

Facoltà di Scienze Politiche “San Carlo”

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The Faculty of Political Science “San Carlo” at the University of Tuscia is the youngest in Italy.

The State University of Tuscia was founded in 1979 in Viterbo. It has six Faculties and approximately 11,000 students.

The Faculty of Political Science was set up in 2002. It is located in the medieval quarter of Viterbo in the prodigious complex of San Carlo, and has about 1,700 students.

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There are two undergraduate programmes at the Political Science Faculty:

- 1) **Communication, Cultural and Media Studies**
- 2) **Public Administration Studies.**

The student population is made up of an equal proportion of male/female students, of which about 70% come from the region and the remaining predominantly from Rome, then Umbria and Tuscany.

30% of students are mature working professionals, 10% are graduates in other subjects.

The methods of teaching lead to a high percentage of students obtaining their degree within the planned period

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Communication, Cultural and Media Studies has a strong interdisciplinary approach and includes, among others, the teaching of Visual Communication, English, Organizational Psychology, Semiotics, Writing for the Media, Sociolinguistics, History of the Press, Sociology, Contemporary History, Mass Media and Society, Modern Political Theory, Economic Policy and Public Communication.

Public Administration Studies encompasses, among others, the study of Advanced Administrative Law, EU Law, Private Law, History of Italian Public Administration, Public Law, Regulation and Market Law, Public Services and the Media, Economy and Society, English, Public Management, Administrative Criminal Law and Public Policy Analysis.

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The academic year is divided into two terms: the first beginning in October, the second in March. There are 9 exam sessions for each academic year, with a clear distinction between the taught course and exam periods. This means that taught courses finish once the exam sessions begin. All booking of exams can be done over the Internet.

The University of Tuscia is committed to the EU Project **Erasmus** promoting co-operation among universities throughout Europe. Erasmus enables students to study abroad and gain official European recognition for both study period and exams taken abroad.

Our Faculty has exchange programmes with universities in Alicante, Barcellona, Berlin, Cadiz, Clermont, Grenoble, Kiel, Lisbon, Paris, Saarbrücken, Salamanca and Seville.

Fifty high achieving students are offered **internships** each year in companies, television broadcasters, newspapers and government departments ranging from the Prime Minister's Office to the Public Broadcasting Company (RAI).

5.

A great deal of importance is attached to **Information Technology** skills.

“San Carlo” is the only Political Science Faculty in Italy offering a two year course in IT for a total of 20 credits. Lectures and workshops are carried out by IT specialists, coordinated by the full professor for Computer Science.

The final exam requires the student to produce a Web site using HTML, with JavaScript programming on both client and server-side to link the site to a Database.

6.

On graduation, after having passed a total of 180 credits, students will be awarded a degree in Communication, Culture and Media Studies or Public Administration Studies. This is awarded on completion of a dissertation, approved and supervised by a professor acting as tutor during the dissertation phase.

The final exam consists of a viva discussion of the dissertation in front of a Committee appointed by the Dean of Faculty. This is a public exam and can take the form of a multimedia presentation.

7.

San Carlo's prodigious complex offers a unique setting for the Faculty:

- The 12th century San Carlo Church, with a nave and two aisles, houses the Faculty auditorium, seating 300 and equipped with the latest multimedia and audiovisual technology.

- The 17th century convent, with courtyard and gardens, houses lecture rooms, the library, the fully equipped IT rooms, offices of the Dean and teaching staff.
- Gardens which accommodate the students office and study facilities for students.

The Faculty has 13 lecture rooms, 3 IT rooms (with 60 pcs linked to Internet), 2 staff rooms and a reading room which holds 50 people. In the entrance to the Faculty, 12 high resolution screens provide a continuous flow of interactive information to visitors and students.

8.

“Beyond Rome, before Tuscany”

The area known as “Tuscia” (the Romans referred to the Etruscans as Etrusci or Tusci) extends from Rome in the south to Tuscany in the north. This area is a layer-cake of history, from Etruscan tombs to Renaissance palaces.

The main city is Viterbo (60.000 inhabitants, an hour north of Rome).

Founded by the Etruscans, Viterbo became in the 13th century the residence of the Popes. The first and longest Papal conclave in history was held in the Papal Palace and lasted 33 months (1268-1271).

Viterbo is the archetypal medieval town, still surrounded by its walls, with towers and vaulted passageways, notably in the quarter where the Faculty is located.

Viterbo can be reached by the A1 motorway from Rome (exit at Orte), by main road (the Cassia), or by train which leaves from Ostiense station in Rome, and stops at Valle Aurelia (underground station on metro A line).

The Faculty is 10 minutes on foot from the station Porta Romana.