



With its 41,964 students, 2,626 academic staff and 4970 personnel, the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart is largely the biggest private University in Italy.

Founded officially in 1921, the University delivers 74 1st cycle degree courses (Laurea Breve), 80 2nd cycle degree courses (Laurea Specialistica), 2 one tier degrees, 79 Master courses within 14 faculties: Agricultural Sciences, Economics (2), Law (2), Arts and Humanities, Modern Languages, Medicine and Surgery, Psychology, Sociology, Educational Sciences, Political Sciences, Mathematics Physical and Natural Sciences, Banking Financial and Insurance Sciences.

The teaching and research activity is spread within the 4 sites: Milano, Brescia, Piacenza-Cremona, Roma.



The Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore was founded in Milan on December 7, 1921, by Father Agostino Gemelli. Since its founding, the university has become a central point of reference for the Milanese intellectual community.

**The Milan campus, located in Largo Gemelli 1 and adjacent to the Sant'Ambrogio Basilica, represents the university's historic campus.**

Two indispensable principles underlie the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore: its prestigious academic tradition and the yearning for quality education of the young people who attend it.

It's a campus offering everything that makes university a unique experience: study, research, the chance to meet the lecturers and to become part of the dialogue of an academic institution, contact with the outside world, and the opportunity to extend the personal development through cultural and recreational activities.

**Everything is designed to smooth the student's path and to guarantee that help is always at hand.**

The strengths of our University are its highly prestigious academic community, its innovative infrastructure, high-quality service, tight links with the professional and business world, and a sense of belonging that often stays with our students after they move on to their varied spheres of activity.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Once arrived in Milan, the University will do its best in order to help students in finding accommodation. While looking for a definite accommodation, we can book for you a room at the Centro Alberghiero Ornato with which our University has a special agreement.

## **STUDENT CARD**

Students are provided with a Student Card which gives them access to:

- library
- student restaurants
- computer rooms

## **LIBRARY SERVICE**

As in any university, the library is the place where study, research and cultural contact all knit together. Not only does the library system of the Università Cattolica bear the prestige of its original organisation on the model of the best foreign examples, it is now also supported by all kinds of modern technology, including an **Electronic Catalogue** that can be consulted over the Internet.

### **Books are among the primary needs of a student!**

In order to ensure they have the access they need, our library offers the following:

**Borrowing service; Central distribution service; Second-hand books; Publisher's discount; Inter-library loans and document delivery; Publishing service; Library information and consultancy; Databases; Consultation room; Journals, newspapers and periodicals room; United Nations room; Reading room.**

## **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (CIdA)**

These days, knowing how to use a computer is a prerequisite for most other kinds of activities. So we have set up the new University IT Centre precisely in order to allow our students to take basic courses in information technology so that they can get the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence), the EU-recognised certificate which follows international standards. The certificate is evidence of the competences needed to work with a PC and is issued by a highly respected body (the ECDL Foundation), so it is an opportunity for professional growth and for enriching one's CV. Within particular hours the students are also free to use the rooms which the IT Centre has equipped with technology for teaching, practice and research.

## **Other services**

### **HEALTH SERVICE**

In order to offer a really complete package of assistance we have set up a Health Service, with three professional nurses and a few specialist doctors under the guidance of a health officer. The service offers: nursing and first aid, general medical examinations, preventive medicine, specialist consultations and psychological assistance.

### **DIDACTIC SERVICE**

The General Office, with the foreign students' window and the Faculty Offices attached, is open to students for any administrative operations. The person to turn to for support in both didactic and extracurricular matters is one of the *student tutors*, who are available to see students at particular times.

### **THE ORIENTATION AND TUTORING SERVICE (SOT)**

The Orientation and Tutoring Service ensures that every student in the University gets the information they need to make the right choices in response to real opportunities as well as to their particular attitudes and aspirations.

As the University thinks of the student as a whole individual person with a range of different interests, it of course provides subsidiary organizations to look after cultural development:

- **The "Vita e Pensiero" bookshop**
- **The Cultural and Sports Service (the University C.U.S. Sports Centre)**

### **TOURISM SERVICE**

One of our aims is to assist our students to gain those educational and cultural experiences that make knowing into a pleasure: the Student and Youth Tourism Centre (CTS) is an agency that can provide young undergraduates with the very best travel opportunities, or can organise study tours with the following services:

- tourist bookings
- sales of tourism services and of the international students' card
- ticket office

### **UNIVERSITÀ' CATTOLICA CHOIR**

For more than twenty years our university choir, a much appreciated opportunity for cultural cooperation, has been enriching the musical scene of Milan and of Europe. Its many concerts and collaborations with various other Lombardy musical schools and its tours all over Europe are evidence of its high level of artistic and cultural prestige.

### **UNIVERSITA' CATTOLICA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Our 45 piece symphony orchestra is made up of professional qualified musicians, many of whom once studied, and a few of whom are currently studying, at our university. The orchestra has built up a large body of experience of orchestral symphonies and chamber music, and is also committed to the careful cultivation of a repertoire of contemporary music.

### **PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

At our university students can even... work. This service sets up various kinds of part-time job opportunities for students enrolled in Università Cattolica degree and diploma courses, so that they can have the chance to take part in running the various services the university offers.

### **PASTORAL CENTRE**

The pastoral centre is a place within the Università Cattolica where students, teachers, technical and administrative staff can freely explore their own personal path along with the spiritual assistants appointed by the Italian Episcopal Conference who run the university pastoral centre under the guidance of the general ecclesiastical assistant.

### **UNIVERSITY - PROFESSIONAL WORLD COMMITTEE**

In order to provide an ever closer relationship between the academic system and the professional world, our University maintains constant relationships with Associations, Public Organizations, Industries, Banking and Insurance Companies. These relationships are fostered by a University - Professional World Committee, consisting of university professors as well as representatives from these professional environments.

The Committee organizes a series of meetings dealing with "ones first approach to the professional world", are scheduled following each graduation session, and are organized as follows:

- Meeting with staff managers;
- "Job interview" preparation classes;
- Presentations on professional positions and company roles;
- Seminars on "Getting to know a company environment". Figures from the professional world lecture on topics related to the administration and development of human resources, marketing, management, finances, etc.

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERVICE**

Our University has a natural vocation for International Relations; from the early 70's it has had strong ties with the world's most prestigious Universities. Today, on top of European Union Programs, the Università Cattolica holds bilateral arrangements with 30 Universities on three different continents, is a member of the FIUC (International Federation of Catholic Universities), the FUCE (European Federation of Catholic Universities), and 8 international networks.

### **COURSE OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS**

Our Course of Italian Language and Culture are designed to help you to enjoy your learning experience with us as much as possible: you will be able to learn from scratch and/or broaden your knowledge of Italian as well as enrich your stay in Milan and get to know Italy from a deeper perspective.

- At lessons guided by highly experienced mother-tongue teachers, where you will learn in the company of other course students from all over the world (Europe, Asia, Australia, the United States and Latin America). You will be able to learn Italian in a compelling and pro-active context, where dialogues, role-playing and group assignments form an important part of the learning pathway.
- An advisor is available to help those students who choose the route of independent study.



### **LOCATION**

The University is located in the centre of Milan between the underground station of Cadorna (red and green line) and the one of S. Ambrogio (green line). From both stations it takes you 5 minutes walk. The University is right behind S. Ambrogio Basilica.

### **Underground**

The underground system in Milan has 3 lines, red, green and yellow. Tickets are purchased either at the underground stations by automatic machines or at the newspaper shops everywhere. Tickets are valid for 75 minutes both for underground and for buses or trams. If you use the ticket first on surface transport it must be restamped in case you would take the underground.

### **Bus and Tram**

A wide network of buses and trams covers the whole city and generally reaches all the main places within half an hour. Buses 50 and 58 stop very near the University and could comfortably bring you to the city centre.

[www.atm-mi.it](http://www.atm-mi.it)

### **Taxi**

The Milan Licensed Taxis are usually white or yellow cars. Do not accept offers of taxis inside railway station or airport; go to an official taxi rank.

### **WELCOME TO MILANO!**

The *historic city of Milan* is the capital of Lombardy in the central Po valley, which is Italy's richest, most populated and most economically active region.

Milan has always been forward-looking, and during its 2,000 year-long history, it has been a driving force for great social, economic, cultural and political happenings.

This vitality makes it one of the most attractive cities in Europe!

Milan is also a city of art, with a wealth of monuments, palazzi, churches and museums, not to mention, the *Duomo* and *La Scala, the temple of Opera*.