Philosophy (*Filosofia del Diritto*) - second semester.

In addition to the 9 ECTS credits per course recognized in accordance with the Didactic Regulations of the Master’s Degree in Law Regulations, students - whose first language is not English - who regularly attend the course and pass the final exam will be awarded 4 extra ECTS credits.

Information on the application procedure: Mrs. Manuela Paolino (Manuela.Paolino@unitn.it)

1.2.4. **Optional courses**
Optional courses and other educational activities can be added to the curriculum at the beginning of an academic year; delisting them is generally possible but, once the piano di studi has been closed, it will be necessary to wait until it is reopened at the start of the subsequent academic year.

It is not possible, however, to take the examinations relating to optional courses during the first two years of the degree. Each optional course grants 6 ECTS credits.

For the complete list of the optional courses taught in Italian please see the Faculty of Law website: http://web.unitn.it/files/download/5142/guida_giurisprudenza_2015-2016_1ott2015.pdf

1.2.5. Optional courses taught in languages other than Italian

Although English is the main foreign language used in the Faculty of Law in Trento, courses and workshops may be held also in French, German and Spanish, according to the teaching programme approved every year by the Faculty Council.
With regard to the 2015/16 academic year, the following courses are offered in various languages:

Comparative constitutional law of groups and minorities
Comparative European contract law
Einfhurung in das Recht der Deutschsprachigen Staaten
Comparative Constitutional Justice
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Energy Law
Comparative information, communication, and Technology Law
History of Political Thought (advanced)
International Civil Litigation
International Economic Law
Introduction to Asian Law
Law and Politics in Latin America 25972
Protection of Fundamental Rights in Europe

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<th>Academic year</th>
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<td>The “Academic year” is the teaching period and in Italy it is made up of two semesters. The first semester starts in September and ends in January. The second semester starts in February and ends in July. The actual initial and ending dates vary slightly every year according to the academic calendar.</td>
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1.2.6. Compulsory preliminary courses (“propedeuticità”)

Examinations of most courses - whether compulsory or optional - can only be taken when preliminary foundation courses (so-called “propedeuticità”) have been passed. Please note that this refers to the possibility of taking the examination, not to the possibility of attending a course: in fact, in Italy, university courses can usually be attended freely. If one course is passed that requires another one to have been previously taken, the former is declared null and void by the competent office.
This is an incomplete list of propedeuticità, merely given as examples for illustrative purposes and should be used just for ease of reference. Students are invited to check the Faculty of Law course web pages in order to learn whether particular requirements of any kind have been set.

**Examples:**

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<tr>
<th>Compulsory preliminary courses</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fundamental Notions of Public Law / Fundamental Notions of Private Law</td>
<td>all compulsory courses from the 2nd year onwards and all optional courses</td>
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<tr>
<td>Criminal Law</td>
<td>Advanced Criminal Law</td>
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<td>Commercial Law</td>
<td>Advanced Commercial Law</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fundamental Notions of Roman Law</td>
<td>Roman Law and the Bases of European Law</td>
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<td>Administrative Law</td>
<td>Administrative Procedure</td>
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### 1.2.7. Other educational activities

#### 1.2.7.1. Workshops

The Faculty of Law offers not only a great number of law courses, but also a vast selection of workshops encompassing a great variety of topics. The aim of the workshops is to enhance the theoretical programme of the traditional, frontal lessons with, among other things, cases analysis, practice exercises and moot court simulations.

Two ECTS credits are awarded to students upon successfully passing the examination relating to one of the following seminars:

For complete lists of workshops taught in Italian see the Faculty of Law website: [http://web.unitn.it/files/download/5142/guida_giurisprudenza_2015-2016_1ott2015.pdf](http://web.unitn.it/files/download/5142/guida_giurisprudenza_2015-2016_1ott2015.pdf)

#### Workshops taught in languages other than Italian

Although most of the workshops are taught in Italian, every academic year a complete list of the workshops offered in various languages is published in the Faculty website (see as examples the workshop on “Crime and punishment in the United States” and the bilingual - Italian/English - “Workshop on legal translation of the Law of the European Union”).

#### 1.2.7.2. Language skills

The relationship between law and language is one of the most important aspects in the training of a jurist. Law expresses itself mostly through words, thus creating a “legal language” marked out by specific concepts and categories which may vary greatly from one legal system to another. As a consequence, the translation of a legal text from its original language to a different one requires a difficult transfer of those very concepts and categories into another setting, which is legal and cultural no less than linguistic.

The process of European legal integration, and the effects of globalisation in general, make the acquisition of skills in understanding and translating legal languages even more important. Such skills are not the
specialised domain of a group of legal professionals, but are essential to every jurist who aims at working on the European, transnational or international level. Moreover, these skills are complementary for national jurists who, more and more, have to work with national legal sources whose origin may be found at the European or international level.

A full understanding of foreign law, as well as the drafting and translation of a legal text in a foreign language, requires specific training, which combines the study of international and comparative law subjects with a grounding in linguistic skills and techniques. Against this background, the Faculty of Law offers a vast range of activities: basic to advanced foreign-language courses, courses to learn foreign legal languages, law courses and workshops held by professors in a language other than Italian, seminars and courses on legal translation within the Doctoral Programme in Comparative and European Legal Studies (but open to the attendance of law students too) and, of course, Italian courses for foreign students.

### Italian as a second language

Through the Centro Linguistico dell'Ateneo (University Language Centre, CLA) the University of Trento organises courses in Italian as a second language. These range from level A2 to level C1 (see below) and are taught by qualified teachers with considerable experience in teaching non-Italian students. They will provide them with a useful knowledge of the Italian language both for daily life and during their university career in Italy. Specific features of written Italian legal language will give participants the grounding in Italian legal vocabulary necessary to attend most of the courses offered by the Faculty.

#### 1.2.7.3. Foreign language courses

The CLA offers language courses in English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Chinese. These courses are organized at different levels and last 50 “academic” hours (or 37.5 actual classroom hours). The courses are held by qualified, native speaker teachers and are classified on the basis of different skill levels. ECTS credits are assigned according to the following scheme:

<p>| Basic User | A1 (1 ECTS credit) | Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others. Can interact in a simple way. |
| Independent User | A2 (3 ECTS credits; lesser levels absorbed) | Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) |
| | B1 (5 ECTS credits; lesser levels absorbed) | Can deal with most situations likely to arise while travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest |
| | B2 (7 ECTS credits; lesser levels absorbed) | Can understand the main ideas of complex text, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects. |</p>
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<th>Proficient User</th>
<th>C1 (9 ECTS credits; lesser levels absorbed)</th>
<th>Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects.</th>
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<tr>
<td>C2 (11 ECTS credits; lesser levels absorbed)</td>
<td>Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely.</td>
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Language certificates issued by internationally-recognised institutions will be granted ECTS credits according to a conversion table arranged by the CLA.

For further information, please contact the CLA:
Address: via Verdi, 8 (Floor 1) - 38122 Trento
tel.: +39 0461283460
fax: +39 0461282900
e-mail: cla@unitn.it
website: [http://web.unitn.it/cla](http://web.unitn.it/cla)

Opening hours:
Mon and Fri: 10.00 - 12.00
Wed: 10.00 - 12.00 / 14.00 - 16.00

1.2.7.4. Courses in legal language

The Faculty of Law, with the support of the CLA, offers courses in English, French, German and Spanish legal language. The courses are 40 hours long, combining frontal lessons and practical activities and are awarded three ECTS credits; they are held by native speaker teachers, qualified due to a specific legal and language training.

1.2.7.5. Course leading to the **Certificat de Français Juridique**

The Faculty of Law offers a 40-hour course to prepare students for the **Certificat de Français Juridique**, organised by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry; a B2 level (Common European Framework of Reference for Language Learning and Teaching) certificate which also attests to its possessor’s ability to use French in a professional legal context. Students wishing to take this course must either have a B1 level French certificate, or have successfully completed one of the Faculty of Law’s Legal French courses.

1.2.7.6. Computer skills

Students may take classes for the European Computer Driving License (ECDL) Programme at the ECDL Test Centre of the University of Trento. Each teaching unit is awarded one ECTS credit. Registration to exams is only possible online, during periods of which notification is given on the website: [http://web.unitn.it/ecdl](http://web.unitn.it/ecdl).

For any further information, please write to: ecdl@unitn.it.
1.2.7.7. Internships

Internships are educational experiences aimed at allowing students to enhance the knowledge acquired during their university years by practical application. They consist of a period spent working in an institution, association, court, company or law firm, in order to acquire specific professional skills and become more competitive in the labour market.

Law students are given the opportunity to apply their academic skills in a wide range of internship and job training programmes. The University’s Job Guidance service, in collaboration with the professors responsible for internships in each Faculty (University supervisor) publishes the internship opportunities offered by partner entities.

Moreover, the University of Trento also organises and supervises partially grant-funded internships, both in Italy and abroad, especially through its many mobility programmes (see Section 1.3). It is worth noting that, thanks to a recent modification of the regulation of the EU Erasmus Programme (now ErasmusPlus), undergraduates and Ph.D. students who have already been granted an Erasmus scholarship are also eligible to apply for an Erasmus internship grant as well.

Admission requirements

Internships are open to all students enrolled in a five-year degree programme and having acquired at least 180 ECTS credits, third year students of a three-year degree programme and all students of a master’s degree programme. This notwithstanding, a student may lodge his or her application before meeting the above requirements.

Italian laws prohibit the recognition of an internship, for working students, in relation to a period spent at the institution or company which regularly employs him or her. However, in order not to be penalised, such students may agree with his or her supervisor upon alternative options, which may consist of an analysis of one or more issues relating to his or her work activity and which are of particular relevance for his or her study programme.

Choosing the internship

In order to be accepted for an internship, the candidate must identify a potential hosting institution. There are two viable options:

- selecting, among the institutions which have sent their internship proposal to the University’s Job Guidance Service, the one which fits the student’s profile and interests best. This is done by checking the University’s internship database or, in the case of internships directly managed by the University, by keeping a watch on existing calls;

- if the research proves to be unfruitful, a student may independently identify a potential host institution. If he or she finds one, he or she will have to verify the existence of an internship agreement between the University and such institution and, if none exists, to activate the procedure to stipulate one.

Internship project and duration

The student must agree the main features of his or her experience as an intern (activities, modalities, tools, schedule, etc.) with the host institution. The task of evaluating the congruity between this project and the way the internship is actually implemented falls to the University supervisor, who must be part of the faculty:
participants in any capacity are eligible, that is, anyone from research fellows to full professors. The supervisor is usually a scholar whose expertise covers the subjects most directly relating to the concerned work activities, and must:

- verify the adequacy of the project on the basis of the study programme of the student
- define the educational aims and desired outcomes of the experience, in terms of acquiring professionally useful skills
- assure that both the candidate and the host institution comply with the project
- supervise the execution of the internship and, at the end, validate the final report

The duration of the internship period ranges between four and twelve weeks, while weekly working hours may not be less than fifteen hours (part-time option) nor exceed thirty hours (full-time option). These hours must be reasonably distributed among five working days and should not, as far as possible, overlap with university courses: this is why interns are encouraged to choose the full-time option only during periods where no courses are held.

In calculating how many ECTS credits are due to the intern, it should be recalled that one credit corresponds to thirty working hours, and that a part-time internship means working three hours per day, five days a week, while a full-time internship means working six hours per day, five days a week. The resulting scheme is as follows:

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<td>6 weeks, part-time</td>
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<td>4 weeks, full-time/8 weeks, part-time</td>
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<td>5 weeks, full-time/10 weeks, part-time</td>
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<td>6 weeks, full-time/12 weeks, part-time</td>
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<td>7 weeks, full-time/14 weeks, part-time</td>
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<td>12 weeks, full-time</td>
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However, working students are awarded credits according to different rules. Some derogations are also possible in the case of internships carried out abroad, upon previous agreement with the supervisor and the competent office of the University of Trento.

For further information:
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38122 Trento
fax +39 0461287005
e-mail: jobguidance@unitn.it

1.2.7.8. Other activities
Students may also request in writing to attend and take the relevant exam of a course which is taught in any other Faculty of the University of Trento. In any case, a student should choose among those courses which best fit his or her legal education. The ECTS credits thus awarded will be recognized as free ECTS credits (crediti liberi).

1.2.8. Examinations

In Italy examinations are mostly oral (viva voce). In order to take an examination, students have to register online by means of their personal credentials no later than five days before the date of the examination; annulment of the registration is possible within the same period, and is strongly advised if the student no longer intends to take the exam.

In Italy, grades are awarded out of 30. Their meaning can be roughly explained with the following table:

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<td>28-29</td>
<td>Very good</td>
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<td>24-27</td>
<td>Good</td>
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<td>21-23</td>
<td>Satisfactory</td>
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<td>Sufficient</td>
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<td>Lower than 18</td>
<td>Fail</td>
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Unlike in other education systems, failing an exam does not preclude the possibility of successfully completing one’s university career and graduating. Many dates for examinations, called “appelli” in Italian, are fixed throughout the academic year for most available courses (with the exception of the courses which are no longer offered, where the examinations are to be taken within the academic year subsequent to the year of de-activation, and those taught by visiting professors or adjunct professors, where examinations are to be taken at the end of the course), and students may choose to take the examination in the most convenient appello. Even in case of failure, students are allowed to take the same exam on any subsequent appello, with no limitation and irrespective of the year of the course (e.g., a student might decide to take the examination of a second-year course in his or her third year). The only exception is represented by the possibility for the professor, at his/her discretion, to deny access to the immediately subsequent appello, if the student’s preparation is deemed to be utterly insufficient.

1.2.9. Final examination (thesis defence)

The gradual acquisition of research and writing skills is one of the main goals of a lawyer’s education. That aim is pursued by the Faculty of Law through a number of activities during the university period, such as written assignments during courses, the presentation and discussion of a paper or a written exam at the end of a course, as well as the defence of a thesis as the final test in order to graduate with a Degree in Law. Such a final examination is the best way to assess whether a student has effectively acquired methodological proficiency to an adequate standard as well as the educational background and specialised skills to be able to work as a legal professional.

The final thesis is a comprehensive, critical and original dissertation on a specific curricular topic, although an interdisciplinary approach is the most positively evaluated. It is defended before a Commission of Faculty professors comprising the student’s supervisor. The assessment of the performance of the candidate is carried
out by the Commission in accordance with certain criteria (see below) and taking into account his or her overall academic career.

**Final mark and calculation**

A thesis may be awarded a maximum of six points and is eligible to be granted honours, if the result of the research is of elevated quality, the candidate’s final mark is particularly high and the Commission unanimously approves.

A student is admitted to the final examination with a score expressed on a scale out of 110. It is calculated considering the weighted average of all marks received during the degree programme without rounding decimals up or down (a “weighted average” is one that takes into account the different number of ECTS credits attributed to different courses). The mark “30 cum laude” is counted as a “31”.

For additional information please contact the “Ufficio Offerta Formativa e Gestione Studenti”:

Address: via Inama, 5 - 38122

tel.: +39 0461282166; +39 0461282168
fax: +39 0461282169

e-mail: supportostudentiecogiursi@unitn.it

### 1.3. International mobility programmes

A recognition of the importance of the international dimension of education is central to the ethos of the University of Trento, as is demonstrated by the list of associations and networks in which the Faculty of Law participates:

- ELFA (European Law Faculties Association)
- EPLO (European Public Law Organization)
- IALS (International Association of Law Schools)
- ASCL (American Society of Comparative Law)
- INVERNOMOS (International Law Firms Association)
- AFDL (Asociación de Facultades de Derecho Latinas)
- IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

In accordance with this philosophy, students are invited to become involved in a wide range of educational and professional programmes, at both the European and international level, so as to be better equipped with the experience and skills necessary to compete in today’s global market. Here is a catalogue of opportunities offered by the School of Law. In this framework, the Faculty is also the only Italian Law School partner of the Fulbright Program, the largest US international exchange program.
Each year Trento’s law students participate in the Moot Court competition organised by ELSA (the European Law Students Association). Since 2006 our delegation has competed in the National Championship with considerable success: that year it came second and one of our students won the special “Best Orator” prize.

http://elsatrento.org/

### 1.3.1. Student mobility programmes

**Transnational Law Programme**

The Faculty of Law is a founding member of the Transnational Law Programme (TLP), which offers students a legal education with a transnational approach and the opportunity to be trained as transnational lawyers. TLP is a joint educational programme in collaboration with the Universiteit Utrecht (The Netherlands), the Washington University School of Law (Missouri, USA), the Queen’s University Belfast School of Law (Ireland) and the Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Portugal). All the institutions involved in the TLP have a distinctively comparative and transnational approach to the teaching of law.

For Trento students, the TLP programme is intended to prepare lawyers for the globalising legal market, enabling them to be admitted at the same time to the United States Bar Exam and to the Italian “esame per l’abilitazione alla professione forense”, in order to practice as a lawyer - avvocato in both the United States and Italy. Trento TLP students will receive two final degrees: one from Washington University (LLM) and one from Trento (Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza).

For further information, please contact Prof. Elena Ioriatti (elena.ioriatti@unitn.it).

**Double-Degree Programme**

In pursuing its internationalisation objectives, the University of Trento has, since 1997, signed more than 30 double-degree agreements with foreign universities, involving all the University Departments. See for a general overview the University website: [http://web.unitn.it/en/outgoing/2997/bilateral-agreements](http://web.unitn.it/en/outgoing/2997/bilateral-agreements)

The double degree programme is based on the principle of cooperation between different university systems in Europe. This programme offers the chance of a longer stay abroad compared to any other international programme and close collaboration between the lecturers of the universities involved. It offers students the opportunity to achieve two qualifications: an Italian degree (either undergraduate or graduate) and the corresponding degree from their home university (in the case of students enrolled abroad) or the guest university (in the case of students enrolled in Trento). The students thus acquire two qualifications which facilitate their access to the labour market.

The Faculty of Law is party to a double-degree agreement with the Université Paris 13 (France).

For further information relating to activities, calls and applications, please contact prof. Stefania Scarponi: Stefania.Scarponi@unitn.it

**Erasmus Plus**

The Erasmus Student Mobility Programme allows students of the University of Trento to spend from three to twelve months at a European partner university, without incurring any fees and also qualify for a scholarship
from the European Union. While abroad, students can study full time and/or carry out research. More specifically, they have the opportunity to:

- attend courses at a foreign university and have their exams credited by their home university
- make full use of the foreign university’s facilities
- improve their knowledge of a foreign language
- participate in cultural activities and meet other people from other countries

In order to make their stay at Trento University as successful and enjoyable as possible, Erasmus students are supported by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN). The ESN offers students assistance with bureaucratic procedures, helps them to familiarise themselves with the University and its facilities, and organises cultural, recreational and sporting events. The ESN is a non-political and non-religious association, set up by the Erasmus Bureau in Brussels (a body of the Commission of the European Union), with branches at different universities, including Trento.

The Faculty of Law is currently party to 54 bilateral agreements with partner universities:

- 2 in Austria
- 1 in Belgium (French)
- 2 in Belgium (English)
- 1 in Finland
- 6 in France
- 6 in Germany
- 1 in Greece
- 1 in Hungary
- 2 in the Netherlands
- 2 in Poland
- 4 in Portugal
- 13 in Spain
- 1 in Switzerland (German canton)
- 1 in Switzerland (French canton)
- 3 in the United Kingdom
- 2 in Turkey (English language)
- 1 in Latvia (English language)
- 1 in Czech Republic (English language)
For further information, please contact the Teaching Support, International Exchanges and City Campus Division (“Divisione Supporto Didattica, Percorsi Internazionali e Studenti Polo di Città”):
Address: via Inama, 5 - 38122 Trento
tel.: +39 0461283817
fax: +39 0461282121
website: Erasmus Programme
e-mail: mobility-ssh@unitn.it

1.3.2. Conventions and agreements

Bilateral conventions of the University of Trento

Law students may take advantage of a number of bilateral conventions signed by the University of Trento, providing mobility programmes with the following institutions:

- University of Kansas (USA)
- Melbourne University (Australia)
- Universidade Vale do Itajaí (Brazil)
- Universidad de la Habana (Cuba)
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago and Villarrica campuses (Chile)
- Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (France)
- Université de Sherbrooke, Québec (Canada)
- McMaster University, Ontario (Canada)
- Universidad de la Pampa (Argentina)

For further information relating to activities, calls and applications, please check the relevant webpage: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1751/international

Bilateral conventions of the Faculty of Law

Law students may profit from some bilateral conventions signed by their Faculty, providing mobility programmes with the following institutions:

- Vermont School of Law (USA)
• Haifa University Law School (Israel)
• Hebrew University (Israel)

For further information relating to activities, calls and applications, please contact Mrs. Lorenza Zuccatti:
tel.: +39 0461282275
e-mail: Mobility-ssh@unitn.it

1.3.3. University funding for student mobility

The Faculty of Law may grant funds to its regularly enrolled students who undertake a mobility experience. These are allocated on the basis of the availability of economic resources as provided for in the yearly budget, and according to the following priorities:

- individual study-periods in Italian or foreign universities or research institutions in order to write their degree thesis
- group study-periods in order to refine professional or academic competencies in Italy or abroad
- other educational initiatives which may contribute to legal education

Applications will be forwarded to the Office of the Dean and subject to the approval of the Faculty Council. In case of an individual study-period, the candidate is responsible for submitting the application; they must attach a declaration, issued by a professor, to the documentation, confirming the usefulness of the experience, as well as a letter of acceptance by the host institution and a detailed plan of the study period abroad. In case of a collective study-period, the professor responsible for the mobility experience is also responsible for submitting the application. In each case, the submission must meet the relevant deadline: 31 May for study periods from July to December and 31 October for study periods from January to June.

Reimbursements will be paid against adequate documentation of the expenses incurred, which has to be forwarded to the Administrative Office of the Faculty of Law. The following expenses may be reimbursed:

- Travel expenses (second-class train ticket; economy-class airline ticket up to a certain amount of Euro depending on the destination)
- Subscription fees of seminars and courses
- Accommodation costs up to 30€/day for 15 days.

1.4. Postgraduate programmes

Postgraduate School for Legal Professions

In the Academic Year 2001-2002, the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento created a Specialisation School for Legal Professionals.

The School was founded pursuant to an agreement with the Faculty of Law of the University of Verona, and was formally approved by the University National Council ("Consiglio universitario nazionale") in 2001. The Executive Council of the School is composed of professors from the University of Trento and the University of
Verona, as well as attorneys, judges and notaries. Only law graduates may apply for the School, and the admission is by examination.

The School represents a natural extension of the Degree in Law for all those students who are interested in making a career in law outside academia. Indeed, the School serves the purpose of completing and refining those legal skills and competencies acquired during the university years, and with its practical rather than theoretical approach it constitutes the main and preferable path to the legal professions (attorney, judge and notary) and for preparation for the respective State examinations. These national examinations confer the Italian qualification of “avvocato”, “magistrato”, “notaio”, according to the respective Italian regulations and permit the legal professional to exercise the above mentioned professions in Italy (please note that there is a possibility of obtaining the recognition of diplomas, according to the European Union directives on recognition of EU professional qualifications).

Director: Prof. Alessandro Melchionda

For more information, please check the following website: Postgraduate School for Legal Professions, or refer to these contacts:

tel.: +39 0461281867
fax: +39 0461281874
e-mail: sspl@unitn.it

Training contract at the State’s Attorney’s Office

A Trento law graduate may carry out his or her training contract at the State’s Attorney’s Office in Trento in order to access the Bar exam. Since the number of positions is limited, trainees are selected through a procedure based on qualifications, and according to the rules set up by the Council of the Bar Association.

Doctoral Programme in Comparative and European Legal Studies

A Ph.D. programme is a three-year course with compulsory attendance, at the end of which a student is awarded the highest Italian academic degree. Ph.D. programmes are conceived and organised so as to perfect research methodologies and refine skills in a specific field of research.

The Faculty of Law offers a Doctoral Programme in Comparative and European Legal Studies, which is divided into five curricula:

- Private Law, Comparative Private Law and Commercial Law.
- Labour Law and Labour Procedure
- Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Philosophy of Law
- Administrative Law, Constitutional Law and International Law
- History of Roman Law and of the European Legal Thought

A procedure is conducted to select the applicants deserving admission to the Doctoral Programme in Comparative and European Legal Studies. The only requirement to be eligible for the selection procedure is to
hold a Master's Law degree or an equivalent foreign university qualification. At least half of the available positions are granted a scholarship, awarded on the basis of the candidate’s ranking in the selection procedure.

Programme coordinator: Prof. Gabriele Fornasari.

For more information, please check this website: Doctoral programme in Comparative and European Legal Studies, or refer to the following contacts:

Ph.D. Office - Humanities Area
Address: via Verdi, 26 - 38122 Trento
tel.: +39 0461282188 -1753 - 2193 - 1428 - 2377
fax: +39 0461282191
e-mail: dottorati-citta@unitn.it

or

Doctoral Programme in Comparative and European Legal Studies - Administrative Office
Address: via Verdi, 53 - 38122 Trento
tel.: +39 0461281867
e-mail: dottorato.sgce@unitn.it

School of International Studies

The School of International Studies, established in 2001 by the Faculties of Economics, Law, Humanities and Sociology, as well as five Departments of the University of Trento, coordinates a Master’s Programme in European and International Studies and a Ph.D. Programme in International Studies. Legal subjects amount to a significant part in both programmes, and a number of professors of the Faculty of Law are involved in the school.

Director of the School: Professor Luisa Antoniolli.

Director and Chairman of the Council of the Master’s Programme: Professor Andrea Fracasso.

Director and Chairman of the Ph.D. Program: Professor Jens Woelk.

For further information, please contact the School:
Address: via Gar, 14 - 38122 Trento
tel.: +39 0461283125
fax: +39 0461283152
e-mail: sis@unitn.it
website: School of International Studies

Master’s programmes
Master's programmes aim at completing the competencies acquired during the years of the first-level degree programme, and building specialised professional skills upon them.

In order to enrol, a candidate must pass a selection procedure, which may be based on the candidate’s CV and/or on tests and interviews. Programmes offer lessons, seminars and traineeships.

For more information, please contact the Office for Postgraduate Orientation:
Address: via Verdi, 6 - 38122 Trento
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fax: +39 0461283222
e-mail: laureati@unitn.it

1.5. Research programmes

Research is at the heart of the activities of the Faculty of Law, based on the conviction that free and innovative scientific studies are, together with high-quality teaching, the most valuable service the university can provide to the community in which it is embedded. Moreover, as widely acknowledged, good research makes good teaching, since, on the one hand, students are educated in advanced legal fields with up-to-date notions, and on the other hand, their critical skills are adequately developed.

Some of the programmes developed over the years within the Faculty are:

BioLaw

The BioLaw Project focuses on the study of the impact of biomedicine on law and, more specifically, on fundamental rights. Fast developments in science and technology and the potentially controversial social and political effects they produce, mean that legal categories and instruments need to be constantly re-evaluated and sometimes rethought, in order to balance conflicting interests and to ensure that law is always up-to-date with scientific research and its techniques.

The interdisciplinary nature of the project allows it to benefit naturally from the research and methodology of comparative legal science.

BioLaw has always combined teaching with research. In particular, two courses are available: “BioLaw” (Prof. Carlo Casonato) and “Fundamental rights and life sciences” (Prof. Carlo Casonato and Dr. Simone Penasa). Students are offered the possibility to analyse crucial topics in depth: beginning of life issues, reproductive medicine (assisted reproduction, abortion, surrogacy), end of life issues (euthanasia, living wills, withdrawal of life-sustaining treatments, definition of death), genetics (genetic discrimination, predictive medicine, biobanks, wrongful life and wrongful birth), the principle of consent, scientific research, human experimentation and clinical trials, institutional review boards and ethical committees, synthetic biology and converging technologies.

This interdisciplinary, comparative approach is fostered and developed by international experts and visiting professors (from the US, Canada, Spain, the UK, France, Germany, Switzerland and Israel) who regularly bring their diverse expertise to both teaching and research. Moreover, the BioLaw team cooperates with a
number of international, European and national research projects and, in the period 2008-2012, led an Italy-funded programme on “The Impact of Biotechnological Innovations on Fundamental Rights: An Interdisciplinary and Comparative Survey”.

The outcomes of the activities of the BioLaw project have been collected in about 14 publications in Italian and English, and in more than one hundred articles in Italian, English, German, Spanish and French.

Since 2014 the BioLaw Team of the University of Trento has published the BioLaw Journal - Rivista di BioDiritto (www.biodiritto.org/rivista), a quarterly, peer-reviewed, online, free access law journal focusing on the relationships between law and life sciences from a comparative perspective. According to its interdisciplinary nature, the Journal hosts contributions in the fields of law, life sciences and bioethics, providing an innovative and original source of reference for academics, lawyers, legal and medical practitioners, law students, and anyone interested in national, European and international biolaw. The Journal is open to the submission of articles and commentaries in Italian, English, French and Spanish. More information is available on the website: www.biodiritto.org/rivista.

Professor Carlo Casonato (PhD) is coordinator of the Project and Editor in chief of the BioLaw Journal - Rivista di BioDiritto (Carlo.Casonato@unitn.it).

Further information and relevant materials are available on the website: www.biodiritto.org.

Law and Language programme

Understanding the connections between law and language is crucial for a modern legal education and additionally is a well established research field. Law almost always expresses itself through language - its own particular language - the concepts and categories of which are part of a specific legal culture. This means that the translation of legal texts involves the transposition of these concepts, and therefore requires a knowledge not only of the languages involved, but also of the laws and cultures. The problems of legal translation thus need to be analysed from a new scientific perspective that requires the pooling of the linguistic and legal skills of various experts (scholars of comparative law in particular). It is also essential that students be made aware of the importance and the complexity of legal translation; this can be achieved through the development of an appropriate, consistent and progressive approach to the teaching of the subject.

The Law and language project aims at developing creative synergies between different skills, both through the research on legal terminology, seminars and the development of scientific approaches to the theory and methodology of legal translation (as applied to the transposition of legal content at the European and international level too), participation of the research group in European projects financed by the EU Commission (VII Framework Program (http://web.unitn.it/giurisprudenza/34621/beucitizen) and by teaching young lawyers and linguists about all aspects of legal translation. Prof. Elena Ioriatti (PhD), who is leading the project, is one of the members of the executive board of the REI network (http://ec.europa.eu/translation/italian/rei/index_it.htm), a group of experts nominated by the EU Commission (DGT Translation) and is currently coordinating the legal terminology group on behalf of the DGT (Italian department).

For further information please contact Prof. Elena Ioriatti

Research Centre on Legal Methodology
The Research Centre on Legal Methodology (CERMEG) was established in May 2004 by a group of philosophers of law who wanted to create a platform for sharing experiences in their field. The initial resources for this endeavour were made available thanks to research projects co-funded by a number of universities and the Ministry of Education.

The idea of creating a network linking legal scholars specialising in argumentative methodology originated in a series of symposia, the *Trento Days on Rhetoric*, as well as seminars and lectures, organised in collaboration with various Italian Bar associations, which focused on education and life-long learning.

This intellectual exchange between scholars of legal theory and experienced legal practitioners has led to the emergence of a shared belief in the importance of methodological and argumentative issues for the administration of justice and of their great interdisciplinary value. Thus, after careful reflection, it was unanimously decided:

(1) in the field of research, to focus on the comparison of the different accounts of legal philosophy that are currently part of the academic debate, and to seek their possible synthesis;

(2) in the educational field, to create and support long-term synergies with legal practitioners, which should be regarded as the points of departure and arrival of every argumentative theory.

**Digital Rights Management**

The aim of this project is to provide an effective tool for the interdisciplinary - legal, economic, and technological - analysis of Digital Rights Management (DRM) systems.

The acronym “DRM” has two meanings. On the one hand, it can be used generically, as a synonym for Technological Protection Measures (TPMs) (for digital information, e.g. texts, sounds, images and videos). On the other hand, and more specifically, “DRM” refers to a hardware and software architecture defining, managing and enforcing - using the most modern and sophisticated TPMs - the “rules” (in technological jargon: the “rights”) governing access to, and the use of, digital information.

DRM systems are already regulated by statutes, case-law, contracts, and technological standards, and scientific literature on the topic is thorough and extensive.

DRM involves many intriguing legal problems and has implications in the fields of competition law, contract law, intellectual property law, and privacy and data protection, not to mention more systemic aspects such as the sources of law. It thus plays a pivotal role in the “Law of the Digital Era”.

**Permanent Observatory on Competition Law Enforcement (Osservatorio Antitrust)**

The research group of the Permanent Observatory on Competition Law Enforcement was founded in 2007 and is committed to academic research in the fields of competition law and economics, as well as to the dissemination of knowledge in this field, and collaborates with the Italian Competition Authority, the European Commission (DG Competition), and other institutions involved in the application of competition rules in Europe. As of today, more than 25 correspondents from EU member States regularly cooperate with the group.
The Permanent Observatory website (www.osservatorioantitrust.eu) is the virtual meeting point for the antitrust community and allows access to useful tools, such as a weekly newsletter (in Italian), a monthly newsletter (in English) and a private antitrust enforcement review (published every three months) (in French). The website is linked to two constantly updated databases, one on EU and domestic antitrust case-law, and the other containing academic texts (including presentations) on competition law and economics. Other features of the website are an e-learning platform, a video archive and a blog. The site has Italian, English, French and Spanish versions.

The research group, now led by Prof. Gian Antonio Benacchio, organises a leading biennial international conference on competition law enforcement (the fifth of which was held in 2015) which has become a must-attend event in the European antitrust community’s year. The conference is attended by academics, judges, lawyers and economists, and also members of the business community and consumer associations.

Since 2015 the Osservatorio Antitrust has organised a Summer School in Moena (in the Italian Dolomites) on Advanced EU Competition Law & Economics. The Summer School is aimed at graduates, practitioners (lawyers, in-house counsel, economists, and managers), judges, officials of Competition Authorities, and other international organisations (http://www.osservatorioantitrust.eu/it/trento-summer-school/).

**Observatory on European and National Public Procurement Law**

The Observatory was started in 2001 to study the relationships between EU and national rules in the field of public procurement. Over the years, it has become one of the most respected nation centres of expertise in this field and has proved highly effective in its analysis of the implementation of EU law in national and regional systems and the effects thereof.

The Observatory activities encompass the following areas: *analysis and comparison of the rules and market performances* (this sector concerns activities intended to raise awareness of the operation and performance of different legal systems and markets in order to facilitate coordination and integration solutions); *measurements of the rules and efficiency of public procurement market* (this sector concerns activities related to the evaluation and measurements of legal systems and market phenomena); *modernization of the rules in the field of public procurement* (this sector concerns activities addressing the knowledge and implementation of legal solutions and applications that improve market functioning).

The Observatory has developed a number of partnerships with other Universities in Italy and in Europe, institutions, organizations and public authorities/agencies. Its scientific committee is composed of national and international experts as well as many experts (professors and researchers, justices, lawyers and public civil servants) who are involved in the research activities.

**Italyspractice**

Italyspractice.info is a collection of statements by representatives of the Italian government on issues of international law. As its name suggests, the site includes both parliamentary and diplomatic practice. On the one hand, it gathers relevant statements, expressions of views and answers to parliamentary questions and inquiries given by Ministries and Undersecretaries of State before the Italian Parliament, composed of a Chamber of Deputies and a Senate of the Republic. On the other, it reports on the position of the Republic of Italy within the UN Security Council, the UN General Assembly and its Committees.
The project is aimed at providing access to the Italian Government’s practice on international law to non-Italian speakers. It constitutes a unique tool for scholars and practitioners of international law and international relations, as it provides for wide-ranging, easily accessible and appropriately ordered materials. Each post provides a translation of the most significant excerpts of a declaration, identified by a topic-based title and introduced by a summary of its content. To facilitate research, posts are classified through keywords and tags. When possible, a link to the official document is made available.

The site is run by a team of scholars and students of international and EU law whose personal and professional connection is the University of Trento - some of them are based at the School of Law and/or the School of International Studies, whereas others are Trento alumni who have maintained strong ties with their Alma Mater.

For more information please contact Professor Marco Pertile: Marco.Pertile@unitn.it

Law and Cinema

The “Law and Cinema” project was inspired by Tullio Ascarelli’s remark that no legal system is self-sufficient, since it is always inseparable from the prevailing values and principles of society. Films - when they reflect reality - can make a valuable contribution to increasing awareness of legal phenomena; in a way which may be neither usual nor comprehensive, but is nevertheless reliable. Film can show how people perceive, feel about, experience, and even have to endure, law. The aim of the “Law & Cinema” project is to examine the connection between artistic expression and the drafting, interpretation and application of the law within any given legal system. Numerous cycles of films have already been organized, with the support and participation of qualified speakers and many topics have been discussed, including the idea and the representation of justice, the criminal trial, the facets of power, old and new slaveries, the most recent Italian history.

For more information please contact Professor Elisabetta Pederzini: Elisabetta.Pederzini@unitn.it
2. The University of Trento welcome services

2.1. The University of Trento

The University of Trento has regularly reconfirmed its position among the top places of the national rankings, and it is well positioned in the international ones. This result is due, in particular, to the University’s ability to finance itself, its success in scientific research, its ability to look towards Europe and the world, and to student satisfaction.

International acclaim is confirmed by independent sources such as THE - Times Higher Education Rankings and QS-Quacquarelli Symonds. In THE - Times Higher Education Rankings 2015-2016, produced by Thomson Reuters for the Times, the University of Trento managed to enter the ranks of the top 200 universities in the world.

Moreover, national and international classifications rank the University of Trento as one of the top Italian universities.

Trento is a medium-sized university, where it is easy for students and teachers to meet one another and there is a continuous exchange of ideas among students from different disciplines: in short, the (virtuous) dynamism of a small university.

2.2. The University Welcome Office

The University Welcome Office provides assistance to the large number of foreign students who come to Trento each year: together with the LLP-Erasmus Office and the Teaching Staff Office (Ufficio Personale Docente e Ricercatore), this is the place to go to obtain information about the University, accommodation opportunities and the city.

English-speaking students in the Welcome Office can help foreign students with the paperwork involved in obtaining study or residence permits, health insurance cards, University student and library cards, etc. The Office is located in via Verdi, 6 (opening times: Tue and Thu from 10 am to noon), and can be contacted emailing welcome@unitn.it.

Welcome weeks and events

Welcome weeks for Italian and foreign students are organised throughout the year. They include a lot of useful services and informative meetings:

- presentations of the University and its website;
- presentations of the welcome services;
- guided tours of the Faculties, accommodation, cafeterias, the Centro Linguistico dell’Ateneo (University Language Centre, CLA) and sporting facilities;
- guided tours of Trento in English;
- a brief overview of Italian immigration law.

Moreover, a number of social events and opportunities are organised so as to encourage friendship among students and get to know Italian culture, as well as all the cultures represented within the University:
• a welcome party to which all new students are invited. It takes place in September and is organised in collaboration with the Socrates Office;
• “welcome seminars”, introducing Italian society, politics and contemporary history;
• “welcome cinema”: a review of international films with Italian subtitles;
• the “Caffè delle Lingue” (“Language Café”), where foreign students can meet and find out about each other’s languages, traditions, customs and literature;
• Italian conversation sessions.

2.3. The Central Library (Biblioteca Centrale)

The Library System, composed of many libraries disseminated all over the Province of Trento and organised by disciplines, provides fundamental support for the University’s teaching and research activities. Its mission is to select, gather and categorise information, and to provide users with quick and easy access to its services.

University members have privileged access to the Library System, but the general public can also access it. Access and borrowing at the libraries of the system are free and open to anyone who is a member of the CBT (Province of Trento library network). Membership is open to all, free of charge and effective immediately upon presentation of an ID card and completion of an application form at any library in the province.

Although law students may freely access any library of the system, the Faculty of Law is mostly served by the Central Library, whose holdings comprises the book collections of the Faculty of Law as well as those of the Department of Sociology and Social Research and the School of Economics and Management. Taken together, at the end of 2015 these holdings amount to 227,565 books and 8,117 periodicals (of which 1,321 have active subscriptions).

The services offered by the Library include book borrowing, consultation of periodicals, interlibrary loans, document delivery, and a reference service. The Library building also has reading rooms and self-service photocopy rooms.

The Central Library is located in via Verdi 8. Its opening times are perhaps the most ample of any other Italian university library, as it may be accessed from 8.00 a.m. to 11.45 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, and 2.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. on Sunday.

2.4. The Opera Universitaria

The Opera Universitaria is in charge of supporting Italian and foreign students by providing them with a vast array of services, such as issuing of student cards (which are free for all students enrolled at the University of Trento), intercultural mediation, support for disabled students and psychological consultancy, as well as housing and rent-a-bike services.

The desk of the Opera Universitaria is in via della Malpensada, 140 (opening times: Mon to Fri from 9.30 am to 12 am; Wed from 2 pm to 4 pm), and can be contacted at:

Opera Universitaria - via della Malpensada, 82/A - 38123 Trento
Further information can be found on the official website: www.operauni.tn.it

2.4.1. Accommodation in Opera Universitaria housing

The Opera Universitaria provides international students with different types of accommodation:

- a few places in double-bedrooms in flats for 3-6 people, with equipped kitchens, washing-machine, iron, clothes horse, blankets and pillows. Towels, sheets, pillowcases, telephone, TV and internet connection are not included. Flats are located no more than 15 minutes by bus from the University and are easy to reach on foot, by bicycle or by public transport;

- furnished rooms (mostly single rooms) with bathroom, balcony and internet connection at the San Bartolameo Residence, situated in the southern part of the town and easily reachable by bus (line A, line 3 and line 8). The structure, with more than 800 beds, is provided with a common kitchen between every 18 students, a café, reception, reading-rooms and other comfortable common spaces. Included in the price are bed and bath linen (which is changed three times a month), and the cleaning of the common areas.

Who may apply

- students on bilateral agreements or international mobility programmes (e.g. Erasmus Mundus, double degree programmes, EuMI, etc.): they are entitled to accommodation for the duration of the programme;

- PhD students: they are entitled to accommodation only for the first academic year;

- post-docs: they are entitled to accommodation only for the first calendar year (12 months);

- “borsista a progetto”: they are entitled to accommodation only for 6 months;

- students on study or research visas: they are entitled to accommodation for the whole duration of the agreement;

- one-year professional master's students: they are entitled to accommodation until the official date of graduation.

How to apply
• students who are going to enrol on an undergraduate or post-graduate course should to apply for Opera Universitaria benefits and satisfy the economic and merit criteria required by the Opera Universitaria;

• Erasmus students must refer to the LLP-Erasmus Office;

• students on a bilateral agreement or an international programme (e.g. Erasmus Mundus, double degree programme, EuMI, etc.) will be supported by the contact person in the University, who will send you the necessary information for making an online reservation;

• doctoral students are required to contact the University Welcome Office, which will send you the necessary information for making an on-line reservation.

Further information

Erasmus students are always accommodated in double rooms.

Visiting professors and researchers (with work visas) are accommodated in University apartments, organised by the Department hosting them.

International students enrolling on undergraduate or graduate courses apply for Opera Universitaria accommodation services and grants through an application form, which must be completed with information on family income and merit. Both aspects are taken into account when allocating Opera Universitaria accommodation. Successful applicants will have access to their rooms starting from the beginning of October.

Students who are entitled to Opera Universitaria services and are eligible, on economic grounds and through merit, for subsidised accommodation, pay lower rents and are entitled to their accommodation for the duration of the course.

PhD students and students not on mobility programmes or special projects, and who do not have a “borsa di studio a progetto”, should contact the Department hosting them.

2.4.2. Rent a bike

Bicycles are a functional, environmentally-friendly and easy way to get around in the city and its surroundings. The Opera Universitaria has 250 bikes available for hire to those students eligible for accommodation. They may, upon request, avail themselves of this service for a time period that cannot extend beyond their stay in Opera Universitaria housing. The service is free but routine maintenance is up to students. Students who are not beneficiaries of Opera Universitaria accommodation, but who have a student card, may benefit from an agreement with a private rent-a-bike service to hire a bike at an economical price.

2.4.3. People with disabilities - services

This service is provided and managed by the Opera Universitaria and is targeted at students with special needs, particularly in order to promote their full participation in the study environment and in all activities of the University. The main activities and provided services are: welcoming, financial support, comfortable accommodation, customised transport and an accompanying person, mentors among professors, didactic supporting tools, HELP service (service desk).
2.4.4. Psychological counselling

The Psychological counselling service aims at preventing and managing problems encountered by students, to enhance their performance and the quality of life during their university experience. Interviews and dialogues are free of charge and the privacy of students is safeguarded. The service is also offered in English.

For details and contacts please see the link Opera Universitaria, psychological counselling

Opera Universitaria - Consulenza psicologica
via della Malpensada n. 82/A - 38122 Trento
tel.: +39 0464 808116
e-mail: consulenza.psicologica@operauni.tn.it
Mon to Fri 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

2.4.5. Job guidance

Job Guidance Service aims at supporting students’ career choices and in the transition from campus to job market. The service offers the chance to reflect and make choices in the utmost respect for student’s individuality and privacy, in order to enhance potential, support in developing skills and designing careers path, through the following: individual guidance sessions for career choices and for personal development themes; dedicated meetings to learn about the different professions in the job market; mock interviews (individual and in groups); effective support for job applications. Moreover, the service constantly monitors the corporate world, offering real-time information through our website, FB page, Linkedin groups and newsletters and invites Companies and Organizations interested to meet candidates, in order to create opportunities for direct contact with them

Career Service, Placement service
Molino Vittoria, via Verdi n. 9
tel.: +39 0461 283209 - 3220 - 3226
jobguidance@unitn.it

2.4.6. University canteens and bars

There are five university cafeterias, with seating for roughly one thousand people, and three university bars in Trento. They offer many different menus, aimed at satisfying different needs in terms of cost and food allergies.
To eat at a university cafeteria, you must have a student card; these can be applied for at the students' Info Desk at the Opera Universitaria, and collected from the Sportello Info Mense, in via Zanella 1, or at the Studentato San Bartolameo, in via della Malpensada 90.

2.4.7. Student associations

Student associations are an important support both for educational and personal experience. The University of Trento supports cultural activities promoted by the several students' associations by providing them with University facilities and specific funds. You will find information here about all the students’ associations and about how to get support from the University of Trento. [http://www.unitn.it/en/servizi/1651/students-associations](http://www.unitn.it/en/servizi/1651/students-associations)

2.4.8. Tutoring

Tutoring is a service aimed at providing guidance and support to enrolled students over their entire university career, at fostering their active participation in the training process and at removing obstacles and difficulties, also with initiatives at individual level. The service is targeted at all newly-enrolled students in undergraduate and graduate courses of the University of Trento.

The tutoring activities can be divided into two types:

- Overall tutoring activities: guidance and support while accessing the university system, getting acquainted with the services and the administrative procedures of the Departments, the University and the Opera Universitaria and specific support for international students, including in languages other than Italian.

- Tutoring in specific disciplinary areas: support concerning the disciplinary contents of the first-year courses.

Ufficio Servizi allo Studio
via Verdi, 6 - 38122 Trento

tel.: +39 0461 282332
fax: +39 0461 283222
e-mail: Uff.ServiziAlloStudio@unitn.it
From Mon to Fri 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 a.m.
Wed: 2.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
3. Living in Trento

Trento - seat of the Council of Trent in the XVI Century - with its medieval castle and cathedral and Renaissance buildings, is an exquisite little city (pop. 115,000), conveniently situated where roads from Venice, Verona and Lake Garda meet and lead north to Austria and beyond. The surrounding area is spectacularty beautiful, dotted with lakes and dominated by the fragile majesty of the Dolomites. Monte (Mount) Bondone, just half an hour's drive from Trento, midway between Lake Garda and the Dolomites, is a famous all-year-round tourist resort. In winter, skiers can enjoy an attractive system of downhill slopes and cross-country tracks, whereas in summer an excellently maintained network of mountain trails allows visitors access to woods, pastures and slopes covered with an astonishing variety of Alpine flowers. Trento provides a privileged environment for studies and work thanks to its size and its services. In a recent statistical analysis by the newspaper, Il Sole 24 ore (an Italian national daily business newspaper, Il Sole 24 ore), Trento was classified as the town with the highest quality of life in Italy. The research was carried out by the Italian University La Sapienza (Rome).

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3.1. Leisure time

3.1.1. Events

Festival of Economics

The Festival of Economics, held in the first week of June, has been running since 2006. It was conceived as an opportunity for economists, politicians and intellectuals to meet and exchange ideas, and to spark a debate with the general public. Although mainly hinging on economic issues, discussions touch upon a number of societal aspects, since bankers, philosophers, political scientists, journalists, demographers, anthropologists, town-planners, cinema and theatre directors and musicians, are all invited as speakers to contribute their innovative thoughts.

Each edition of the Festival - which is held in buildings, squares and gardens across the city - addresses a particular topic. So far, these have been the chosen themes:

2006: Wealth and Poverty
2007: Human Capital, Social Capital
2008: The Market and Democracy
2009: Identity and Global Crisis
2010: Information, Choices and Development
2011: The Borders of Economic Freedom
2012: Life Cycles and Intergenerational Relationships
2013: Sovereignty in Conflict
2014: Ruling Classes, Growth and the Common Good
2015: Social mobility
Mountain Film Festival

The internationally renowned Trento Mountain Film Festival, founded in 1952 by the city of Trento, together with the Italian Alpine Club (CAI), and is the oldest international film festival dedicated to the mountains, adventure and exploration. The Festival showcases feature films and documentaries on a vast array of themes of environmental and cultural value, ranging from Tibetan Buddhism to base jumping.

Religion Today

Since 1997 Religion Today has been the first itinerant festival dedicated to the dialogue between Cinema and Religions. Its aims are to promote, through the medium of film, a culture of dialogue and peace between religions, beginning with the recognition of their differences, as well as to educate audiences in the festival's host towns and cities about the world’s great religions, through the diffusion and distribution of films about religions too.

Theatre

The Santa Chiara Cultural Centre and local theatre companies stage a variety of plays, ballets and operas in Trento. For further information, please contact the Centro Servizi Culturali S. Chiara.
Address: via S. Croce, 67 – 38122 Trento
tel.: +39 800013952
website: www.centrosantachiara.it

MUSE Science museum

The new but already internationally famous “MUSE” Science museum was opened in 2013 as an auxiliary body of the Autonomous Province of Trento. The museum is based on interaction and experimentation as well as on a solid educational programme.
The design of the beautiful glass building by the famous and international leading Italian architect Renzo Piano recalls the mountains and it is composed of 6 floors, where numerous exhibitions and activities are hosted.
For the English version of the Muse website please see: http://www.muse.it/en/Pages/default.aspx

Christmas Market

The Trento Christmas Market (which runs from mid-November to early January) is a magnet for shoppers from all over Italy. It is one of the several Christmas markets that create a magical winter atmosphere in the whole Alto Adige region.

3.1.2. Sports

The University of Trento promotes the practice of sport through UNI.Sport, the sports network of the University of Trento, Opera Universitaria and collaboration with CUS-Trento with the goal to unite services, structures and programmes in a single network.

UNI.Sport and the Facoltiadi games
University sporting events are promoted and run by UNI.Sport, a network of sport services and facilities founded in 2008 and inspired by the organization of Anglo-Saxon and Nordic university campuses. The central idea is that practising sports at university is not just a way to feel good and have fun, but also an opportunity to learn, have new experiences and meet other people.

The UNI.Sport network encourages students to make sport an important part of their university life. The importance of non-competitive sport is emphasised, although there is also ample room for more serious sportspeople to test their capacities. The membership card gives students the chance to access the Opera Universitaria sports facilities, comprising the ‘jewel in the crown’ at the students’ residence in San Bartolameo (which include two gyms with a large fitness area, two squash courts, a five-a-side football pitch, a volleyball and a basketball court - both on synthetic grass - and a badminton court) but also a boat centre on Lake Caldonazzo, a tennis centre and a gliding centre.

Card holders are also entitled to discounts at a number of gyms, sports centres, swimming pools and skiing facilities all over the province and can take part in the many courses, events and tournaments organised by UNI.Sport/CUS (Centro Universitario Sportivo). They are also entitled to the CUS card, which includes insurance coverage.

The Facoltiadi, a multi-sport, inter-Faculty competition, in which both students and professors take part, is one of the events promoted by CUS each year.

**TopSport**

The University of Trento is a member of the European network EAS - the Dual Career Network - which, since 2004, has coordinated and promoted collaboration between European universities and organisations supporting dual career programmes for student athletes. Established in 2011, the TOPSport programme is one of the first experiments at national level in the area of dual careers by providing a support service, tutoring and educational flexibility for high level athletes who wish to balance their academic and sport careers, as it recognises combining professional sport activities and university education as a priority.

In addition to TOPSport, the UNI.Sport network also offers the UNI.Team programme, aimed at students pursuing specific sport disciplines at the professional level and willing to continue their sporting career with the colours of UNI.Sport - C.U.S. Trento (see below).

**Hiking and Mountain-biking**

Trentino is a paradise for hikers and bikers. A network of trails covers the entire area; the easiest wind through mountain pastures surrounded by the silence of the woods, while experienced hikers and cyclists will find a range of more challenging routes.

**Nordic walking**

Nordic walking was invented in Finland, devised by cross country skiers as a way to train during the summer. It is becoming more and more popular with nature lovers everywhere. Using ski poles and the posture and movements of cross country skiing, Nordic walking is accessible to all and is a great way to exercise and enjoy the countryside at the same time.

**Downhill skiing**

The Gran Pista on Monte Bondone, a ski run almost 4 km long, surrounded by meadows and conifer and birch woods, is one of several locations for downhill skiing in the Trento area. It is served by the Rocce Rosse four-
seater chair lift, which has the greatest height difference (809 m) in Europe. The prestigious and well known Madonna di Campiglio ski area is situated at 40 km from the city of Trento.

Cross-country skiing
The Viote cross-country ski centre on Monte Bondone, with 35 km of ski trails, for both skating-style and classical-style cross-country skiing, lies on a sunny plateau at an altitude of 1,565 m.

Snowboarding
The Monte Bondone snow park offers jumps, rails, snowboardcross and even an Olympic size super half pipe (120 m long and 5.5 m high), to satisfy even the most demanding snowboarders.

Excursions on snowshoes
Wearing snowshoes allows you to go off the beaten track and explore the quieter, more untouched mountain areas. It is possible either to go alone or to hire a guide; snowshoes can be hired from the Viote ski centre.

3.3. How to get here and how to move around

By car
On the A22 motorway from north and south (Autostrada del Brennero: tel. +39 0461980085).
Along the SS 12 trunk road from the north and the south.
Along the SS 47 trunk road from the east.
Along the SS 45 trunk road from the west.

By train
Two main lines run through Trento: the Brenner (Rome-Innsbruck) and the Valsugana (Trento-Venice).
A local line (the Ferrovia Trento-Malé) connects Trento with the Valle di Non and Valle di Sole.

By plane
The closest airports are: Verona “Catullo” (90 km); Venice “Marco Polo” (125 km); Treviso “A. Canova” (102 Km.); Milan “Linate” (245 km); Milan “Malpensa” (267 Km); Bolzano “Dolomiti” (50 km); Bologna “Guglielmo Marconi” (250 Km). They can all be accessed from Trento by motorway.

City transport
Trento has an efficient city transport system run by Trentino Trasporti (www.ttspa.it). The same company also runs bus lines that link most provincial towns and villages with Trento. A free timetable (“Guida ai trasporti del Trentino”) is available at the railway station and at the Town Hall PR Office (Ufficio Relazioni con il Pubblico del Comune di Trento), located in via Belenzani, 3 (tel. +39 0461884453).
Taxis can be easily found at a number of taxi ranks around town or, alternatively, booked by phone (tel. +39 0461930002).