

## **Welcome to All the Erasmus Students!**

The University of Turin is the leading university in the Piedmont region of north-western Italy. The University of Torino is now 600 years old, being officially recognized in 1404. This date, other than making the University one of the oldest Italian institutes, places it among the few of European Universities to boast a medieval origin.

The University has been closely involved in Torino's fate over all these centuries, sharing adversities and growth, forming the State ruling class and always being open to exchange with European culture. After having a seat in the city center, it expanded to giving Doctorate courses in Law, Theology, Medicine and Art, and hosted prestigious lecturers and students (the most famous being Erasmus of Rotterdam, who graduated at Torino on 4th September 1506).

Except for a period of crisis during the French occupation in the mid-sixteenth century, and other difficulties in the ensuing decades due to wars and plagues, the University continued to grow. At the beginning of the 18th century, the university was again reorganized and the Collegio delle Provincie was established for students not natives of the town. After the French revolution and Napoleon (who had chosen to make Torino the second University of the empire after Paris), the University of Torino expanded its cultural organization and modern education during the nineteenth century by creating new faculties and building new institutions for teaching and research.

Moreover, it was one of the main centres of renewal of national awareness and contact with Europe for both humanistic and scientific culture. At the beginning of the twentieth century, the University branched out and Galileo Ferraris set up the basis of the Polytechnic. Famous scientists had their chairs in Torino at the turn of the nineteenth century, including Cesare Lombroso, Giulio Bizzozzero, Ernesto Lugaro, Giuseppe Levi.

In addition, the Noble laureates for Medicine and Physiology, Renato Dulbecco, Salvador Luria and Rita Levi Montalcini did their studies at the university of Torino. Many leaders of the political and social Italian scenes in the twentieth century also came from The University of Torino.

Today the University of Torino is among those with the largest number of teachers and students and it is renowned for the broad international relationships and the quality of the scientific production, and variety of courses. It currently consists of 13 faculties.

The Department of Psychology is one of the most recent established at the university of Torino, in 1997. Nevertheless, there is a long tradition of Psychological research and teaching: Torino, together with Roma and Napoli, was the site of the first Italian Professorship in Psychology, held by Federico Kiesow from 1906. Currently, about seventy professors and researchers are engaged in offering, to a few thousand students, a basic or advanced training on the theoretical, methodological and technical aspects in different fields of psychological knowledge.

The training offer includes Bachelor degrees (first three years), Master of Art Degrees (other two years of more specialized training). In addition the Faculty hosts Masters of different levels, postgraduate Schools of specialization and PhD programs in different fields of Psychology and Neuroscience..

Teaching courses cover a wide variety of topics, including classical psychology and more recent aspects of psychological knowledge strictly integrated with professional opportunities.

Moreover, in order to offer a teaching courses strongly related to scientific research, the students at the Faculty of Psychology have continuous access to the Laboratories of the Department of Psychology.

The Library of the Faculty of Psychology, entitled to Federico Kiesow, is an essential instrument for didactic and research. It makes use of up to date and very specialized material, covering the various areas of psychology.

The estate of Kiesow Library, constituted by books, journals, and other materials, is continuously expanding with new acquisitions every year.

Finally, the Faculty of Psychology attributes great importance to the international exchanges and has currently a Socrates-Erasmus agreement with 35 foreign universities in 14 different countries (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Turkey).

The number of visiting students has been rapidly increasing in the past few years, and we are looking forward to further rise this number!

In the following pages you will find the essential information about courses, programs and timetables. For further information you can write directly to our Erasmus internal Office and our efficient team will answer you directly. You can reach them at the following e-mail address: [erasmus-socrates.psicologia@unito.it](mailto:erasmus-socrates.psicologia@unito.it).

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