

ITALY



I BOLOGNA01 Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna

Country Information	Go on the ESN trips around Italy- theyre great for making friends and cheaper than organising it yourself. Do the Italian classes offered by the university- even after the first free one to continue structured learning of italian- it's very easy to accidentally not speak much italian until exam time. Taxis are hard to find even with apps, so especially for women, living in town/ with other students is much better for walking home after nights out.
University Information	Find accommodation within the city walls or in Laude living or with other Erasmus students. Labas is the communist bar on Wednesdays- very cool. Pizza due Torre is the best slice of pizza. The square outside Montagnola park is great for cheap clothes markets. Camera a sud. Cortile cafe (jam sessions). Bar Maurizio for jazz or just studying/ reading. Cinema modernissimo is beautiful.
Academic Advice	Try not to worry too much about the admin as it's very difficult to navigate and disorganised but it really does all work out ok and the nothing is as urgent as it seems. Try get your Learning Agreement correct the first time though as the departments take forever to approve/ deny it so if I needs to be corrected multiple times the process can take months. Oral exams seem stressful but often can allow you to focus on your strengths much more and the professors are very very very generous/ lenient with Erasmus students studying through Italian. Francesco Carbognin's Contemporary Italian Literature module is good. Sara Pesce's film module's exams are MCQ and manageable. Getting books from the library is a nightmare.
Duration of Exchange	Semester 2
Students Pathway	TJH Italian MAJ and Philosophy MIN Option A
Pathway Advice	
Sustainability Tips	Bikes are better than the bus and available in the bike shop on Via s.Vitale or Facebook marketplace. Lots of second hand markets everywhere but Montagnola square is great and affordable.
Overall advice - Would you recommend this exchange	Bologna is an amazing city- certainly the best in Italy with a great student and international vibe. Always reach out when you need help/ feel overwhelmed, people are there to help and happy to do so. It can feel like everyone else knows whats happening and you're behind but really its never as bad as it seems and people have to solutions. Talk to your professors if you're worried and they can help you. The second semester is more socially active than the first. Try to do your exams the first chance you get always and finish them early as they can drag on. Also always try them even if your

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	think you'll fail, you'll learn from them anyway and your can always try again if you're not happy with your result.
Overall experience	Rating (1 (low) to 5 (high)) 3
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