



L-Università
ta' Malta

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Message from the Rector

Always rising to the challenge

With a heritage that spans over 450 years and its formal establishment as a public university in 1769, L-Università ta' Malta has long stood as a beacon of academic excellence, rooted in tradition yet forward-looking in its mission. Today, the University welcomes over 11,000 students from Malta and around the world, cultivating a dynamic, inclusive community of learners, researchers, and professionals.

This brochure offers an insight into the breadth and depth of Malta's leading institution of higher education. Our modern infrastructure — including state-of-the-art lecture halls, laboratories, and research centres — plays a vital role in supporting our academic mission. Yet, it is the vibrant exchange of ideas among students, academics, and the wider community that truly defines the University of Malta experience.

In recent years, we have embraced digital transformation and launched several strategic initiatives to remain at the forefront of global education. From exploring the ethical and societal implications of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence to developing programmes aligned with global priorities, we remain committed to preparing our students for the challenges and opportunities of an ever-evolving world. With international students now representing more than 20% of our student population, the University continues to foster a truly global outlook.

Equity, inclusion, and diversity are at the heart of our values. We are proud of the strong collaborative networks we have established, both nationally and internationally. Our partnerships span a wide range of sectors and reflect our dedication to impactful research, innovation, and service to society. Through these connections, the University continues to contribute meaningfully to both academic and practical advancements across multiple disciplines.

Our historic Valletta campus — once the original seat of the University — now houses most advanced conference and meeting facilities, embedded in a prestigious classical setting, serving as an amazing venue in the heart of the capital. Meanwhile, our main campus in Msida has evolved into a year-round hub of academic and cultural activity. With new amenities such as a privately run student residence and a vibrant plaza, the campus experience has never been richer. At its centre lies the University's iconic "Quad" or quadrangle, a serene and symbolic gathering space for events and celebrations throughout the academic year.

This is the University of Malta: where tradition meets innovation. Whether you are a prospective student, a corporate partner, or a research collaborator, we invite you to explore the opportunities we offer. Together, we can continue to push the boundaries of knowledge, foster meaningful partnerships, and make a lasting impact on our communities and beyond.



Professor Alfred J. Vella
Rector



Our organisational structure

The Council

The Council is responsible for the general administration of the University including the appointment of new academic and administrative members. The Council is chaired by the Pro-Chancellor.

The Senate

The Senate deals with academic matters and quality. Our Senate regulates studies, research, documentation and examinations at the University. Perhaps one of the most important functions of the Senate is the approval of changes in entry regulations. The Senate is presided by the Rector.

Sir Temistocles Zammit
Rector, 1920 - 1926



Rector

In March 2016, the University Council elected Professor Alfred J. Vella as our 81st Rector since the establishment of the institution in 1592. He has lectured at the University of Malta since 1987 and is currently professor of Chemistry and teaches mainly in the area of Environmental Chemistry. He has also taught General and Organic Chemistry and Chemistry of natural products. Professor Vella served for many years as Head of Department of Chemistry and between 1997 and 2007 was also Dean of the Faculty of Science. He served as Pro-Rector for Academic Affairs between July 2006 and June 2016 and in this capacity headed several Senate Sub-Committees including the Ph.D. Committee and the Programme Validation Committee, the latter body being responsible for ensuring internal quality assurance processes at the University in accordance with the Bologna Process and associated standards and guidelines.

Professor Vella's has published extensively in Environmental Chemistry which is his main research interest. He is also a reviewer for a number of international journals including Atmospheric Environment, Environmental Pollution and Chemosphere.

Chancellor - Judge Professor David J. Attard

Professor Attard read law at the University of Malta (LL.D.) and the University of Oxford (D.Phil.). In 1988, he was appointed to the Chair of Public International Law at the University of Malta. He has been a Visiting Professor of International Law at the University of Rome II, a Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Oxford, a Fullbright Fellow at Yale Law School, and in 2008 was appointed Professor Invité at the Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. In 2011, the Council appointed Professor Attard Chancellor of our institution.



Our Pro-Rectors

Rector is assisted by five pro-Rectors

Professor Joseph Cacciottolo - *Pro-Rector for Academic Affairs*

Professor Carmen Sammut - *Pro-Rector for Student & Staff Affairs & Outreach*

Professor Valerie Sollars - *Pro-Rector for Strategic Planning & Sustainability*

Professor Frank Bezzina - *Pro-Rector for International Development & Quality Assurance*

Professor Ing. Simon Fabri - *Pro-Rector for Research & Knowledge Transfer*

Our founding spirit

The beginning

We trace our origins to the founding of the Collegium Melitense which was set up through direct papal intervention on 12 November 1592. The Collegium, which was situated in the new capital city Valletta, was a college that was run by the Jesuit Order in line with their other colleges established in several other states. These colleges specifically targeted and recruited non-Jesuit students. However, the foundation deed specified that besides Philosophy and Theology, other subjects such as Grammar and the Humanities should also be taught.

Following the abatement of the plague of 1675, Grandmaster Nicolò Cottoner sowed the seed of our medical school which until nowadays is still one of our most prestigious faculties. Grandmaster Cottoner formalised medical teaching by appointing Fra Dr Giuseppe Zammit as the head of the Anatomy and Surgery at the Sacra Infermeria on 19 October 1676. Dr Zammit, who was a passionate doctor and professor of Anatomy, further expanded the school by establishing the first medical library on the island as well as a medicinal herb garden in one of the ditches of Fort Saint Elmo in Valletta.

The re-founding of the Institution

After the expulsion of the Jesuit Order from our island in 1768, Grandmaster Pinto appropriated all the revenue accruing from its property on the island with the aim of establishing a fully fledged public university. The decree promoting us from a degree-award college to a University was signed by Pinto on 22 November 1769. During these early days of re-foundation, the medical school went from strength to strength at the helm of surgeon Michelangelo Grima and Professor of Medicine Giorgio Locano.

Clement XIV
Pope, 1769 - 1774



Emmanuel Pinto de Fonseca
Grand Master, 1741 - 1773



Roberto Ranieri Costaguti
Rector, 1771 - 1773



Past Rectors

The first Rector of the restructured institution was Fr Roberto Costaguti of the Servites' Order who had in previous years established a reputation as a preacher. In 1771 multiple international professors were attracted to Malta and their contribution further empowered the university in its early days as a state university. The newcomers were offered accommodation in the former Jesuit College in Valletta. The Medical Faculty was the only one populated solely by local academics, a tradition which has been maintained throughout the centuries.

Grandmaster Pinto's successor, Grandmaster Ximenes, reduced the number of chairs and expelled all expatriate staff as an economic measure. Upon his arrival to Malta in 1798, Napoleon closed the university but the takeover by the British Empire allowed us to reopen the doors. The new British governor Sir Alexander Ball, appointed Canon F.X. Caruana as Rector on 28 October 1800 in recognition of his services during the uprising against the French. Caruana went on to serve as Rector for 22 years.

During the British era we underwent a series of changes in our statutes and regulations in order to bring us into line with universities in the United Kingdom. The present coat of arms and the motto 'Ut Fructificemus Deo' were proposed on 1 March 1923 by the Rector, Professor Sir Themistocles Zammit. In 1937 the University petitioned for and obtained the right to use the word 'Royal' in its title. The Royal title was dropped after Malta became a Republic in 1974.

After the Second World War

Following the Second World War, the Library and support structures were reinforced. The Evans Laboratories were opened in 1959 near the old hospital of the Knights in Valletta to house the Faculty of Science. A new Medical School building near St Luke's Hospital in Guardamangia was opened in 1968. At the same time, the new Campus at Msida was inaugurated.

The Faculty of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (now, the Faculty of Engineering) and the Faculty of Education became part of the University when the former Polytechnic (known also as the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology) was incorporated into it.



Notable rankings

According to Webometrics and Times Higher Education (THE) UM ranks with the top 2.8% universities of the world.

Webometrics (2025) ranks UM 829th out of around 32,000 institutions worldwide.

THE (2025) – UM has maintained its position in the 801st and 1000th top universities in the world for the fourth year in a row.

UM continues to make significant strides in global higher education rankings, achieving its highest position to date in the QS World University Rankings 2026. UM has been placed in the 741–750 band, marking a steady and noteworthy climb from its 801–1000 placement in 2021.

In addition, UM has once again earned international recognition, ranking in the top 7.6% of universities worldwide according to the 2025 edition of the Global 2000 list by the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR). Featuring once again among the world's top 2000 universities, UM has achieved its best-ever world ranking and score in seven years, securing the 1,622nd position out of 21,462 participant institutions across the globe.



Our strategic vision

The Strategic Plan 2020-2025 sets out the goals and priorities for the University and its academic entities. The plan reflects the evolving state of higher education, society, industry and the economy. Primarily, it focuses on students' experience, resources, contribution of the academic community and the University's impact on the nation as well as the insights of the wider University community and social partners.

The Strategic Plan is supported by a more comprehensive implementation plan led by the Rector through the quality assurance processes and internal audit procedures. Our internal and external stakeholders will remain vital to the implementation of this strategic plan. The strategy has eight core components as represented and summarised in the next page.

UM is currently investing to increase its capacity for collaborative activity with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), industry, and other social and economic stakeholders. Enterprise and innovation are the strategic foundations of the ongoing development of knowledge and research programmes as vehicles to achieve a positive impact on society and the economy. In preparation for the future and the next strategic plan, a series of fora are being held to engage stakeholders in discussions on key priorities. We will endeavour to move forward with priorities concerning work-based learning, outreach and education programmes for life-long learning and economic development.

**Scan to access an
online copy of the
Strategic Plan**

English



Maltese





Learning & Teaching

Providing environments that are more conducive to the combination of higher studies and research we offer.



National Impact

Whether it is cultural heritage and identity, our language or the need for a skilled workforce, we strive to instil an awareness and appreciation of what shapes our identity.



Research & Knowledge Transfer

Strengthening the quality of our research output through our high-calibre academics within an enhanced research infrastructure.



International Outlook

We look forward to welcoming more international students on our Campus while nurturing and disseminating the University's good reputation abroad. In 2019/20 we have reached the highest number of international students ever.



Societal Factors & Impact

UM actively contributes to a participative society of social, political, economic and cultural debate.



Sustainability

We are intensifying our efforts to maintain the UM's reputation of an organic laboratory of good and sustainable practice.



Enterprise & Industry Impact

We are investing to increase our capacity for collaborative activity with several medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), industries and other social and economic stakeholders.



Services & Administrative Support

We are constantly sustaining the administrative support to our students to help meet their academic and career objectives.

"As members of the University community, we must endeavour to implement improvements and new initiatives, be accountable for our respective role in this plan, and be committed to the development of the institution as a whole. We must make achievement and continuous advancement an inherent part of our daily work activities so as to collectively achieve the goals that have brought us together at the University of Malta."

Professor Alfred J. Vella,
Rector of the University of Malta

Our Campuses



📍 **MSIDA CAMPUS (MAIN CAMPUS)**

This Campus (also known as Tal-Qroqq), is where most of the activity takes place.

The foundation stone of our Main Campus was laid on 22 September 1964 by the Rt. Hon. Duncan Sandys, the then Commonwealth Secretary. The total area of the Msida Campus is 250,207 square metres.



📍 **VALLETTA CAMPUS**

The Valletta Campus, which is housed in the Old University Building, dates back to our early days of the Collegium Melitense in 1592.

This Campus serves as a prestigious venue for the hosting of international conferences, seminars, short courses and summer schools which are offered in collaboration with international institutions. It is also the site of the Research, Innovation & Development Trust (RIDT), the Conferences & Events Unit and the Ġibsoteka.



📍 **GOZO CAMPUS**

Our Campus on the sister island hosts part-time degree, diploma and short courses and also caters for the needs of the increasing number of Gozitan full-time students who study on the Main Campus.

This Campus also acts as a venue for public lectures and seminars and it houses the Güsten Atmospheric Research Centre, which is part of the Department of Geosciences, Faculty of Science.



📍 **MARSAXLOKK CAMPUS**

The Campus is housed in pre-existing buildings in the outskirts of Marsaxlokk and consists of two laboratories and another small building which serves as a lecture room. The surrounding grounds, which have been recently restored, measure approximately 7,000 square metres.

Faculties, Schools, Institutes & Centres

Our university has a total of 14 faculties

Arts

The Faculty of Arts is one of the largest faculties at UM and is composed of 16 departments - Anthropological Sciences, Art and Art History, Classics and Archaeology, English, French, Geography, German, History, International Relations, Italian, Maltese, Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures, Philosophy, Sociology, Spanish and Latin American Studies and Translation, Terminology and Interpreting Studies. The Faculty of Arts offers full-time and part-time courses leading to B.A., B.A.(Hons), M.A. and Ph.D., as well as a number of certificate and diploma level courses.

Built Environment

The Faculty for the Built Environment is composed of eight departments - Architecture and Urban Design, Civil and Structural Engineering, Conservation and Built Heritage, Construction and Property Management, Environmental Design, History of Architecture, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure and Visual Arts. The Faculty for the Built Environment offers a number of courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Studies at the Faculty for the Built Environment focus on issues that relate to the design, or 'creative organisation', of the built environment, which is the physical environment that is created as a result of human intervention. Our faculty aims to address these issues in a holistic manner, from the macro-scale of the urban and rural landscape, through the integration of buildings and structures within such landscape, to the micro-scale of the construction detail, in such a way as to allow its graduates to work to 'make another world, a better world'.

Dental Surgery

This Faculty of Dental Surgery is composed of four departments - Child Dental Health and Orthodontics, Dental Surgery, Oral Rehabilitation and Community Care and Restorative Dentistry. The Faculty offers courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Our faculty is responsible for the teaching and training of students seeking a profession within the multi-disciplinary fields of Dentistry. Dentistry students work closely with the students in Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology and Dental Chair-side Assistance offering them the opportunity to experience the dental team environment even while training.

Economics, Management and Accountancy

The Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy (FEMA) is one of the largest faculties. It is composed of eight departments - Accountancy, Banking, Finance and Investments, Business and Enterprise Management, Economics, Insurance and Risk Management, Marketing, Policy, Politics and Governance and Tourism Management. Students can follow full-time or part-time courses leading to Certificate, Diploma, Degree, Master and Ph.D. level awards.

The courses are taught by established academics and experienced practitioners. Experts from the industry share their knowledge and experiences with our students and their input increases the employability of our students because it prepares them for the challenges of the industry. Our graduates make strong impact in their jobs, leave a strong impression on their employers, for their

peers and for customers. It is also common for our graduates to seek entrepreneurial opportunities and eventually establish their own organisations that can truly contribute to the economy and society within a globalised world.

Education

The Faculty of Education is composed of nine departments - Arts, Open Communities and Adult Education, Early Childhood and Primary Education, Education Studies, Health, Physical Education and Consumer Studies, Inclusion & Access to Learning, Languages & Humanities in Education, Leadership for Learning & Innovation, Mathematics & Science Education, and Technology & Entrepreneurship Education. The Faculty offers several undergraduate and postgraduate courses aimed at meeting the ever-changing demands and challenges within our global society. In essence, our Faculty of Education continues to prove itself as Malta's leading Faculty in the formation and professional development of educators.

At UM we value and promote education as a public service that has benefits both on a social as well as on a personal level. We believe that education supports individuals in their quest to lead meaningful lives. Undeniably, we consider education as the intellectual right of all persons without discrimination. In line with this viewpoint, the Faculty of Education is committed to lifelong learning through study and research for present and future educators.

Engineering

The Faculty of Engineering is composed of six departments - Electrical Engineering, Electronic Systems Engineering, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgy and Materials Engineering and System and Control Engineering. The Faculty offers courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels while conducting research in all fields.

Recognised as the leading engineering school in Malta, our faculty seeks to provide an international arena for engineering research and education. The various departments within this faculty excel in multiple niche study areas and also work on various projects with companies from the industry. The faculty also promotes multidisciplinary collaborations and attracts the attention of leading engineering companies.

Health Sciences

The Faculty of Health Sciences is composed of 12 departments - Human Communication Sciences and Disorders, Food Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics, Health Systems Management and Leadership, Mental Health, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, and Radiography, each offering a degree programme leading to a specific health care profession. All the departments have active research programmes in various areas of specialisation, and some offer M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes.

Our faculty is also committed to offer training to registered practitioners through a number of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses. These courses ensure that health professionals keep abreast of the continuing advancements in the medical field and related technologies.

Information and Communication Technology

The Faculty of Information and Communication Technology is composed of five departments - Artificial Intelligence, Communications & Computer Engineering, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, and Microelectronics & Nanoelectronics.

Our faculty is committed to excellence in research and in providing higher education of quality to meet the industry's needs today and tomorrow. It values the interdisciplinary skills that our students and researchers gain during their studies, visits or collaboration as this is what is needed to achieve breakthroughs that address the needs of society at large. Problems related to assistive living, health, transport, finance, security, privacy, energy, environment, and sustainable development all need novel technological solutions. As engineers and computer scientists, the teaching Faculty strives to build a solid foundation in fundamental science whose principles are then applied to the benefit of humanity.

Laws

The Faculty of Laws is composed of eight departments - Civil Law, Commercial Law, Criminal Law, Environmental & Resources Law, European & Comparative Law, International Law, Media, Communications & Technology Law, and Legal History & Legal Research Methods.

Our faculty is renowned for its practical and professionally relevant approach to learning and teaching across a variety of taught courses ranging from undergraduate, postgraduate, professional and research degrees. It is the only faculty in Malta that bestows degrees that leads to the warrant of an advocate, notary public and legal procurator in Malta. Moreover, our faculty serves as the national focal point for research and scholarship related to the Maltese legal system. This is defined as a 'mixed' legal system, which blends common and civil law elements. This characteristic, which derives from Malta's historical vicissitudes, is the source of one of the Faculty's strengths.

Media and Knowledge Sciences

The Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences is composed of six departments - Cognitive Science, Corporate Communication, Digital Arts, Information Policy & Governance, Library Information & Archive Sciences, and Media & Communications. The faculty offers a number of taught programmes at diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate levels. These include programmes in the areas of media and communications, digital arts, marketing communications, the management of knowledge and information, and cognitive science. Our faculty embraces cognitive neuroscience and social science research as theoretical frameworks for communication, as well as different forms of digital media expressions and social structures that facilitate the dissemination of knowledge.

Medicine and Surgery

The Faculty of Medicine & Surgery is composed of 13 departments: Anatomy, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Clinical Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, Family Medicine, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Pathology, Pharmacy, Physiology & Biochemistry, Psychiatry, Public Health and Surgery. The faculty offers several undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Our faculty also offers the possibility for medical students to follow an Intercalated year out of the M.D. programme after the second year of studies and focus on lab and clinical research, before progressing to the third year of studies.

Science

The Faculty of Science is composed of six departments - Biology, Chemistry, Geosciences, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics and Operations Research. The faculty has active research programmes in various fields of specialisation and also offers M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes associated with the research interests of the academic body. The Metamaterials Unit, based in this faculty, also offers full-time and part-time postgraduate degrees.

Our faculty fulfils its primary roles of teaching and research by producing some excellent local and international science graduates, and numerous high-calibre research publications. In addition, several members of the academic staff are involved in national and international research projects, sometimes in association with industry.

Social Wellbeing

The Faculty for Social Wellbeing is composed of nine departments - Child and Family Studies, Counselling, Criminology, Disability Studies, Gender and Sexualities, Gerontology and Dementia Studies, Psychology, Social Policy and Social Work, and Youth, Community and Migration Studies. Our faculty offers a wide range of diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate courses, a number of which lead to recognised professions.

Each department contributes towards the welfare of society, in its particular way. The different fields of knowledge are multidisciplinary. They are animated by the same utilitarian spirit and led by the same values of solidarity, empathy, social justice, empowerment, inclusion, rehabilitation, prevention and positive intervention. These departments feed from and nourish the same body of knowledge – that pertaining to living in modern society: the issues, the challenges, the aspirations and needs faced by people today. Their multidisciplinary nature, the spirit and values they share, makes it possible for all these departments and for their members (academics and otherwise) to work together, as a team, in harmony.

Theology

The Faculty of Theology is composed of six departments - Fundamental & Dogmatic Theology, Church History, Patrology & Palæochristian Archaeology, Moral Theology, Pastoral Theology, Liturgy & Canon Law, Sacred Scriptures, Hebrew & Greek, and Philosophy.

Our faculty offers a long tradition of excellence and professional care. The faculty welcomes students from different faith traditions and theology in a global way.

The aim of the faculty is to maintain a high level of theological research. Theology students graduate from courses leading to both civil and ecclesiastical academic degrees. With our stakeholders, we seek to prepare leaders in professional ethics, education, pastoral ministry, school leadership, interfaith dialogue, justice advocacy, spiritual companionship, and more.

Institutes and Centres

In addition to the Faculties, at UM we have a number of Institutes and Centres that also offer courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. We have 16 interdisciplinary Institutes and 11 Centres.

Confucius Institute

The Edward de Bono Institute for Creative Thinking and Innovation

Institute for Climate Change and Sustainable Development

Institute for European Studies

Institute for Sustainable Energy

Institute of Aerospace Technologies

Institute of Anglo-Italian Studies

Institute of Digital Games

Institute of Earth Systems

Institute of Linguistics and Language Technology

Institute of Maltese Studies

Institute of Space Sciences and Astronomy

Institute for Physical Education and Sport

Islands and Small States Institute

Mediterranean Institute

Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies

Centre for Academic Literacies and English Communications Skills

Centre for Biomedical Cybernetics

Centre for Distributed Ledger Technologies

Centre for Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation

Centre for Environmental Education and Research

Centre for Labour Studies

Centre for the Liberal Arts and Sciences

Centre for Molecular Medicine and Biobanking

Centre for Resilience and Socio-Emotional Health

Centre for the Study and Practice of Conflict Resolution

Centre for Traditional Chinese Medicine



At UM we have three Schools

The Doctoral School provides guidance and support to the thriving community of doctoral candidates and academic supervisory teams across all Ph.D. programmes. Our second School is the International School for Foundation Studies which offers a one-year bridging course open to applicants who present a high school certificate issued overseas and who have studied within an education system that is not comparable to the Maltese system in terms of curriculum and years of study. More recently, we have opened another School that deals with the performing arts. This third School seeks to integrate the interplay between the technical, artistic and critical aspects of performance within an array of theoretical contexts in contemporary and historical practices.

➤ **Doctoral School**

➤ **International School for
Foundation Studies**

➤ **School of Performing Arts**



Global Partners

Our International Office recognises the value of international cooperation and networking. We are fully aware of the importance of our participation in the international higher education sphere. In fact, over the past ten years, we have subscribed to and joined several higher education networks at both regional and international level. We have been actively participating in: Compostela Group of Universities, European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAEC), European Union Association (EUA), European University Continuing Education Network (EUCEN), International Student Exchange Programme (ISEP), RETI Network - the Excellence Network of Island Universities, SGroup-Universities in Europe of Small Countries and Territories (NUSCT), UK Naric and Utrecht Network.

Additionally to our participation in EU programmes such as Erasmus+ we have agreements with multiple international universities around the globe. We have agreements with universities in Australia (Victoria University of Technology, University of Melbourne, Canada (Bishop's University, Dalhousie University, St. Thomas University, Trent University, Huron College, University of Guelph, University of Prince Edward Island), China (Xiamen University, Japan (Akita International University, Kansai Gaidai University, Yokohama National University), and United States (Clarion University, Gardner-Webb University, George Mason University, University of North Carolina, Oakland University, Pittsburg State University). For the last ten years, we have ventured into international collaborative partnerships with US institutions such as George Mason University and James Madison University and offered collaborative masters programmes leading to dual/double degrees.



The European University of the Seas

SEA-EU is an alliance of 9 European and coastal universities with the mission to create an international and interdisciplinary European University that will enhance scientific cooperation and foster innovation and knowledge transfer.

9 countries | over 40% of the European coastline | 162,500 students | 119 independent departments | more than 17 000 academics and admins | **a SEA of opportunities**

European Universities are transnational alliances that will lead the way towards the universities of the future, promoting European values and identity, and revolutionizing the quality and competitiveness of European higher education.

As part of the European Universities Initiative, the SEA-EU alliance is one of the 64 European University Alliances that wishes to establish a distinctly international, pluri-ethnic, multilingual, and interdisciplinary European University.

The nine member universities of the SEA-EU alliance

1. University of Cadiz (Spain)
2. University of Algarve (Portugal)
3. University of Occidental Brittany (France)
4. University of Kiel (Germany)
5. University of Gdańsk (Poland)
6. Nord University (Norway)
7. University of Split (Croatia)
8. University of Naples (Italy)
9. University of Malta



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Applying to UM

Our courses at UM at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels are designed to produce highly-qualified professionals in multiple disciplines.

To pursue their studies at UM, local students require the Matriculation Certificate awarded by the MATSEC Board while international students require equivalent qualifications. We make a distinction between local and international admissions and each application is treated on a case-by-case basis. Generally, applicants in possession of qualifications that give access to recognised universities in their home country are accepted provided that these are of comparable standard to those required by UM and the course applied for does not require a special entry requirement.

The language of instruction is English. Applicants who have completed their secondary education overseas must satisfy UM's English language requirements. This can be done by presenting a Secure English Language Test (SELT) result.

A basic Foundation Studies Course enables international high school students, who have completed their secondary or high school education overseas, but who do not have the necessary entry requirements, to qualify for admission to an undergraduate degree course at UM.

Another opportunity provided by UM to apply for a course at undergraduate and taught postgraduate level is through the Recognition and Accreditation of Prior Learning (RPL).



International students

Malta is often described by our alumni and students as a place where it is easy to adapt to the local life. Although a small island, practically the same size of a European city and sometimes even smaller, it is an independent state with over 7,000 years of history.

Malta also has two sister islands: picturesque Gozo, a much smaller island with about 30,000 inhabitants, and Comino the smallest of the three with just three inhabitants and one hotel. Perhaps the beach in Comino, the Blue Lagoon, is one of the most acclaimed among the beaches of the archipelago.

Nowadays, Malta's strong economy has attracted numerous citizens from different EU countries. The Maltese are known as friendly, pleasant and sociable, making it easier for international expats to integrate with the lively Maltese community. All this happens within an ambience which is known to be one of the safest and securest in the EU.

Malta offers a variety of accommodation options for students, located around and close the UM campuses, to suit different needs and budgets. Students are free to choose the lodging which suits them best. UM students may opt to live at the University Residence or Hotel Kappara.

We have developed a structure that provides support to applicants from the pre-application stage. The website of the University of Malta is geared to provide detailed information on its course offering and all the different aspects of living and studying in Malta. Students can send their enquiries via the website itself, via email and social media channels.

Following acceptance, students are provided with information on the preparations they need to conduct before they reach Malta, the documents they will need to bring with them, the accommodation options, visa and other matters. International students are assisted throughout their stay by the International office and other University offices and facilities which work together to ensure that students have an excellent stay in Malta and are well supported to meet their academic expectations.



Student Facilities and Opportunities

We are members of multiple international networks which provide a means for cooperation and networking in the higher education sphere. The exchange programmes at UM offer both staff and students the opportunity to broaden their horizons in a number of aspects. UM participates in EU programmes such as Erasmus+ and is involved in various international exchange programmes with a number of foreign universities across the globe.

Whether you are in the mood of work, keeping fit or just want to unwind, we have a space for you. We strive to keep on improving our teaching facilities and social spaces. We are committed to giving our students an unforgettable experience.

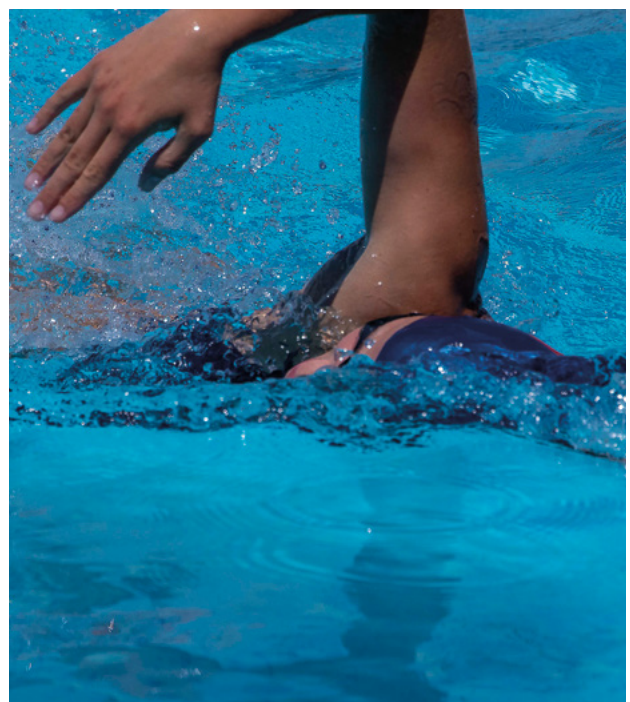


➤ When you want to find space where you can study, we provide several facilities so you can make the most of your time on our Campus. Our state of the art IT Services building contains excellent spaces that are available until late evening hours. Supported by a team of experienced technicians, our IT Services facilities include, Open Access Learning Spaces & Lab, Wireless Access & eduroam, Printing, Training Rooms and IT Support.

➤ Our Library is the only academic library in Malta and is the backbone of the diverse educational and research activities undertaken at UM as well as a crucial element in the successful intellectual and economical growth of the Maltese society at large. Through a wide array of support services offered at both the main library and its six branches, the institution provides access to state-of-the-art facilities and top-quality scholarly resources, including print and electronic collections, and develops the users' ability to effectively identify, locate, evaluate, use and synthesise information. Our library floor area is over 5,000 square metres, houses a million volumes, and close to 60,000 e-journal subscriptions are available remotely 24/7.



🔗 We also have a variety of social spaces across our Main Campus, from a fully fledged canteen to several gardens and common areas spread around the entire land surrounding the Campus. If you are a sport enthusiast you may be interested in learning more about our gym, full size Olympic swimming pool, squash courts and our university multipurpose sports hall. The sports facilities are situated with walking distance from the main quadrangle adjacent to the main road (Regional Road) leading to the University of Malta Campus. As our student you will be granted a discount on the commercial rates charged to the general public for usage of such facilities.



- ⤵ We are also proud to welcome all individuals who have access requirements because of impairment/medical condition/specific learning difficulties.
- ⤵ DegreePlus, an initiative of the University of Malta, recognises that your University years are also a time for personal growth and development. We strive to provide you with an exciting and diverse range of opportunities to help you broaden your academic and non-academic horizons. The areas covered by DegreePlus include voluntary work, entrepreneurship, sport, culture and heritage, languages, music, creative and performing arts and many more.
- ⤵ The Help Hub at the University of Malta (UM) has been set up to provide support to current students in a range of areas. This is the place that will provide you, as a UM student, with all the up-to-date information that you may require and bring close to you the full range of support services offered at UM, as well as provide easy access to the vast network of student services.
- ⤵ The Chaplaincy at the University of Malta provides spiritual support and pastoral care to staff and students, indifferent of their faith or lack thereof.
- ⤵ Our Health and Wellness Centre is an integral part of the University of Malta and offers counselling for its staff and students, and also participates in research, training and consultation.
- ⤵ A post office, an e-bike station and ATMs of different banks are also available on Campus.



Student University Residence

In October 2022, the University of Malta inaugurated its new student residential complex, Campus Hub. Located just a 2-minute walk away from the main campus, Campus Hub is a home away from home for international students. With a variety of accommodation options, including single room cluster apartments, single room shared apartments, studio apartments, twin room cluster apartments and twin room shared apartments, Campus Hub is more than just a student residence.

The Campus Hub, which is operated by a private partner, is surrounded by all the necessary amenities, such as a gym, supermarket, food and drink outlets, fashion retail outlets, laundry services, a pharmacy, a stationery, a post office and parking and bike storage. The residence also includes a pool and indoor and outdoor common spaces where students can meet up, interact and unwind. During the academic year, Campus Hub is a popular recreational spot for University of Malta students, and the outdoor common area is often bustling with activity, especially on those typical Maltese sunny days.



Student societies

The heart of the student societies is the Kunsill Studenti Universitarji (KSU). This student council is elected every year and every student has the right to elect members on the council. KSU was established by Arturo Mercieca, later Chief Justice Sir Arturo Mercieca, in 1901 as the Comitato Permanente Universitario.

Besides the centralised student council almost every Faculty, Institute and Centre have their own students' societies. All these societies are recognised by Senate and are an integral part of Campus life. These societies help other students during their academic journey and facilitate communication between students and the institution's main governing bodies. Moreover, these societies also help students to become involved in interests other than those that are purely academic and to develop a network of friends, besides broadening the outlook to life.





Services

Since 2021, the Student Recruitment Office at the University of Malta's Msida Campus has been dedicated to promoting UM's engagement with prospective applicants and fostering an active relationship with interested and current applicants. Through a variety of international student networks, social media, international study fairs, weekly information webinars, and effective communication streams, the Student Recruitment Office strives to cultivate and support our diverse international student population from the early stages of application and throughout their journey, up till enrolment on our programmes.

The team also provides various support and liaison between applicants and the respective faculties, institutes, centres and schools offering admission into their programmes. This initiative has contributed to a consistent growth pattern of 2000+ international students at UM (coming from over 120 countries), and the team works hard to provide an unforgettable and positive experience to UM's next generation of students. The Student Recruitment Office, which forms part of the Marketing, Communications and Alumni Directorate is committed to promoting and providing a fast and efficient service aimed at improving any prospective student's overall University experience.



Projects

The Transdisciplinary Research and Knowledge Exchange (TRAKE) complex, funded through the European Regional Development Fund 2014-2020, was a major capital investment project by the University of Malta. The complex has been honoured with the Industrial Excellence Award for Projects of National Impact – *Special Recognition as Innovation Catalyst* – by the Chamber of Engineers and Xjenza Malta.

The TRAKE project embodies a consolidation of the engineering facilities on campus and leverages smart specialisation strategy established by Xjenza Malta to invest in facilities that contribute to the Maltese industry at large.

In addition, the University of Malta will be able to create a more vibrant and innovative research environment, and to foster closer ties with industry through the TRAKE complex.

The University of Malta will also be launching the Sustainable Living Complex (SLC) which will provide students with a range of learning resources, such as access to online learning materials, workshops, and seminars. It will also provide students with the opportunity to engage in research and innovation activities, and to develop their skills in areas such as entrepreneurship, technology transfer, and knowledge exchange.

This state-of-the-art structure, currently under construction at the main Msida campus, is designed to provide a robust and adaptable environment for product research and development. It will comprise lecture halls, offices, and studios. Smart building technologies will bring the structure to life.

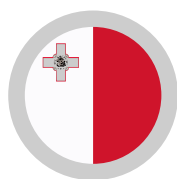
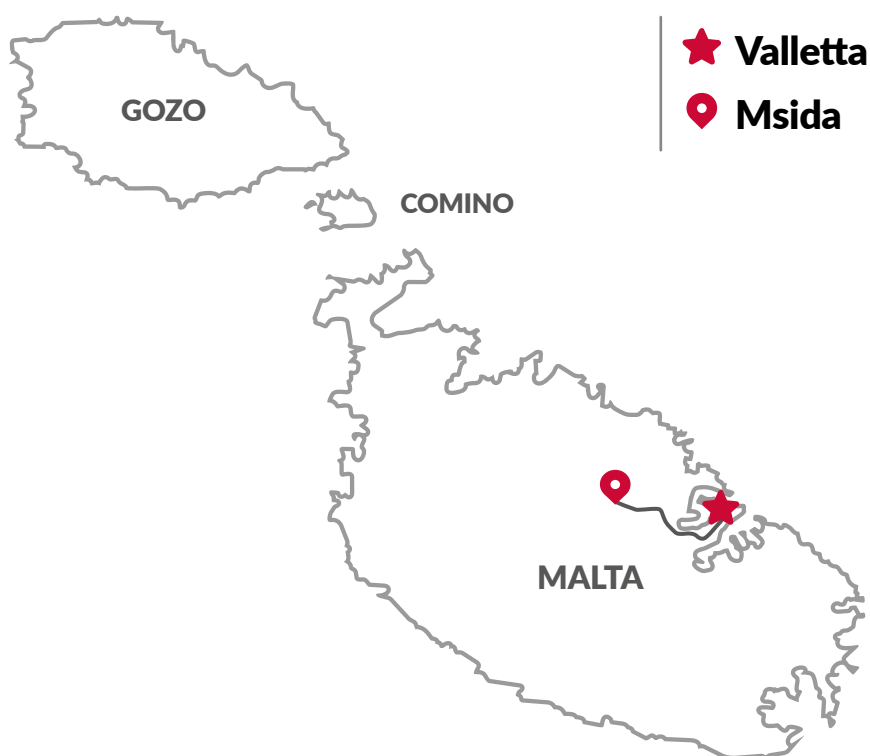
The University of Malta is an active member of the global R&I community, conducting outstanding research in various disciplines and managing an extensive portfolio (IP). Our research covers a wide range of topics, from aviation technologies to green energy, digital games, AI, biotech and pharma. We are committed to facilitating innovation and making use of research results for the benefit of the industry and the society. Our capacity for innovation and our links with other renowned innovation stakeholders allow us to advance R&I projects all the way to market application through licensing or through a spin-out, such as FLASC BV, Garland Surgical Ltd or De Novo Cell Ltd. This presents great opportunities for students to gain additional experience and to stay involved in research and innovation during, as well as after their studies, through placements, involvement in research projects and becoming part of a spin-out team.





Access to our Main Campus

Travelling from one place to another on the Maltese islands is relatively cheap, quick and easy. The main university Campus is right in the centre of Malta. Right next to the Campus and close to the main state hospital in Malta, there is a bus terminus that connects our Campus to all cities and towns in Malta. Students can also reach Campus on foot (if they live in the vicinities) or by bicycles. Although the Campus has six sizeable parking areas, students and staff are constantly encouraged to make use of alternative means of travel. Both the student organisations and the university administration take various initiatives every year to promote greener means of transport.



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