



Ca' Foscari
University
of Venice

The Ca' Foscari Experience



Ca' Foscari has a distinguished past and a bright future. Its world renowned expertise in economics and management, foreign languages and the humanities, together with the recent and ongoing investments in cutting-edge research facilities in science and technology, have earned it a Europe-wide and global reputation for excellence across the spectrum of disciplines, while ensuring its lasting contribution to the growth of Italy and the city of Venice.

Thanks to its world-class research and interdisciplinary academic curriculum, its courses, its partnership agreements and study abroad programmes, Ca' Foscari brings together an open and vibrant international community of scholars at the very heart of one of the world's most stunning location.

Studying and working at Ca' Foscari, in Venice, offers students and scholars the experience of a lifetime, within a truly unique blend of history, tradition and innovation.

Michele Bugliesi

Rector of Ca' Foscari University of Venice



Strength in Numbers

- + 20,000 students
- + 8,000 new enrolments per year
- + 4,000 graduates per year
- + 1,500 international students per year
- + 500 professors and researchers
- + 100 visiting professors
- + 300 PhD students
- + 200 Research fellows
- + 500 Erasmus exchanges students
- + 150 International cooperation agreements
- + 100 EU grants awarded under FP7 and Horizon 2020
- + 60 National and international grants awarded



The Student Experience

Learning at Ca' Foscari

Graduation Day, San Marco Square, Venice

Continuous investment in facilities for labs, lecture halls, libraries and student residences, as well as the active promotion graduate employment and exposure on the international stage make studying at Ca' Foscari in Venice a unique, transformative experience.

Ca' Foscari University is a magnet for successful academics from across Europe and beyond, and with a thriving community of internationally acclaimed scientists, high-profile politicians and economists, visiting Nobel laureates, famous writers and influencers in all disciplines, it offers students a powerful inspiration to become game-changers in their own fields and to make a genuine difference in the world.

Ca' Foscari is an international leader in higher education committed to preparing students for the global challenges of the 21st century. All degrees at Ca' Foscari meet the most rigorous international standards and intended learning outcomes for scholarly excellence, interdisciplinary expertise and critical thinking.

With over 800 cultural and scientific events organised each year, Ca' Foscari is a driving force for culture and change in Venice and throughout Italy.



Interdisciplinary programme
Ca' Foscari offers interdisciplinary programmes through its Schools of Asian Studies and Business Management, Cultural Production and Conservation of Cultural Heritage, International Relations, Social Work and Public Policies.
www.unive.it/schools

Alumni
Ca' Foscari's alumni network numbers some 50,000 affiliates in 85 different countries worldwide who are shaping the future with all manner of cultural, scientific and business enterprises, making Ca' Foscari and the city of Venice one of the most exciting intellectual hubs in the world.
www.cafoscarialumni.it

Graduation Day
Ca' Foscari invites its graduates to celebrate their graduation day in the world's most celebrated square, Piazza San Marco – a unique experience in a magical setting by which to remember one of life's most important moments.
www.unive.it/graduationday

"One of the things I like most about Ca' Foscari is the collaborative spirit and enthusiasm with which teachers and researchers involve students in their projects. Living in Venice is amazing, it is a gateway to the world both current and past, and the interdisciplinary character of its programmes offers a rounded education which goes far beyond my chosen degree path."
— Priya Kumari, India



Faculty and Research

Explore Ideas at Ca' Foscari

Science Faculty Laboratory

Since its inception in 1868, Ca' Foscari has been a leader in Economics, Econometrics and Modern Languages. Ca' Foscari today is exploring new frontiers of knowledge, focusing on Climate Change, Digital Humanities, Cultural Heritage and Nanosciences.

With a view to enhancing an already world-class scientific profile, Ca' Foscari seeks constantly to engage the best available technological and human resources to consolidate existing areas of expertise while exploring new avenues of interdisciplinary research and challenging current academic paradigms.

In line with new research objectives targeting a selection of clearly defined topics of global scope and impact, Ca' Foscari aims to attract the best talents, increase its research output and international standing, promote collaborative action among groups and individuals within the faculties and increase access to competitive research funding.

From their very first day, students at Ca' Foscari are fully immersed in academic life, meeting professors and researchers, getting to know their investigations and objectives, and pursuing personal curricular and extra-curricular activities.



Global Challenges

Ca' Foscari has established six strategic research teams to solve global challenges through innovative interdisciplinary approaches: 1. Science of Complex Economic, Human and Natural Systems; 2. Cross Cultural and Area Studies; 3. Public Governance, Welfare and Social Innovation; 4. Creative Arts, Cultural Heritage and Digital Humanities; 5. Environmental Technologies and Green Economy; 6. Economics and Management of Innovation, and Entrepreneurship. www.unive.it/teams

Researchers' Night

Ca' Foscari research takes to the streets to celebrate the European Researchers' Night, with over 10,000 visitors, more than 50 researchers and 100 events throughout the city.

Marie Curie + 1

Ca' Foscari is Italy's top host for Marie Curie Fellowships, the world's most prestigious two-year grant for individual research. With a view to improving the quality of its research, Ca' Foscari has launched the "Marie Curie +1 programme" to grant winners of Individual Fellowships who apply for an ERC grant an additional year on their contract. www.unive.it/mc1

Venice District of Innovation and Research

Ca' Foscari is a member of the Venice District of Innovation and Research, a network of 15 research centres in Venice employing more than 1100 researchers who pool their skills and knowledge to develop innovative interdisciplinary projects. www.distrettovenezianoricerca.it

"Research at Ca' Foscari has made a radical shift from the past by investing in finding answers to the complex questions of the third millennium and applying knowledge to innovation. The aim is to discover young talents at undergraduate level and to nurture and involve them directly in the research."

— Achille Giacometti, Vicerektor for Research and Professor of Statistical Physics



Ca' Foscari in the Heart of Venice

Life Outside the Classroom

Zattere, Canale della Giudecca

An intellectual powerhouse of international repute at the heart of the city of Venice, Ca' Foscari offers a magical blend of scientific research, cultural heritage and history that offers a life-changing experience to its students and has a transformative impact on the local community.

Ca' Foscari has a long history of engagement with the city of Venice through a wide array of partnerships, service-learning programmes and cultural activities providing education, vocational training and other services to surrounding communities.

As a civic university, Ca' Foscari has a direct impact on the local community and acts as a catalyst for research and education-led innovation. Professional networks with local and international partners provide the necessary resources for the strategic development and implementation of research as a driver of knowledge-sharing, cultural innovation and sustainable socio-economic growth for Venice and the Veneto region.

The University is currently developing three new, environmentally sustainable campuses, the centrally located San Giobbe and Santa Marta campuses and the Scientific campus on the mainland in Mestre. This will enhance Venice's reputation as a global hub for new ideas and technological innovation, economic vitality, and cultural richness.



Cultural Activities

From the Ca' Foscari Theatre to the Ca' Foscari Short Film Festival, the first European film festival run entirely by university students, from 'Incroci di civiltà', the international literature festival which attracts some of the greatest names in contemporary writing from around the world, to the Ca' Foscari Art Night and a host of art exhibitions all around the city, Ca' Foscari plays a central role in the cultural life of the city. www.unive.it/culturalactivities

Sports

The University Sports Centre provides students with the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports, including some sporting traditions which are exclusive to Venice, such as "voga alla veneta" (Venetian-style rowing) and the Venice Historical Regatta. www.cusvenezia.it

Fondazione Università Ca' Foscari

The Ca' Foscari foundation is a key player in fostering relations between the university, the city of Venice and the surrounding area. The foundation draws on the wealth of experience and expertise of Ca' Foscari University to establish productive relationships with businesses, institutions and stakeholders in the region with a view to securing a bright future for the university. www.unive.it/fondazionecafoscari

"There is always something to do at Ca' Foscari, there is barely time even to breathe. Every day there are loads of events, so many people to meet and experiences to have. I never miss a play at the theatre, and since I am passionate about politics there is no shortage of meetings with ambassadors, governors and political authorities from around the world who never fail to inspire me!"

— Camille Marion, France



Ca' Foscari – a window onto the world and a home for a world-class community of local and international stakeholders.

Ca' Foscari is the latter-day embodiment of Venice's vocation as a leading international city. The university actively participates in international programmes for technological research, education and training to promote interdisciplinary studies and knowledge exchange.

With its innovative research agenda and cutting-edge teaching methodologies, Ca' Foscari attracts top-quality students, researchers and administrative staff from around the world and offers its international stakeholders tailor-made services to ensure their full integration within the university community.

Each year the university increases the number of degree programmes offered entirely in English, and has set up new international research and teaching partnerships with a particular focus on emerging regions to both further its own aims and help build higher education capacity elsewhere.



Ca' Foscari Across the World

Get Involved in an International Community

Venice International University

Ca' Foscari is a core member of Venice International University, a worldwide network of universities that brings together institutions such as Boston College, Duke University, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Tel Aviv University, Tongji University, Tsinghua University, European University at St. Petersburg, Waseda University, Université de Bordeaux, University of Lausanne, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique in a shared campus on the beautiful island of San Servolo with a programme geared to preparing students for the global challenges of the future. www.univiu.org

Summer Schools

Ca' Foscari organises summer schools with prestigious universities such as Harvard and Columbia, offering visiting students numerous opportunities to get to know the city of Venice, its lagoon, history, architecture, art and culture, in addition to the many cultural events organised by the university.

U4Refugees

In recent years, Ca' Foscari has spear-headed the U4Refugees programme, offering refugee students and researchers already enrolled on programmes in their home countries a place to live and pursue their studies in Venice.

"I got the chance to study in Ca' Foscari for a whole academic year and had an unforgettable time. It is without question that Università Ca' Foscari is one of the academic centers of Italy, and the outstanding level of its teaching particularly surprised me. The wise professors, hard-working students and their open-minded communication strongly impressed me. I have found lots of interesting materials for my studies, obtained a deeper understanding of Italian culture, and my Italian has really progressed encouragingly. I love Ca' Foscari!"

— Suting Qiao, China



Departments, Schools, Colleges and Research Centers

The Heart of Academic Life

DEPARTMENTS

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics offers a flexible programme that meets the needs of a complex global economic environment. The main research areas are economics and finance, but they also include legal and social issues, quantitative analysis and the development of decision making tools.

www.unive.it/dep.economics

Department of Management

The Department of Management develops scientific knowledge and skills for the management of companies of any size, type and field of activity. Classroom study is integrated with counselling and tutorials focusing upon the development of entrepreneurial skills and leadership qualities for new enterprises.

www.unive.it/dep.management



Department of Asian and North African Studies

The Department of Asian and North African Studies offers comprehensive, in-depth programmes for the study of classical and modern Eastern and African languages within their cultural, religious, artistic, social and historical contexts. A particular emphasis is placed on the political, economic and legal systems of Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

www.unive.it/dep.dsaam

Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies

The Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies focuses on the study of linguistics, foreign languages and cultures, taking account of their connections and development within and among larger complex cultural systems.

www.unive.it/dep.dslcc



Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems

The Department of Molecular Science and Nanosystems combines traditional areas in the field of chemistry and integrated studies of renewable energy sources, green chemistry, nanotechnologies and biotechnologies.

www.unive.it/dep.dsmn

Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics

The Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics provides innovative approaches to the analysis and management of information and environmental systems that underpin the sustainable development and preservation of cultural heritage.

www.unive.it/dep.dais



Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage

The Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage focuses on the relationships between philosophy and social, psychological, cognitive, anthropological and pedagogical sciences. It also includes historical, art historical and cultural research dealing with the conservation, maintenance and management of cultural heritage.

www.unive.it/dep.fbc

Department of Humanities

The Department of Humanities offers interdisciplinary programmes covering the full range of humanistic subjects: history, archaeology, art history, classical and Middle Eastern studies, as well as Medieval Latin, Romance and Byzantine studies, Italian studies, linguistics, religious studies, geography, philology, communication and text sciences.

www.unive.it/dep.humanities



SCHOOLS

School for Economics, Languages and Entrepreneurship

The School for Economics, Languages and Entrepreneurship, based in Treviso, deals with specific economic-linguistic topics such as international trade and entrepreneurship, linguistic and cultural mediation, interpreting and translation.
www.unive.it/selisi



Challenge School

The Challenge School offers a range of higher education programmes addressing the need for continuous, lifelong learning in our multi-faceted modern world. It draws upon the full range of scientific and teaching capacities of Ca' Foscari and guarantees a constant link with leading national and international research centres.
www.unive.it/challengeschool

School for International Education

The School for International Education promotes learning in a cross-cultural environment at a University with a long and distinguished history of international exchanges that have inspired our ongoing commitment to create an international community of students and teachers in Venice.
www.unive.it/cfsie

Graduate School

The Graduate School has the purpose of consolidating undergraduate studies and training young researchers to face the challenges of the coming millennium. It aims to provide all research students with the best possible support by means of extensive educational and research activities. The doctoral programmes include humanities, sciences, economics, management and languages.
www.unive.it/graduateschool

International College

The International College strives to achieve excellence in various areas of study and research, attracting the best and most gifted students from both Italy and abroad. Students are admitted on the strength of a strict selection process and are provided with subsidised accommodation on the Island of San Servolo, an international residential campus located in the Venice Lagoon. The official language of the college is English.
www.unive.it/collegiointernazionale



RESEARCH CENTRES

European Centre for Living Technology

The European Centre for Living Technology is consortium of 17 affiliates dedicated to the study and creation of a new generation of bio-nano-technologies and synthetic biology sectors which embody the essential properties of life, such as self-organisation, adaptability, capacity to evolve and reactions to environmental stimuli.
www.unive.it/ecit

Venice Centre for Climate Studies

The Venice Centre for Climate Studies is an interdisciplinary research centre based at Ca' Foscari focusing on the assessment, detection, quantification, communication and facilitation of sustainable solutions to global change problems.
www.unive.it/viccs

Institute for the Dynamics of Environmental Processes

The Institute for the Dynamics of Environmental Processes is a part of the National Research Council hosted by Ca' Foscari whose aim is to investigate the human need to understand global environmental and climate change, its effects on the territory, its evolution over time and the possible "remedies".
www.idpa.cnr.it

Interuniversity Centre for Venetian Studies

The Interuniversity Centre for Venetian Studies is the result of a collaboration between the universities of Venice and Padua. Its purpose is to promote scientific inquiry into the literature, language, culture and traditions of the Veneto region both in Italy and abroad.
www.unive.it/cisvi

Research Centre for Human Rights

The main focus of the Research Centre for Human Rights is human rights as traditionally conceived, in particular the freedom to practice any religion, the ban on torture and social, economic and cultural rights. Special attention is given to governance and the role of not-for-profit organisations in global society.
www.unive.it/cestudir

Interuniversity Centre for Ethics

The centre's primary aim is to become a focal point for ethical studies and high-level training on moral issues. Its seeks to foster debate, develop research projects, publish journals and organise conferences on questions of moral concern.
www.unive.it/cise

Ca' Foscari Competency Centre

Ca' Foscari Competency Centre carries out research, training and consultancy in the field of soft skill development and assessment for the purpose of enhancing student employability.
www.unive.it/cfcc

Interdisciplinary Centre for Balkan and International Studies

The centre's core interest is the historical, literary, philological, linguistic, cultural, sociolinguistic, ethnological and ethnomusicological, art historical, architectural and archaeological investigation of the Balkans and related geocultural areas.
www.unive.it/cisbi

Confucius Institute

The institute aims to promote and develop Chinese language and cultural studies with graded language courses and activities geared to raising awareness about Chinese societies and cultures both ancient and modern.
www.unive.it/confucius

Centre for Russian Art Studies

The centre aims systematically to research, broaden and promote Russia's extraordinary cultural and historical heritage by publishing scientific publications, cataloguing art collections and organising temporary and permanent laboratories, exhibitions, international conferences and film screenings, as well as a wide range of other cultural activities for the younger generations.
www.unive.it/csar

King Sejong Institute

The King Sejong Institute is the only dedicated South Korean institute to receive official government recognition and accreditation for the teaching of Korean language and culture in the world. It runs twice-yearly and yearly elementary, intermediate and advanced courses and organises public cultural events on Korean-related themes.
www.unive.it/kingsejong



Ca' Foscari Language Centre

The Ca' Foscari Language Centre offers second-language training in Italian, French, English, Russian, Spanish and German with qualified and experienced mother-tongue language teachers. It also offers specific language skills and special purposes training for the above languages, inter-communication modules for the Romance languages, blended English language learning and literacy and mother-tongue maintenance courses for immigrants.
www.unive.it/cla

Research Centre for the Teaching of Languages

The Research Centre for the Teaching of Languages focuses on research in the field of language education and policy, second language learning and intercultural communication for the purposes of in-house teacher training and syllabus and materials writing, as well as consultancy for external bodies, organisations and companies in the second-language learning industry.
www.unive.it/crdl

Interdepartmental Centre of Services for Experimental Disciplines

The centre coordinates and carries out experimental research and teaching in mathematics and physical and natural sciences, including teaching labs and experiments for these.
www.unive.it/icsed

Centre for Experimental Research in Management and Economics

The Centre for Experimental Research in Management and Economics studies individual and group behaviour in management- and economics-related settings. The centre's activities are led by researchers from Ca' Foscari and other Italian and international universities using an experimental approach to enhance our understanding of economic and decision-making dynamics.
www.unive.it/cerme

International Centre for the Study of Tourism Economics

The International Centre for the Study of Tourism Economics provides the tourist industry, local administrations and future tourism operators with the tools for innovative and successful enterprise in the tourism industry.
www.unive.it/ciset

OUR HISTORY SHAPES OUR FUTURE

Yesterday

Founded in 1868 as the first business school of its kind in Italy and second in Europe, the university's historical seat was in the Foscari family's Venetian Gothic waterfront palace on the world-famous Grand Canal in Dorsoduro, Venice.

Today

Ca' Foscari University is recognized as one of the top universities nationwide offering a wide range of courses, excellent teaching standards, world-class facilities, a high-profile international reputation, high graduate employment rates and an outstanding student lifestyle in a truly unique location.

Tomorrow

Ca' Foscari's mission is the advancement of science with cutting-edge research on questions of global importance across the spectrum of disciplines. In its lead-role as a game-changer in a wide range of fields, it aims to foster a multi- and inter-cultural outlook and provide its students with a transformative learning experience. Ca' Foscari shall continue to leverage its cultural and academic excellence to forge closer ties with the local and national socio-economic context and promote innovation and growth at all levels.



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