

## Some information for incoming Erasmus+ students

### - *Where we are*

The *Accademia Albertina delle Belle Arti* is located in the historical centre of Turin, via Accademia Albertina 6.

From the airport Torino Caselle there is a coach to the Porta Nuova railway station and then the buses 61 and 68.

### - *History*

Records about this institute date back to the beginning of the XVIII<sup>th</sup> Century, when a guild of painters, sculptors and architects was established in Turin. From 1652 that association became the Art Academy of the dukes of Savoy. After several changes, the institution has been newly established in 1824: in 1833 king Carlo Alberto of Sardinia donated the building still used today (hence the name "Albertina"). Aside with classrooms and laboratories there is a gallery opened to the public in 1828, with works of Italian, Flemish and European masters from XV<sup>th</sup> to XIX<sup>th</sup> Century, an historical library and a print and drawing collection. It is located within range of the mayor museums and cultural institutions of the city. In recent years, new courses – as Traditional Graphic, New Art Technologies and Art Project for Industry – have been added to the traditional departments of Painting, Sculpture, Stage Design and *Decorazione* (Wall painting).

### - *Application*

We have no dateline for **incoming applications** but the **30<sup>th</sup> of June** will be appropriate for the first semester, the **20<sup>th</sup> of December** for the second. A paper Application Form from your University is accepted together with the Learning agreement. No online registration is activated.

As for the exams, we still do not have ECTS credits: so far, our **credits** are roughly similar to the ECTS ones. 1 Albertina credit = 25 hours of work in laboratory in the technical courses (Painting etc.), or 8 hours of class lesson plus 16 hours of individual study in the theoretical courses (History of Art etc.).

Incoming students can find the names of the courses in our web page: [www.albertina.academy](http://www.albertina.academy) > *Didattica*. They can find most, but not all the programs of the courses in the page *Programmi* (they are only in Italian, sorry).

Please note that the names of the courses may vary from those indicated, since some professors are transferred at the beginning of the academic year. Of course, according to the Erasmus Student Mobility rules, students can modify their Learning agreement if they find more suitable courses. Provided their home institutes approval, students are also free to choose from the three-year BA (*Triennio*) and from the two-year MA (*Biennio*) programs.

Students can send a *curriculum* and/or a CD rom with a sample of their works, but they can also carry it with themselves in order to show them to the professors.

### - **2018-2019 Semesters**

The Academic year is organized in two semesters as you can see in our web site and in the other file attached.

The first semester will begin on the **22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2018** lasting until the **9<sup>th</sup> of February 2019**.

Please note that is quite important for the student to show up in the first week of the semester: all the professors present the programs of the whole year in a sort of "open house" lessons. Students can talk with them and refine their choices. If a student prefers the second semester only, we can help him in looking for the courses of that semester.

The *Consulta degli studenti* (Student Council) on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October can offer some counselling about the courses.

From the 18<sup>th</sup> of February to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2019 we will have an exam session with no lessons.

Holydays are on 1/11/2018, 8/12/2018, Christmas (23/12/2018 - 7/01/2019), Easter (21/4 - 27/4/2019), 25/04/2019 and May Day.

The second semester begins on the **4<sup>th</sup> of March** and ends on the **15<sup>th</sup> of June 2019**. The summer exam session starts on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. Another exam session is planned on September 2019.

### **- Housing**

In order to ask for a place at the student college incoming Erasmus students should write an e-mail to the Student Housing Agency (EDISU, Ente Diritto allo Studio Universitario): [ospitalita@edisu-piemonte.it](mailto:ospitalita@edisu-piemonte.it). They should explain they are students in Erasmus mobility in the Accademia Albertina and specify if they want a single or shared room. They will then receive a written proposal, with the specifications of the room, the total price of the stay and the address. They have to send it back via e-mail with their written approval. After that, the Agency will send a reservation the students must download, carry with themselves and show at the college reception.

Please note: students are recommended to write quite early, in order to obtain a place in the "Cavour" college, located in the city centre close to Albertina Academy. Please note that EDISU could not accept all the requests.

The EDISU application is recommended also for Erasmus students who prefer apartment accommodation: with EDISU they can obtain the student's card for the access to university cafeterias (the Albertina Academy has none) and other facilities.

As for apartment rooms in town, EDISU Agency has a dedicated office, *Sportello casa*, via Sant'Ottavio 46, near the Academy: tel. +39 011 19665102, email [torino@sportellocasapiemonte.it](mailto:torino@sportellocasapiemonte.it)

Prices range from € 250 per month for a bed in a shared room to € 450 and more for a single room: [torino.sportellocasapiemonte.it](http://torino.sportellocasapiemonte.it)

### **- Languages**

In the Albertina Academy Italian is mostly spoken. A few of us teachers speak English, French or Spanish. We do not have language courses for incoming students: it is desirable that they attend an Italian language course at home, achieving at least the level A2 CEFR, i.e. Certificate of Knowledge of Italian Language (CELI Certificato di conoscenza della Lingua Italiana) level 1, Certification of Italian as a Foreign Language (CILS Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera) level A2, or PLIDA A2 (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri).

Foreign students can apply to the *Centro Linguistico Universitario* (Language Centre of the University of Turin). Unfortunately, they cannot pass the exams nor are the

credits recognized. We are discussing a bilateral agreement to change that. Other short italian language courses (two-three weeks) are held during the year by local public services.

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