

## Università degli Studi di Padova



Master's degree ICT Internet Multimedia Engineering

# Some background on the Italian University system

Attending lectures, booking exams





- In Italy, lectures at Public Universities are public events
- Everyone can attend for free, open doors

 However, limitations exist for personal safety: this is specially true with covid19





#### Online lectures

- We guarantee you to attend lectures, but not necessarily in the classroom
- If #attendees > classroom size (may be small due to covid19) some people will be requested to go home and attend online
- There is no limit to the online attendance





#### Course selection

- You must have received a request to choose what courses you plan to attend
- Deadline is September 16 (not a very hard/limiting deadline)
- This is primarily for monitoring covid19
- You are allowed to change your mind later (but we ask you not to do this too often)





#### Uniweb account

- The university is late in sending to you all the credentials to access the course selection and the exam booking platform (called UNIWEB)
- We solicited, you should receive it soon
- Still, making a late selection does not prevent you to attend lectures





- Giving exams is detached from attending lectures: they are separate activities
  - you are allowed to sit for a test even if you did not attend any lecture before
  - and you are of course allowed to attend lectures but not to show up on the exam's day
- Despite the separation of exams / lectures, attending classes is highly recommended
- Some courses have homework / projects





## Booking exams

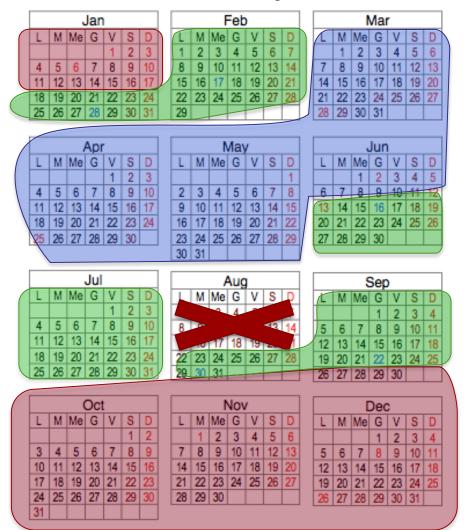
- You must plan your exam calendar by making reservations of exams
- Professors will plan some dates where they are offering the test to the student
- In Padova, they are at least 4 per year
- You must book yourself on the university system to take the test on that date





#### Academic calendar

## academic year



1<sup>st</sup> semester

2<sup>nd</sup> semester

**Exam sessions** 

Watch out for national holidays!





### Finalizing exams

- If you fail an exam, you are allowed to retake it as many times as you want
- Or you can change subjects (as long as you reach the credits needed to graduate)
- And you can even retake an exam even if you passed it but the mark was low
  - After the exam, you will be asked if you like the grade you got or not





#### Semesters

- Lectures are split through two semesters: try to balance, the ideal workload is 30 ECTS credits per semester
- This has limited effect on the choice of the final exam date – clearly it is advisable to take the test at the end of the course
- Given that this year many lectures will be recorded and put online, there is flexibility





#### Credit transfer

- MIME program is 120 ECTS credits
- Ideally, this is combined with an Italian Bachelor degree of 180 ECTS credits
- So if you come from a Bachelor degree with more credits than that, or you have other past activities, you are eligible for credit transfer up to 30 credits
- It is important that you ask for it asap