Guide for International Students
Il Edition
WELCOME TO SCUOLA SUPERIORE SANT'ANNA

History of Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, was established in 1967 as the *Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento* after merging the Scuola per le Scienze Applicate A. Pacinotti (founded in 1951) and the *Collegio Medico-Giuridico*. The latter was, in turn, the result of a merger between the pre-war Collegio Mussolini per le Scienze Corporative and the Collegio Nazionale Medico. The previously existing institutions were based on the model of (and administered by) the *Scuola Normale Superiore*. In 1987 the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna acquired complete independence both from the *Scuola Normale and the University of Pisa*. Sant'Anna replaced Antonio Pacinotti as dedication, when the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna gained its current headquarters in Pisa’s city center in 1987 and became dedicated to Sant'Anna instead of Antonio Pacinotti.

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna today

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (hereafter Scuola) holds a unique position within the Italian university system. It is both a university in its own right, offering Masters and PhD courses, while for under graduates it works as the *Honors College of the University of Pisa*. Potential under graduates undergo a rigorous public examination, and only the very best are creamed off to combine their Pisa University studies with the extra options available at Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, these students are called *Honors College Students*. *Honors College Students* live at the Scuola and study totally free of charge but have to get top marks in all their exams and show proficiency in two foreign languages.

*The Scuola: Aula Magna and after restoration*
Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna is also integrated with the *Scuola Normale Superiore*, another specialized university of excellence offering different courses. Together, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, the Scuola Normale Superiore, and the University of Pisa make up the *Pisa University System*. This is a unique education and research model, which attracts students and researchers from all over Italy and from abroad, giving Pisa an internationally important role as a city of study, research and innovation.

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna is also a renowned research centre in the fields of Experimental Sciences (Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, Medical Sciences) and Social Sciences (Economics and Management, Law, Political Sciences). *Masters* and *PhD* courses are offered, but again only to highly proficient students from all over the world (30% of the PhD students are not Italian).

**The location**

1. Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna is located in the heart of Pisa, within a fourteenth-century Benedictine monastery, which has been entirely restored and converted into a modern campus.

Pisa, a former Maritime Republic, is one of the most charming towns in Italy. It is world famous for the Leaning Tower, which stands in the magnificent Piazza dei Miracoli. The river Arno runs through the town, which is only a few kilometres from the sea and yet also close to the hills. Pisa is just one of the main attractions in Tuscany, one of the most beautiful regions in all Italy. Tuscany was the birthplace of the Renaissance and of the Italian language, and boasts an artistic, cultural and landscape heritage, which makes it a must for tourists from all over the world.
The Italian university system: a brief profile

- The first cycle *(Laurea - LA)* takes 3 years for a total of 180 ECTS. It leads to a Bachelor of Science equivalent degree (UK);
- The second cycle *(Laurea Specialistica / Laurea Magistrale - LS)* takes 2 years for a total of 120 ECTS. It leads to a Masters of Science equivalent degree (UK);
- The third cycle *(Dottorato or Perfezionamento)* takes 3 years for a total of 180 ECTS. It leads to a PhD equivalent;
- In addition to the first cycle, the Italian system provides a 1-year course (minimum of 60 ECTS) leading to a first level Specializing Masters (MA);
- In addition to the second cycle, the Italian system provides a 1-year course (minimum of 60 ECTS) leading to a second level Specializing Masters (MA). Specializing Masters do not give access to third-cycle programmes. The credits earned with a Specializing Masters may in some instances be recognised as part of an LS degree.

For further information visit: [www.study-in-italy.it](http://www.study-in-italy.it) and [www.cimea.it/](http://www.cimea.it/)

What courses are on offer at Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna?

The Scuola offers the following advanced courses for university students, graduates and professionals in these areas: Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, Medical Sciences, Economics and Management, Law, Political Sciences. Please visit [www.sssup.it](http://www.sssup.it) for an up-to-date list of the courses available. To ensure standards of excellence, admission to courses is subject to a public competitive examination.

- Starting from academic year 2009/10, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna is offering Masters Science jointly with other Italian or foreign universities, which lead to
Master Degrees (Laurea Magistrale) jointly awarded by Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna together with the other university involved. Courses are totally taught in English

- Undergraduate Courses (Corsi ordinari) – for Honors College Students attending the University of Pisa. Although several courses at Scuola are taught in English, regular courses at the University of Pisa are taught in Italian. Therefore knowledge of Italian is mandatory for foreign students wishing to enrol as Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Honors College Students.

- The Scuola offers Doctoral Programmes both in the form of “Corsi di Perfezionamento” – leading to a degree fully equivalent to a PhD as well as International Doctoral Programmes, often involving various forms of collaboration and joint ventures with foreign universities. Doctoral Programmes focus on research areas of particular scientific and social importance, special attention being paid to innovation and the uses of new technologies. Under a special agreement, students can obtain a joint degree from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna and a foreign university. Most of the Scuola PhD courses are taught in English.

- The Scuola offers a wide variety of “Masters” (Master of Arts (MA) degrees): after an LA or an LS, students can attend a specialization MA, at a first or second level respectively (usually of one-year duration / 60 credits), which will generally include an internship. University Masters and international Masters courses are aimed at furthering knowledge and expertise in innovative areas with strategic importance for the manufacturing and industrial world as well as for the national institutions and international organisations. All the Masters courses have a strong interdisciplinary and applied approach. Please note that the MA degrees are not equivalent to a Masters of Science equivalent degree (UK). Most of the Scuola master courses are taught in English.

- The Scuola offers short Training Courses on various issues (Peace-keeping, Human Rights, insurances, social policies, health and management, environment, etc.) mostly open to students coming from any part of the world.
How can I enrol?

Students may enrol as as *Honors College Students* only after having successfully completed a highly selective competition. The Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna publishes calls for applications ([www.sssup.it](http://www.sssup.it)) for competitive examinations, stating the number of students that will be admitted and the selection methods for admission to the specific course or programme.

Do I have to pay a tuition fee?

*Honors College Students (Students attending Corsi ordinari)* do not have to pay a tuition fee and will be hosted totally free of charge at the Scuola Colleges.

Students enrolled in a Master of Science should pay a tuition fee; fellowships may be available for talented candidates of any citizenship.

The students attending Master courses usually have to pay a tuition fee as well, although fellowships are often available. PhD students usually receive a fellowship. For more detailed information please visit [www.sssup.it](http://www.sssup.it).

Do I need to come to Pisa for the entrance exams?

Only if you are interested in enrolling as an *Honors College Students* ("Laurea") you need to spend several days in Pisa to take both the written and oral exams.

Admission to the other courses is based on an entrance exam for students from European countries, while students from non-European countries are usually selected on the basis of their CV and proposed research programme (see [www.sssup.it](http://www.sssup.it) for details). Detailed rules for admission are available on [www.sssup.it](http://www.sssup.it).

I am interested in the student exchange programmes: can I spend several months at Scuola Sant'Anna?

The Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Courses, Programmes and activities are open to visiting and foreign students: the Scuola envisages and fosters the widening of its International relations as a condition for a complete and innovating education.

In addition to several international agreements with prestigious institutions and universities, since 2007 the Scuola was conferred the EUC (European University Charter) and is therefore able to participate to the activities settled by the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) as a strategic mean to develop mobility of students and professors.
Scuola, the main Campus
Can I do an internship in a company in Italy or abroad during my stay at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna?

Both *Honors College Students* and doctoral students can spend an internship period in Italy or abroad as provided for by courses rules and grants are envisaged for the aforesaid period. The Placement Service (e-mail: placement@sssup.it) provides full-time and post-graduate students with the necessary support to establish relationships of collaboration with the world of labour. In particular, this service:
- collects and announces the offers for periods of training and of vacancies;
- collaborates with the companies as regards their recruitment needs;
- organizes meetings with the companies;
- makes the knowledge of professional roles easier to understand;
- offers a documentation centre.

Is career counselling available?

Every student is assisted by a tutor throughout the whole course period. It is an important help offered to the students, created in order to provide the necessary educational guidance and establish a direct and informal relationship between the student and the professor, creating concrete opportunities and chances for early contacts and experiences in research and Laboratory activities.
GUIDELINES FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS: BEFORE LEAVING HOME

Visa application

Non EU students are required to apply for a student visa. Be sure to submit for a multiple entry Schengen Visa if you are visiting other European countries in the Schengen Area (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Czech, Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Hungary). You should start your visa application process as soon as possible since the procedures can require a considerable amount of time. To obtain a student visa you need to go in person to the Italian Embassy or Consulate in your home country. They will also provide you with a list of the necessary documents. To obtain a study visa selected applicants must submit the required documents to the Italian Embassy/General Consulate in their country. These documents must be certified through the "legalizzazione" and translated into Italian, together with the "Certificazione di valore". Please also visit MiUR’s English website www.study-in-italy.it (also available in Spanish at www.estudiar-en-italia.it). For additional information please see: www.esteri.it/visti/index_eng.asp.

Embassies or Consulates have the authority to request any other type of document if they deem it necessary. To obtain Visa embassies can request a VISA INSURANCE which is buyable in a travel agency.

When the documents requested are related to the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, please contact the International Relations Office (iro@sssup.it). Usually the Embassy will contact the International Relations Office directly to request specific documents.
How many kinds of visa are available?

Only for non-EU students.

"C" visa (short term): has a validity of maximum 90 days and cannot be converted or extended.

"D" visa (long term): has a validity of more than 90 days. Non-EU citizens in Italy for over 90 days require a “stay permit” (Permesso di Soggiorno).

Multi-entry visa: allows you to go back to your country and to re-enter Italy even without the Italian stay permit, provided you do not travel through other Schengen States and you pass through the same border. Air stops are allowed only if there are no direct flights. The visa also indicates the overall maximum amount of days that you can stay in Italy. A National visa does not allow you to leave and re-enter Italy unless you have a valid Italian stay permit.

Schengen visa allows you to move around in the Schengen Area (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Hungary) for up to 90 days as a tourist only.

Tourist visa has a 90-day-validity and cannot be converted nor extended. A tourist visa can be issued only once every 6 months.

D+C (Schengen) Allows you to move around in the Schengen Area for up to 90 days within the first validity period of the D visa.

I am married: can I also get a visa for my family?

You can apply for visa for your family (spouse, dependent children) at the Italian Embassy or Consulate in your home country. In order to foster family cohesion, if you hold an entry visa for full-time self-employment, for study or religious reason, you can enter Italy with any family members that qualify for entry (see below).

Relatives accompanying a foreign national holding an entry visa are required to comply with the same procedures and submit the same documents as for a family reunion (see the next paragraph). Application for entry clearance for a family member can be submitted by proxy. Please note that accompanying relatives cannot work or study in Italy. It is also not possible to change your visa status once you are in Italy.
Can my family join me when I am already in Italy?

Yes, you can apply for a "family reunion" (ricongiungimento familiare), as follows:

**Conditions of application:** A foreign national, who is the holder of an EC Long-Term Stay permit or of a stay permit for subordinate work, self-employment, asylum, study, family or religious reasons, valid for at least one year, can apply for family clearance for family members.

*Family members concerned:* the spouse; children under 18; dependent children over 18, in cases where they cannot provide for their keep due to serious health conditions resulting in permanent inability to earn a living; dependent parents who have no adequate family support in the home country.

**Sportello Unico (Immigration Front Desk, at the “Prefettura”).** If the above-mentioned conditions are met, application forms for entry clearance (nullaosta) will be submitted or sent to the appropriate Sportello Unico with the necessary documentation concerning adequate accommodation and required minimum income, together with a photocopy of the person’s passport and stay permit.

The following documents also need to be submitted: photocopy of the identity card of the proxy; proxy for an Italian national or a foreign national legally residing in Italy. The proxyform, which is available at the Italian Consulate, should be completed and signed before the official of the Italian Consulate by the foreign national who has already been granted an entry visa for the above-mentioned. The family member needs to submit supporting documentation with regard to the family relationship, a child who is still a minor or health conditions, to the Italian Consular Authority in their country of residence.

A receipt of the application and documentation received is then provided by the Sportello Unico.

If all requirements are satisfied, the Sportello Unico issues an entry clearance within
90 days of application or rejects the application and informs the Italian Consulate. Should the **Sportello Unico** not issue an entry clearance within 90 days of application, the family member needs to submit a copy of the receipt of the application and any relevant documentation which was submitted to the Sportello Unico by their relative to the Italian Diplomatic or Consular Authority abroad.

Within eight days of arrival in Italy, the family member is required to go to the Sportello Unico where the entry clearance was issued. A form is then provided together with an application form for a stay permit. Failure to comply means that the foreign national will be considered as illegally staying in Italy.

A stay permit for family reasons entitles the holder to take on subordinate work or self-employment, to be granted access to education and to health care provided by the National Health Service.

**Issue of a stay permit:** once the application form has been provided by the Sportello Unico, the family member is required to send the aforesaid form via a post office. The relevant receipt with two personal identification codes (user ID and password), issued by the post office, will allow the foreign national to follow the status of their application on the website [www.portaleimmigrazione.it](http://www.portaleimmigrazione.it)

The Questura (Central Police Station) will notify the foreign national of the date they need to go to the Questura to submit their photos and be fingerprinted, at the address and mobile phone stated on the application form. They will also inform them of the subsequent date to collect their stay permit.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A foreign family member of an Italian or EU national is not required to apply for entry clearance at the Sportello Unico, but can apply for an entry visa directly at the Italian Embassy.
When should I arrive in Pisa?

Although you can come to Italy anytime after obtaining your visa, the arrival date will depend on the starting date of the course you are attending. We would discourage students from coming to Pisa in August, when most of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna offices are closed for the summer vacation.

I have obtained my Visa: how do I get to Pisa?

Pisa is easy to reach both from other parts of Italy and from abroad:

**By car:** from Genoa or Milan take the A12 Genova-Pisa highway. For arrival from Rome, take the A12 Roma-Civitavecchia highway and the E80 expressway. From Florence take the A11 Firenze-Mare highway or the Firenze-Pisa-Livorno expressway.

**By train:** If you are arriving from Rome you can take a direct train to Pisa. Alternatively, you can take a train from Rome to Florence, and use the train service linking Pisa and Florence (takes about one hour). If you are arriving from Milan, you should take a train to Florence, where you can get a connection to Pisa. Pisa is also on the Rome-Genoa line with frequent trains in both directions. Pisa Central Station is a 15-minute walk from the Scuola, which is on the south side of the river Arno. For more information please visit: www.trenitalia.it

**By plane:** Galileo Galilei International Airport is located in Pisa. It is the most important airport in Tuscany, connecting the city with major Italian and European destinations. The airport is just one kilometre from the city. There are connections to the city both by train and bus. The train goes directly to Pisa Central Station; bus line 1 passes through the city centre to Piazza dei Miracoli. The taxi rank is located in front of the airport exit. A "Collective Taxi" service is available from the airport to Pisa Central Station and Piazza Duomo. These taxis take a maximum of eight people with a set rate per person. For more information: www.pisa-airport.com
City bus service: The bus company (CPT) serves the city with many local bus
routes and even routes connecting Pisa with the main seaside resorts such as Tirrenia,
Marina di Pisa, Marina di Vecchiano and Viareggio (you can find time tables in the
CPT office located in Piazza Sant’Antonio, close to the central train station). Within
the city there are three main bus routes identified with 3 colors: LAM rossa (LAM red),
LAM verde (LAM green) and LAM blu (LAM blue). These Lam lines run about every 10
minutes. The most useful for tourists is the LAM rossa/red that connects Pisa airport,
the train station and Piazza dei Miracoli (where the leaning tower is located) distant
five minutes walk to/from the Scuola. The Bus company CPT is located in Piazza
Sant’Antonio, near the Central Railway Station, for further information please visit:
www.cpt.pisa.it/orari/urbano.htm
What should I do immediately after arriving in Pisa?

You will receive instructions by the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna staff in charge of welcoming procedures:

**Undergraduate courses, Master of Science Courses and Doctoral Programmes:**
Undergraduate and Doctoral Students Division (Divisione Formazione Universitaria e alla Ricerca - FUR)
Tel +39 050 883273/707/383
Fax +39 050 883250
Email: infostudenti@sssup.it, infophd@sssup.it

**Masters and Advanced Training Programmes:**
Contact: Silvia MARCACCI – Masters and Training Programmes Division (Divisione Alta Formazione – DAF)
tel. +39 050 882629
fax +39 050 882633
Email: altaformazione@sssup.it

**Visiting Students and Scholars:**
Contact: Claudia AMBROGI, Elisa ZANOBINI - International Relations Office (Ufficio Relazioni Internazionali – IRO)
Tel +39 050 883712/705
Fax +39 050 883324
Email: iro@sssup.it

Is a Buddy Service available?

Senior students at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna are available to help International students familiarize themselves with the Scuola and the city of Pisa.

Will I get a student ID card from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna?

Yes, Scuola students will receive a student ID card upon arrival at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna. This badge allows students to use/access the student services listed in this guide. Contact: Cristiana Neri – General Services (Servizi Generali) Tel. +39 050 8833398/280 Fax +39 050 883222 Email: infobadge@sssup.it
I am a EU citizen: what I should do?

Under Legislative Decree no.32 of 28 February 2008 EU citizens who wish to stay in Italy for **periods not exceeding 3 months** should report their presence on Italian territory to the local Police authorities filling out the relevant form (www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/10930-European_Union_citizens). They will be issued a duly stamped copy that must be shown whenever requested by Police. If they fail to comply with the obligation to report they will be deemed to stay in Italy for a period exceeding 3 months.

EU citizens who wish to stay in Italy for a **period exceeding 3 months** should register with the local Anagrafe (population register of the place of residence) www.poliziadistato.it/pds/file/files/Certificate_registration_population_register-1.pdf for the district they reside in. Documents needed for the registration should attest that they work, study or attend vocational training courses.

Otherwise evidence must be given to have sufficient financial resources as well as to be covered by a sickness insurance policy for the duration of one's stay in Italy.

EU citizens who have applied for a residence permit before 11 April 2007 are entitled to register with Anagrafe by simply submitting the receipt issued by Questura or by Italian Post Offices as well as a self-certifying statement that the above-mentioned requirements are met.

For stays of more than 3 months family members of EU citizen who are not EU nationals need to apply for a residence permit to the local Questura or to a Post Office (please use the application kit with a yellow stripe).

The application must include the following documents: an identity document or valid passport with an entry visa (if required); proof of the family link to an EU citizen; a receipt certifying that the family member has applied for registration to Anagrafe.

Family members of an EU citizen who are not EU nationals may apply for a permanent residence card after five years of continuous residence.
Application for permanent residence must be made to the Questura of the place of residence before the residence permit expires.

**I have a valid visa: is there anything else I need to do to reside legally in Italy?**

Yes, holding a valid visa is not enough to grant you a stay permit. Within **eight (8) days** of arrival, all non-European citizens who hold a study visa for Italy must apply for a “stay permit” for study purposes. The stay permit is issued by the local Questura Centrale (Central Police Station) for your place of residence in Italy. You have to apply for a stay permit (and renewal) at the following post offices in Pisa:

1. Central Post Office, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele 11-7-9, opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 8:15-19:00, phone 050 519514. Application are accepted only until 17:00.

**What is the exact procedure to apply for a “stay permit”?**

**STEP 1: documents required by the Post Office**

1. Application form completed and signed by the interested party - "Modulo" 1 of the envelope **yellow stripe for non-EU citizens** (available free at Post Offices)
2. Photocopy of Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna acceptance letter stamped by the Italian Embassy or Consulate
3. Photocopy of all passport pages. You will also need to show your passport itself.
4. Photocopy of insurance policy against the risk of illness and injury (p. 28). This must be valid throughout Italy and for the entire period of validity of the stay permit.
5. € 14.62 "Marca da Bollo" Italian stamp duty, available from any tobacco shop
6. Non-EU applicants must also submit a copy of the € 27.50 receipt of payment made at the Post Office on a form to issue the stay permit electronically (only for requests exceeding 90 days). If the request is for less than 90 days, you do not need a stay permit, but you have to register at the police office in the airport.

The cost of sending the application is € 30.00 to be paid at the post office once your documentation has been checked, you will get a registered letter receipt (mod. 22A), which gives you a user ID and password so that you can check the state of progress of your application at www.portaleimmigrazione.it, which is the immigration web portal, where you can also learn about application procedures.

The status of your application can be checked by inserting the user ID and password indicated on the receipt you were given at the post office when submitting the application. You will also get a letter with the date for your appointment, which will list all the documents (originals, not photocopies) that you will need for Step 2.
STEP 2: documents required by the Questura
The following are extra documents you must provide the Questura for the stay permit:
1. Passport or other equivalent document.
2. Original Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna enrolment letter released by the Scuola stamped by the Italian Embassy / Consulate when the entry visa was issued.
3. Four identical passport size photographs.
4. Original health insurance policy against the risk of illness and injury and a photocopy, valid throughout Italy and for the entire period of validity of the resident permit.

For further information, visit:
www.portaleimmigrazione.it
www.interno.it
www.poste.it

Free help line: 800 309 309
Contact Centre: 848 855 888 (to verify the process of your application)

Is there any special rule if I am staying in Italy for less than three months?
Non-EU citizens wishing to stay in Italy as tourists, for business visits or studies for less than three months are not required to apply for a stay permit. You need to report your presence directly to the border authorities when entering the country if you arrive from non-Schengen States and the border authority will stamp your travel document with a Schengen mark. If you are arriving from other Schengen States, you can report your presence directly to the Questura (Central Police Station) completing the relevant form within eight days of your arrival in Italy. If you are staying in a hotel/guest house, the hotel management are legally obliged to provide the police with a copy of the hotel report. It is important that you do not stay in Italy for more than three months or whatever period is indicated in the entry visa (if a visa is required) and that entry conditions are met.

What if I plan to stay in Italy for longer than three months?
Non-EU citizens who would like to stay in Italy for more than three months must apply for a stay permit. Foreigners arriving in Italy for the first time must apply for a stay permit within 8 days. A Non-EU citizen who is already in Italy and whose stay permit is about to expire must apply for its renewal within the time limit indicated below, and in any case not more than 60 days after its expiry date.
How do I renew my “stay permit”? 

The application for renewal of the stay permit must be submitted at least:
• 60 days before its expiry date, where the stay permit is valid for 1 year;
• 30 days before the expiry date, for all other permits. For information about the renewal procedure please contact IRO, iro@sssup.it

Requests of renewal made before the suggested timing will be accepted and will give the possibility of a faster release of the “stay permit”.

I plan to go back to my country for a short vacation: what do I need to do?

You should agree with your course coordinator about the appropriate time to take a vacation. If you already have your official stay permit you can re-enter Italy any time you wish. If you applied for the stay permit but have not yet received the official documents you should take the receipt the Post office gave you at the time of the application with you. Please note that you can only re-enter from your own country if you do not hold the official stay permit.

I need to attend a conference in another country: can I re-enter Italy?

If you hold the official stay permit you can enter any Schengen area country. You can visit other countries on the basis of the immigration rules of the country you plan to visit. You can re-enter Italy only if you have your official stay permit with you. If you do not hold an official stay permit you should contact the International Relations Office for assistance. You will NOT be allowed to re-enter if you only posses the receipt the Post office gave you at the time of the application, even if you have a visa stamped on your passport.
GUIDELINES FOR LIVING IN PISA

Will Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna provide me with accommodation?

It depends. If you are an Honors College Students student attending regular courses for the Laurea or the Laurea Specialistica, the Scuola will provide you with accommodation in one of its colleges. Accommodation for Honors College Students students is free of charge. If you are a Masters course student or a PhD course student, the Scuola will help you find accommodation in Pisa, by providing you a list of cheap hotels, hostels, B&Bs and rooms for rent in advance.

Is accommodation in Pisa expensive?

The cost of accommodation depends a lot on the location. The cost of a furnished single room with shared facilities in the centre of Pisa or close-by ranges from €300 to €350 euros per month, whereas one bed in a double room costs around 200/250 euros. The rent for a furnished flat/apartment in Pisa ranges from €500 to
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1000 euros, depending on the location, number of rooms, whether facilities are private or shared, etc. Rent is usually paid monthly.

Are there other expenses related to renting an apartment or room?

Before renting a room or an apartment, ask whether the agreed price includes any extras such as: utilities (heating, water, light and gas bills etc); a condominium charge (e.g. cleaning, use of a lift, communal lighting, and garden maintenance). Generally extra expenses are not included, hence you may need to calculate at least 30 euros extra per month. In most cases, one or two months rent is required in advance as part of a deposit (“caparara”), which will be returned when you leave the room or apartment.

What is the average cost of living in Pisa?

Below are some examples of approximate prices (in euros), which hopefully will help you to compare the cost of living in Pisa with your home country:

- Single room in a shared apartment: € 350,00 a month + utilities
- Shared room in a shared apartment: € 250,00 a month + utilities
- 1 litre of fresh whole milk: €1,20
- 1 kilo of pasta € 0,80
- 1 kilo of rice €1,95
- 1 kilo of fresh bread € 2,60
- 6 eggs € 1,15
- Pizza + beer in a pizzeria € 13,00
- Coffee € 0,90
- Cappuccino + croissant in a café € 2,00
- Meal in a café (a drink + a sandwich) € 5,00
- A beer in a pub € 5,00
- Bus ticket (one-hour validity) € 1,00
- Student monthly bus card € 21,00
- Newly-released movie € 7,00
- Magazines: € 2,00–4,00
- Newspaper € 1,00
What is a "codice fiscale"?

A codice fiscale (Italian tax code) is a personal code that identifies each person within the Italian State. You need one to open a bank account, or to get a cellular phone, and to receive your scholarship.

To obtain a codice fiscale, you need to complete a request form and apply to the "Agenzia delle Entrate" with a valid identity document (for example: passport, stay permit or receipt of request, visa). The codice fiscale is usually issued immediately.

Address: Agenzia delle Entrate di Pisa (Tax Office), via Matteucci - GALLERIA G.B.GERACE, 7/15- 56124 Pisa, Tel +39 050 315471 Fax +39 050 3154823 Email: ul.pisa@agenziaentrate.it

How can I open a bank account?

If you need to open a bank account, you should go to one of the local banks with the following documents:

•stay permit (or the temporary receipt you received after making your application) or codice fiscale (Italian tax code)
•certificate of university enrolment at Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna
•identity document or passport

UNICREDIT is the bank that manages the Scuola’s financial transactions: please refer to the International Relations Office for further information.
How do I apply for the National Health Service?

Health insurance coverage is required in order to obtain your stay permit in Italy;

If you are a Non EU citizen:
1) You can voluntarily register with the S.S.N. (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale – National Health System) at a cost of Euro 155.97 per year. You will be guaranteed all the services enjoyed by Italian nationals. Payment for the Servizio Sanitario Nazionale must be made at the Post Office, account No. 289504 addressed to Poste italiane spa contributo SSN Regione Toscana, description of payment (causale) Iscrizione SSN anno (year of stay) Studente straniero.

2) You can purchase an insurance policy - valid throughout Italy with an Italian or foreign insurance company - which covers sickness, accidents and prenatal care, as well as pregnancy - such as INA Assitalia Insurance but, they will only cover expenses in the event of emergency treatment and / or urgent hospitalization. For more info call 06-3611676. INA-Assitalia: Payment for the Insurance Coverage must be made at the Post Office. Account No. 71270003 addressed to: INA Assitalia Agenzia Generale di Roma conto No. 20 stating name, family name and address in Italy. The cost is € 49.00 for 6 months and € 98.00 for one year.

If you are a EU citizen:
Be sure to have made arrangements for health cover before arriving in Italy. You need to obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from your local Health Authority, which enables you to register with the Italian National Health Service. The EHIC card has replaced the former E128 form. Please note that if you were issued with an E128 form by your health authority, it is still valid and will be accepted in Italy. Enrolment with the Italian Health Service also entitles you to register with a family doctor and have special discounts. Alternatively, you may be covered by a private health insurance policy. In this case, you need to bring an official Italian translation of the policy, issued at the Italian Consulate or Embassy in your country, along with a declaration that the
insurance will provide complete cover while in Pisa.

In order to register with the S.S.N., you need to go to the nearest Azienda Sanitaria Locale (ASL - Local Health Unit http://www.usl5.toscana.it/) to the place you currently live (as stated in your stay permit) with the following documents:

- Identity card
- Fiscal code
- Stay permit (or postal receipt)

If you are hosted c/o the Scuola, the proper Sanitary District is located at 5, Via Torino opening hours: Monday-Saturday 8:00-11:30.

After registering with the S.S.N., you will be given a **Tesserino sanitario personale** (Personal Healthcare Card) entitling holders to receive medical assistance either without payment or by paying a contribution, which in Italian is called “ticket”. This medical assistance consists of check-ups in out-patient departments, specialist examinations, home visits, hospitalization, vaccinations, blood tests, x-rays, ultrasound scans, medicines, rehabilitative and prosthetic treatment, and the possibility of choosing a family doctor or paediatrician. **Medical assistance is always provided:**

- during pregnancy and in the first few months after pregnancy;
- for child health purposes;
- for vaccinations, in accordance with national and international disease prevention programmes;
- for infectious disease prevention, diagnosis and treatments.
- foreign nationals can apply for medical assistance by submitting a written self-certification to the place where they wish to receive the health service.

**What should I do in the case of an emergency?**

In the case of an emergency you should call 113 or the European emergency number 112. Police officers will answer 113 calls, but you can also make a request for an ambulance or ask for the fire department if needed.

**Emergency doctor (Guardia Medica):** You can get free out of hours medical assistance by calling the local Guardia Medica via Garibaldi n. 198, Pisa (the telephone number for Pisa is: +39 050 959866). A doctor will be available to give advice, and if necessary, will visit the patient at home.

**118:** *The medical emergency number.* For emergency medical care (emergency ambulance), dial 118. This free service is available 24 hours a day, throughout the year.

**ER or casualty departments (Pronto Soccorso)** are available at all hospitals throughout Italy. Please note that they do not operate on a first-come first-served basis but on
the basis of the health condition of the patient.

Hospitals. Where the need is considered urgent, the doctor at the ER will make an immediate hospital admission. Hospitalisation expenses are paid for by the National Health Service (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale - SSN).

Fire department. Call 115 for immediate assistance from the fire department.

How do I get a cellphone number?

Several phone companies operate in Italy. The four major providers are: Vodafone, TIM, Wind and 3. You need to go to any cell-phone store and ask to see their cell phone/mobile services. You can buy rechargeable cards ("carta ricaricabile") or alternatively, you can get a year-long contract ("abbonamento"). With these however, you need to find out how much the monthly charge is, how to terminate the contract and how much advanced notice you need to give before terminating a contract.

You also need to know the following: how much each call costs in Italy; how much each call costs to your home country - although we suggest you buy an international phone card to call abroad, which is usually the cheapest way to call your home country. You can buy international phone cards in any tobacco shop or newsagent. You also need to find out how much a call costs if you use your phone in a foreign country (remember that when you use your Italian mobile phone abroad you are also charged for incoming calls), and also how much an SMS, MMS (and any other service such as Internet access, TV) cost.

You need your codice fiscale and your passport when you purchase a phone/phone card in Italy.

Useful phrases

Here are a few explanations of important words, which may be of use to you when trying to arrange your accommodation in Pisa:

Camera singola: single room.
Camera doppia: double room.
Lavatrice: washing machine.
Termosingolo/termoautonomo/Riscaldamento: heating system for an individual house.
Riscaldamento centralizzato: heating system for a whole building.
Posto-bici: place for the bicycle.
Posto-letto: an extra bed, perhaps in a double room
Spese di condominio: maintenance expenses for the communal areas in an apartment block.
Ragazzo/a pendolare: students who live and study during the week and then go home at the weekends.
Caparra/Cauzione: a deposit, which is usually given back when the tenant leaves providing there has been no problem or damage during their stay.

What has Pisa to offer?
As a great university city, Pisa is full of life. Its center is full of all sorts of meeting places: pubs, restaurants, pizzerias, bars, discos and live music bars. Along the Lungarni or in the adjacent streets of Piazza Garibaldi, you can immerse yourself in the Pisan dolce vita, stopping off for the classic aperitif and a chat in one of the many bars packed with students. One address not to be missed is the historic Caffè dell'Ussero, on Lungarno Pacinotti, which since 1794 has been the main meeting place of students and academics in Pisa.

For a list of pubs/bars see:
www.pisaonline.it/toscana/pisa/pisa_da_vivere/cultura_tempo_libero/Locali/locali.htm

For further information see:
http://www.tuscanypass.com/
www.comune.pisa.it/english

Religion
Catholic religion
Pisa has plenty of catholic churches. For any informations http://www.diocesidipisa.it/

Judaisme
Synagogue Via Palestro, 24 56127 – Pisa Tel and Fax +39 050 542580

Islam
Islamic Cultural Centre; 16, v. delle Belle Donne, Pisa 56125, Tel +39 050 45466
Sports

C.U.S. (Centro Universitario Sportivo) in Pisa offers a wide range of sporting activities. CUS - Secretarial Office (open mornings between 10.00 and 12.00), Via Napoli 46, on the corner with Via del Brennero, tel. +39 050 562326. See also: Web: www.cus.unipi.it
For a list of other sports organizations see: www.pisaonline.it/toscana/pisa/pisa_da_vivere/cultura_tempo_libero/Sport/società_sportive.htm

There are also gym clubs in Pisa (Palestre). For a list see: www.pisaonline.it/toscana/pisa/pisa_da_vivere/cultura_tempo_libero/Sport/palestre.htm

Italian Language Courses

Within the Doctoral Programmes the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna organizes Italian language courses at the main campus in collaboration with Università per Stranieri of Siena for PhD students, who need to pass a final examination and obtain a certificate of attendance. Other foreigners who would like to attend the Scuola’s Italian language courses can participate as 'un-enrolled' students, with no final certificates.

Contact: Undergraduate and Doctoral Students Division (Divisione Formazione Universitaria e alla Ricerca - FUR) Email: infophd@sssup.it

Alternatively, you could enrol in one of the Italian language courses for foreigners offered by the CLI (Centro linguistico interdipartimentale) at University of Pisa.

Visit the CLI website at: www.cli.unipi.it
ADDITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE
AT THE SCUOLA SUPERIORE SANT’ANNA

Library
The Scuola has a well-stocked library including the best scientific and academic publications from all over the world. Opening Time Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m.
Total or partial closures may be decided during public and summer holidays.
Please visit: www.sssup.it/context.jsp?ID_LINK=57&area=6

Pisa University’s extensive cultural and historic resources are also open to students, professors and the general public. Please visit: biblio.unipi.it

Reading Rooms
The Scuola offers a reading room with seating for 80 people. There are also eight computers and a WiFi service. Library staff are available for information and help in the use of services. Opening times: Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Canteen
Full-time students, postgraduate students, research associates, Scuola fellowship holders, teaching personnel, technical and administrative staff, contract researchers and guests of the Scuola are permitted to use the canteen.
The canteen is located within the Headquarters of the Scuola, in Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33 – Pisa; the dining room can seat about 120 people. To access the canteen,
students need to have an ID magnetic card, which is given to all users of the Scuola. Since 1st June 2007, some important changes have been introduced, such as:
- Use of Biological Ingredients, and IGP and DOP products (quality agricultural products);
- A wider choice of menus (country-style, regional, classic and vegetarian menus) through the introduction of a new self-service line.

**Opening hours**

**Monday through Friday:**
Breakfast (for postgraduate and full-time students only): from 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Lunch: from 12.15 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.
Dinner: from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

**Saturdays:**
Breakfast (for postgraduate and regular full-time students only): from 8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Lunch: from 12.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Dinner: from 7.45 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

**Sundays and public holidays:**
Breakfast (for PhD and regular students only): from 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Lunch: from 12.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Dinner: from 7.45 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
The canteen is closed during university holidays: Christmas and Easter holidays, 1st May and the whole month of August.

The cost of a complete meal (first course, second course with side dish, bread and fruit and drink) is € 6,15.
For exchange students on some programs there is a special price. Exchange students will be informed about special tickets upon their arrival.

**Wi-Fi**

The main building of the Scuola, the Centre of Excellence for Information, Communication and Perception Engineering (CEIICP) and Polo Sant’Anna Valdera have a complete wireless connections.
In order to use a LAN connection one should register and obtain the ID card of the Scuola, available from Cristiana NERI – General Services (Servizi Generali) Tel. +39 050883339/280 Fax +39 050 883222 Email: infobadge@sssup.it
Opening hours: Monday through Friday, from 12:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Confucius Institute

The Istituto Confucio di Pisa is the result of a partnership between the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna and Chongqing University signed in December 2004 in Beijing, during the official visit of the then-President of the Italian Republic, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi. The Istituto Confucio di Pisa is located at the Scuola, and is managed in cooperation with Chongqing University, with the support of the China National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (Hanban, in Chinese), a department of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

It is a prominent cultural, economic and training project, acting as a reference point for the economic relationship between Tuscany and China, as well as the cultural recognition of the Chinese community in Tuscany.

The main activities of the Istituto Confucio di Pisa include:

• Chinese language courses, specifically tailored to meet the needs of users (schools, university students, institutions, companies). The courses are held by native Chinese teachers selected by Hanban;
• Chinese Proficiency Test (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi - HSK) training courses;
• scientific activities, such as: research groups; conferences; seminars; professors, teachers, researchers and student exchanges;
• cultural events, such as concerts, book societies, drama performances, exhibitions, traditional performances, movies and documentaries;
• publications regarding the Institute’s scientific activities.

Web Site: www.confuciopisa.sssup.it
Excellence in Research

The university and graduate students become part of a scientific community rich in stimuli, where research supports the various phases of study. This is a unique community where passion for research is fostered and cultivated from every aspect. To achieve excellence in their field of study, students are offered the opportunity to use the laboratories and research centres of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, as well as to collaborate with foreign universities.

Centre of Excellence for Information, Communication and Perception Engineering (CEIICP)

The Centre of Excellence for Information, Communication and Perception Engineering (CEIICP) was established in 2001, as a result of a joint venture in the telecommunications sector between the Sant’Anna School and Marconi Communications SpA (now Ericsson). In partnership with CNIT (National Inter-University Consortium for Telecommunications), the two parties signed a ten-year agreement for the creation of a research centre for photonic networks and technologies, thus realizing through CEIIC a unique example of synergy in Italy. The Centre has gained a prominent position in the national and international scenario, thanks to the various agreements with foreign universities, joint laboratories, and European and Extra-European partnerships.

The CEIIC InReTe (Telecommunication Network Engineering) laboratory and the CNIT National Photonic Network Laboratory (LNRF) are known together as the IRCPhoNeT – Integrated Research Centre on Photonic Networks and Technologies. In January 2007 ReTiS (Real-Time Embedded Systems) Laboratory was merged with CEIIC, thus creating an even more important centre for information and telecommunication engineering. The ReTiS Laboratory works in the field of information engineering, in two main areas: “real-time” applications, and the modelling, simulation, management and
CEIICP, the main entrance
automation of procedures and document flows. In 2009 CEIIC further expanded with the confluence of the PERCRO Laboratory (Perceptual Robotics Laboratory) and they came to include also the subject of Perception Engineering (perceptual robotics). The mission of the PERCRO Laboratory is to study, design and develop concepts and advanced interaction technologies to improve communication between humans and their increasingly responsive environment, especially where virtual environments and telerobotic systems are concerned.

The CEIICP is located in CNR Area, at 1, Via Moruzzi. To reach CEIICP by bus from the Centre of Pisa, following the map of the public bus service.

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**Polo Sant'Anna Valdera: Training, Research and Start-up of New Companies**

In November 2002, Polo Sant’Anna Valdera (PSV) – a science campus - was opened in Pontedera. It was set up to fully enhance the research activities of the Sant’Anna School, by housing some of its laboratories. These labs carry out scientific and technological research of excellence in many areas, including biomedicine, microengineering, robotics, mechatronics, virtual reality, information technology, plant biotechnology, and agricultural sciences. The basic aim behind PSV is thus technological transfer. The idea is to create new innovative companies in high technology sectors, using a young, qualified and creative, human workforce trained in its research laboratories. Moreover, PSV works in collaboration with Pont-Tech, a company dealing with technological transfer. Pont-Tech manages an incubator of newly established companies in Pontedera, whereas PSV provides technological advice and start-up support services, as well as helping these companies to establish new partnerships.

Located in Viale R. Piaggio, 34 in Pontedera (PI), PSV opening hours from Monday to Saturday, 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m., Sundays: closed.

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How to reach the Polo Sant'Anna Valdera

By Train: Pontedera station is located on the railway connecting Pisa and Florence (Firenze). From Pisa the trip takes about 15 min; from Florence it takes about 45 min. Trains run frequently, in both directions. To reach the PSV at the Pontedera railway station take the underpass and exit on the opposite side of the station main exit, in Viale Rinaldo Piaggio, and turn left: Polo Sant'Anna Valdera is about 200m ahead, on your left. Please see the picture on this page to locate the PSV. For train information, please, visit the web site: www.trenitalia.com

By Train from Pisa Airport (www.pisa-airport.com/)
The airport terminal is directly linked to Pisa railway central station (Pisa Centrale) and to the line connecting Pisa to Florence. From Pisa airport trains run directly to Pontedera approximately every one hour and take about 20 min. Another option is to reach the Pisa central station by bus (15 min.) or taxi (10 min) and take a train to Pontedera (bound to Florence). From Pisa Central Station trains run to Pontedera more frequently and take 15 min. See www.trenitalia.com for a complete timetable.

At the Pontedera railway station take the underpass and proceed on the left towards the exit in Viale Rinaldo Piaggio which is on the opposite side of the station Main exit. When you reach the exit, turn left: Polo Sant'Anna Valdera is about 200m ahead, on your left.

By Train from Florence Airport: (www.aereoporto.firenze.it)
Take a taxi or bus (every 30 min.) to Florence's main railway station (20 min.), named Firenze Santa Maria Novella or Firenze SMN, where you will find frequent trains to Pisa and Livorno, stopping in Pontedera in about 45 min.

See www.trenitalia.com for a complete timetable.

At the Pontedera railway station take the underpass and proceed on the left towards the exit in Viale Rinaldo Piaggio which is on the opposite side of the station Main exit. When you reach the exit, turn left: Polo Sant'Anna Valdera is about 200m ahead, on your left.
ARTS Lab, Advanced Robotics Technology and Systems Laboratory (Coordinator Prof. Paolo Dario), Polo Sant’Anna Valdera, Viale Rinaldo Piaggio 34 I-56025 Pontedera (Pisa), Phone +39 050 883400 email: emma.cappelleri@arts.sssup.it

BIOLABS Laboratories (Coordinator Prof. Luca Sebastiani), Polo Sant’Anna Valdera, Viale Rinaldo Piaggio 34 I-56025 Pontedera (Pisa), Phone +39 050 883430 email: minnocci@sssup.it

CAFED - Centre for the Analysis of Financial and Economic Dynamics (Coordinator Prof. Giulio Bottazzi), Piazzale Martiri della Libertà 33-56127 Pisa, Phone +39 050 883365 Fax +39 050 883344 email: bottazzi@sssup.it

CENTER FOR MICROBIOROBOTICS OF IIT@SSSA, Polo Sant’Anna Valdera, Viale Rinaldo Piaggio 34 I-56025 Pontedera (Pisa), Tel +39 050 883000 email: emma.cappelleri@arts.sssup.it

CRIM Lab - Centre for Applied Research in Micro Engineering (Coordinator Prof. Paolo Dario), Polo Sant’Anna Valdera, Viale Rinaldo Piaggio 34 I-56025 Pontedera (Pisa), Phone +39 050 883401 email: info@crim.sssup.it

CSGS - Research Centre for Legal and Social Sciences – Human Rights (Coordinator Prof. Francesco Donato Busnelli), Piazza Martiri della Libertà 33 I–56127 Pisa, Phone +39 050 883111 email: busnelli@sssup.it

EXTREME – Research Center on Extreme Physiology" (Coordinator: Prof. Antonio L’Abbate), 1 CNR Area, Via Moruzzi 1, Tel +39 050 3152002 Email: antonio.labbate@sssup.it

E-TX-MAN – European Transplantation Management Centre (Coordinator Prof. Giuseppe Turchetti), Via San Zeno 2 I–56127 Pisa, Phone +39 050 883111 email: turk@sssup.it

EZ-Lab - Research Centre on Technologies and Services for a Healthy and Safe Longevity (Coordinator Ing. Giuseppe Anerdi), Polo Sant’Anna Valdera, Viale Rinaldo Piaggio 34 I–56025 Pontedera (Pisa), Phone +39 050 883000 email: g.anerdi@sssup.it ez -lab@arts.sssup.it

International Research Laboratory on Conflict, Development and Global Politics (Coordinator Prof. Andrea de Guttry), Divisone Alta Formazione, Via Cardinale Maffi 27 I–56127 Pisa, Phone +39 050 883111 email: deguttry@sssup.it

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Land Lab - Laboratory of Agriculture, Environment and Territory (Coordinator Prof. Enrico Bonari), Palazzo Toscanelli, Via Santa Cecilia 3, I–56127 Pisa, Phone +39 050 883500 email: bonari@sssup.it

LEM – Laboratory of Economics and Management (Coordinator Prof. Giovanni Dosì), Piazza Martiri della Libertà 33 I–56127 Pisa, Phone +39 050 883343 Fax +39 050 883344 email: lem@sssup.it

LIDER- International and Comparative Law Research Laboratory (Coordinator Prof. Giovanni Comandé), Palazzo Toscanelli, Via Santa Cecilia 31–56127 Pisa Phone 050 883500 email: gico@sssup.it a.nucci@sssup.it

MAIN – Management & Innovation Laboratory (Coordinator Prof. Nicola Bellini), Via san Zeno 2, I–56127 Pisa, Phone +39 050 883805 Fax +39 050 883839 email: mazzaccaro@sssup.it

MeS–Lab – Laboratory of Research and Education for Health Service Management (Coordinator Prof.ssa Sabina Nuti), Via San Francesco 18, 56100 I– Pisa, Phone +39 050 883111 email: e.andrenacci@sssup.it

PERCRO – Perceptual Robotics (Coordinator Dr. Carlo Alberto Avizzano), CEEICP and Via dei Martiri 11 I–56127 Pisa, Tel +39 050 883786 Email: francesca.farinelli@sssup.it

PLANT LAB - Plant & Crop Physiology Laboratory (Coordinator Prof. Pierdomenico Perata), Via Mariscoglio 34, I–56124 Pisa, Phone +39 050 2216541 email: p.perata@sssup.it

WISS - Research Centre for Welfare, Innovation, Services and Development (Coordinator Prof. Paolo Carrozzi), Via Santa Cecilia 16 I– 56127 Pisa, Phone +39 050 883111 email: p.carrozzi@sssup.it
Glossary of terms used in this guide.

**ASL** (Azienda Sanitaria Locale): the local health-care offices

**CEIICP** Centre of Excellence for Information, Communication and Perception Engineering

**CLI** (Centro Linguistico Interdipartimentale) Interdepartmental Language Centre of University of Pisa

**CUS** (Comitato Sportivo Universitario) the University’s sports association

**DAF** Divisione Alta Formazione (Masters and Training Programmes Division) altaformazione@sssup.it

**DSU** (Azienda Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio): a regional institution that grants financial aid to students

**FUR** Divisione Formazione Universitaria e alla Ricerca (Undergraduate and Doctoral Students Division) infostudenti@sssup.it, infophd@sssup.it

**EU** European Union

**IRO** International Relations Office iro@sssup.it

**LA** (Laurea): a 3-year first-cycle degree equivalent to 180 credits

**LS** (Laurea specialistica): a 2-year second-cycle degree equivalent to 120 credits

**LSU** (Laurea specialistica a ciclo unico): a 5/6-year single-cycle degree equivalent to 300/360 credits

**MA** (Master universitario): a 1-year or 2-years specialization course equivalent to 60 credits

**MIUR** (Ministero dell’Università e della Ricerca): the Italian Ministry of University and Research

**PSV** Polo Sant’Anna Valdera (Pontedera)

**SSN** (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale): the Italian National Health Service

**SSSUP** Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna di Studi Universitari e Perfezionamento

**URP** (Ufficio Relazioni con il Pubblico): information office
Pisa National Public Holydays

• 1st January - New Year’s Day
• 6th January – Epiphany
• Early April - Easter Monday
• 25th April - Liberation Day
• 1st May - Labour Day
• 2nd June – Italian Republic Holiday
• 17th June - Patron saint’s day, San Ranieri
• 26th July - Patron saint’s day of the Scuola (Sant’Anna)
• 15th August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
• 1st November - All Saints Day
• 8th December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 25th
• 24th December - Christmas Eve
• 25th December - Christmas Day
• 26th December – Boxing Day / St. Stephen’s Day
Map of PISA

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- Central Railway Station
- Bus Station
- Galileo Galilei International Airport
- Taxi

PUBLIC UTILITIES
- Post Office
- Town Hall
- University Bank
- Tax Office
- Emergency (EU)
- Central Police Station (Questura)
- Hospital
- Emergency doctor
- Pharmacy
- Prefecture
- Sanitary District

USEFUL NUMBERS
- 113 Carabinieri
- 112 Carabinieri
- 115 Fire Brigade (Vigili del Fuoco)
- 050 5418000 Taxi
- Unicredit Bank
- Galileo Galilei International Airport
- PSV (Polo Sant'Anna Valdera)
- CEIICP (Centre of Excellence Information, Communication and Perception Engineering)
- PSI (Polis Sant'Anna Valdera)
- Central Police Station (Questura)
- Emergency (ER)
- Fire Brigade (Vigili del Fuoco)
- Ambulance
- Car Park