

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (F.A.Q.)

LESSONS

Is it mandatory to attend lessons?

Attendance is mandatory for each subject of any academic year. The attendance records of each Integrated Course will be issued following the achievement of at least 75% attendance, as long as the hours attended for each discipline within the Integrated Course are not less than 50%.

What happens if enrolment occurs after the beginning of the course and I don't reach 75% attendance?

If possible, the professors of the first year will give you the possibility to make up classes if you ask for it.

Can I ask for the recovery after the first year?

If you don't reach the 75% attendance, you will be enrolled in the first repeating year.

Do I need to pass all the exams to access the following year?

No, you need at least 75% attendance in each Integrated Course in order to pass to the next year.

EXAMS

Are the exams oral or written?

Most of the exams are oral. You can find all information on ESSE3 or here: <https://www.unime.it/didattica/corsi-di-laurea-triennali-e-ciclo-unico/medicine-and-surgery>.

Occasionally there may be a written test before the oral exam.

How do I pass the exams?

The exam will be considered passed with a mark of 18/30 and above. The maximum mark is 30 with honour. If you pass an exam you will get a number of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System).

Can I refuse the mark?

No, it is not possible. The student is allowed to withdraw from a written exam at any time during the exam. The student is allowed to withdraw during an oral exam until the Commission has expressed the final evaluation. The student who has withdrawn is allowed to repeat the exam in the following exam session.

Can I freely decide which exams to take?

You have to take the exams according to the following propaedeutic order:

- "The Living Matter" for "Microbiology", "Physiology", "Neurophysiology", "Clinical Laboratory Medicine";
- "Molecular and Cellular Biology" for "Microbiology", "Human Anatomy" and "Neuroanatomy";
- "Genetics" for "Microbiology", "Human Anatomy" and "Neuroanatomy";
- "Histology and Embryology" for "Human Anatomy" and "Neuroanatomy";
- "Body Architecture" for "Human Anatomy" and "Neuroanatomy";
- "Human Anatomy" for "Neuroanatomy";
- "Medical Physics, Statistics and Bioinformatics" for "Physiology" and "Neurophysiology";
- "Human Anatomy" for "Physiology";
- "Neuroanatomy" for "Neurophysiology";
- "Physiology" for "Neurophysiology";
- "Physiology" for "Mechanisms of Disease";
- "Neurophysiology" for "Mechanisms of Disease";
- "Microbiology" for "Mechanisms of Disease" and "Clinical Laboratory Medicine";
- "Mechanisms of Disease" for "Clinical Semiotics";
- "Clinical Semiotics" for the exams of years 3, 4, 5 and 6;
- "Pathology" for "Hematology and Oncology", "Neuroscience", "Obstetrics and Gynecology & Fetal Development Abnormalities", and exams of year 6;
- "Pharmacology" for the exams of years 5 and 6;
- The exams of the first 4 years for the Practical Evaluation Traineeship.

Can I validate the exams of previous degree courses?

You can ask for the validation of the exams, filling the documents required and sending them to protocollo@unime.it. Then your request will be discussed by the Degree Course Council. You can find all the info here: <https://medicine-and-surgery.cdl.unime.it/en/studying/exam-sessions/exam-validation-request>.

ITALIAN CERTIFICATE (B1)

Why do we need to have a B1 Italian certificate?

The achievement of a B1 Italian certificate is required by the teaching regulations. Students who are not native Italian speakers and have no basic level of Italian required for admission must acquire a minimum level of the Italian language at the B1 level to guarantee productive learning during the professional activities with Italian speaking patients starting in the third year.

How do I get the certificate?

The University of Messina organizes Italian courses for all foreign students enrolled in Medicine and Surgery. The course starts on the second semester of the first year and continues during the second year, according to a schedule that does not affect the university career. At the end of the second year, you have to pass the exam which will attest the achievement of the B1 (CEFR) level.

The Italian course is also offered on UniMeStone <https://medicine-and-surgery.cdl.unime.it/en/student-services-facilities/unimestone> free of charge.

What if I miss some lessons?

As for the University lectures, it is mandatory to attend at least 75% of the Italian course lessons in order to be able to take the exam at the end of each course.

What happens if I don't attend the course?

If you decide not to attend the course, you must get an alternative B1 certificate recognized at an international level.

PRACTICAL EVALUATION TRAINEESHIP

What is the practical-evaluation traineeship (PET)?

Specific relevance, as an integral and qualifying part of the professional training, covers the clinical training, which is essential to the achievement of the Degree. Within the 60 ECTS to be achieved throughout the training programme, 15 ECTS refers to the aforementioned professional training activity and must be used for a 3-months practical-evaluation traineeship within the Degree course (article 3 of the decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research 9 May 2018, n. 58 and subsequent amendments), aimed at achieving professional qualification. The aforementioned traineeship takes place for a number of hours corresponding to at least 5 ECTS for each month and it is divided into the following periods, even not consecutive: one month in the Surgical Area, one month in the Medical Area to be held between the 5th and 6th year of the course; one month, to be held not before the 6th year of the course, in the specific field of General Medicine. Each ECTS reserved for the practical-evaluation traineeship corresponds to at least 20 hours of training activity and no more than 5 hours of individual study.

The Practical-evaluation traineeship is governed by its own operating regulations <https://medicine-and-surgery.cdl.unime.it/en/theaching-activity/practical-evaluation-traineeship>.

CFU

What are CFU?

CFU (Credito Formativo Universitario) are Italian University Educational Credits, used to measure the amount of study required by a student in order to acquire the proper knowledge of a subject. They are equivalent to ECTS (European Credits Transfer System). Each ECTS corresponds to 25 hours of student study. The teaching load that corresponds to 1 ECTS is equal to 12.5 hours of frontal lessons or equivalent, 20 hours for practical course review and laboratory activity whereas 1 ECTS equals 25 hours for professional training, internship and final exam.

How many CFU do I need to have in six years?

You need to have 360 CFU in order to get your degree in Medicine and Surgery.

Is the Course of Italian language organized by the University recognized for the acquisition of ECTS?

The Degree Course Council has decided to recognize ECTS for the Italian language Course passed, which will be computed within the 8 ECTS of “Electives” (credits chosen by the student).

What are Electives?

They are mainly initiatives organized by professors and / or University facilities or, in any case, recognized by the latter. They will be validated by the Degree Course Council, upon presentation of a request for recognition by the student, with attribution of ECTS in the amount approved by the Collegial Bodies.

Are CFU recognized for the Internship?

Students can obtain 4 ECTS (25 hours for each ECTS), within the framework of the “Electives”, by carrying out internships in clinical departments or in research laboratories of the University of Messina, upon presentation of a request to the professor responsible of the activity.