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University Information Sheet

Part A:

A.1- Brief description of your university: (history, main activities, number of students, courses offered, etc).

The University of Bologna was probably the first University in the western world. The institution that we today call the University began to take shape in Bologna at the end of the eleventh century, when masters of Grammar, Rhetoric and Logic began to devote themselves to the law. In the nineteenth century a committee of historians, led by the famous Italian poet Giosuè Carducci, attributed the birth of the University to the year 1088.

In the 14th Century, so-called "**artists**" - scholars of Medicine, Philosophy, Arithmetic, Astronomy, Logic, Rhetoric, and Grammar - began to collaborate with the **school of jurists**. In 1364, the teaching of Theology was instituted.

In the 15th Century **Greek** and **Hebrew** studies were instituted, and in the 16th Century those of "natural magic", that is, **experimental science**. In the 16th century the first studies of plastic surgery were performed in Bologna. But the golden era of Bolognese **Medicine** flourished in the 17th Century, when the microscope was employed for anatomical research.

The University's fame had spread throughout Europe and it was a destination for many illustrious guests. In 1888 the **eighth centennial** of the University was celebrated, with a grand ceremony where all the universities of the world convened in Bologna to honour the mother of universities, representing their common roots and ideals of progress and tolerance. The ceremony became an international festival of studies.

The Magna Charta

On 18 September 1988 in Bologna's main square (Piazza Maggiore), the Rectors of 430 universities signed the Magna Charta Universitatum Europaeum. The Magna Charta, which has since been signed by another 400 Rectors, affirmed the autonomy of the University, the essential link between teaching and research activities which transcend the limits imposed by "any geographical or political border". The signing took place as part of the ninth centennial of the University of Bologna, which was formally recognised as the Alma Mater of all universities.

The new campuses

Since 1989 until now, the Alma Mater has carried out the largest decentralisation programme in the history of Italian universities, establishing new **University Campus branches** in four towns in Romagna - Cesena, Forlì, Ravenna and Rimini. In 1998 the University also inaugurated a branch in Buenos Aires.



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Reform of the European Univeristy System reform

On 19 June 1999 in the Aula Magna of the University of Bologna, 29 European Ministers of Higher Education signed the so-called **Declaration of Bologna**, which defines the "most relevant objectives for the creation of a European Area of higher education" and the promotion of this system in the world.

To meet these objectives European Union members must restructure their university systems by 2010, following the guidelines known as the **Bologna Process**.

Courses and enrolments

More than 100,000 students are enrolled at the University of Bologna, making our University one of the largest in Italy. Between Bologna, Forlì, Cesena, Rimini, Ravenna, Cesenatico, Faenza, Coviolo, Ozzano, and Imola there are over half a million square metres of floorspace for teaching and extra-curricular activities.

The 23 Faculties offer 143 first cycle degree courses, 98 specialised degree courses, and 9 European specialisation courses.

The number of University Master's degrees grows each year: there are 90 currently active involving 700 instructors in high-level academic activities and contact with the professional world. Attention to **career opportunities** for future graduates has led the University to stipulate over 3500 agreements with businesses and public organisations thanks to which some 13000 students carry out a period of training in the working world each year.

International Mobility

According to a recent report by the National Committee for the Evaluation of the University System, the University of Bologna is today the most internationalised of all Italian universities.

The number of foreign students regularly enrolled is 3600, while another 1500 arrive every year on international mobility programmes such as Erasmus and Overseas. The number of students of the University of Bologna who go abroad on exchange programmes or on study grants is more than 2,300.

A.2- Contact person for Al Idrisi in your university: (name and email)

Part B:

Name of the University	UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
Websites	



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- General Website	http://www.eng.unibo.it	
- Website with specific information for Al-Idrisi applicants	http://www.eng.unibo.it/PortaleEn/Students/International+Students/ScholarshipsFellowships/Erasmus_MundusAction2_.htm	
Academic calendar (lecture periods)		
- Link to academic calendar	http://www.eng.unibo.it/PortaleEn/Students/Exams+and+Lesson+timetable/default.htm	
- Lecture periods		
first term 2011/2012 (winter term)	start date: 15/09/2011	end date: 31/01/2012
	registration session / periods: sept/october	
	examination period(s): 31/01/2012-28/02/2012	
second term 2011/2012 (summer term)	start date: 15/02/2012	end date: 31/05/2012
	registration session / periods: January	
	examination period(s): 31/05/2012-31/06/2012	
Admission and registration		
- Exchange students (credit transfer, non degree seeking)		
undergraduate	registration deadline	first term: 30/07/2011
		second term: 30/11/2011
	contact information	Diri.ecw@unibo.it



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master	admission deadline	May 2011
	registration deadline	September/October 2011
	contact information	Diri.ecw@unibo.it
doctorate	admission deadline	September 2011
	registration deadline	December 2011
	contact information	Diri.ecw@unibo.it
- Degree seeking students (full programmes)		
master	admission requirements	- Bachelor's degree: minimum of 180 ECTS granting access to graduate studies at the home university. – Pre-selection by the programme coordinator at Unibo - Selected candidates will have to apply for the DECLARATION OF VALUE and at the Italian Embassy in their country.- any further requirement depends on the specific programme
	admission deadline	May 2011
	registration deadline	September/October 2011
	contact information	Diri.ecw@unibo.it
doctorate	admission requirements	- Master's degree: minimum of 180+120 ECTS granting access to PhD studies at the home university. – Pre-selection by the programme coordinator at Unibo (i.e.: Approval of research plan by PhD programme coordinator)- Selected candidates will have to apply for the DECLARATION OF VALUE and at the Italian Embassy in their country.
	admission deadline	June/September 2011
	registration deadline	November 2011
	contact information	Coordinator of each PhD programme
Course information websites		
- Undergraduate studies	http://www.eng.unibo.it/PortaleEn/Academic+programmes/Teachings/default.htm?tab=Facolta	
- Master programmes	http://www.eng.unibo.it/PortaleEn/Academic+programmes/Teachings/default.htm?tab=Facolta	
- Doctorate programmes	http://www.unibo.it/Portale/Ricerca/Dottorati+di+ricerca/default.htm	



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Language requirements		
- Language of instruction A:	language	Italian
	required level	B1
	accepted certificate(s)	PLIDA CELI/other certificates might also be accepted
- Language of instruction B:	language	English
	required level	B2
	accepted certificate(s)	TOEFL/IELTS/ other certificates might also be accepted
Student and welcome services		
- Link to student guide	http://www.eng.unibo.it/PortaleEn/Student+Guide/default.htm	
- Estimated living expenses	Approximately 800-900 EURO PER MONTH (from 300 to 500 for accommodation)	
- Housing	housing assistance (yes/no/type)	WE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND COUNSELLING IN FINDING A ROOM IN THE PRIVATE MARKET



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	link to housing information	www.sais.ceur.it
- Facilities for students with special needs	(Yes/ No) If yes, please explain Yes we have a service dedicated to students with special needs	
- Welcome event / orientation week	Welcome day organised in september	
- Language course(s)	before the study periods	September and January www.cilta.unibo.it
	during the study periods	October www.cilta.unibo.it
International Office / Student Service Center / Visitor Service		
- Mailing address	Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Coordination Unit, Area Relazioni Internazionali, via zamboni 33, 40126 Bologna Italy	
- Contact persons	for incoming students	diri.ecw@unibo.it
	for outgoing students	diri.ecw@unibo.it
	for incoming staff	diri.ecw@unibo.it
	for outgoing staff	diri.ecw@unibo.it