

UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUD DELLA REPU DI SAN MAR

The University of San Marino Brief introduction

- **Foundation**: 1985 (public institution)
- **♦ Location**: San Marino Città, historical centre (UNESCO World Heritage site), Ancient Monastery of Santa Chiara.
 - \Box Expansion during the years, now three more locations.

The geographical context of San Marino, the architectural landscape of our institution and the scientific and pedagogical excellence — all contribute significantly to the overall quality of the University environment.

Structure of UNIRSM

- Since 2005 (Law 28 April 2005 n.63) UniRSM has:
- ❖ A credit based system: 1 CFU= 25 hours of student work.
- Higher education qualifications in line with the EHEA three-cycle system:
- * First cycle (Bachelor) is Laurea: 3 years, 180 CFU
- Second cycle (Master) is Laurea Magistrale: 2 years, 120 CFU
- * Third cycle (Doctorate) is **Dottorato di ricerca**: 3 years
- ❖ The San Marino higher education system also offers professionalizing programs that are not part of the EHEA's three-cycle system.

- UNIRSM has three Departments: DESD (Department of Economics, Science, and Law); DSU (Department of Humanities);
 DSS (Department of History).
- * Ample selection of courses of study, from undergraduate and graduate degree programmes to master courses, from Advanced Education to the Research Doctorate.

Structure - DESD

The **Department of Economics, Science and Law** promotes teaching and research activities in the fields of engineering, economics, design, medical and legal sciences, and sports management.

DESD offers four undergraduate programs:

- ✓ Design;
- ✓ Civil Engineering / IASA (Earthquake Engineering and Environmental Sustainability);
- ✓ Construction and Land Management;
- ✓ Management Engineering.

Structure - DESD

DESD also offers Master's degrees in:

- ✓ Interaction & Experience Design;
- ✓ Civil Engineering;
- ✓ Management Engineering.

Other programs offered are **professionalizing diplomas** (1-2 years) in:

- ✓ Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery;
- ✓ Geriatric Medicine;
- Criminology;
- ✓ Food Science;
- ✓ Sport Management.

The University of San Marino Structure - DSU

The **Department of Humanities** promotes and coordinates teaching and research activities in the education and communication areas.

DSU offers the **undergraduate degree** in: Communication and Digital Media.

DSU also offers several specializations and professionalizing diplomas:

- ✓ Communication, Management and New Media,
- ✓ Pedagogy for Learning Disorders
- ✓ Teachers' Certification.

The University of San Marino Structure - DSU

The Department is also the home of:

- ✓ the Centre for Teaching and Research "Theatre and Citizenship";
- ✓ the *Youth Observatory*;
- ✓ the *Research Centre on Memory Studies*.

Structure - DSS

The Department of History, Culture and History of San Marino focuses on cultural and historical studies, and on San Marino historical tradition.

DSS is the home of:

- ✓ the Advanced School of Historical Studies, which offers a Doctorate (Ph.D.) in History;
- ✓ the San Marino Centre of Historical Studies;
- ✓ the *Emigrant Museum*;
- ✓ the *Gramsci* centre for the humanities;
- ✓ the Research Centre for International Relations.

The University of San Marino Structure - DSS

Moreover, the Department hosts the *University Security Training Centre* and the *San Marino Law Institute*, which offers **professionalizing diplomas** and **specialization programs** in:

- ✓ International security studies,
- ✓ Management for the public sector,
- ✓ Advanced training for the legal and economic professions.

Numbers

- Academic Staff:
- ► Full-time: 12
- ► Part-time: 213
- ► Holding PhDs: 69

- ☐ Administrative and technical staff
- ☐ 35 public officers + n.1 General Director.

Numbers

- Number of registered students in the last academic year; including newly enrolled and continuing students.
- ► Total: 724
- Full-time: 691
- Part-time: 33
- Number of registered students in the last academic year; including newly enrolled and continuing students.
- ► Total: 81
- ► Full-time: 77
- Part-time: 4
- ► ⊠ 3rd cycle degree level (Doctorate).
- Number of doctoral candidates in the last academic year; including newly enrolled and continuing doctoral candidates: 31

Milestones (2014 – 2023)

- ❖ 25th April 2014: University New Law
 (Reform of the State University according to EHEA standards -Updated in 2023 to incorporate latest suggestions from the Bologna Process − EHEA)
 2020: San Marino joined the EHEA − European Higher Education Area
- □ Radical **changes and modifications**:
- ☐ Full transparency in any action/provision of the University
- □ Renewed collaboration agreements with Italian Universities for Double Degrees
- Expansion of the educational offer (programmes available)

Milestones (2014 – 2023)

■ New student orientation + promotion/communication initiatives (increased number of students from 240 to above 1000, and % of San Marino Students from 1 to 10%).

NB!! Small class size and low student-teacher ratio provide a great mentoring environment, offering students the opportunity to have a better personal interaction with their teachers.

- Services to students
- New University locations
- Expansion of UNIRSM Library

Milestones (2014 – 2023)

- □ Creation of research centres (i.e. *Research Centre for International Relations*)
- ☐ Internal research projects competition
- Agreements and Collaborations with public and private subjects/stakeholders
- ☐ Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Radiophonic Studies USMARADIO
- Expansion of Tech-Admin Staff

Milestones (2021 onwards)

- □ Relevant projects in fundamental sectors/fields, also to support strategic initiatives of San Marino Republic.
- □ New emphasis on internationalization.
- ☐ A small University but with the capability of acting at the international level, because it belongs to a sovereign state.

Next fundamental Steps

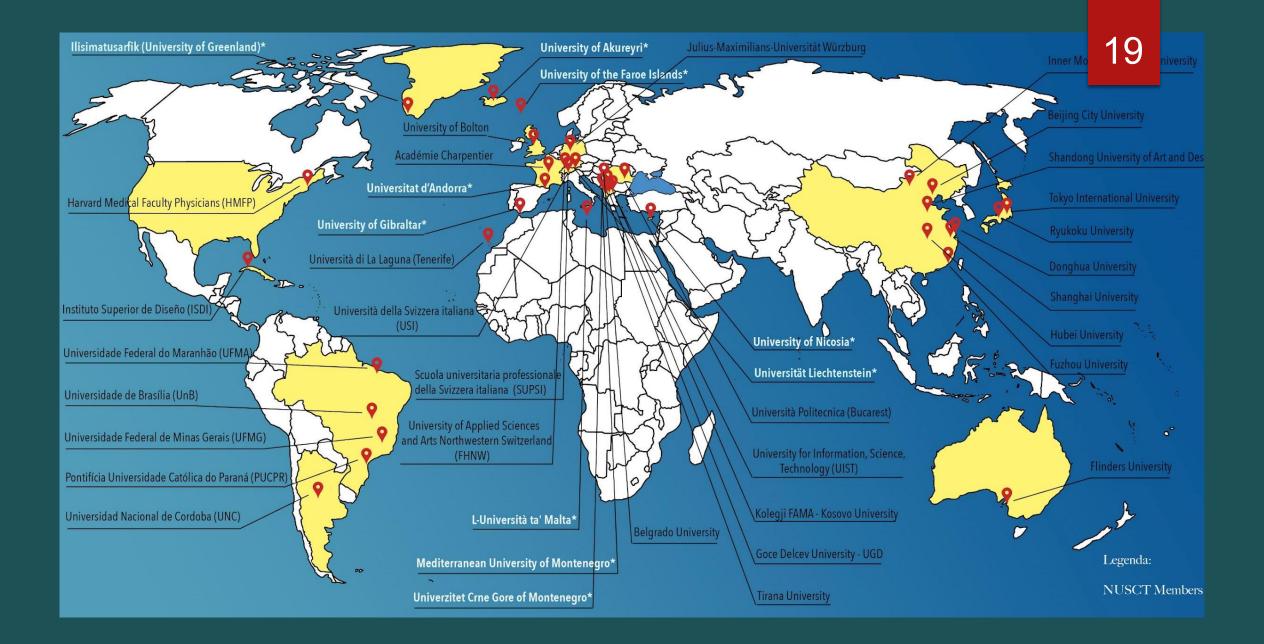
- □ 2023: New Higher Education Law that will include the **San Marino NQF**, based on the QF EHEA; Update of the University of San Marino Law
- ☐ UniRSM **QA System** validated by selected external agency

Internationalization

Overview of the activities of the Office of International Affairs

☐ International cooperation - collaboration with other Universities

The University of San Marino has many agreements underway with universities in Italy and foreign countries, both in the organization of university-level, <u>postgraduate and advanced specialization courses</u>, and to facilitate the <u>mobility of students and professors</u> between universities.



INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

- UNIRSM is member of the following international associations:
- ► EHEA European Higher Education Area
- ► IAU International Association of Universities
- Magna Charta Universitatum
- ► NUSCT Network of Universities of Small States and Countries
- ► EUA European University Association
- UniAdrion Association of Universities of the Adriatic-Ionian area