

FAQ INCOMING STUDENTS

Q: *How do I apply for an Erasmus exchange at the Department of Psychology in Chieti?*

A: Typically, you must be nominated by your home university before completing the host university's application. Check with your institution's International Relations Office to ensure you meet eligibility requirements.

Q: *What is a Learning Agreement and how do I set it up?*

A: The Learning Agreement is a contract that outlines the courses you plan to take abroad. You must discuss and finalize it with both your home university's Erasmus coordinator and the Erasmus coordinator in Chieti's Department of Psychology. Ensure the document is approved before your arrival to guarantee that your credits will be recognized.

Q: *Which courses are available for Erasmus students at the Psychology department?*

A: You can find a detailed course list on the department's website or by contacting the Erasmus coordinator. The courses taught in English may be limited, so verify which modules you can attend and check prerequisites or language requirements.

Q: *Is Italian fluency required?*

A: While having some knowledge of Italian is beneficial, especially for daily life in Chieti, there may be courses offered in English. If your Italian is limited, inquire about available language support programs or consider enrolling in an Italian language course organized by the university.

Q: *Are there any preparatory documents or steps I must complete before I arrive?*

A: In addition to the Learning Agreement, make sure to:

- Arrange valid health insurance (often required by both the host institution and visa regulations).
- Ensure your visa/residence permit documentation is in order (if applicable).
- Gather important documents (transcript of records, passport copies, ID photos, etc.).

Q: *How can I find housing in Chieti?*

A: The university may offer dormitory-style housing or provide resources to help you find a private rental. It's common for Erasmus students to share apartments near the

campus or the city center. Contact the International Students Office or check online groups/forums for accommodation listings. Start your search early to secure the best options.

Q: *Is there an orientation session for international students?*

A: Yes. The International Relations Office generally organizes welcome events and orientation sessions. You'll learn about campus facilities, Italian bureaucracy essentials (e.g., how to register with local authorities), and resources for academic and personal support. Attend these sessions to ease your transition.

Q: *What administrative tasks do I need to complete upon arrival?*

A:

- Register at the International Relations Office (you may need to show passport, Learning Agreement, and acceptance letter).
- Obtain your student ID card and campus access credentials.
- If you're a non-EU citizen, ensure you have your residency permit application in progress.

Q: *Where are the main facilities for Psychology students located?*

A: The Department of Psychology is typically located on the Chieti campus of the University "G. d'Annunzio." You can find libraries, study rooms, computer labs, and other services nearby. Consult the university's website/app for specific building locations.

Q: *How are exams conducted and how is the grading system structured?*

A: Exams may include written, oral, or practical assessments, depending on the course. Italy commonly uses a grading scale of 18–30, where 18 is the minimum pass and 30 is the highest mark (sometimes with honors, "30 e lode"). Confirm with each professor how exams will be administered and how they'll affect your final mark.

Q: *How do I transfer my credits back home?*

A: Once you complete your exams, the Department of Psychology will send a transcript of records to your home university. Ensure your Learning Agreement is correctly updated (if any course changes occur during your stay) so credits match the final transcript.

Q: *What kind of support is available for international students?*

A: You can typically access:

- Academic advising from the departmental coordinators.
- Counseling services for mental health or academic concerns.
- Language centers offering Italian and foreign language instruction.
- Tutors or “buddy” programs that pair new Erasmus students with current Italian students.

Q: *Where can I find more information?*

A:

- Department of Psychology Website: Check for course catalogs, professor contacts, and departmental announcements.
- International Relations/Erasmus Office: For official procedures, documents, and support.
- ESN Chieti-Pescara: Social media pages or local chapters can help you integrate and find peers.
- University “G. d’Annunzio” Portal: Often has student guides, registration forms, calendars, and more.

Always reach out early to the Erasmus coordinator or the International Relations Office with any specific queries or concerns. Being proactive and well-prepared will help ensure a smooth and rewarding Erasmus experience in Chieti!