In line with its strategic objectives, the University of Palermo has implemented actions aimed at promoting, strengthening and expanding international mobility, international cooperation and related funding.

The **International Relations Office** was established in this view and is today fully operational.
Statute Art.3 says:

“The University considers the international dimension of teaching and research a priority and undertakes to take all measures to pursue it and is inspired by the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the recruitment of Researchers”

“The University supports and encourages the transfer and enhancement of knowledge, the promotion and protection of health, cultural and environmental heritage as well as the production of goods and services for the benefit of the community”

“The University promotes, as part of the third mission, the dissemination of knowledge and culture, as well as dialogue with the actors of the world of work and civil society, in order to trigger virtuous circles for civil, social and economic of the territory”.
IRO (International Relations Office) supports the development of the University’s international activities by promoting the coordination with internal and external stakeholders.
The Office comprises four operational Units (Unità, UO) - each one with dedicated staff and a chief officer in charge:

- **UO Cooperation and networks (Chief, Antonio Serafini)**
  - Management of the *International Relations Commission* and related calls
  - Cooperation agreements and international events
  - Management of mobility for staff and visiting professors
  - Forthem Office

- **UO Projects and Funding (Interim Chief, Stefania Zanna)**
  - Support to project design, monitoring and dissemination
  - Support to narrative and financial reporting
  - Internal communication on active calls and training

- **UO Outgoing (Chief, Francesco Di Giovanni)**
  - Outgoing mobility management
    (Erasmus intra and extra EU, Double Degrees, Integrated Study Programmes, Visiting Students)
  - Erasmus Dashboard management
  - Management of internal calls

- **UO Incoming (Chief, Vincenzo Fumetta)**
  - Incoming mobility management
    (Erasmus intra and extra EU, Double Degrees, Integrated Study Programmes, Visiting Students)
  - Welcome Office for foreign students
Services and Activities

International Agreements

Mobility

ERASMUS+

International Relations

Commission Actions

FORTHEM

European University

Development and Cooperation

Summer and Winter School

Subjects Teaching attended in English

Double-degree study courses and non-EU Integrated Study Programmes
• Support to the University’s structures on international programs and development cooperation in the fields of education and training
• Fostering international inter-university cooperation and structural improvement initiatives in the university system (governance, financing systems, etc.)
• Administrative support to sign conventions and agreements with international partners
• Networking with international partners and promotion of participation to innovative, international projects
• Scouting of funding opportunities at national and European level
• Support to project management and reporting
• Promoting of internationalization through the coordination and management of international mobility programmes
• Management of incoming and outgoing mobility of students (both for study and internship)
• Management of incoming and outgoing mobility of teaching and administrative staff for teaching and training
Università degli Studi di Palermo

ARWU – Shanghai Academic Ranking (May 2022)

UniPa Best Subject | Best Subject: UniPa position in the world
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Water Resources | 101-150
Civil Engineering | 151-200
Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences | 151-200
Food Science & Technology | 201-300
Earth Sciences | 301-400
Chemical Engineering | 301-400
Energy Science & Engineering | 301-400
Biotechnology | 301-400
UniPa Best Subject | Best Subject: UniPa position in the world
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Agriculture & Forestry | 251-300
Engineering Chemical | 401-410
Engineering Mechanical | 451-500
Medicine | 501-550
Physics and Astronomy | 551-600
Biological Science | 601-640
THE - Times Higher Education Ranking (Nov 2022)

UniPa Best Subject | Best Subject: UniPa position in the world
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Law | 251
Engineering and Technology | 601-800
Arts and Humanities | 601
Clinical, pre-clinical and health | 501-600
Life Sciences | 401-500
Physical Sciences | 601-800
Business and Economics | 601-800
UNIPA IN FIGURES / Human and structural resources

**Academic structures**
- 16 Departments - 1 School of Medicine
- 21 libraries
- 3 decentralised premises (Agrigento, Trapani, Caltanissetta)
- Museum System (SIMUA)
- University Library System and Historical Archive (SBA)
- Language Centre (CLA)
- Italian school for foreign students (ITASTRA)
- Guidance Centre (COT)
- A.S.CENT - Centre of Advanced Studies
- Advanced Technologies Network Center (ATEN)
- University Business Incubator (ARCA)
- Contamination Lab (CLAB UNIPA)

**Students**

- Total: 43,680
- M: 46,9%
- W: 53,1%

**PhDs**

- 685

**Faculty Members**

- Lecturers, Research fellows: 1,566

**Staff managers, technical & administrative units, language experts**

- 1,358

**Students attending specialisation courses**...
Over the last five years, the educational offer has registered a rise in terms of didactic services delivered in English. In particular, the no. of teachings delivered in English has grown.

Such an internationalisation has a two-fold aim:
- making the profile of our students more appealing on the international job market.
- Attract an increasing number of international and Italian students.

- 1. Landscape architecture
- 2. Cooperation, development and migrations
- 3. Physics
- 4. Biomedical engineering
- 5. Chemical engineering
- 6. Civil engineering
- 7. Cyber-physical systems engineering for industry
- 8. Building engineering
- 9. Engineering and innovative technologies for the environment - environmental protection and restoration
- 10. Electrical engineering
- 11. Energetic and nuclear engineering - power production and management
- 12. Mechanical engineering
- 13. Migrations, rights, integration
- 14. Urban, regional and environmental planning
- 15. Pedagogy
- 16. Statistics and data science
- 17. Economic development, international cooperation and migrations - migration studies
Double-Degree courses

The University manages student mobilities, oversees mutual recognition of educational paths and builds didactic packets based on the study plans of the courses involved in such programmes.

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FORTHEM Alliance is one of the first 17 alliance winners of the European Universities Initiative call for proposals launched by the European Commission in 2017 which aim is to bring together a new generation of creative Europeans able to cooperate across languages, borders and disciplines to address societal challenges and skills shortages faced in Europe.

We are a new network of seven multidisciplinary public research universities with a strong regional anchoring. Each university comes from a diverse country, has distinct cultural heritages and languages, educational and administrative systems, economic and political realities, and varying stances regarding the European Union.

At the core of our network is the Weimar Triangle (Dijon, Mainz, Opole), reaches the Scandinavian and Baltic region (Jyväskylä, Riga) as well as the Iberian Peninsula (Valencia) and connects the south of Europe (Palermo). Norway (University of Agder) and Romania (University of Sibiu) have recently joined the Alliance.
Thanks!