



**POLITECNICO
DI TORINO**

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KLAJDI MUSTAJ - ALBANIA
(Bachelor of Science in Automotive Engineering)

I chose the automotive engineering course because I've always been attracted to cars. Politecnico is one of the few universities that has a specific course for automotive design. The lecturers have been very interesting with a lot of class practices and laboratory courses. The teachers are supportive, offering assistance during class time as well as one-on-one consultations. The facilities are great too, especially the technological ones. There are a lot of activities in which the students can take part such as student projects related to the design, manufacturing and racing of small open wheel race vehicles driven by engine, electric motor or hydrogen propulsion. All these, joined to the career opportunities offered, made studying in Politecnico the right choice for me. Furthermore Politecnico is careful about students' economic situations and I've been sustained during these years by a scholarship. This made living here much easier. I met new people from all over the world in Politecnico and made friends with many Italian guys. Torino is a great city and it's not "big and busy" so I don't feel overwhelmed. The social life is excellent, there are many sporting opportunities and great nightlife. Moreover the people are friendly.



WELCOME TO THE POLITECNICO DI TORINO

Message from the Rector

Who we are

Ten reasons to choose the Politecnico di Torino

Dear student,

I am proud to present you the Politecnico di Torino, a leading institution in engineering and architecture studies. Our university has the highest percentage of foreign students in Italy and our degrees are internationally recognised.

Students choose the Politecnico di Torino for its reputation, for being highly selective and sometimes even “tough”. However, we do reward students for merit and we lay the foundations for their successful future careers. Students who are looking for a thorough education which is important for the job market or who are interested in research and a multidisciplinary approach will be attracted to what our university has to offer. Graduates from the Politecnico di Torino receive an education that goes far beyond technical knowledge.

You will find a multicultural study environment and the opportunity to gain work experience while still at university.

Our campuses are places where education and research combine to meet the real needs of the local area and economy and most importantly those of the students.

The “Cittadella Politecnica” campus, for instance, hosts not only classrooms, study rooms and other student services, but also advanced research centers of international companies like FCA, General Motors, Ferrari, GE-Avio, Eni Corporate, STMicroelectronics, Telecom Italia, Microsoft Italia, etc.

The Politecnico di Torino is the right choice if you are looking for quality education and at the same time for a unique experience.

Prof. Marco Gilli
Rector of the Politecnico di Torino



POLITECNICO DI TORINO



WHO WE ARE

The Politecnico di Torino is the oldest technical university in Italy. It was founded in 1859 as Scuola di Applicazione per gli Ingegneri (Technical School for Engineers) and in 1906 merged with the Museo Industriale Italiano (Italian Industry Museum) to found the Regio Politecnico di Torino (Royal Turin Polytechnic) with the aim to train engineers and architects and to promote studies and activities for industrial and business purposes. Following the model of the most important European Schools of Engineering, during the first years of the twentieth century the Regio Politecnico di Torino forged relationships both with the European scientific world and with local and national industries. In the same period the discipline of aeronautics was in its infancy and young students coming to Torino from every part of Italy found an animated and creative atmosphere, where the future was within reach. Today the Politecnico di Torino covers all the educational areas of Engineering and Architecture.



ERICK BOSSO - BRAZIL

(Double degree student - Master of science in telecommunications engineering)

Quando fui aprovado no programma MERIT - Master of Research in Information Technologies - tive a oportunidade de escolher uma entre várias universidade renomadas da Europa. O Politécnico de Torino foi a minha opção para o primeiro ano de curso, depois de uma verificação cuidadosa da reputação e da qualidade de ensino da entidade. Pude confirmar o sucesso da minha escolha logo ao chegar em Turim, uma cidade próspera, organizada e com uma desenvoltura cultural comparável a de uma grande cidade européia.

POLITECNICO IN NUMBERS/FIGURES

STUDENTS

33.242 enrolled (A.Y. 2014/15)

38% residents outside Piedmont

16% international students

5.552 first year students (A.Y. 2014/15)

523 first year international students

205 specializing Master students (A.Y. 2014/15)

73 enrolled in Lifelong Learning courses (A.Y. 2014/15)

GRADUATES 2014

I level - graduates 3.176 - Average age 24

II level - graduates 3.074 - Average age 26

Total graduates 6.250 - Average age 25

THE HUMAN CAPITAL

800 Teaching staff

850 Administrative staff



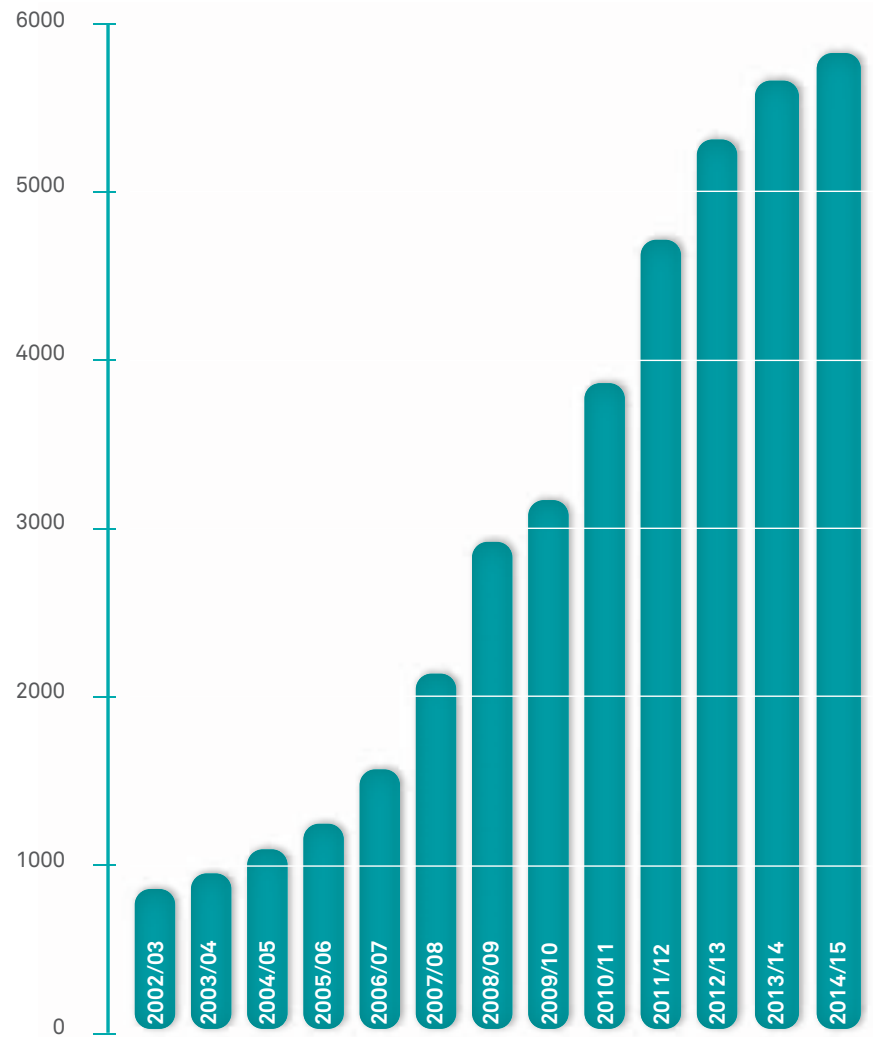
TEN REASONS TO CHOOSE THE POLITECNICO DI TORINO

1. Most degrees offered entirely through **English** (Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Specializing Master and PhD programs).
2. Excellent **internships** on offer (either in Italy or abroad) thanks to the relationship between the Politecnico di Torino and industry.
3. Study plans in collaboration with **foreign universities** (more than 400 bilateral agreements and 112 Double Degree Agreements).
4. **Global education:** about 18% of international students
5. Great **support services for international students:** help for accommodation, assistance in bureaucratic procedures, linguistic mediators.
6. **Welcome activities** for international students (orientation meeting, Italian language courses, sightseeing tours of Torino, cultural and sport activities etc.).
7. Excellent **communication:** multilingual website dedicated to international students, multilingual dedicated staff.
8. **More than 150 years of experience in Engineering and Architecture.**
9. **Prestigious and well equipped campuses.**
10. **Excellent reputation according to international rankings.**





International students







2. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Italian education system

Programs

Academic calendar

Internships and employment

THE ITALIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

Italy has adopted the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) which has the following characteristics:

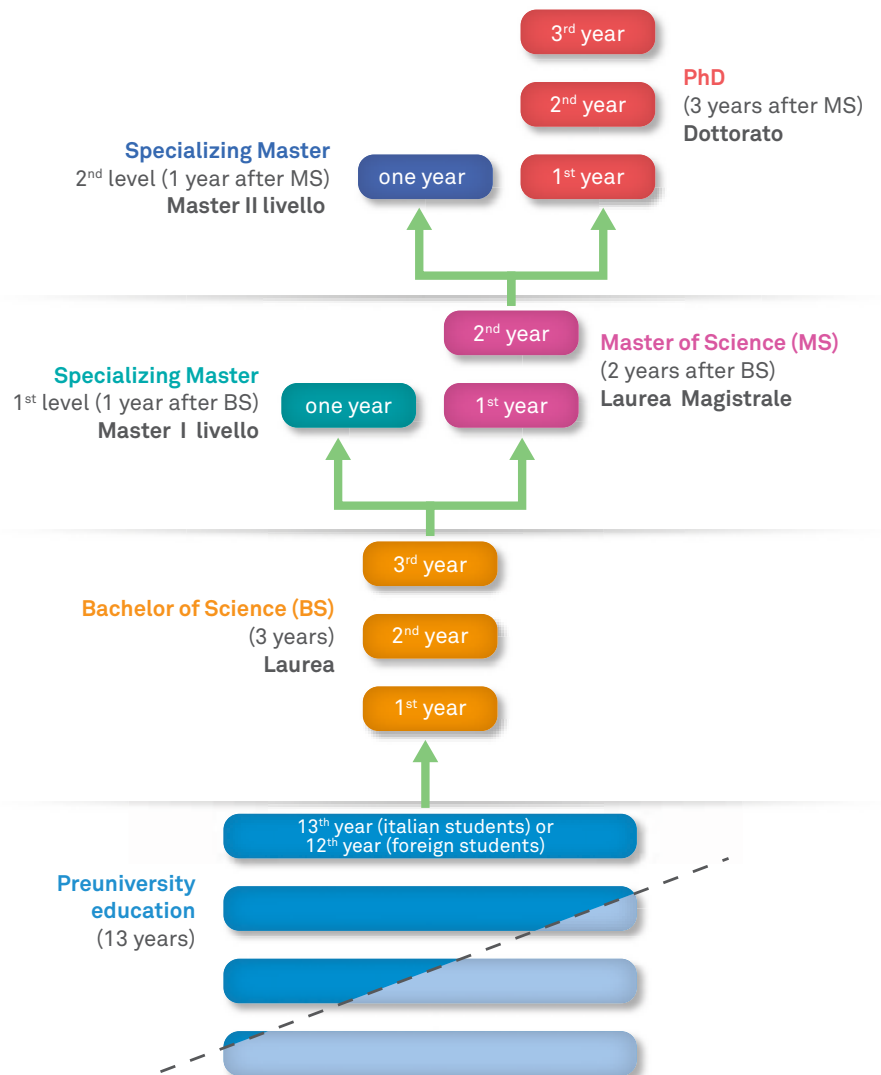
- credits represent the student's total workload (class time, individual study, exam preparation, practical work etc.), one credit is equivalent to 25 hours;
- the average full-time workload for one academic year is 60 credits which is equivalent to 1500 hours.

The 1st level degree ("laurea") is obtained after completing **180 credits**. Master of Science is obtained after completing further **120 credits**.





Italian qualifications framework



If you hold a foreign high school diploma, you must have attended school for at least 12 years in order to enter university.

PROGRAMS

22 Bachelor of Science degree programs

- 1st year in common for all the bachelor degree programs (55 credits)
- 2nd year organized by subject areas
- 3rd year of Specific courses

30 Master of Science degree programs

17 PhD programs

12 Post graduate programs

18 Programs (BS and MS level) completely taught in English

Course catalogue: http://offerta.polito.it/index_en.html

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic calendar is divided into two terms. Lectures start at the end of September and finish in mid-June. In between every term there is an exam session that lasts for about one month. Holidays are given in the following periods:

- Easter break: one week around Easter
- Christmas break: two weeks between December and January
- Summer break: one month in August





INTERNSHIPS AND EMPLOYMENT

The Politecnico di Torino is strongly linked to companies and to the business community. It helps its graduates to build up a high profile, with skills and expertise which help them to easily enter the job market and to successfully follow various career paths, in both large and small companies, as freelancers or in public entities.

The Politecnico di Torino has already signed more than 3.100 agreements with companies to allow engineering and architecture students and graduates to undergo traineeships, and every year about 3.000 students spend a training period (curricular or optional internships) in an Italian or foreign company.

As a student of the Politecnico di Torino you will benefit from a range of various placement services:

- online job and internship opportunities
- career labs
- professional orientation activities
- employers presentations
- on-Campus recruiting

The Stage & Job Office assists students and graduates entering the job market working closer with Italian and foreign companies.

ZHANG CHENMING - REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(Bachelor of science in electronic engineering)

我叫张晨明，是都灵理工大学电子工程专业。我很快适应了都灵理工的学习，现在学起来比较轻松。我此前在中国的同济大学读了一年，和中国的大学相比，我觉得都灵理工的本科课程更加重视基础学科，尤其是定理和公式的推导证明；做实验时也更加强调学生通过小组协作，独立地、创造性地完成实验。我很喜欢都灵这个城市，不仅因为她风光秀丽、环境宜人，更应为她成熟优雅、和谐舒适。都灵的美食文化，尤其是葡萄酒文化我也非常喜欢。我还是Juventus足球队的忠实球迷。我现在有几个意大利朋友，我觉得自己应该更多的融入到本地人的生活和文化的去。我现在和几个中国同学一起租住一套本地人的公寓，学习生活都很方便。我衷心地感谢都灵理工大学在学习生活各方面给我的支持和帮助，我也会努力做好中意文化交流的使者。谢谢！





3. *CAMPUS LIFE*

Facilities

Accommodation

Student Activities and Associations

Living expenses

Free Time

International students will receive help and support both in administrative and logistical matters, starting before their arrival in Italy (e.g. getting the visa, etc.).

The Department of International Affairs is located at the main entrance of Politecnico di Torino's main campus.

International students will be assisted by the Politecnico staff together with **native speaker cultural mediators** for both university and non-academic matters. In particular, the Foreign Citizens Office supports both students and foreign visitors in finding accommodation and in carrying out all the procedures to obtain a residence permit. Foreign students will also benefit from the help of the international Politecnico students who have experienced similar situations and procedures. A welcome desk is available during the month of September when the arrival of the majority of international students is expected.

FACILITIES

LIBRARIES

The Politecnico offers a library service to all registered students with a Student ID card. Libraries have over 300.000 items in stock and subscribe over a thousand periodicals a year.

For further information:

<http://www.biblio.polito.it/en/index.html>

COMPUTER LABS (LAIB) AND WIFI NETWORK

Students have the opportunity to use the computer laboratories, open an e-mail account on the server and access the WIFI wireless LAN network (<http://wifi.polito.it>).

BANKING

A branch of an international bank is located inside the Politecnico di Torino's main building. In Italy it is possible to pay by ATM, credit cards (Visa, American Express, Master Card, etc.) and cheques. They are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, railway stations, shops and supermarkets.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE

CLA (Language Centre) at the Politecnico di Torino offers all international students Italian language courses **free of charge** of different levels according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Universities for foreigners of Perugia and Siena

The two Italian universities for foreigners are public institutions specialized in teaching and research for the development and diffusion of the Italian language, literature and culture. They both offer courses in Italian Language and Culture all year long: **University for foreigners of Perugia** (<http://www.unistrappg.it/en>) and **University for foreigners of Siena** (<http://www.unistrasi.it>).





CANTEENS

A number of student canteens, open from Monday to Saturday and in turn on Sundays, are available on the Politecnico campuses. In the canteens you can have a meal in a friendly atmosphere near the place where your courses are held.

These are cafeteria-style canteens and you help yourself at the counter; usually two or three options to choose from are offered, including international and vegetarian menus.

For further information please visit:

http://international.polito.it/practical_information/canteens

PART-TIME JOBS AND OTHER SUPPORT RESERVED FOR REGULARLY ENROLLED AND DOUBLE DEGREE STUDENTS (I and II level degrees)

The Politecnico di Torino helps students by offering part-time employments (Collaborazioni part-time) within its administrative offices and departments in the different campuses during the academic year.

When you become a Politecnico student you can apply for this kind of support on the basis of academic merit and income. There is an announcement of competition twice every Academic Year.

On average the employment offered by the Politecnico involves 50 to 200 working hours and payment ranges from 9.30 to 11.40 € per hour. The Politecnico di Torino awards scholarships and prizes to the best students. The announcements of competition are published every year in this page:

https://didattica.polito.it/tasse_borse_e_premi/index_en.html

TUTORING & COUNSELLING

The Politecnico di Torino offers some services to help students:

- **counselling**

Support to students facing difficult personal circumstances (social, psychological, integration in student life...). The service is free and available to the whole student community.

- **assistance to students with disabilities**

The Politecnico di Torino is committed to improving the quality, range and coherence of day-to-day services and supports students with disabilities (e.g. service of accompanying persons to help them get to and get around campus as well as other forms of general support).

Disabled students should inform the “Ufficio Orientamento e Tutorato” of their disability before registering for the admission test or before arrival at the Politecnico. The office offers support and facilities for study and help in fulfilling administrative requirements.

MEDICAL SERVICE

In the Politecnico - Main Campus (Corso Duca degli Abruzzi) there is a FIRST AID Medical Service (Infermeria).

The immigration law requires **non-EU citizens** to take out a health insurance during their stay in Italy.

It is possible either to take out a private insurance in the home Country or, once in Italy the Generali Italia S.p.A. Insurance.

As an alternative, upon arrival in Torino, it is possible to subscribe to the Italian National Health Service .

EU STUDENTS who have an E106 FORM (statement of the original European Health card issued by their country) can access the services offered by the Italian National Health Service.

Please check the necessary requirements here:

http://international.polito.it/practical_information/health_insurance





ACCOMMODATION

Politecnico di Torino provides information to international students on the procedure to find accommodation in Torino.

Different accommodation possibilities are offered:

- Regional Agency for the Right to University Education of Piemonte (EDISU): the agency provides welfare services and grants for international and Italian students:

<http://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/>

According to merit, EDISU grants through public competitions eligible students who do not have other scholarship financial support and an accommodation in the halls of residence through public competitions

http://international.polito.it/financial_aid/edisu_piemonte_scholarships

More details concerning the EDISU benefits and the necessary documents for the application are available on this web page:

<http://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/>

- a place in a private apartment to rent and share with other tenants: through an external agency that helps students search for a long-term accommodation and that provides information and support to find a place to stay (in apartments or halls of residence).

The agency keeps a database that can also be looked up online, containing the supplies and demands received, which is updated in real time. According to the request, the student will receive an accommodation proposal.

- short-term accommodations (hostel, B&B etc.): on the “Convention & Visitors Bureau” webpage of the Torino Municipality a wide range of temporary housing solutions is offered

http://www.turismotorino.org/dove_dormire/EN/A23/

- private halls of residence: for example Collegio Einaudi

<http://www.collegioeinaudi.it/site/index.php>

or Camplus - Lingotto

<http://www.camplus.it/en>

For further information please visit:

<http://www.studyintorino.it>

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

C.U.S. Torino (Centro Universitario Sportivo) organizes sport activities for students and academic staff. Students can practice different sports, the most popular being soccer, skiing, swimming, basketball, tennis, volleyball and aerobics. All sporting events take place in the C.U.S. facilities and grounds in different areas of the city. You can find special events and activities for international students at good rates. For further information please visit the C.U.S. website:

<http://www.custorino.it>

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Leisure, theater and concerts are offered by the Politecnico di Torino at special reduced rates. Polincontri (Associazione per la cultura, lo sport, il tempo libero) is an association that organizes many cultural activities. Polincontri members have discounts in many shops, libraries and sports facilities, free access to many clubs and discounts when buying tickets for cinemas, theaters and concerts. Polincontri organizes also special events. For further information please visit:

<http://www.polincontri.polito.it>

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Politecnico supports cultural, social, recreational and sport activities proposed by its students. For this purpose, it promotes the creation of non-profit student organizations acknowledging their activities and role by offering designated spaces and resources. See the complete list of student associations:

<https://didattica.polito.it/associazioni/associazioni.html>





LAURA SANTOS - COLOMBIA

(Double degree student - Master of science in eco-efficient product design)

When I came from Colombia to the Politecnico di Torino for my Master of Science in Eco-Compatible Product Design I came looking for a higher and more specialized education as well as an international experience, but for my benefit it turned out to be so much more than that.

I found myself in a University with a multicultural atmosphere and international environment where a significant number of the students come from different parts of the world. I have had classes with students from different countries that enriched and enlarged my vision of design and helped me to look and analyse problems from different perspectives.

The university also supported me in looking for an internship in a Design studio in Turin where I had the opportunity to work in real projects and gather valuable experiences for my future professional career. Additionally when I was looking for a summer job, the University gave me the opportunity to work in the Department of International Affairs (Incoming Office) where I received the chance to work and meet a lot of great people.

In all the Politecnico di Torino gave me more that what I asked for and I have been very glad of all the opportunities that I have received constantly during the past 14 months of my experience in Italy, I must say I am very glad personally and very fond of this experience at the Politecnico di Torino.

LIVING EXPENSES

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Prices can vary considerably depending on where you live and what you buy. Tourist areas and the main cities are more expensive than smaller towns. Considering accommodation, food, telephone, local travel and leisure costs, you should plan for a monthly budget of € 600/800.

Milk	€ 1.3 / Litre
Bread	€ 2.5 - 4 / Kilo
Butter	€ 1.7 - 250 gr.
Olive oil	€ 4 - 6 / Litre
Beef	€ 10 - 19 / Kilo
Chicken	€ 9 - 12 / Kilo
Fish	€ 10 - 20 / Kilo
Rice	€ 1.7 - 2.5 / Kilo
Pasta	€ 1 - 1.5 / Kilo
Salad	€ 2 - 4 / Kilo
Potatoes	€ 1 / Kilo
Mineral water	€ 0.2 - 0.8 / Litre
Student canteens	€ 2.5 - 7
Accommodation in a private flat (shared flat)	€ 250 / 350 per month/person
Accommodation in a private flat (not shared)	€ 400 / 600 per month
Text books about	€ 300 - 400 per Academic Year
Public Transport ticket	€ 1.5 urban one-way ticket for a 90-minute trip
Cinema tickets	€ 5 - 10
Theatre tickets	€ 15 - 60
Discos	€ 10 - 20
Pizza and beer/soft drink	€ 15





TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN TURIN

If you are under 26, you can buy a monthly pass called “Abbonamento Mensile Studenti” which costs about € 21.

Other type of passes - 10 - or 12 month tickets - called “Abbonamenti” are also available.

For students who are over 26 years old different options exist.

For detailed information please visit the GTT website:

<http://www.gtt.to.it>

FREE TIME

The time has arrived to discover the environment in which you are building your future, why not choose a city with an amazingly rich past, an ancient Roman camp that has stood through every moment of history?

Torino hides priceless Egyptian treasures, Roman ruins and testimonies of its Medieval and Renaissance Ages. The city has grown even more beautiful becoming a charming contemporary city that offers a busy calendar of dates and events.

Enjoy the city of Torino and visit the website “Study in Torino”

<http://www.studyintorino.it/> designed for prospective students.

MUSEUMS

Torino takes care of more than 40 museums and art galleries and castles. You can visit these centres of culture at a discounted price with the “museum card” (for students under the age of 26 or holders of the Pyou card).

You can make the acquaintance of mummies and walk in the “suggestive room of the statues” in the Egyptian museum, considered the richest after the one in Cairo.

You can bath in the world of cinema inside the monument symbol of Turin: the “Mole Antonelliana” that hosts the cinema museum and the optical secrets of the largest industry of the world.

Other outstanding museums to visit are:

- The Automotive Museum (MAUTO) which boasts one of the rarest collections of its kind, with nearly 200 original models of 80 different makes from 1769 to the most recent prototypes.
- MAO (Museum of Oriental Art) containing one of the most important Asian art collection in Italy





- National Museum of the Italian Risorgimento is housed in Palazzo Carignano, a Baroque palace. Its thirty rooms house numerous works of art and mementoes of Italian history between 1706 and 1946. The chamber of the Subalpine Parliament and the first Italian Parliament are also to be found here.
- Regional Museum of Natural Sciences which collections includes zoology, entomology, botany, mineralogy, geology and paleontology. It houses numerous temporary exhibits and a library.
- Museum of the sacred Sindone (the cloth in which it is said that Christ's body was wrapped), inside the San Giovanni Battista's Cathedral, allows the visitors to follow an itinerary through interactive stations and multimedia systems examining finds, religious artefacts and the results of experimental research of the Shroud
- GAM housing a fascinating gallery of contemporary art and showrooms for temporary exhibitions
- Galleria Sabauda where you can admire fantastic collection of the Dukes and Kings of Savoy, Italian, Piedmontese and Flemish art
- Royal Armoury one of the richest collections in the world, inaugurated in 1837, contains many Napoleonic memorabilia and armours of the Savoy Family
- Botanical Garden containing an orangery, a hothouse and the herbarium-museum. Furthermore, it exhibits local flora, useful species and exotic rarities. The wooded area contains trees typical of the western area of the Po Valley.
- Pinacoteca Agnelli with its 'Scrigno', a container that dominates the roof-top of the building, that hosts 25 masterpieces, 23 paintings and 2 sculptures dating from the XVIIIth and the XXth century: Matisse, Canaletto, Bellotto and then Canova, Tiepolo, Renoir, Manet, Modigliani, Picasso. Below the "Scrigno", the Pinacoteca develops on other floors, where temporary exhibitions take place, as well as a center for art education, offices, a library, a bookshop.
- Juventus and Torino soccer teams museums.

For more information visit Torino Tourism Office page:

<http://www.comune.torino.it/musei/en/>

ARCHITECTURE

You can explore Torino's architectural beauty by visiting the castle of the Medieval Borgo with its exquisite gardens and artistic installations, the villas and the Palaces of the Royal Family (The Savoy), like the Royal Palace, Reggia of Venaria, the Hunting Palace of Stupinigi and the riverside residence "Castello del Valentino" (inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1997, today is the main teaching campus for Architettura), Churches like The Gran Madre in the neoclassical style, Superga where the Royal Tombs are kept and The Duomo di Torino (San Giovanni Battista's Cathedral) that hosts the sacred Sindone. Yet there is even more: modern and energy friendly buildings, like the recently opened Renzo Piano's skyscraper...

EATING OUT

The city is famous for its chocolate production, Gianduiotti chocolates are the best known but you can also find handmade pralines, chocolate creams, chocolate truffles and many others in any pastry shop.

Piemonte is also a wine producing region. You can find wine in the vineyard areas and in wine bars in Torino. In our Region there are 27.000 wine growers. The Region is home to some of the most internationally famous wines, such as Barolo and Asti Spumante.

A meeting point for new generations comes from one of the oldest traditions of Torino, the "aperitivo". Before supper you can enjoy canapés and other snacks, together with your friends.

SHOPPING

In the city center, under the porticoes you can find anything you can imagine: from important Italian fashion design shops to delicatessens, from valuable antiques to hospitable cafés. It is also possible to discover the colourful Porta Palazzo, the largest open market in Europe. In the lively via Garibaldi, the long pedestrian street in the heart of the city, you can find the best in fashion.





MARKETS AND LOCAL STREET MARKETS

You can enjoy walking among multi-coloured stalls in search of valuable antiques, exquisite artefacts and local products. Craftsmen, antique dealers and farmers, professionals and enthusiasts arrange to meet periodically in the squares of Torino.

NIGHTLIFE

Torino offers several discotheques and disco pubs for dancing until dawn and enjoying a pleasant night with friends. In the last few years the city nightclub scene has been revived: Murazzi del Po and Quadrilatero Romano host trendy haunts where art and music, food and design come together to make the night even more scintillating. Thousands of people stroll around these areas from dusk to dawn: join them to experience a lively and absorbing side of Torino.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Torino is the capital of the Italian passion for sports: skiing and football, ice-skating and boat racing. Many sports that have found room to develop here have provided Italy with great champions. It is possible to play every kind of sport from outdoor sports to water and air sports. For example you can go boat racing and see the city from an unusual Viewpoint, run through the city parks, play golf. 41% of the region is located on the imposing Alps, where you can find renowned skiing resorts, some of which hosted the 2006 Winter Olympic Games and the 2007 Universiade.

Torino has been recently nominated as European Capital of Sports 2015 thanks to its excellent credentials.

For further information please visit:

<http://www.turismotorino.org/index.aspx>

HAN JING - REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(Postgraduate professional specialising qualification in
e-business e tecnologie per la gestione d'impresa)

韩晶：我在都灵理工攻读二级硕士学位。初到这座陌生的城市时，我对一切都是一头雾水。幸亏有了老师和同学们细致入微的帮助，我的学习和生活才很快进入了正轨。在都灵理工，我感受到了一种全新的教学模式，更加面向实际应用，使我的综合素质有了很大提高。时间久了，我已经不知不觉爱上了都灵，这里有美丽的城市、热情善良的市民，舒适的生活，一流的学校，一切都是那么美好！



4. DISCOVER ITALY

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ITALY

Today Italy ranks among the 8 most industrialized countries in the world. Alongside big companies, both state-owned and private, it has developed a sound network of small and medium-sized businesses, it promotes science parks, and incentivizes basic and applied research in a great variety of fields (biology, ICT, medicine, physics, etc.).

Italy has played an important role in European higher education: it is one of the four countries that first created the “European Area of Higher Education” (Sorbonne Declaration, May 1998), thus starting the “Bologna Process”, a reform of higher education (Bologna Declaration, June 1999) which is now being implemented all over Europe.

No other country in the world has as many artistic and cultural treasures as Italy. More than half of the historical and artistic world heritage centres are in our country (UNESCO data).

Italy is a country rich in history and traditions, and its museums, cathedrals, residences, castles, archaeological sites, etc are a testament to this. Places in Italy conserve important traces of the past and the natural environment surprises the visitor with snow-capped mountains and kilometers of seashore all around the peninsula.





PIEMONTE

Piemonte is the second largest region in Italy in area, with a surface area of more than 25.000 sq. km. Piemonte borders on the west with France, on the north with Switzerland, north west with the Aosta Valley, east with Lombardia, south east with Emilia Romagna and south with Liguria.



THE CITY OF TORINO

Torino, the capital of the Piedmont region, is one of the main cultural, touristic, scientific and university centres in Italy.

Torino was the first capital of a united Italy in 1861 and today it is a city on a human scale with approximately 1 million inhabitants. Its hills, parks, gardens and four rivers make it one of the greenest cities in Europe. It is crossed by the river Po - the longest river in Italy.

It is located in the north-west of Italy, at the foot of the Alps. Torino's climate is definitely more continental than Mediterranean. The winter months bring cold, although not harsh weather and summer visitors can look forward to high, but not excessive, temperatures. Rainfall can be heavy at times, but is mostly restricted to late spring and autumn. The slogan chosen to promote the city, "**Torino always on the move**", renders perfectly the idea of a city undergoing a profound process of modernization.

Heir to a tradition which is typically industrial, as it was in the mid-nineteenth century, nowadays Torino is a worldwide point of reference for ICT technology - partly thanks to the impulse given by the Politecnico, with its establishment of research centres and its high-level training in the communications sector.

The city offers a rich calendar of events, concerts, exhibits and a great variety of sports and cultural initiatives throughout the year. We hope you can come and experience Torino for yourself!





HOW TO GET TO TORINO

- **by plane:** Torino is served by an ultra-modern airport: Caselle “Sandro Pertini”, with a capacity of over three million passengers a year. Intercontinental links are provided by Malpensa 2.000, one of Europe’s largest hubs with its 17 million passengers a year. Torino airport is located only 16 kms/10 miles north of the city centre.

Turin airport <http://www.aeroportoeditorino.it/en>

Milan airports http://www1.seamilano.eu/landing/index_en.html

- **by train:** Torino is a railway junction of national and international importance.

http://www.fsitaliane.it/homepage_en.html

- **maps:**

http://www.turismotorino.org/docs/EN/A21/getting_here/maps

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Torino has a Roman archeological site; Julius Caesar founded the city before 51 B.C.
- Torino is the fourth largest city in Italy, and the third most important financial center.
- In the eighteenth century, Torino became popular as one of the capital cities of European Baroque architecture, with its sumptuous royal residences, impressive church-domes and palaces.
- In Torino you can stroll and go shopping under 18 km of arcades. These Baroque style arcades were built so that the royal family could go out for a walk when it was raining.
- Torino's Egyptian Museum is the second most important in the world after El Cairo's one.
- Italian cinema and television come to life in Torino. The Mole Antonelliana, symbol of the city, houses the National Museum of Cinema.
- The city has a long tradition of producing fine chocolate, Gianduiotti chocolates are the tempting symbol of the city.
- Torino is the capital of Italy's car industry: Fiat, nowadays FCA, was founded here in 1899.
- Torino hosted the 2006 Winter Olympics and the 2007 Universiade.





JULIEN COLLINET - FRANCE
(Erasmus student)

J'ai décidé d'étudier au Politecnico car ma faculté d'origine ne présentait que trois établissements et après avoir parcouru les sites web de chacune des écoles, mon choix s'est orienté vers le Politecnico di Torino.

Au Politecnico j'ai réalisé une "Laurea specialistica in ingegneria informatica" pour valider mon Master 2. Je suis resté à Torino pendant neufs merveilleux mois.

J'ai découvert une splendide ville du nord de l'Italie avec une culture très riche. Le Politecnico rassemble des étudiants de toute l'Italie et du monde entier ce qui permet de connaître encore plus de cultures et coutumes traditionnelles.

Les aspects les plus importants de mon expérience à Torino sont l'ouverture d'esprit vis-à-vis du monde qui nous entoure grâce à la culture et les rencontres le tout dans un cadre studieux où les connaissances d'ordres générales et techniques sont améliorées.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 1st

New Year's day

APRIL 25th

Anniversary of the Liberation of Italy

MAY 1st

Labour Day

JUNE 2nd

Republic Day: Birth of the Italian Republic, 1946

JUNE 24th

Torino Patron Saint's festival

AUGUST 15th

Assumption Day

NOVEMBER 1st

All Saints

DECEMBER 8th

Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER 25th

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 26th

St. Stephen's Day



well

... n. dam across river to retain
or regulate flow. [OE]
/wiəd/ colloq. queer, uncanny, supernatural;
connected with fate; the **welch** sisters the
Fates, witches. [OE, = destiny]

welch var. of **welsh**
saying 'welcome' to England, etc.). 2 n.
(*welcome home*, to England, etc.). 2 n.

welcome /'welkəm/ 1 int. of greeting
saying 'welcome' to England, etc.). 2 n.
(*welcome home*, to England, etc.). 2 n.
tion. 3 v.t. receive with signs of pleasure.
4 a. that one receives with signs of pleasure.
come guest, news); predic. ungrudgingly
permitted to do thing or given right to
thing, acquitted of obligation for favour
etc. (you're *welcome* to use my car or to
the use of it). 5 **make welcome** receive
hospitably; **outstay** one's **welcome**
stay too long as visitor. **welcome** receive
welcome one's **welcome** receive
[OE] **weld** 1



5. A SHORT SURVIVAL DICTIONARY ENGLISH-ITALIAN

GENERAL SENTENCES...

Can you help me?	Può aiutarmi?
Do you speak English?	Parla inglese?
I don't understand	Non capisco
I don't know	Non lo so
I am hungry	Ho fame
I am thirsty	Ho sete
I am tired	Sono stanco
I am lost	Mi sono perso

GREETINGS AND PRESENTATION...

Hello	Ciao
Good Morning	Buon giorno
Good Evening	Buon pomeriggio
Good Night	Buona notte
Goodbye	Arrivederci
Please	Per favore
Thank you	Grazie
I am sorry	Mi dispiace
Excuse me	Mi scusi
How are you?	Come va?
Fine, thank you	Bene, grazie
Not too good	Non troppo bene
What's your name?	Come ti chiami?
My name is...	Mi chiamo...
Where are you from?	Da dove vieni?
I am from...	Vengo da...
How old are you?	Quanti anni hai?





ORIENTATION...

Where is ...	Dov'è ...
the post Office?	l'ufficio postale?
the toilet?	il bagno?
the town centre?	il centro?
the train station?	la stazione?
the airport?	l'aeroporto?
the bank?	la banca?
the hotel?	l'hotel?
the youth hostel?	l'ostello?
the hospital?	l'ospedale?
the police station?	la polizia?
the embassy?	l'ambasciata?
How much is a ticket to...?	Quanto costa un biglietto per...?
Where does this bus / train go?	Dove va questo autobus / treno?
Does this bus train stop at ..?	Si ferma a...?
Turn left	Gira a sinistra
Turn right	Gira a destra
Straight ahead	Sempre dritto
Go back	Torna indietro
Stop	Fermati
I need to go to...	Devo andare a...
How much to go to ..?	Quanto costa fino a ...
This is my passport /	Questo è il mio passaporto /
identity card / residence permit	carta d'identità / permesso di soggiorno

AT THE RESTAURANT...

I would like to order...	Vorrei ...
The bill please!	Il conto per favore.
Can I pay with a credit card?	Posso pagare con la carta di credito?
A table for two, please	Un tavolo per due, per favore.
What can you recommend?	Che cosa potete consigliarci?
I think you've made a mistake...	Penso ci sia un errore...

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<http://international.polito.it/>

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