

Study at Unipd

❖ What are entry requirements for being enrolled in Sustainable Agriculture degree program?

Entry requirements are specified in the application platform: <https://apply.unipd.it/>.

A teaching commission will evaluate your CV and educational background and it will give you feedback about eligibility in due time.

❖ Who can help me in filling the documents, assisting me for the study plan, understand how the academic life works, finding graduation dates, etc.?

The University of Padova offers peer-to-peer assistance services to the enrolled students:

You can be assisted by a [Tutor Buddy](#), i.e. a Master's degree student who will welcome and support you during your stay.

Tutor Juniors are students enrolled in single or second cycle degrees, doctoral degrees, who received special training so that they can effectively help you to manage all the aspects of the academic life.

More info also here: www.unipd.it/en/buddy

❖ Where are all the details about the educational offer of Sustainable Agriculture?

Please visit [this webpage](#) and click on your enrollment Academic Year.

❖ Where can I find the lessons timetable?

Please visit the School of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine [webpage](#) or Click [here](#).

You can also download the APP on your smartphone from [here](#).

❖ Why using several webpages such as Moodle, Uniweb, etc...?

Moodle is the [e-learning](#) platform adopted by the University of Padua. It is an online teaching tool that works as a support to traditional classes. Login to the Moodle of the School of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine [here](#) and sign up for the courses you will follow.

Uniweb is the online platform to manage your academic career. Please contact the Tutor Junior (tutor.agrariamedicinaveterinaria@unipd.it) for "How-to-use-it".

The [homepage](#) of the School of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine includes all the general information about your academic life, including food service, lesson times, events, access to the Agripolis campus and library, etc.

❖ What is my study plan and how to fill it?

Please click here for further [information](#). For additional details please contact the Coordinator of Sustainable Agriculture degree course.

❖ What is the study plan and which exams can I select?

Within each curriculum and study track, courses can be:

- Mandatory: they will be automatically selected by the system.
- Alternative: they will be chosen as alternative each other. The student will have to choose two of these units. The others can be inserted in the study plan as elective course units
- Elective: you are strongly recommended to choose elective courses from those belonging to the field of study based on the chosen curriculum. This guarantees a coherent and well-balanced study plan.

Surplus credits can also be acquired via optional exams (in addition to the total amount of credits required to obtain your degree qualification), but they do not allow you to acquire higher grades or a different degree title.

If you want advice about the courses you have selected, contact the SA coordinator.

Graduation information

❖ What is the final examination?

It consists in the preparation of a thesis and a dissertation before a Graduation Committee. Each student is asked to develop her/his research in agreement with a Reference Professor who will supervise the work. The topic of the research will be chosen based on each student interests in agreement with the Reference Professor expertise and availability. Students are encouraged to contact directly their professors to learn about the availability of thesis topics.

Keep in mind: Drafting your thesis can take some months (30 credits to be accrued!). Moreover, the administrative process requires some formal steps to be completed by undelayable dates: please check the website of the School of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and make sure you have enough time to accurately complete your job. More information about the final exam can be found [here](#).

❖ How to apply for graduation?

The webpage of the School of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine reports all the required or Click [here](#).

❖ What are the deadlines for applying graduation?

Same page as before...deadlines can be found [here](#).

❖ I want to postpone the date of my graduation. Is it possible?

Yes, you should define with your supervisor if it is necessary, and after that you should follow the steps you can find [here](#).

❖ How to write the thesis?

Please discuss about it with your supervisor and carefully read the info that is [here](#) provided.

❖ How to prepare the defense?

You will have 12-15 minutes to present your results to the graduation committee. A power point presentation is used to support your defense where a brief introduction, the methodological approach, the results and your conclusions are reported. There is not a deadline to finalize the presentation before the defense. You will organize the contents with your supervisor.

❖ How is the final graduation grade assigned?

In Italy it is expressed in 110. The highest grade can be 110/110, and it can be attributed with honor. The least grade is 66/110.

It is assigned by summing up:

- Weighted average of the grades of the exams, converted in 110.
- Degree points, that can be in total 9 and are assigned as follows:
 - o Judgment of supervisor: from 0 to 3 points.
 - o Judgment of an external reviewer*: from 0 to 3 points.
 - o Judgment of Thesis Defense Committee: from 0 to 3 points.

*The external reviewer is **NOT** automatically assigned and is not mandatory. The decision to ask an external reviewer's evaluation is of the supervisor, upon agreement with the student, only if the thesis work is particularly worthwhile. As a rule, the thesis must be ready at least 30 days before the discussion day, so that the Coordinator of the course can send it to the external reviewer, which remains anonymous.

Please visit this [webpage](#) for more information by clicking on "Final graduation grade".
The Final exam Regulation can be found [here](#).

Living Padova and University

❖ Who should I contact for information about my VISA?

The SAOS desk office (<https://www.unipd.it/en/saos-desk>) of the University of Padova can help you. Please also visit the Unipd webpage <https://www.unipd.it/en/visas-immigration> for further information.

❖ Where to find accommodation?

Information on both university and private accommodation can be found [here](#).

Public halls of residence are managed by ESU, which is a regional agency in charge of many students' services. Accommodation in those halls of residence is governed by a competition and the results are published in September, which is quite late to start the research in case you would be excluded by the competition and also places are limited, so keep into consideration also private residences. All the information about the competition's requirements and deadlines can be found every year from the **end of June** at: <https://www.esu.pd.it/en/our-main-activities/accommodation-services>.

As a matter of fact, many students choose private residences and rooms in shared flats; the [UNIBEDS](#) webpage can provide you assistance and support along with the [Housing Anywhere](#) website and [BedStudent](#) platform.

NB. A word to the wise: finding accommodation can be a very challenging situation to pull off, so get active very soon after your admission to check the availability of accommodation, both in the center of Padua and also in the surrounding areas (Legnaro and nearby towns).

❖ How much are tuition fees?

Information on tuition fees, including scholarships and fee waivers, is available [here](#).

❖ Where to find info. about medical insurance and assistance?

Students from EU countries can find information [here](#)

Students from non-EU countries must hold a medical insurance. Info can be found [here](#)

For any other information, please contact sustainableagriculture.dafnae@unipd.it