
Università della Svizzera italiana and Lugano, an ideal setting

USI. Create freely, act responsibly.

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI – www.usi.ch) is one of the 12 certified public universities in Switzerland. It is structured around five faculties several institutes, and is active in several study and research areas, among which: architecture, communication sciences, computational science, data science, economics, health studies, humanities, informatics, law, medicine and biomedicine.

USI is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take centre stage, and where our researchers can count on having the space to freely pursue their initiative.

Around 2800 students and about 800 professors and researchers, hailing from over 100 countries, convene every day on the three campuses in Lugano, Mendrisio and Bellinzona. The relatively small size of the campuses encourages the free flow and open exchange of ideas within the academic community. USI encourages faculty, students and researchers to develop their potential, and appreciates their curiosity and willingness to experiment with new ways of thinking, learning, teaching and working.

Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness and responsibility.

Based on these values and its natural function as a bridge between continental Europe and the Mediterranean, since 2017 the Middle East Mediterranean Freethinking Platform (MEM) at USI has been encouraging public debate and raising awareness and fostering in-depth analysis of the current situation in the Middle East and the broader Mediterranean region. (www.usi.ch/it/mem).

1445 hailing from the Middle East Mediterranean are currently enrolled at USI, representing 29 countries. Specifically, 69 students come from the Southern shore of the Mediterranean (18 countries represented) and 1376 from the Northern shore (11 countries represented).

Lugano, an ideal setting

Swiss traditions of tolerance and neutrality make Lugano the perfect setting for an open dialogue. Situated in Southern Switzerland – at the heart of Europe – Lugano is a natural bridge between the Mediterranean and Continental Europe. The city is located just one hour away from Milan, Italy, and its international airports, a 2 hour train ride from Zurich, and just 20 minutes from its own small airport by taxi. The picture-perfect city, a major center for tourism, trade and culture, is known for its unique combination of Swiss nature and Latin culture. The city center of Lugano is pedestrian-friendly, with an accessible historic downtown and lakeside walks, surrounded by mountains. Università della Svizzera italiana is located a convenient 10 minute walk from the city center or 2 minutes by bus.

For detailed information on the Lugano region:

www.luganoregion.com/media/883831/media-kit-72-dpi-en.pdf