Università di Scienze Gastronomiche di Pollenzo
University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo

Consumer information - US Financial Aid

The US government requires institutions which offer federal student loans to disclose the following consumer information. If you require any further information about the content, please email us at financialaid@unisg.it.

Data security and privacy of student records

Your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) are outlined on the University's Data protection pages.
The US Financial Aid Office will request data from you in order to process your loan application. In certain circumstances, the US Financial Aid Office is required to request specific information from you in order to comply with US federal regulations. We will hold any sensitive data that you submit to us in compliance with the GDPR and US federal regulations.
Should you have a complaint about how the US Financial Aid Office have handled your data, you have the right to file complaints with the US Department of Education, although it would be preferable that you contact us first so that we can discuss the problem and try to resolve it with you.

Student financial aid information

For information about all need based and non-need based federal, local, private and institutional student financial assistance available to students at the University, please see the "Tuition Fees and Scholarships" section, available under each program page. For further information about US federal student loans, please see the "Financial Aid – US Students" collapsible window, found in the aforementioned "Tuition Fees and Scholarships section of each eligible program.

University Fees and Cost of attendance

Awards are based on the cost of attendance. When calculating the cost of attendance at UNISG, we include

- The University fees as determined in the FEES, FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS page on our website for each program;
- An allowance for supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses;
- An allowance for room and board;
- For a student with dependents, an allowance for costs expected to be incurred for dependent care.

To get an idea about your living costs while studying at UNISG, please view our Relocating to Bra document.

Pre-Departure and Arrival

The registrar office will assist you with bureaucracies related to your move. Whilst it is the student's responsibility to have all papers in order, we will assist you with questions related to your Study Visa, study title verification, getting your Permit of Stay and other issues. For more information about preparing for your arrival, please consult the International Student Start Point page of our website or contact the Registrar Office at segreteria@unisg.it.

Refund policy, requirements for withdrawal and return of Title IV financial aid

For information about the University's refund policy, please see our University Fee Payment Regulations. These can be found under FEES, FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS for the undergraduate program and the two-year graduate program; for the Master programs, this information is available in the "Official Announcement" that can be found on the ADMISSIONS page of each Master program. Requirements for the return of Title IV funds are published in the University's Return to Title IV (R2T4) Policy. Procedures for withdrawal are outlined in the R2T4 Policy and are also available from your Registrar Office.

Academic program information

For information about current degree programs please see the specific pages on our website under ADMISSIONS.

Plagiarism

To plagiarize means to pass off someone else's work (written text and/or ideas) as your own. It is the most serious academic offence and UNISG does not tolerate it under any circumstances. Copying verbatim (word for word) any text, in print, online, or from any other medium, is plagiarism. Any citations from any part of another person's text must be in quotation marks and acknowledged with a bibliographic reference in the footnotes or references of your work. The use of someone else's ideas from any work (book, article, etc.) must be rephrased in your own words as well as cited with a bibliographic citation in your footnotes or references.
Any infringement of these rules will result in the failure of an exam or paper, with no opportunity to redo the evaluation, which means that the student will not be able to complete the program and receive her or his degree. All UNISG instructors are requested to report any case of plagiarism they may detect. This applies to any exam, study trip reports, and the final thesis. Please keep this in mind, and avoid plagiarism under all circumstances. The University uses the Turnitin platform in order to avoid plagiarism.

Honor Code

The Honor code highlights the ethical values and civil and moral responsibility of the behavior and actions of its students as well as of the university's entire staff, both teaching and administrative. For more information about the University's Honor Code, please read here.

School and program accreditation

Please refer to the Ministerial Accreditation document available under the "Statutes & Regulations" page that you find under "About us".

Vaccination policy

The Italian Ministry of Education does not require university students to be vaccinated against certain illnesses, unless of course they are attending a medical program.

That said, Italian health authorities strongly recommend university students have the Meningitis ACWY vaccine, as cases do occur in communities of young adults, such as those found in higher education settings. This is different from the previous meningitis C vaccine. Please make an appointment with your local doctor/general practice to receive this vaccine in your home country prior to your arrival in Italy.

Adults of all nationalities age 16 and older are recommended receiving a Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) if their last dose was administered more than 10 years prior.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella) are also recommended for all those who have not had it at some point in their lives, though typically children receive the 1st dose of the MMR vaccine at 12-15 months and the 2nd dose at 5 or 6 years.

Should specific vaccinations be required for study trips, this will be communicated to you by the Tutor Office.

Textbook information

All required books and other print materials are included in the University Fee and provided to the students.

Placement in employment and job placement rates

The Career Office constantly monitors the careers of former students, recording development, growth and changes. The official employment figures for UNISG students 12 months after graduation are updated every year, recording the main employment sectors, average salaries and job satisfaction of gastronomes around the world. As well as providing a statistical overview, the report is an important way of maintaining personal, direct contact with all alumni. More information can be found here.

Missing Student Notification

Not relevant for UNISG since we do not have campus housing.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)

If you take out a federal loan at UNISG, we will submit the details of your loan to NSLDS and this data will be accessible to guaranty agencies, lenders and schools determined to be authorized users of the data system.

Entrance counseling for student loan borrowers

Prior to the first disbursement, first-time borrowers (other than for Parent PLUS loans) will be provided with information on the loan and of the borrower's responsibilities through entrance counseling. Entrance counseling is required to be completed via StudentLoans.gov before a loan will be approved.

Exit counseling for student loan borrowers

Students are informed that Exit Counseling is part of the student responsibilities, and must be completed prior to graduating through the following link: https://studentaid.gov/exit-counseling/

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Student rights and responsibilities – terms of any loan received by a student as part of the student's financial assistance package; Criteria for continued student eligibility under each program – what students must do to be making satisfactory academic progress (SAP). The institution must include criteria by which students who have failed to maintain satisfactory progress may re-establish their eligibility for financial assistance. An institution must provide a student with a link to its Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Program (SAP) policy;

Eligible Programs;

Three-Year Undergraduate Degree in Gastronomic Sciences and Cultures;
Three-year Undergraduate Degree in Food Tech for Ecological Transition;
Master in World Food Studies;
Master in New Food Thinking;
Master in Food Communication & Marketing;
Master in Agroecology and Food Sovereignty;
Hybrid Master in Local Food Policy;
Two-year Graduate Degree in Food Industry Management;
Two-year Graduate Degree in Food and Planetary Health.

Ineligible Programs:

Executive Master in Food Medicine;
Executive Master in Cultura e Management del Vino;
Executive Master in Circular Economy for Food;
PhD and Foundation Year program, Training & Experience, and Summer School courses.

Disability-related services and facilities - A description of the services and facilities available to students with disabilities, including students with intellectual disabilities https://www.unisg.it/en/services/disabilities-dsa/;

Study abroad and written arrangements or agreements with other entities: The University does not have written arrangements or agreements with other institutions to provide part of the educational program to students enrolled at UNISG, or vice versa, as part of a study abroad program. In fact, the University does not have active study abroad programs with other institutions.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

US enrolled students enrolled in UNISG programs are informed via email that they have the right to:
- review their educational records;
- to request amendment of records;
- to consent to disclosures or personally identifiable information and to file complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

More information regarding procedures for reviewing educational records, requesting amendment of such records, as well as information about the school's policy regarding disclosures to school officials with legitimate educational interest in the educational records, can be found here on the Privacy page of our website.

Quality Assurance - The Italian national system for evaluation, quality assurance and accreditation of universities operates in accordance with European standards and guidelines for the assurance of quality of higher education. The system is based on internal evaluation within each university, external evaluation and accreditation of campuses and courses. More information can be found here: https://www.unisg.it/en/quality-assurance/

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