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**Name:**  
Fatih

**Nationality:**  
Turkish

**Study level:**  
Master's degree

**Study programme:**  
Business  
Administration

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# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Fatih's Venice

## 1 Home – Student residence

I live in the Junghans Residence for students. There are mostly international students here, so living here has allowed me to meet and get to know people from all over the world. I have learned a lot about new cultures, languages, and international food.

## 2 CFZ (Cultural Flow Zone) Library

Located along the Zattere, this library is the one I like best, so I spend a lot of time here. The library has a historic feel and makes it seem like you have travelled back in time. At the same time, it has all of the modern conveniences and technology of a contemporary university library.

## 3 San Giobbe Campus – Department of Management

This place where the Department of Management holds its classes. It is an amazing campus located along a really nice canal. The campus provides a good blend of traditional and modern services and resources.

## 4 Campo Santa Margherita

*Campo* is the Venetian word for “public square”. This square is the one in the historic centre of Venice that I find the most fun. My friends and I often hang out here and always have a great time because there are lots of cafés and bars popular with young people.

## 5 Sant'Elena gardens

I am a really good football (soccer) player, so I love playing soccer at Sant'Elena. One day I played a game with people from 8 different countries – we had a really great time.

## 6 St. Mark's Square

As soon as you talk about Venice, everyone mentions St. Mark's Square. Here you can experience all of Venice's amazing history, glory and unique architecture. I especially like taking guests to look down on the city from the church's tall bell tower.

## 7 Castello district of Venice

This is the “real” Venice. If you like nature, you need to visit the gardens found in the district of Castello. You can hang out here or go for a jog and enjoy the green space and the birds (there isn't a lot of green in Venice!). You can even play ping-pong on an outdoor table!

## 8 Rialto

This bridge is one of the most famous symbols of Venice. It was once the only bridge crossing the Grand Canal, and it offers an amazing view. You can take a great selfie here and it is an ideal place to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of Venice.

## 9 Ca' Foscari's sports complex (CUS)

Students can participate in a variety of sports activities at the CUS, the university sports centre. I always go here to use the gym. Also, if you want to improve your skills, there are even professional coaches to help you out.

## 10 Shopping mall

My favourite shopping mall is located here in Mestre, the mainland part of the city of Venice. It may seem a little far from where I live, but it's easy to get there, and you can find everything you are looking for, with good-quality and affordable options. It is a great place to create your Italian look.

## 11 Lido

The Lido is the long sandbar island that encloses the Venetian lagoon. If you want to take a swim in the sea or relax with friends on the beach, this is place for you. I often go to the Lido to play beach soccer.



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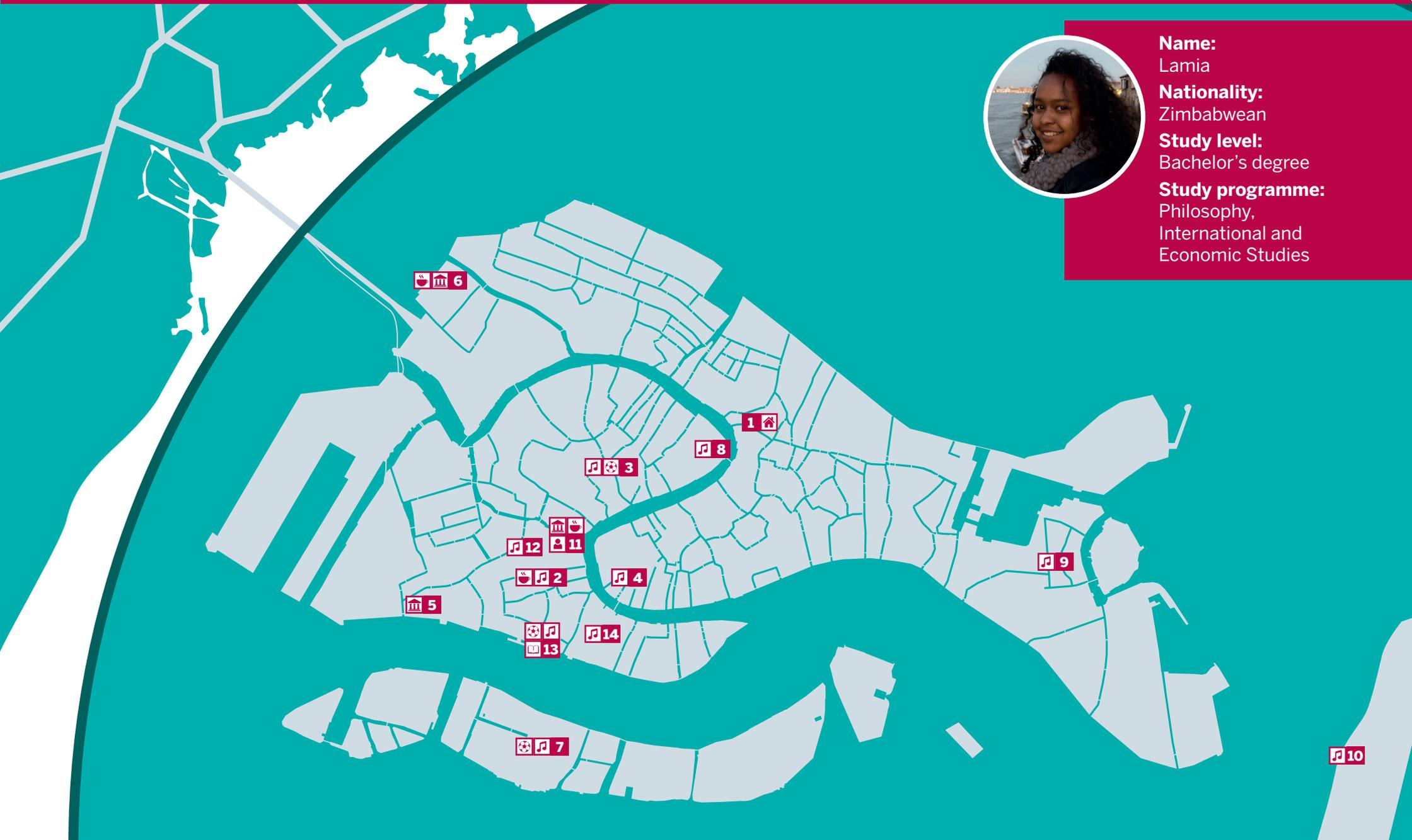


**Name:**  
Lamia

**Nationality:**  
Zimbabwean

**Study level:**  
Bachelor's degree

**Study programme:**  
Philosophy,  
International and  
Economic Studies



# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Lamia's Venice

## 1 Home – Shared apartment in Venice

I live in a shared apartment with other students in Cannaregio now, but I have also lived in an apartment on the Lido near the beach.

## 2 Campo San Barnaba

This happens to be my favourite spot in Venice! I like it because it is beautiful and tranquil, and this helps me to clear my mind. I also like to get pasta from a fresh pasta place and gelato in this area.

## 3 Campo San Polo

This is a large yet quiet square, which is what “campo” means in Venetian. I enjoy the ambience here during the winter months when the ice-skating rink is up and running!

## 4 Campo San Stefano

I particularly love this square in the winter because there are many Christmas markets and lights. I also spent a lot of time here when my sister visited me, so it serves as a reminder of that special time.

## 5 San Basilio Complex

I have a lot of my philosophy and politics classes here.

## 6 San Giobbe Campus

All of my economics classes take place here. My friends and I also enjoy doing our homework together in the cafeteria!

## 7 Giudecca

I enjoy going for walks on this island. I also have some friends who live here, and so I visit them often!

## 8 Rialto

I try to avoid this famous area because there are SO many tourists! However, my bank – Crédit Agricole, is located in this area, so I can only avoid it for so long. Sometimes, though, my friends and I get together here at night.

## 9 Castello district

When I need a breather from the hustle and bustle of Venetian life, I wander over to Castello and admire the beautiful residences and enjoy the scenery and nature.

## 10 Lido

Who doesn't love the beach during the warmer months?

## 11 Ca' Foscari, main administrative building

I get all my administrative work done here! I also love the vegan croissants at Venice Eat (the cafeteria on this campus). I also attend insightful seminars in the most beautiful room, which overlooks the grand canal in this campus.

## 12 Campo Santa Margherita

I often attend concerts at the university's auditorium, and sometimes my friends and I hang out at the bars and cafés here in the evening!

## 13 Zattere

I come here for sunset walks towards the Punta Della Dogana. I also study in the CFZ (Cultural Flow Zone) library often, and it is located in this area. It is magical!

## 14 Dorsoduro district

Possibly my favourite area in Venice. I love it because it has many museums, art exhibitions and cafés that are great for hanging out on the weekend!



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**Name:**

Ilya

**Nationality:**

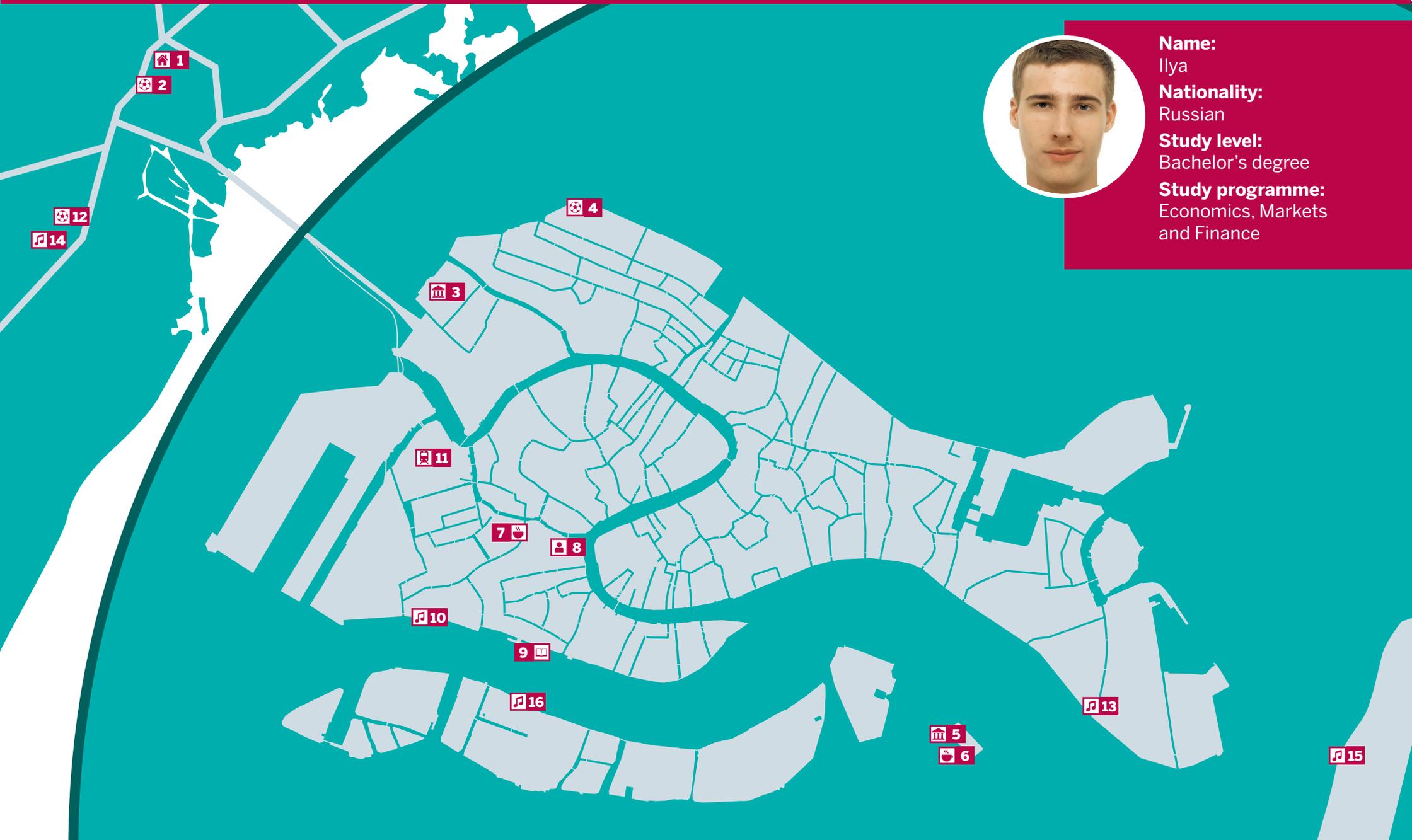
Russian

**Study level:**

Bachelor's degree

**Study programme:**

Economics, Markets  
and Finance



# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Ilya's Venice

## 1 Home – Shared apartment in Mestre

I have my own room in an apartment I share with other Ca' Foscari students.

## 2 Karate club

This is where I hang out when I need to get energized.

## 3 San Giobbe Campus – Department of Economics

My temple of knowledge. This is where I have all of my classes.

## 4 City pool

This is one of the swimming pools run by the city of Venice. It is part of a large sporting complex with a ton of other things like basketball courts, climbing walls and a soccer pitch.

## 5 Venice International University

This is a university on the island of San Servolo that offers a range of interesting courses taught in English. I have taken classes here that count toward my degree. It also has super-fast WiFi!

## 6 San Servolo student cafeteria

The food served here is good and makes it easy to stay and study for long stretches.

## 7 Rio Novo student cafeteria

My official supplier of nutrients – I eat here often because it's cheap and good.

## 8 Ca' Foscari, main administrative building

The place I go when I need official paperwork from the university or I want to visit the university's Career Service.

## 9 CFZ (Cultural Flow Zone) Library

This is where I prepare for exams or do group work with classmates; it's nice and modern.

## 10 San Basilio Complex

This spot is on a cool fondamenta where there is always sunshine and you have an excellent view of the Giudecca, an island that is part of Venice's historic centre. This is one of my favourite places to hang out with friends.

## 11 Piazzale Roma

This is my main transportation hub. All roads lead to Piazzale Roma! This is where buses and trams from the mainland drop me off in Venice.

## 12 Private gym

Since I want to keep myself in good shape, I go here pretty often.

## 13 Sant'Elena gardens

The best place for sunset picnics in Venice...

## 14 Shopping mall

These come in handy in case I need to buy a new pair of socks or a shirt.

## 15 Lido

Sandy beaches, crabs and the blue sea.

## 16 Fondamenta of the Giudecca

One of the Venetian sites I am fond of is the walkway along the Giudecca. It is very neatly lit at night and offers astonishing views of the city of Venice as well as of all types of boats, whether they are powered by an engine, the wind or the strength of a gondolier.



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**Name:**  
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**Nationality:**  
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**Study level:**  
Bachelor's degree

**Study programme:**  
Economics, Markets  
and Finance



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# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Lala's Venice

## 1 Home – Shared apartment in Mestre

I live in Mestre near Piazza Ferretto, so, naturally, this is the place where you are most likely to find me in my free time, whether I am running errands, getting coffee or simply walking around with my friends.

## 2 San Giobbe Campus – Department of Economics

The campus at San Giobbe is the place where I spend most of my time in Venice; this is where all of my classes are held. The BEC, the economics library, is my second home during exam periods.

## 3 Fondamenta San Giobbe

Along the Cannaregio Canal is a little bar where many students in my department come to celebrate the end of exam sessions (although my friends and I are there pretty much any day!). When it's warm outside, it is nice to sit by the water and enjoy the view with a cold *spritz*, a popular local drink.

## 4 CFZ (Cultural Flow Zone) Library

Located along the Zattere, this is the library I come to most often to do my homework since it is very calm and cozy. Also, it is a great place to hang out with friends after class.

## 5 Private gym

I love to work out, so I belong to a good gym where I go to sweat out all my stress and worries.

## 6 Campo San Giacomo

Just outside this square is a great alternative café that plays jazz music and has a quirky interior. The food is great and there is always a friendly crowd of locals and students. It's one of the city's hidden gems.

## 7 Campo Santa Margherita

This square (*campo*) is a must for anyone who wants to be in the thick of student life of Venice. Some of my best memories of Venice are connected to this place.

## 8 San Giuliano Park

It took me a while to discover this park, which is one of the biggest in Europe, but it quickly became one of my favorite places to relax and get away from everyday craziness.

## 9 Santa Lucia Train Station

Every time I have reason to go to the city's main train station, it means one thing: travelling! I have already been to nearby cities like Padua and Vicenza, but I have also travelled a bit farther to Milan and have even used the train to visit my sister in Switzerland!

## 10 Strada Nuova

This is one of the few wide avenues in Venice's historic centre and is another recent discovery of mine. Full of shops, cafés, restaurants, and anything else you can imagine, it is a great place to balance out Venice's labyrinth of usually narrow *calli*, or walkways.

## 11 Peggy Guggenheim Collection

This is my favourite museum in Venice. At first, the thrilling life of its creator and the permanent collection caught my attention, but the exhibitions are always updated, so there is always a reason to go back.



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Müge

**Nationality:**  
Turkish

**Study level:**  
Master's degree

**Study programme:**  
Marketing and  
Communication

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# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Müge's Venice

## 1 Home – Mestre

Mestre is the mainland part of the city of Venice, and it is where I live. It is a modern city, so there are shopping malls, cafés, supermarkets, restaurants and parks. I chose to live in Mestre because it was more affordable than Venice's historic centre. I am happy with my decision because this way I have had the chance to experience both the newer and older parts of Venice.

## 2 Ca' Foscari, main building

This building is located in Dorsoduro and mostly houses offices, such as the Welcome Unit and the international Counselling Service. The neat thing about this building is its history as the 15th-century residence of the Venetian Foscari family.

## 3 San Giobbe campus

This newly renovated modern campus makes the experience of studying in the historic context of Venice comfortable and enjoyable. Here you find the Department of Management, which is mine, and the Department of Economics.

## 4 Ca' Foscari Zattere library

In my opinion, it is important to take a breather when you get tired of studying, and this library offers an amazing view. The library has fantastic and varied resources, too.

## 5 Piazza San Marco

There are some great places with an international feel in this part of town, so my friends and I like to hang out here. Sometimes I can feel a little bit overwhelmed by everything, and I have found that walking through St. Mark's Square makes me forget about it all by helping me lose myself in the crowd and in the city's history.

## 6 San Pietro in Castello

This church is beautiful just to visit, since it was designed by a famous Italian architect, but the best time to go is when exams finish at the end of June because there is a huge traditional festival held here for a whole week with music and food called the Sagra di San Pietro.

## 7 Strada Nova

This street is full of cool shopping. For me it is a bit expensive, but since my best friend's house is located near here, whenever I want to visit her I always enjoy walking along this street and sometimes I reward myself by buying something special.

## 8 Getting groceries

I sometimes do my grocery shopping in Venice, but since I live in Mestre and my house is next to a big discount grocery store that's cheap and good, I usually go there.

## 9 Campo Santa Margherita

All of the students studying in Venice know about this square because we are socialize and meet new people. There are tons of cafés, restaurants and bars here, but my favourite is a pizza place that sells slices. It is like a pizza bar that is open until late. There is often a line outside the door...

## 10 Lido

The Lido is another island we go to for its beautiful beaches. When I want to do something relaxing in my free time, going here to have a picnic or go swimming when it's warm enough is always fun.

## 11 Piazza Ferretto

Piazza Ferretto is a square closed to traffic and so only pedestrians can enter it. There are lots of coffee shops where you can have a sit and chat with your friends. Also there are lots of clothing stores with good shopping. Finally, in holiday periods lots of fun events are organized here.

## 12 Pierluigi Penzo Football Stadium

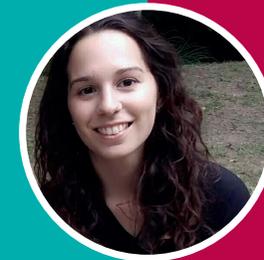
This is the second-oldest stadium with a professional club in Italy. The matches are fun and worth going to see in order to experience the Italian passion for football. They really do love this sport!



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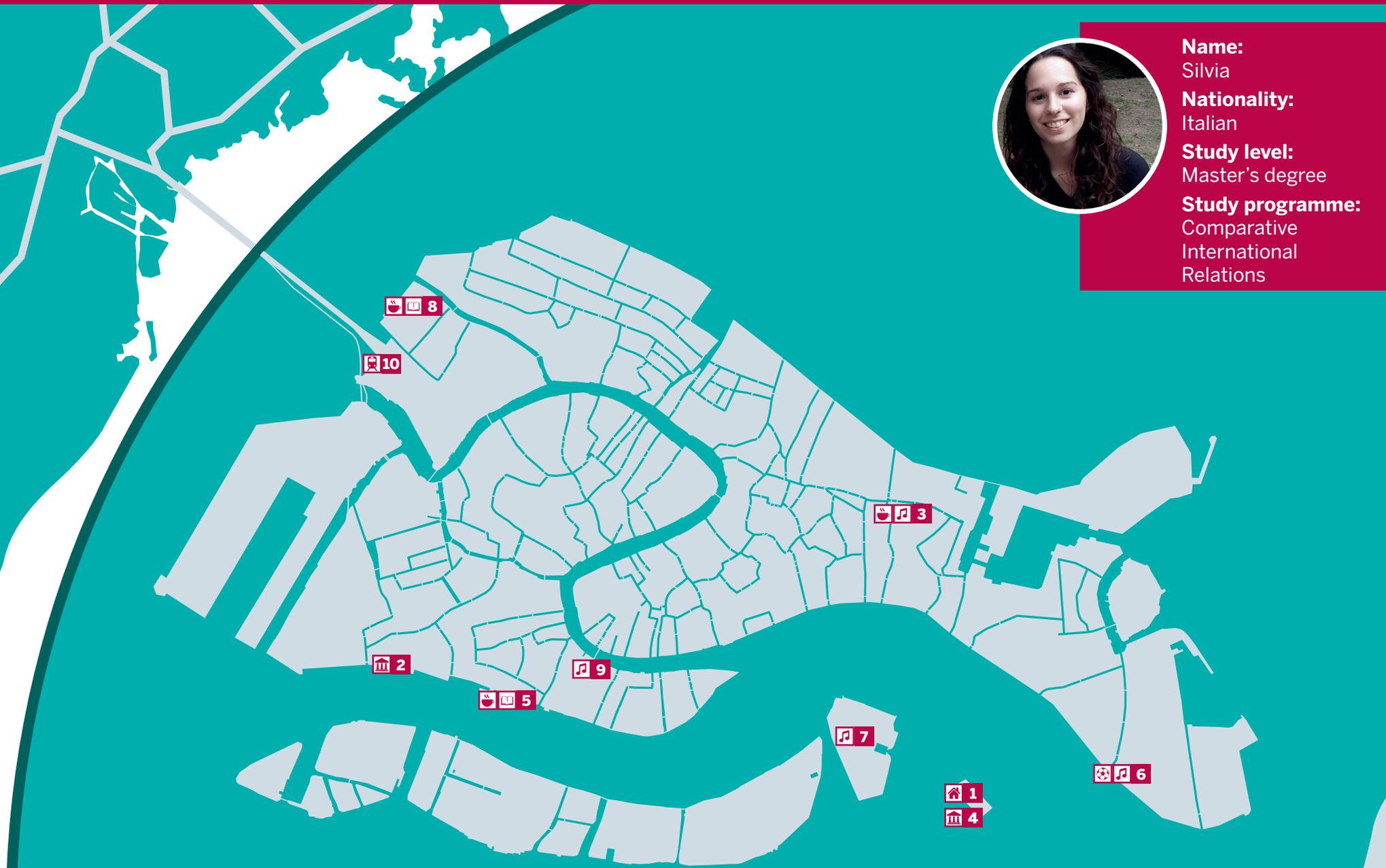


**Name:**  
Silvia

**Nationality:**  
Italian

**Study level:**  
Master's degree

**Study programme:**  
Comparative  
International  
Relations



# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Silvia's Venice

## 1 Home – Residence at the International College on the Island of San Servolo

This is where the campus of Ca' Foscari's International College is, and thanks to a full scholarship, I live here in a student residence with a group of Italian and international students. There is a boat shuttle that goes back and forth between the island and St. Mark's Square that only takes 10 minutes.

## 2 San Basilio Complex

This is where most of my classes are this semester. The classes are so cool thanks to their air-con, meaning this is one of our favourite places to study!

## 3 Community centre – Il Morion

This is a wonderful and alternative community centre that offers great live music, good pizza and a cool crowd.

## 4 Venice International University

This is where I am took my electives and did an internship during my bachelor's degree. It is home to one of the most international campuses in Venice, and Ca' Foscari is one of a range of university partners that send students and professors here.

## 5 Zattere

This is a gorgeous fondamenta where we all go to study – and to enjoy a spritz. There is a nice kiosk with tables outside where you can sit and have a snack or a coffee in the sunshine.

## 6 Sant'Elena gardens

I usually come here when I want to go for a run without bumping into too many tourists. This is the green heart of the city and one of the best places to relax outdoors.

## 7 Island of San Giorgio Maggiore

The church on this island across from St. Mark's Square has a bell tower that offers one of the most beautiful views of the city. Come here at sunset with a camera and you'll be amazed.

## 8 San Giobbe Campus

This one of my personal favourites – nice bars, nice pizzerias and a huge library (BEC).

## 9 Gallerie dell'Accademia

This is a state museum dedicated to the best of Venetian painting – Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese, Bellini... It is where I go when I want to forget about my problems; I love art, and this museum is home to some spectacular paintings.

## 10 Santa Lucia Train Station

The city train station is a place we all know pretty well: it's the most convenient way to get to the other cities, such as Milan, Padua, Bologna and Rome. We get pretty amazing discounts since we are students, and the distances are reasonable: it only takes 2.5 hours to get to Florence on a high-speed train.



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**Name:**  
Thu Tra

**Nationality:**  
Vietnamese

**Study level:**  
Master's degree

**Study programme:**  
Business  
Administration



# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Thu Tra's Venice

## 1 Home – Apartment in Mestre

I live near the Mestre train station. Personally, I think it is a very good place to live as I can use both buses and trains to go to Venice; even at night there are plenty of night buses. It takes only around 15-20 minutes to get into the historic centre of Venice, and it is much cheaper to live here. Also, Mestre is full of small markets where you can find ingredients for different ethnic traditions such as Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Thai, Indonesian, Vietnamese, etc.), Eastern European (Rumanian, Albanian, etc.) and African cuisines. For me, this is a great advantage. In addition, there are a few night clubs that can be quite exciting and Erasmus parties are usually held here.

## 2 Piazza Ferretto

As I live in Mestre, the city centre is one of the places I hang out the most during the weekends. Here there is a market for fresh foods (meat, vegetables, fish, etc.) every morning, and twice a week there is a flea market selling many things, from clothes and shoes to books and home accessories. There are also plenty of shops in the area, including a big shopping center. For food lovers, there are also many cheap all-you-can-eat sushi restaurants. Piazza Ferretto in Mestre is also an amazing place to take a walk or sit with a coffee and watch the people passing by.

## 3 St. Mark's Square

A must-see in Venice – the most beautiful place. If you have not been here, you have not seen Venice. If you do not believe me, Google it!

## 4 Rialto Bridge

Also a must-see with an interesting market.

## 5 San Giobbe Campus – Department of Economics

This is where the Economics and Management departments are. As I study International Management, this is where I spend most of my time in Venice. There is a nice and very active library here (BEC) that is really popular.

## 6 Lido

In the summer, I sometimes go to this island for the beach. It's not the best beach I have ever seen, but it is a long, sandy one with lots of sunshine. Summer student parties happen here.

## 7 Bookshop

Here there is the self-proclaimed "most beautiful bookstore in the world". It's tiny but unique, and totally worth a visit. It has a gondola full of books inside!

## 8 Ca' Foscari, main administrative building

The Welcome Unit that assists international students is here. This is where I always go for university documents, support with my permit of stay or help with my internship. Also, every year there are Career Days held here that allow students to meet with real companies and recruiters in order to find future internship and job opportunities.

## 9 A cheap bar

A lot of students, my friends and I included, usually go here for cheap drinks after an exam or a heavy week. It's a fun place to socialize.

## 10 Favourite bakery

Here you can find many different types of sweets, but my favorite is their bignè (cream puffs) and, during the festive period of Carnival, their amazingly delicious frittelle (sweet fried dough).

## 11 Campo Santa Margherita

This is the area where plenty of students often gather to socialize and have a coffee or an aperitivo with their friends. It's like a students' quarter, always quite active. You can even find quite reasonably priced pizza and gelato here.

## 12 San Sebastiano – School for International

This is where I took my Italian-language classes. For Erasmus students, learning Italian here is free; for students carrying out a full degree program, the reduced price is very affordable. Besides Italian, you can also learn many other foreign languages – including English – at the University Language Centre (CLA).

## 13 Strada Nova

This is a long, wide street, so I can't mark its exact location on the map. However, it is one of many ways to walk through Venice, heading to St. Mark's Square. You will pass many stores walking along this road; for me, it is perfect for both sight-seeing and window shopping. And since I am super forgetful, it is the easiest-to-remember road leading to the center of Venice.

## 14 A big shopping centre

This is where I usually go shopping. They have a huge supermarket inside with a wide range of items and very cheap prices, a shop for electronic items and, of course, lots of clothing and makeup brands – perfect for a girl like me. Bonus: you can reach this shopping mall by train from the station in Mestre in just 4 minutes.

## 15 Another big shopping centre!

I just have to put this on my map because I love shopping (way too much)!



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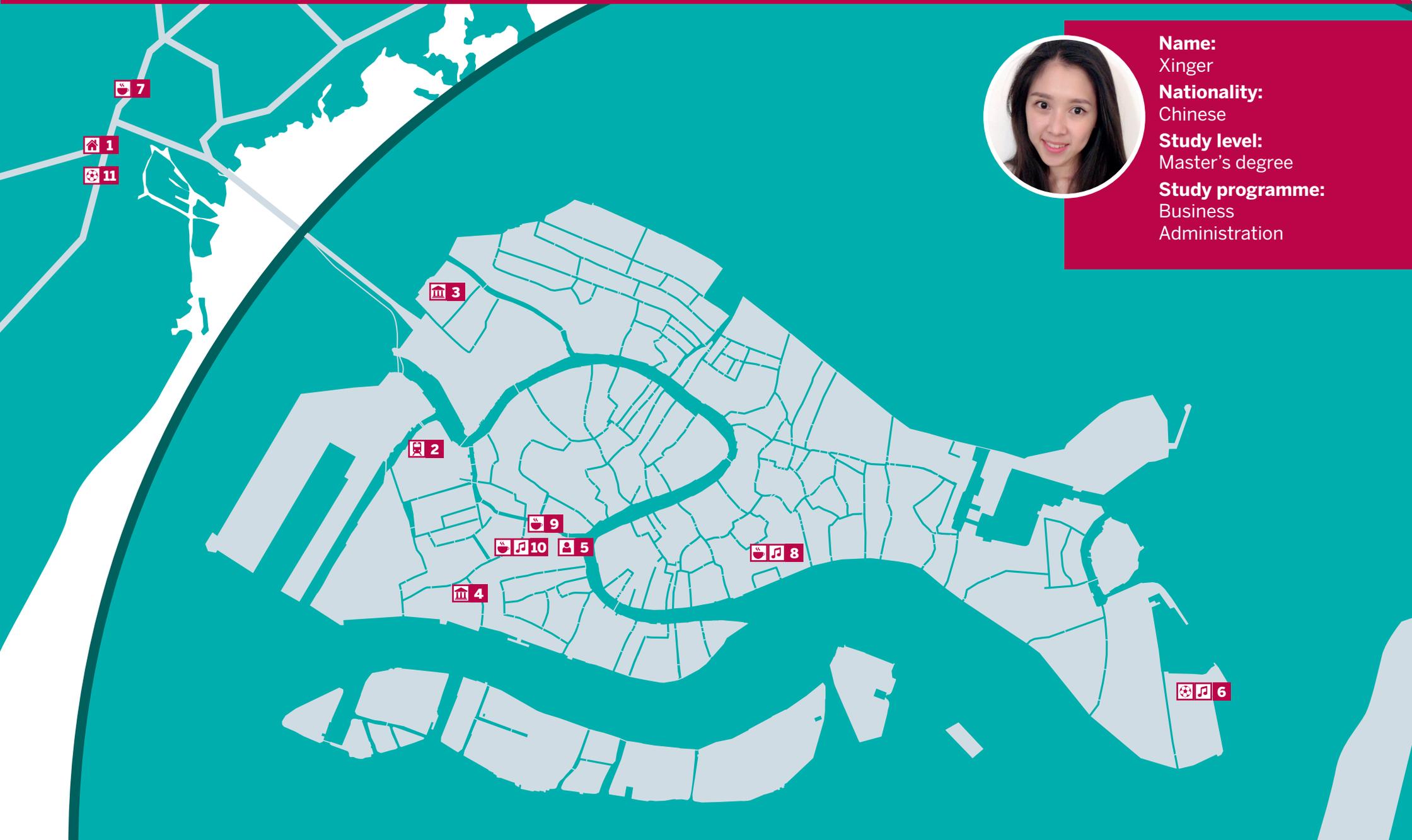


**Name:**  
Xinger

**Nationality:**  
Chinese

**Study level:**  
Master's degree

**Study programme:**  
Business  
Administration



# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Xinger's Venice

## 1 Home – Shared apartment in Marghera

I live in an apartment with another student in Marghera, a city right on the edge of the Venetian lagoon near Mestre, the mainland part of Venice.

## 2 Piazzale Roma

This is where the public bus from Marghera drops me off in Venice when I head into the city for class. The ride takes about 20 minutes.

## 3 San Giobbe Campus – Department of Management

Since I am in the Department of Management, my classes are at the San Giobbe Campus. It is a big complex of buildings that house offices and classrooms. The Department of Economics is also based here.

## 4 School for International Education

Ca' Foscari's School for International Education at San Sebastiano is where I am studying to learn Italian. It offers Italian-language courses for international students who are enrolled in Italian-taught programs for free and at a discount for those who are enrolled in English-taught ones like me.

## 5 Ca' Foscari, main administrative building

Ca' Foscari University's main building is where most of the administrative offices are located. I usually go here to visit the Welcome Unit, an office dedicated to helping international students.

## 6 Pierluigi Penzo Football Stadium

This is the home stadium of Venice's football team, which is trying to climb from Serie B to Serie A. This is a truly Italian experience.

## 7 Chinese food

In Mestre, the mainland part of the city of Venice, there are many Chinese restaurants and supermarkets around the train station, so you can find whatever you need to make your favourite dishes.

## 8 St. Mark's Square

Of course, this one of the most popular and famous places in Venice, for good reason. And after you appreciate the history and beauty, there are many traditional Italian restaurants nearby.

## 9 San Pantalon area

Near the main Ca' Foscari building there are a bunch of narrow *calli* (Venetian walkways) filled with student cafés that make some of the best – and cheapest – panini (sandwiches) in the city.

## 10 Campo Santa Margherita

This *campo*, or square, is a social hub where I like to sit and enjoy the sunshine or have a spritz (local drink) with friends. It is a great place for people-watching and making new friends.

## 11 Private gym

I belong to an exercise club in Marghera near my apartment because I like to play squash and keep fit.



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**Name:**  
Yuanhao

**Nationality:**  
Chinese

**Study level:**  
Bachelor's degree

**Study programme:**  
Language Sciences

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# Student life at Ca' Foscari: Yuanhao's Venice

## **1 Home – Shared apartment in Mestre**

I share my apartment with two other Chinese students. It is my safe haven. It is very convenient to live in the centre of Mestre. I think it is more convenient than living in Venice.

## **2 Movie theatre**

Movies are art, I love and appreciate this art. Watching movies in Italian cinema can also help me improve my Italian.

## **3 Chinese supermarkets and restaurants**

This is where I can buy Chinese products and enjoy Chinese food when I don't want to cook.

## **4 The best breakfast**

One of the best breakfasts in Venice, super delicious pistachio croissants. I am their most loyal customer.

## **5 VEZ, civic library in Mestre**

When I am too lazy to go to Venice, I come here to study.

## **6 Rio Nuovo and Ca' Dolfin**

Most of my lessons take place in these two buildings.

## **7 Ca' Foscari, main administrative building**

This is the heart of Ca' Foscari, and so many of the interesting activities that happen on campus are planned here. The International Office is also located here, and that is where I carried out my curricular internship for university credit.

## **8 Ca' Vendramin**

This is where you find the library of Asian language and culture (BALI), so it is my favorite one. I spend most of my time studying here. I have met many Italian students who study Chinese in this place.

## **9 San Basilio Complex**

This is the newest complex to have been renovated by the university, and I have a lot of classes here.

## **10 Campo Santa Margherita**

This is one of the best places for me to meet up with my friends, drink a spritz, eat a pizza, and have a good time in the historic centre.

## **11 Lido**

Where can you cool off in the summer? The beach at the Lido – it is a great place to relax. There are many activities here during the Venice Film Festival in September, too.