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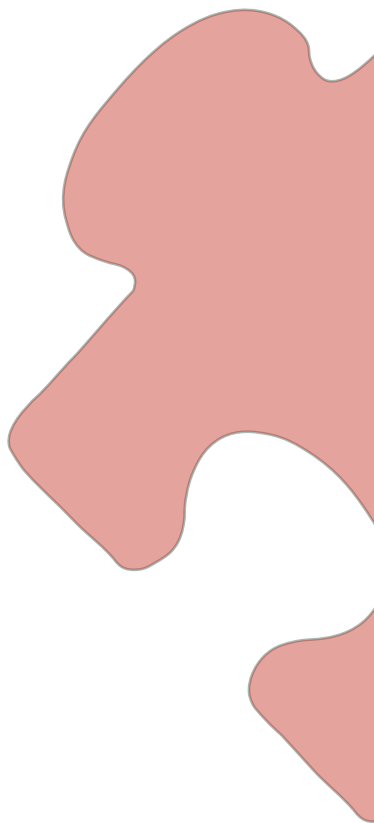
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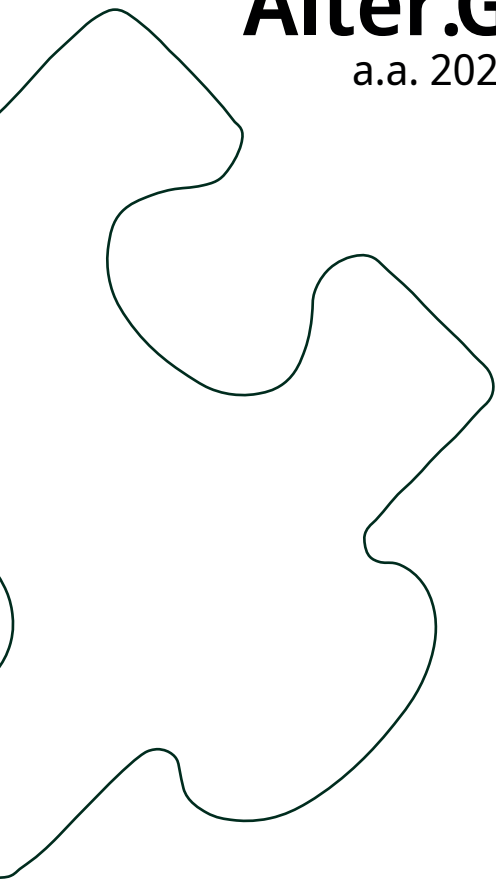


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1. Why this guide

Alter.POLIS is a student union, operating in the Politecnico di Torino since 2012, created to represent a new reality of commitment and participation. Shortly after our foundation, we decided to run as students' representatives and, as of today, we have reached the absolute majority of representatives.

Being representatives means making the students' voices heard on many issues that concern the collectivity: teaching regulations, tuition, the management of internal spaces, the financial report of the Politecnico. We have been producing this mini-guide since 2013, updating it from year to year, to make all the more "technical" aspects of life at the University more accessible.

It is a "handbook" that summarizes everything you need to know to orient yourself at the Politecnico and in EDISU (Regional Body that deals with the Right to Education in Piedmont): an aid aimed, above all, at the freshmen, but which we hope will be useful to all students.

Beware: Alter.GUIDA does not replace the guides of Politecnico and EDISU but summarizes the most used information.

The digital version of Alter.GUIDA is available on www.alterpolis.it

2. Enrolled, now what?

Each university student must follow the lessons of their course and take the exams at the end of the lessons or in any subsequent exam session. The lessons to be followed are indicated in the APSP (Annual Personal Study Plan), which you can see on the homepage of the Teaching portal.

Some suggestions:

- download the official **app of PoliTo**. Attention: the app is intended only as support, and DOES NOT completely replace the portal.
- Visit the **Teaching portal** and the institutional email every day.
- Download Telegram, an app similar to WhatsApp, now standard at Politecnico as a tool for exchanging messages and sharing material.



2.1 WiFi

Two WiFi networks are available at the University:

- **The University WiFi network** (polito) can be accessed using your registration number and the portal password. You can connect by entering your username: s123456@studenti.polito.it (replace 123456 with your registration number) and your portal password.
- **The Eduroam WiFi network** is an international WiFi service for university students and workers in the field of research and education. The access credentials are the same as those of the University WiFi network. You can also use them in other universities or research institutions... very useful for studying with a friend from Unito or other universities!

2.2 How to exchange information and materials

Through the portal, you can view all the materials uploaded by your teacher. For the "peer" exchange, however, the Telegram app is now fully asserted. It is an app similar to Whatsapp with features suitable for exchanging files, documents, and notes. Furthermore, it does not have a limit in the number of group-participants, so even the largest classes can have a chat (all the first-year class groups have a number that is too high for WhatsApp group chats).

On Telegram, you can enter groups by typing a keyword in the search bar or clicking on links. First of all,

we suggest you join the @infopolito group, a free space for discussion and coordination between students, managed by our representatives.

2.3 Courses' Telegram groups

To reach the groups of the courses on telegram you can use bots, or automatic responders programmed by some computer science students, who will list the available groups. We mention the main ones:

- **@primoanno_bot** (to talk to the bot you need to write its name in the Telegram search bar) which contains references for the groups of all the first-year courses in Engineering, Architecture, and Design. With the first-year groups, you can stay up to date with your group class and see the many materials uploaded previously. We also recommend that you join the **@matricolepolito** group.



- **@PoliToGruppiBot**, a container of all the groups of the courses of the Politecnico, refers to other bots relating to the individual courses. It may be helpful to contact him already in the first year if you want to start chatting with some students of your course or perhaps from subsequent years.

- There are many other bots for individual courses, such as **@inginf_bot** and **@gestionalepolito_bot**.
- If any group is missing, it is necessary to create it! To spread it (and to avoid duplicates), it is a good idea to report the link to the student programmer of the bots, who are always available to add new groups. For doubts and questions of didactic/general nature, you can use **@infopolito**.

2.4 How to access the main services

- **Computer laboratories:** computer laboratories are generally open to all students unless they are used for lessons or didactic/research activities. If you have any doubts, ask the manager of each laboratory at the entrance.
- **Canteens:** the canteens of the Poli / EDISU (Regional Body for the Right to University Education) are open to all students for lunch and dinner. In the canteens, it is possible to eat a full hot meal at subsidized prices based on your ISEE. For more information read chapter 5.
- **Printing and plotting:** in many of the computer labs (ex.: LAIB in the Sede Centrale) printing A4 and A3 black and white documents is free, as long as you bring your paper. If you need help, ask the manager at the entrance to the laboratory. For color prints, plots, and large

formats, you must have "printing credits" provided by the professors. Attention: the rules to access the labs are the same as above.

- **Libraries:** Politecnico has many libraries. The two main ones are the Biblioteca Centrale di Ingegneria (Sede Centrale) and the Biblioteca Centrale di Architettura (Valentino). All loans are free. In addition, each Department has its own library. If you need manuals for exams or in-depth studies, you'd better look in these libraries before buying.

- **Bike parking:** to access the bike's "anti-theft" cages, just bring the SmartCard and use it on the reader at the entrance.

- **Transport:** to subscribe to the GTT subscription you can use the e-commerce gtt.to.it (recommended procedure) or go to one of the service centers (eg: Porta Nuova). **Reminder:** before buying the GTT subscription, do the ISEE: by doing so, you may have access to discounted rates. **Reminder 2:** do not throw away the receipt: Poli will refund you part of the subscription cost (chapter 5). **Reminder 3:** the SmartCard of the Politecnico is also a "Bip card" (integrated Piedmont ticket), which can be used to upload the bus pass. If you upload the season ticket onto the Polito smart-card, once activated in the GTT office, you can buy tickets and season tickets directly online or at any metro station, without queuing up at the GTT.

2.5 Regulations and guides

In addition to the statute and general regulations of the Politecnico, three documents contain a lot of helpful information that we suggest you consult if necessary:

The Student Guide with all the information relating to teaching and career; <https://didattica.polito.it/guida/2022/en>

- **The Academic Calendar** (opens by clicking on "Calendar" in the Student Guide menu);

The Tuition Fees Guide (formerly the Tax Guide) which explains how much tuition each student must pay; https://didattica.polito.it/tasse_riduzioni/en/tuition_fee_guide_2022_2023

You can also count on:

- **This small booklet**, which concisely summarizes all the most commonly used information, and can also be helpful for just learning a bit of nomenclature and being able to learn more about the guides;

- **The "Ticket" section** of the teaching portal, where you can find hundreds of questions/answers, and, if you are not satisfied, you can contact an official from the Student Offices;

- **The student representatives:** talking to us representatives is very useful: first of all, we can provide you with support on career rules, the tax system, canteens and the right to education (or you can contact the Student Offices if what you are looking for is a procedure to be carried out at the desk); moreover, by contributing to compose the bodies that define the regulations, we can take action if corrections or improvements at the organizational level are necessary! Many of the rules of Politecnico as you know them now are the result of numerous changes, mainly carried out by our representatives. A clear example is the mid-term exam sessions in November and April for those who have acquired the attendance of all the courses, obtained after years of battles in the University governing bodies.

2.6 What if I have any problem?

In general, our representatives are always available, even to advise on who to contact or support you, if you feel you have not received fair treatment. In the University there are also many interlocutors you may need:

- Doubts/information on teaching, fees, career: **Student Offices and/or student representatives.**
- If you think some rules/procedures are not working well and you want to propose changes: **students' representatives.**

- Carrying out procedures on the Teaching portal or problems with procedures: **Student Offices**.
- Situations of serious economic hardship (e.g. : the ISEE situation is not consistent with the real ability to pay): **Student Offices**.
- Problems or information on EDISU Scholarships / Canteens / Residences: **Telegram group Info Borsisti EDISU Piemonte** t.me/InfoBorsistiEdisuPiemonte (more information is in chapter 5)
- Discrimination based on ethnicity, religion, personal and political beliefs, conditions of disability, age: The Equality, **Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Committee (CUG)**
- Sexual and moral harassment or discriminatory behavior: **Confidence Counselor**
- Unfair behavior on the part of teachers: **students' representatives and/or The University Student Ombudsman**

Contacts:

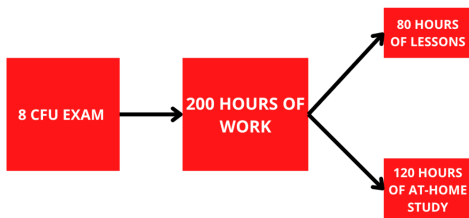
Student representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alter.POLIS mail: collettivo.alterpolis@gmail.com "InfoPolito" group: https://t.me/infopolito Full representatives' list: on the Teaching portal, on the menu on your right
Student Offices	<p>Via "Ticket": Teaching Portal -> Ticket</p> <p>Via desk: didattica.polito.it/segreteria/contatta/en/</p>
EDISU representatives	<p>Telegram Group Info Borsisti Edisu Piemonte t.me/InfoBorsistiEdisuPiemonte</p>
The Equality, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Committee (CUG)	cug@polito.it
The University Student Ombudsman	garante.studenti@polito.it
Confidential Counselor	consigliera.fiducia@polito.it

3. Basic Information

What's a CFU? How's the academic year divided at the Politecnico? How many exams will I have to pass? How many chances do I get? In this paragraph we try to answer these and other questions:

3.1 CFU

CFU is the acronym of Credito Formativo Universale (Universal Formative Credit) and is **equivalent to 25 hours of commitment**. Right now, in Polito, those are divided into 10 hours of lessons and 15 hours of individual study. The study hours are estimated, no one will keep tabs on how much time you study at home.



The lessons are divided into modules of an hour and a half each. Every week you should attend:

- For a **6 CFU** course, 3 modules (4.5 h)
- For an **8 CFU** course, 4 modules (6 h)
- For a **10 CFU** course, 5 modules (7.5 h)

This is not an exact science, but as a general rule, the

more CFU a course has, the more difficult it will be.

3.2 Study Plan and Career Plan

The study plan is the set of all the exams that make up your university path, from the beginning to graduation. It is defined by the **Collegio del Corso** (a body in which there are also representatives of the students) and is the same for all students of the course.

In the study plans, the exams are divided over 3 years for the three-year degree and 2 years for the master's degree (corresponding to the legal duration of the two courses). In reality, everyone goes at their own pace: in a certain year you may not be able to take all the exams required or you may be able to give more.

The study plans are not fixed in all their parts: they often provide for choices between two or more exams (the so-called "free choice credits") or other customizations. Each student at the beginning of each year is therefore required to fill out the APSP, which collects all the exams that you intend to give during the academic year. The career plan is essentially the customized version of the study plan.

Although the career plan covers the entire path, it can be changed yearly. For freshmen, it is filled in automatically.

View the study plan: you can view the study plan of your course on this page: "http://didattica.polito.it/pls/portal30/sviluppo.offer_formativa.lauree?p_tipo_cds=1&p_Lista=T&p_lang=IT", by clicking on it above and after on the "study plan" on the left menu.

Consult your study plan: teaching portal, online students offices' section, data consultation, address update, access, and APSP.

3.3 APSP

At the beginning of each academic year, you have to fill in the APSP, or choose the exams you intend to take during the year from the career plan. If you are a freshman, your APSP is standard and is done automatically. **From the following year, however, you will have to do it yourself.**

The Politecnico allows you to upload up to 80 CFU (net of some small exceptions) for full-time enrollment and a half for part-time enrollment. Exams not taken during the academic year just ended remain in the ASPSP until the time of recording the grade in the electronic booklet.

How to deepen?

Student guide -> Personal study plan and APSP

3.4 Years of Attendance

At the University there are no freshmen, but the Politecnico bureaucratic authorities refer to them as "students in the first year of enrollment" or "students in the first year of attendance" (also applies to the second, third, fourth ...).

Unlike high school, the calculation of the years always starts from when you enrolled, and is not based on the exams you pass.

For example, even if you do not pass any exams, next year, you will be considered a sophomore.

This clarification is very important: you will find the wording "students in that year" many times in the regulations of Politecnico and EDISU, and it must be interpreted in the right way.

In general, at the university, there is no clear-cut exam-year distinction, because it depends on how many exams you pass and how you complete your study plan.

3.5 Exam sessions

From this academic year, **the times in which to take exams will be 3 + 2 as specified below**, which are called exam sessions:

- Winter session (January-February)
- Mid-term session (October and November)
- Summer session (June-July)
- Mid-term session (March-April)
- Autumn session (September)

Each attempt to take an exam is called an exam date. In each normal session, there are one or more exam dates, for a total of 4 ordinary dates per year for each course. The number of dates and sessions and their placement in the academic calendar is established by the Academic Senate.

- **In the winter session**, you will have 2 dates to take the exams you have just taken (those of the first period) and 1 attempt to take the other exams.
- **In the summer session** you will have 2 dates to take the exams you have just taken (those of the second

period), and 1 attempt to take the other exams.

- **In the autumn session**, you will have 1 date for each exam.

You can take the exams for all the courses you have in the APSP. The autumn session in September is "halfway" in two years, but, formally, it is considered in the ending year. So, in September, you can take the exams of your old APSP.

You will ask yourself: in the winter session what is the point of having an exam date for the exams of the second period, given that the second period has not even started yet? This session is useful if you took the exam the year before and have not yet passed it.

Mid-term exam sessions

The mid-term sessions (October / November and March / April) are currently reserved for students who have acquired the frequency of all the courses included in their career plan, net of the final exam and any internships, or have entered into the APSP at least once all courses. In October / November and March-April, you will have only one date available for a maximum of two exams of your choice from among the courses held in the previous semester.

As representatives of Alter.POLIS students, we have been fighting for years for the introduction of new exam sessions at the Polytechnic. As previously specified, at the moment they have been approved with severe limitations, therefore we are still one of the universities that

has fewer appeals throughout Italy. Having only 3 ordinary exam sessions, of which only 2 close to the lessons, is highly penalizing for us students, and often forces us to find ourselves with numerous exam tests condensed over a few days. Our proposal is to extend the two intermediate sessions to ALL students. This would allow the study and work to be better distributed throughout the academic year, avoiding going out of course.

Want to know more? alterpolis.it

3.6 Attendance

At the Politecnico, there is no control over attendance in the classroom or virtual classroom (except for very rare cases, explicitly specified by exam regulations). After inserting a course in your teaching load, as soon as its lessons are finished, you acquire the attendance. To be able to take an exam, you must first have acquired the attendance.



However, teachings videotaped prior to the pandemic may be an exception. To understand if you can take an exam before taking a course (N.B. attendance is NOT recorded first for the purposes of mid-term sessions) you can look at the “camera icons” in the study plans.

- **Icon "red camera"**: the video recording was made in previous years (immediate availability of video lessons), but it is NOT allowed to take the exam before the actual teaching is delivered.

- **"Yellow camera" icon**: the video recording will be carried out in the academic year in progress and therefore it will NOT be possible to take the exam before the actual delivery of the course; the video lessons will be available during the year

- **Icon "green camera"**: the video recording was made in previous years (immediate availability of video lessons) and the exam can be taken before the actual teaching is delivered.

Want to know more? Student Guide -> Lessons and Exams

3.7 Exemptions

The exemption, or exam-during-the-course, is a part of the exam that is carried out during the course of the lessons. At the Politecnico, currently, they are not provided for by the University Regulations.

As representatives of the students of Alter.POLIS we have proposed its introduction and regulation several times because they would allow for a better distribution of effort and study over the teaching periods.

3.8 Exams methods

The methods of each exam, the required contents, and the tests to be carried out are indicated on the teaching portal. **You can view them by clicking the "Guide" tab on the teaching page.**

The examination is usually held in the presence of ministerial exceptions related to the health emergency. Last year, the Politecnico however provided for a derogation for non-EU students unable to move from their country of origin and for students who are positive for COVID. At the moment we cannot predict whether the online tests will be prepared for these students.

3.9 Rejection of the vote

If you are not satisfied with your grade, you can ask the teacher not to register it and try again on the next date or session. The teacher is not obliged to grant you your wish: she can also decide to record the grade you have taken. In many courses it will be specified in the exam rules or the teacher will specify it in class, but it is always your right to ask what the rules are.

As representatives of the students of Alter.POLIS, we believe that the regulation must be clear: in our vision, the freedom to refuse must be granted.

3.10 CPD questionnaires

The CPD (Joint Committee on Teaching) is a body of the Politecnico made up of 11 students and 11 profes-

sors. It deals with the quality of teaching, through the administration of the CPD questionnaires.

There is a questionnaire for each course followed (= inserted in its own APSP) for the first time. Indicatively, it is possible to fill in the questionnaire towards the end of the lesson period, until shortly before the start of the exams.

The compilation is optional, anonymous, and takes a few minutes: the management of the course is evaluated through closed questions, but there is also an open space for comments. In the experimental phase, this year it is also possible to fill in the Post-Exam Questionnaire.

It is available only for some courses and you must have completed the CPD Questionnaire of the course. It can be completed in the two weeks following the registration of the grade (the exam must be passed).

Finally, it is possible to fill in the End Questionnaire at the end of the three-year and master's degree course.

3.11 Remote Activities

This year, Politecnico did not guarantee the carrying out of activities in remote, with the Academic Senate of 28/4/2022 which definitively approved the abandonment of the guarantee of an electronic method, unlike last academic year. This abandonment of the guarantees leaves room for the initiatives of the teachers, who can also deliver up to 10% of the course through telematic methods.

As students representatives of Alter.POLIS, we would have preferred that all the lessons of the new academic year were also provided

in streaming and uploaded to the portal. Furthermore, we would have liked all the video lessons and recordings made in the past academic years to be used to improve the educational offer, especially for those who cannot attend regularly (working students, double degree enrollment, commuters, etc.).

3.12. Unfulfilled academic requirements

Those who pass the entrance tests with scores lower than some levels, different according to the entrance test, will be offered some additional activities to be carried out the week before the start of the lessons, to fulfill the Additional Educational Obligations (AFO). Below we attach the thresholds for this year:

- **Engineering:** less than 12 points in the Mathematics section
- **Architecture:** less than 6 points in the Physics and Mathematics section
- **Design and Planning:** less than 8 points in the Logic and Mathematics section.

3.12. Barriers

In the first year, there are some barriers, or exams considered "indispensable" to be overcome in order to continue. Anyone who runs into an indispensable is called a "student with unfulfilled academic requirements". These rules apply to students enrolled in the year 2022-2023:

- **Engineering:** you must achieve at least 26 CFU between the basic exams in the engineering area (Analysis I, Physics I, Algebra, Chemistry, Computer Science, and the specific exam of the course).
- **Planning:** you must have passed at least "Describe, analyze, interpret", "Geomatics" and "Fundamentals of urban planning and planning".
- **Architecture:** you must have passed at least "Architecture design and survey laboratory". You must also have obtained, in addition to the aforementioned exam, at least another 16 ECTS from the first-year courses (excluding English).
- **Design:** you must have passed at least "Modeling design" and "Keywords design".

If you do not pass the barriers by the September 2023 session, you will not be able to access the second-year exams. In addition, if you are unable to get out of the barriers by September of the second year of enrollment (2024), you could incur in the forfeiture of studies.

3.13 Forfeiture of studies

In some particular situations, the Politecnico di Torino plans the forfeiture of studies or the forced closure of the career. The case of greatest "interest" for freshmen is that they are forfeited if the barrier exams are not

passed within two years. Therefore, if by the session of September 2024 (the last session of the academic year 2023/2024) you have not passed the barrier, your career will be closed and you will have to repeat the entrance test.

Want to know more? Student Guide -> Interruption, suspension, renunciation -> Forfeiture

As representatives of the students of Alter.POLIS we are deeply opposed to any system of blockades, barriers, and forced forfeiture. All our representatives have always voted against the introduction and maintenance of these measures.

3.14 Urban Legends About Teaching Blocks

These are urban legends:

- Those who do not pass Analysis 1 cannot pass the 2nd year. **It's false!**
- Those who do not pass Analysis 1 cannot do Analysis 2 and those who do not pass Physics 1 cannot do Physics 2. **It is false!**
- Those who do not pass Analysis 1 must take a recovery course, **it was true until a few years ago, but now not anymore.**

4. After the first year

Even if they are not of immediate interest, we advise you to give a rough reading of this information and to keep this guide: many students finish their degree without being fully aware of all the rights and possibilities they possess, with the risk of delaying graduation, paying higher taxes, etc...

It is good to flip through the guides of the Politecnico from time to time, but to "look for a specific thing" you need at least to know that it exists and how it is called, with this booklet we hope to help you do just that!

4.1 Fill in the APSP for the second year

In the first year, the Annual Personal Study Plan is substantially fixed. From the second on, however, you will have to fill it in yourself. Each year you can include exams for a maximum of 80 CFU in the APSP. There are two small exceptions to this limit:

- If your APSP is "almost full" (less than or equal to 79 CFU) you can enter an additional exam, as long as it does not exceed 85 CFU;
- If the exam in question is the thesis, you can exceed 85 credits.

Filling in the APSP is simple: the exams you have left from the first year will automatically be inserted and you can add those of the second year that you intend to take

(truth be told, you could also put those of the third, but it would not make much sense). If you have no exams or a few exams left, the procedure will end here. Otherwise, it is possible that the exams of the second year do not fit all: part of your APSP is filled by the courses you have in arrears. In this case, you can freely choose which courses to include and which to leave out for the following years. It must be borne in mind that, to optimize graduation times, it is advisable to leave exams of the first teaching period out of charge (see paragraph on attendance).

As students' representatives of Alter.POLIS, we have always supported the inclusion of the highest possible annual CFU limits. Think about it: the total sum of the CFU of a three-year course is 180, but you can load as many as 80 CFUs into the load every year. This serves to have a bit of "tolerance" along the way and allows you to balance your commitment from one year to the next. If the annual limit were low, even a single unsuccessful exam would create problems for you.

4.2 Overbooking

Your APSP, as indicated above, contains a maximum of 80 CFU and "inherits" all the exams loaded but not passed from previous years. However, since September is a session of the past year, the deadline for creating your APSP may be prior to the results of some exams.



There is therefore a problem: how do I know how much space I have in the new year APSP, if I do not yet have the results of an exam given in an old year session? If the exam is passed I will have more space, but if the exam is not passed it will be inherited, occupying space.

For this reason, there is the so called **"overbooking"**, a tool that allows you to fill in the APSP within the deadlines even if you do not have yet the results of the September session (or for other small cases as described in the guides). **Overbooking temporarily exceeds the limit of 80 CFU of the APSP**, inserting "too many" exams, which will enter if and only if the exams you have "pending" are passed. This is why the order in which you overbook the exams is important: the first you put in will be the first to return to the APSP. The scrolling of the overbooking is completely automatic and is activated as soon as the September exams are recorded in the university booklet.

As soon as the September votes are recorded, the concept of overbooking will lose its meaning. **It makes no sense to say "I have an overbooked exam" during the year.** The courses **DO NOT** enter the load if you pass exams in January, because January is a session of the new year, except for the enrollment in the Master's Degree which from the current year will have the possibility to re-open the procedure for filling in the APSP from January 31st to February 18th 2023.

Do you want to know more? Student guide -> Enrollment in year 2 and beyond -> Changing the PSP/APSP - 2nd semester

4.3 Internal Transfers

At the end of the first year, you can apply for a transfer to another course of study.

Up to last year, the internal transition between Engineering Area degree courses was free while now it is subject to a limited number, regulated by a call for proposals that will be released in the summer.

How to know more about the subject? Student Guide -> Transfers -> Internal Transfers

4.4 Admission requirements for the master's degree

To be able to attend the master's degree at the Politecnico di Torino it is necessary to have three requirements:

- **Curricular requirements:** they constitute the requirements in terms of previously obtained "qualifications", i.e.: the three-year degrees that allow you to continue in that specific master's degree, without having to make additions.
- **IELTS certificate** or an equivalent of the specified level
- **Suitable academic performance:** this is the most insidious requirement because it takes into consideration parameters such as the years taken to graduate, the average grade, etc. Beware: when the access require-

ments speak of "Average grade for admission to the 2nd level" they refer to an average grade calculated in a particular way, which may not coincide with the algebraic one.

You can view your 2nd level admission average grade on the PoliToApp in the "Booklet" section, "Average Grade" tab, or on the portal in the area: Online Student Offices -> Data consultation and address update -> PDS. You will find it at the bottom right, where it is indicated as "Average Grade 2nd level".

The updated access requirements are published each year on the apply.polito.it website or on this page: https://didattica.polito.it/lauree_magistrali/2022/it/home in the "general access rules" section. **Attention:** the Architecture, Design, and Planning courses have particularly complex requirements, which may include entrance tests even in the masters.

As students' representatives of Alter.POLIS, we have always been against these masters' admission requirements. We think that the university course should be considered as a whole and that everyone has the right to master and refine their knowledge with the second cycle. Especially for internal students, these blocks are terrible: there are not rare cases in which those who are not admitted at the Politecnico find the door barred even in other universities, which often use more exclusive criteria for the external (as Politecnico also does). If you are a working student or, in general, the university is not your main commitment, consider enrolling part-time, which allows you to reduce your commitment to the Politecnico by spreading it over several years.

5. Welfare and right to education

«I capaci e meritevoli anche se privi di mezzi hanno diritto di raggiungere i gradi più alti degli studi. La Repubblica rende effettivo questo diritto con borse di studio, assegni alle famiglie ed altre provvidenze che devono essere attribuite per concorso.» **Constitution of the Italian Republic, article 34**

«La Regione garantisce e promuove per tutti il diritto allo studio e alla formazione volto ad assicurare, per il raggiungimento dei gradi più alti dell'istruzione, maggiori opportunità personali di crescita culturale e civile, rimuovendo gli ostacoli che ne limitano l'accesso.» **Statute of the Piedmont Region, article 14**

During the last years, the access to universities and means to continue one's academic studies has become increasingly more difficult: in this context of crisis the factors of exclusion and the economic obstacles have become more serious and widespread.

In Piedmont, after the heavy cuts, applied under the Cota administration, that had brought our region to the bottom of the rankings in terms of coverage of scholarships requests, starting from 2014, thanks to a greater communication between institutions and us students' representatives, the situation evolved towards an improvement.

It must be said, however, that even though the government has finally decided to increase the recipients and amounts of scholarships for the first time after the cuts brought by every government from 2008, having given the regions the possibility to bypass some of these chan-

ges has created a dishomogeneous situation where some regions, such as the Piedmont run by Alberto Cirio, have only confirmed the old thresholds for ISEE and ISPE.

One of the important victories has been the reintroduction of students' representatives in EDISU, the Regional Agency for the University Right to Education and the introduction of a consultative body called «Assemblea Regionale degli e delle studenti per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario» which conducts an essential role of connection between the students' motions and requests and the institutions, which will then have to gather and apply them. This democratic victory, together with the result of the students' elections, has allowed us to increase our pressure on the Region to ask for more resources, more effective policies, a more participatory management of services and a real protagonism of us students in the choices that concern us.

The most important achievement has been, without doubt, the total coverage of scholarships requests: starting from 2015/16 the Piedmont Region has always supplied enough fundings to allow EDISU to cover 100% of the scholarships requests, therefore during these years everyone who fulfilled the requirements ended up with winning the scholarships. One might take it for granted, however this result has been obtained only after many battles, during which we have encouraged and animated tens of protests, going as far as occupying and self-managing for more than two months the canteen in Principe Amedeo street: a long journey of mobilitazioni has brou-

ght back the Right to Education at the center of attention.

After years of battles, today the Politecnico as well supplies many benefits for students.

Thanks to our proposal, in the Tuition Fee Regulations of Politecnico has been introduced the so-called “NO-TAX area”: more than 4000 students don't pay a single euro in taxes! That's not all: again, thanks to our proposal, the Politecnico distributes to every student a contribution to help buy the GTT pass for public transport and, by choice, the Fablab card or the Piedmont museum membership.

5.1 The Right to Education in Piedmont

Just like we did for the Politecnico, we will summarize a list of names, things and opportunities in order to give a first overview on many aspects of the Right to Education in Piedmont.

These initiatives are managed by **EDISU** (Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario) and by the Universities.

EDISU is a public regional agency that deals with **scholarships**, subsidized **priced meals** and maintenance of **study halls** in the city. Depending on the type of students, there are different types of scholarships: for commuters, for non-residents, for residents. The scholarships are aimed at students with a medium-low ISEE, while the subsidized prices in canteens provide benefits even for a medium-high ISEE. Even someone who doesn't present the ISEE can benefit (about 7 euros for a full meal). The study halls are obviously open to everyone.

The Politecnico distributes to every student a partially refunded public transport pass, one between the Museum memberships or the Fablab card and many other benefits which will be described in the following sections. These initiatives are also called **welfare** or **students' services**. The refund for the public transport pass is for every student, even those who don't present an ISEE (however they depend on it, those who are more in need will have a higher percentage refunded).

5.2 Info Borsisti EDISU Piemonte

To keep yourself updated on the initiatives linked to the Right to Education we strongly recommend joining the Telegram group **@InfoBorsistiEdisuPiemonte** (you might see many texts in Italian but don't worry, you can freely ask your questions in English!) and following our IG e FB pages "**Info Borsisti EDISU Piemonte**": these are the channels used by our representatives to share infos and updates on the benefits and services offered by EDISU and, more generally, on everything linked to welfare!

LINK: t.me/InfoBorsistiEdisuPiemonte

5.3 DSU and ISEE Parificato

The majority of services and benefits of Right to Education supplied by EDISU or PoliTO (not only though: even public transports, taxes etc...) are ranged on the basis of the ISEE. It is an indicator that measures the «equivalent economic situation» based on the income and holdings (movable and real estates) keeping in mind the numero-

sity and characteristics of the family. If your family's residence is outside of Italy, you will have to ask for an "ISEE Parificato". To obtain it you must contact a CAAF (authorized center for fiscal assistance). The list of CAAFs can be found on the EDISU website <https://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/node/2995>

Time your request carefully: to obtain the ISEE certification one might wait up to 10-15 working days, therefore you should contact a CAAF at least one month prior to the deadline, in order to avoid any problem. The necessary documents necessary to obtain the 2022 ISEE Parificato can be found in the "International Students Guidelines 22/23" on the above EDISU website. Here we will summarize them:

- **name, surname, fiscal code, date and place of birth**, certificates of disabilities if applicable, certificate of separation or divorce if applicable, documents certifying parents death if applicable;
- **annual household incomes earned abroad during 2020**. If the certificates about 2020 are not available, documents relating to 2021 income are acceptable only for extra-EU students; EU students must submit 2020 related incomes. Unemployment of adult members must be proven. Bank account movements, in which the payment of the salaries is specified, cannot be accepted as income related documents;

- **the bank accounts/deposits and any other movable assets** (bonds, shares etc.): possessed by each adult member included in the family unit (also student and siblings) on 31 December 2020. Adults without a bank account must be specified through a legalized documents;
- **the immovable assets** (real estate) possessed by all of the adult family members. EU students must submit the immovable assets document referred to 31 Dec. 2020.;

Also remember that:

- in case the family unit receives any form of subsidy/ economic help from the government or national institution, documents are required as well;

Once again, this has to be intended as a brief summary. More specific infos on the documents can be found in the link above.

We also advise you to follow the steps indicated by the CAAF. Remember to specify that you will need this **ISEE for University**.

5.4 Tuition fee reduction

In Italy, as of art 53 of the Constitution, taxes must be proportional (they are paid in percentage based on the income) and progressive (these percentage is not fixed but increase with higher incomes). This is clearly applied

also to tuition fees. If you have obtained the ISEE, the fees will be calculated based on your family's economic situations. To obtain your tuition fee reduction you must:

- Log in to your personal page of the Teaching Portal – Segreteria online – Tuition fees and payments – Apply for tuition fee reduction (Portale della Didattica, - Segreteria on-line - Tasse e pagamenti - Richiesta di riduzione tasse);
- Fill in the following fields: ISEEU/ ISEEUP value; ISPU/ ISPUP value; Equivalence scale (enter two digits only); issue date.

The ISPEU/ISPEUP value is calculated automatically

- Upload your ISEE Parificato in a single PDF file (all pages in one file). You cannot submit your online application without uploading this PDF file;

After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email into your PoliTo mailbox (s@studenti.polito.it) with your final contribution level.

Don't forget to check the Tuition Fee Guide https://didattica.polito.it/tasse_riduzioni/en/tuition_fee_guide_2022_2023

5.5 NO-TAX Area e buffer contribution levels

Some years ago, thanks to a great job of pressure and students' representation, we were able to obtain the "NO-TAX Area". Students included in it are completely exempted from paying a tuition fee at Politecnico, they will only pay € 161 of mandatory extra-contributions: regional tax, insurance and stamp duty. The total "NO-TAX Area" to the contribution levels from 1 to 14.

Example: a 1st year student with contribution level 14 used to pay € 777,69. Now they only pay € 161 which are the extra-poli contributions (insurance, stamp duty, regional tax...).

Those with a contribution level from 14 to 50 fall under the so-called "buffer contribution levels", with reduced amounts.

Example: a 1st year student with contribution level 16 used to pay € 836,40. Now they only pay € 321.

At the 1st year (both bachelor and master) the NO-TAX Area and the buffer contribution levels apply for everyone, without other requirements. In the successive years, the Ministry has determined some minimum merit requirements that have to be fulfilled to access the reduction.

5.6 Museums, public transports, bike sharing, fab-lab

The living costs clearly do not depend only on the tuition fees but also on public transports, services and cultural initiatives. To try and control these expenses, during the years we have suggested many welfare initiatives, which have been actualized in the “Package of mobility and cultural initiatives”.



The museum membership allows one to access freely and whenever one wants the museums, Royal residences, castles, gardens, art collections and temporary exhibitions in Turin and in Piedmont that are part of the circuit (more infos on www.abbonamentomusei.it).

Instead of paying € 32, with Politecnico di Torino the memberships can be obtained at €11. Some discouraging data on its use during the past academic years has brought the Administration to ask for this contribution: we were able to keep an accessible price and make sure that all the revenue from this move were to be spent only on welfare initiatives.

Investing on public transport, on the other hand, has a double benefit: on one hand it gives us students a concrete economic help, allowing us to spare a necessary

cost, on the other it contributes to developing an environmentally sustainable culture.

Every student that fulfills a tiny requirement in CFUs and that buys a GTT transport pass (or any other pass from Trenitalia, Formula, Sadem... to reach the Politecnico) will be able to receive a partial refund, as specified in the following chart:

ISEE value & contribution level	Maximum amount considered	Refounded percentage
Level 1 ISEE < 12.500€	€ 208	97,5%
Level 2-9 12,501€ < ISEE < 20.500€	€ 208	92,5%
Level 10-19 20,501€ < ISEE < 30.500€	€ 208	87,5%
Level 20-24 30,501€ < ISEE < 35.500€	€ 208	65%
Level 25-39 35,501€ < ISEE < 50.500€	€ 208	35%
All the others, included those who don't present the ISEE	€ 258	10%

Example: Cost indicated on the purchase receipt: 278€

Refund calculated for:

- a student assigned to the contribution level 1: 202,8€ (->97,8% of 208€)
- a student assigned to the contribution level 32: 72,8€ (->35% of 208€)
- a student assigned to the contribution level 50: 25,8€ (-> 10% of 258€)

IMPORTANT, PLEASE MIND:

The Italian Decree Law n° 50 of 17th May 2022 (and its Conversion into Law n° 91 of 15th July 2022) allocated resources to create a fund aimed at distributing vouchers to purchase annual tickets for local, regional and interregional public transport services or national rail services until 31st December 2022. The value of the voucher may not exceed the amount of 60€. The voucher will be distributed to individuals whose 2021 total income does not exceed 35,000€.

Since at the time of publication of this document the procedures for accessing the "state" voucher are not yet known, those in the above conditions are invited to apply for it as soon as the procedures are available.

Politecnico might reduce the reimbursement of transportation expenses -to a maximum value of 60 euros-, for all those entitled to the "state" bonus, regardless of whether they have applied for it or not.

In the limit of the maximum amount considered, it is also possible to ask for a bike-sharing membership refund. Moreover, as an alternative to the museum membership, one can ask for a membership to the FabLab in Turin.

5.7 Canteens

With your smart-card, you can access all the EDISU canteens in Piedmont at the same subsidized rates.

Canteen Castelfidardo. By definition it is “the canteen of Politecnico” and it is managed directly by our University. It follows the following opening hours:

Lunch: Monday - Friday from 11.30 to 15

Saturday from 12 to 14.30

Dinner: Monday - Saturday from 19 to 20.30

Canteen Borsellino. The Politecnico is in theory served by another canteen: the Borsellino, found in the homonymous residence, behind the Cittadella. The Borsellino was closed for three years due to many factors, whose common root was the indifference and disinterest of all the political participants (Region, EDISU, Politecnico). After an immense amount of student mobilizations (rallies, technical tables, motions...) we were able to convince EDISU to reopen it, giving back the jobs to the workers that were previously working there.

Principe Amedeo: in a central position, near to Palazzo Nuovo and the study hall Verdi, it can be found at the Mole Section of Collegio Renato Einaudi, which also hosts another study hall.

Olimpia: Can be found in the homonymous residence of Lungo Dora Siena next to the Luigi Einaudi Campus.

Villa Claretta: It can be found in Grugliasco in the homonymous residence where it serves mainly the 430 students that live there.

Other canteens We will now list the other canteens in Turin that you might find useful if studying in other branches. For more information visit: <https://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/services/food-services>

For the branches without an EDISU canteen there have been organized alternative services through affiliations with private shops that can be accessed with the same ways and prices of the canteens. For the Politecnico, the branches of **Mirafiori** and **Castello del Valentino** are served through an affiliation with inner coffee shops; the **Lingotto** branch, instead, has an inner self-service.

To pay, you must use your smart-card which has to be recharged through the machines near the canteens or in the places indicated on the EDISU website. Otherwise, you can charge it online on the EDISU website in your personal area. Moreover, starting from this year, EDISU will introduce a new App to pay for your meals. More infos will be found on the EDISU website and on the socials of the representatives of Info Borsisti EDISU Piemonte (chapter 6).

As of now, the rates and guidelines for the food service have not been published yet, therefore we cannot give specific infos about the rates for each type of meal. Nonetheless, we have compiled a comparison table that shows the old ones for prices and which ones the region would like to include.

The old and new rates of the catering system are indicative respectively. More infos will be available on the EDISU website in the food services section: <https://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/services/food-services>



Beware: students who need gluten free meals must send a specific request to the canteens where the service is available. More infos can be found here: <https://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/services/food-services/canteens/gluten-free>

Contribution level		1		2	
ISEE value		€23.626		<27.637	
EDISU price increase 21/22 - 22/23		2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23
Whole-meal	First course + second course + side dish	€ 2,50	€ 3,00	€ 3,20	€ 3,90
Single whole course	(tris dish) First + second + side dish	€ 1,80	€ 2,50	€ 2,50	€ 3,60
Reduced single dish A	(bis dish) First course + side dish	€ 1,50	€ 2,15	€ 1,90	€ 2,85
Reduced single dish B (bis dish)	(bis dish) Second course + side dish	€ 1,70	€ 2,15	€ 2,30	€ 2,85
Reduced meal A	First course + side dish	€ 1,70	€ 2,25	€ 2,10	€ 2,90
Reduced meal B	Main course + side dish	€ 2,00	€ 2,25	€ 2,60	€ 2,90
Reduced meal C	Side dish + side dish	€ 1,00	€ 1,20	€ 1,30	€ 1,55

3		4		5	
<38.692		<56.782		<88.440	
2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23
€ 3,90	€ 4,80	€ 4,50	€ 5,60	€ 5,60	€ 7,05
€ 3,20	€ 4,60	€ 3,70	€ 5,40	€ 5,10	€ 5,45
€ 2,30	€ 3,55	€ 2,70	€ 4,05	€ 4,10	€ 5,45
€ 2,90	€ 3,55	€ 3,40	€ 4,05	€ 4,30	€ 5,45
€ 2,50	€ 3,60	€ 2,90	€ 4,10	€ 4,30	€ 5,50
€ 3,10	€ 3,60	€ 3,60	€ 4,10	€ 4,50	€ 5,50
€ 1,60	€ 1,90	€ 1,80	€ 2,30	€ 2,20	€ 2,80

5.8 EDISU and Politecnico study halls

EDISU manages study halls that allow students a place where to study outside of the buildings and opening hours of the Universities.

Careful: the opening hours of study halls may vary. Check the EDISU website for updated infos: <https://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/services/study-halls-and-other-services/study-halls>

To access some of these study halls you might have to make a reservation through the App Campus Piemonte or the website <https://edisu-prenotazioni.edisu-piemonte.it/>

Opera (427 seats) in via Michelangelo 17/bis (San Salvario district): open 8:30-24 from monday to friday and 8:30-22 on saturday, sunday and during festivities. In the exam period, closing hours are postponed to 2 AM everyday! Reservation is required to access.

Verdi (292 seats) in via Verdi 26 (Center district): open 8:30-24 from monday to friday and 8:30-22 on saturday, sunday and during festivities. In the exam period, closing hours are postponed to 2 AM everyday! Reservation is required to access.

Principe Amedeo (96 seats): can be found in the same building that hosts the canteen (Center district), open 8:30-19 from monday to saturday (however during lunch time 12:30-14:00 is also used to serve lunch at the canteen). Reservation is required to access.

Ormea (134 seats) situated in the buildings that used to host the old canteen of Via Galliari (San Salvario): open 9-19:30 from monday to friday but during the exam period is open also on saturday and sunday in the same time slots. Reservation is required to access.

Torino Student Zone (81 seats) in Murazzi del Po 22 (left side): open 9-23 everyday. Also hosts the Ristoreria River Canteen, where one can have lunch and dinner using the EDISU canteen prices, and a coffee bar. No reservation required.

Campus Diffuso Universitario: in collaboration with Politecnico and Università di Torino, EDISU and the City of Turin, we have started the project "Campus Diffuso" that consists in around 2300 study seats scattered around the City of Turin. More infos can be found at <https://www.edisu.piemonte.it/en/campus-diffuso-universitario>

Together with the study halls from EDISU, there also many **study halls in the branches of Politecnico** (Sede Centrale, Cittadella Politecnica, Castello del Valentino, Mirafiori).



After a stop related to COVID, we were able to reopen the “Free Rooms”. When the lecture rooms are not used for lessons or other activities you can use them autonomously to study. You can find them via the PoliTO App or the following tool: https://www.swas.polito.it/dotnet/orari_lezione/pub/RicercaAuleLiberePerFasceOrarie.aspx

Due years ago, next to the Castelfidardo Canteen, a LUNCHROOM has been set up: a place with table and microwaves, where during lunch time you can warm and eat your food. During the rest of the day, instead, you can use this room as a study hall. This area is the result of a long work by our students’ representatives (before our intervention, this room was supposed to become a “showroom” for prestigious visitors).

The opening hours of the EDISU study halls have been considerably extended from spring 2015 after our campaign #WHEREISMYPLACE? however are still insufficient in relation with the necessities of the students in Turin. In this case, a considerable investment in spaces and services would be needed.

5.9 CUS and Free Sport

The Politecnico, through the CUS Torino (Sport University Center), has been providing free sports activities since 2019 after many years of claims by our representatives in the Sport Committee (institutional body that oversees the management guidelines of sports facilities) and in the Wotk Table (institutional body which guarantees the operational coordination of sporting initiatives). The CUS

Torino grants 50% of the available slots in the weight gym in via Braccini to Politecnico students, in the afternoon and evening for a total of 435 free slots every week.

For the fitness activities it's possible to book only a time slot per day for a maximum of two days per week, to which it's possible to add a reservation for musical activities. Conversely, it's possible to book two music activities and only one weight gym slot. Overall, therefore, three weekly slots can be booked per student. Here are the conditions for using the Free Fitness service:

- Request the CUS card (free of charge). A sports medical certificate is required.
- The reservation must be made on "FREE Fitness Universitari | Braccini", once logged in.
- The reservation must be made 48 hours in advance (on the website www.custorino.it/easy-sport/ or on the "CUS Torino" app).

In order not to waste slots through reservations that are not used, the procedure provides that those who book and then do not use the space without a justified and proven reason, the first time are suspended from reservations for a week and the second time for a month.

In addition to Free Fitness, there are also some free hours for the rental of sports fields (Beach Volley,

Basketball, 5-a-side football, 7-a-side football, Tennis) for university students, as long as all participants are registered university students in possession of the CUS Card. You can book on the site servizi.custorino.it/affittocampi or on the "CUS Torino" app. It's necessary to call the structures directly to book the fields in some cases.

On the CUS website it's also possible to consult all the courses for which university students receive discounts up to 30-50% on the regular fare.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.custorino.it/>

<https://www.custorino.it/universitari/free-fitness/>

<https://www.custorino.it/prenotazione-ore-campi/>

5.10 Internal libraries

The Politecnico has libraries in basically every department, where you can find volumes and periodicals linked to your studies. There are also two central libraries, one for engineering and one for architecture. To access the Book Loans service you must have a SmartCard issued by Politecnico. The loan lasts 14 days with the possibility to renew it once on the website <https://pico.polito.it> by selecting, on the top-right, the active loans.

Through the website you can also consult the catalog. A late return causes the suspension from the loan and renewal services for a period of time equal to the delay.

Biblioteca Centrale di Ingegneria, Sede Centrale of Politecnico di Torino, corso Duca degli Abruzzi 24

Biblioteca Centrale di Architettura, Castello del Valentino, viale Pier Andrea Mattioli 39

5.11 Civic libraries

Turin has a system of civic libraries situated in many districts of the city. The libraries often offer study and reading areas. In the following, we will list the main ones (Pay attention, the opening hours might vary):

Biblioteca Civica Centrale via della Cittadella 5 (Center district), open: monday 15.00-19.55; tuesday-friday 08.15-19.55; saturday 10.30-18.00

Villa Amoretti corso Orbassano 200 (Santa Rita district), open: monday 15.00-19.55; tuesday-friday 8.15-19.55; saturday 10.30-18.00

Biblioteca musicale Andrea Della Corte corso Francia 186 (parco della Tesoriera), open: monday, tuesday and thursday 09.15-18.45; wednesday and friday 09.15-16.45

Dietrich Bonhoeffer corso Corsica 55 (Lingotto district), open: monday 15.00-19.55; tuesday-friday 08.15-19.55; saturday 10.30-18.00

Alberto Geisser corso Casale 5 (Parco Michelotti), open: monday 15.00-19.45; tuesday and wednesday 14.00-19.45; thursday-saturday 08.15-14.00

Natalia Ginzburg via Lombroso 16 (San Salvario district), open: monday 15.00-19.45; tuesday and wednesday 14.00-19.45; thursday-saturday 08.15-14.00

5.12 Controlled rent fees

If you are an off-site student, almost certainly you have had to find a house in the private rent market. A valid contract must be written and registered at the Agenzia delle Entrate within 30 days from its stipulation: the registration cost must be divided at 50% between the owners and the tenants.

A regular contract is useful in two ways: first off it protects you in case of disputes with the owner of the house, secondly it is necessary to buy the GTT transport pass with the ISEE subsidised price.

Controlled fees. In the City of Turin there is a Territorial Agreement that regulates contracts and gives many advantages: lower fees for the tenants and fiscal benefits for the owner. On the website of the City of Turin you can read more infos and download a fac-simile contract: www.comune.torino.it/affitti/

In this Agreement there are contracts aimed at university students that range from 6 months to 3 years (and

are renewable) or others with shorter durations (said temporary). These contracts can be stipulated singularly (one student per apartment) or collectively, with a pact of cohabitation that rules the common areas of the house.

As students' representatives of Alter.POLIS we always care about the increase in rent prices that in the past years and particularly now in the post-COVID phase, increasingly affects the university areas of the City of Turin. In the past many contracts for new residences were transformed into profits for privates (with rooms that can cost up to € 600 per month). From the beginning, we fight for a considerable public investment in this field: we need services, houses and residences, surely not luxury residences that see students as an easy target.

6. Students' representation

In Universities, just like in high school, there are students' representatives. As Alter.POLIS, we're currently the majority group in the Politecnico. The students' representation is an essential tool that allows us, as students, to have a say in the bodies where many crucial decisions for our university life are taken.

In the following, you'll find a description of the bodies and their main functions. Also, you can contact us through Facebook, Instagram, Telegram or via email: collettivo.alterpolis@gmail.com

Academic Senate

Together with the BoG, it is a Governing Body of Politecnico, as well as the main place of discussion and debate about scientific and cultural aspects in the university. It defines the politics in the matter of research and didactics.

Board of Governors (BoG)

Together with the Senate, it is a Governing Body of Politecnico: it has the role of strategic direction and handles every aspect related to the management of the university, especially the economic and financial aspects. It produces and approves the financial report.

Joint Committee on Teaching (JCT)

It is the body that monitors the organization of teaching, of services for the students and the quality of teaching. Presents opinions and proposals for their improvement and analyzes the questionnaires filled out by the students. It also nominates the University Student Ombudsman.

Evaluation Board

The University Evaluation Unit is the board that carries out evaluations of research, teaching, student financial support and administrative management.

Regional Assembly for the Right to Education

Gathers the necessities of the students and writes compulsory opinions and proposals on all the matters related to the Right to Education and on the regional area of competence about universities.

EDISU BoG

It is the Governing Body of the Regional Agency for the University Right to Education (EDISU) and manages the offered services: here there is only one students' representative that coordinates its activity with the Regional Assembly for the Right to Education.

University Sport Centre (CUS)

It manages the sport facilities and programs the sport activities.

Departments and Collegi

The Politecnico is organized in 15 Collegi and 11 Departments. The Collegi organize and manage the Bachelor and Master Degree courses; the students' representatives are part of every Collegio. The Departments, on the other hand, are wider structures that handle didactics together with the Collegi but also coordinate and promote research; their governing bodies are the Councils that contain the students' representative of the associated courses.

Students' Council

It is a body present in the majority of the Italian Universities, composed of all the students' representatives elected in the main bodies (BoG, Senate, JCT, ecc) and the peripheral ones (Collegi and Departments)! Thanks to this body, we'll be able to express opinions, proposals and motions about everything that concerns us as students. It is an extremely powerful tool that will allow us to increase our strength in the Governing Bodies, where all the important decisions regarding our community are taken. It is one of our most important demands. We have been bringing this matter to the attention of Politecnico with stubbornness since our foundation in 2012. Thanks to this achievement we'll be able to strengthen the voice of every student!

As students' representatives of Alter.POLIS, we've always considered representation a central component in the activities of our collective. We don't intend it as a blank proxy but rather as an activity based on a continuous dialogue and comparison, to better answer the needs and necessities of the students.

To give more decisiveness to our battles, we've always tried to build participation through assemblies, meetings, questionnaires and gatherings of signatures. We keep on insisting on this type of participation because only together we can have a say in the decisions that concern us. Moreover, we strongly believe that an independent, inclusive and open students' representation is the only way to obtain actual results





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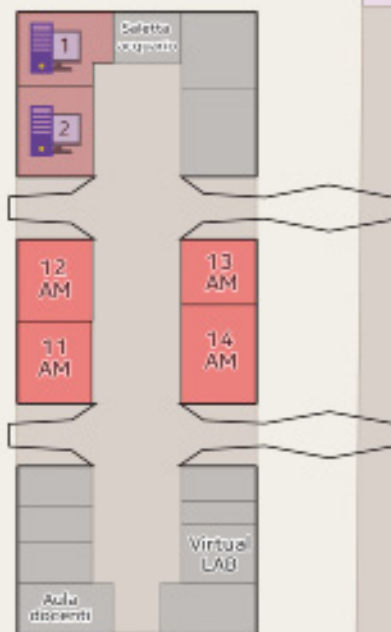
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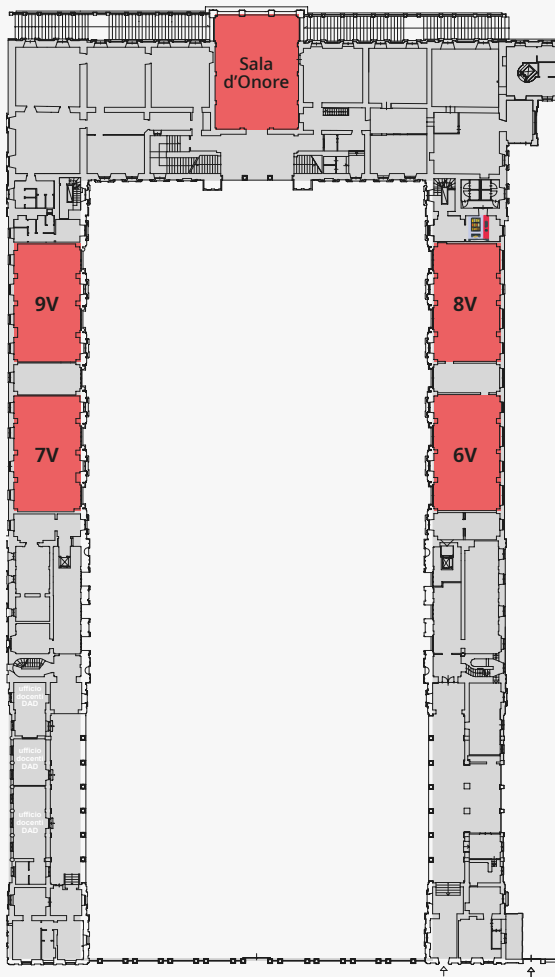
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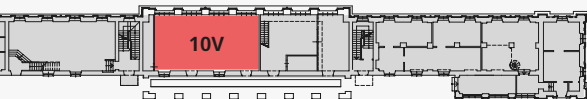
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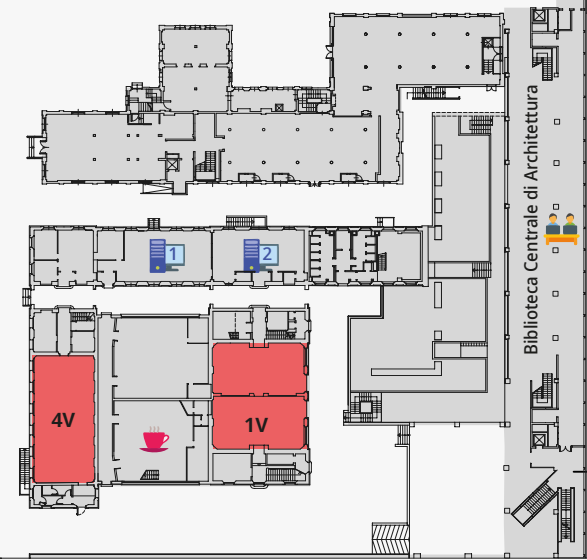
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About us

We are a student collective of Politecnico di Torino established in 2012 to constitute a new reality of commitment and participation.

We are an independent collective, free from any link with a party, economic or religious organizations. With our work of student representation and cultural associations, we defend the rights of students and are committed to improving the places where we live and study.

We share some founding values: democracy, participation, equality and social justice, secularism, solidarity, sustainability, and peace. We are committed, inside and outside the governing bodies of the Polytechnic, to defending the rights of students. We carry out a model of a public university of quality, free, open to everyone, and at the service of the community. Since 2013 we have established a Student Cultural Association through which we carry out educational and recreational activities that complement the more markedly political commitment of the collective, as well as mutual aid projects such as our Solidarity Purchase Group. We are one of the realities that give life to "Link Coordinamento Universitario" a national student organization that brings together collectives, associations, and independent and non-partisan universities.

How to participate

The Alter.POLIS collectives are always open to everyone.

You can find us in our office in Piazzale Sobrero (the internal courtyard adjacent to the Central Engineering Library).

You can write to our Facebook / Instagram / Telegram page at any time to get to know us and participate in our meetings.

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Everything you need to know to find your way around the Politecnico and in EDISU (Regional Body which deals with the right to Studio in Piedmont).

The Alter.GUIDA, year after year since 2013, has been updated since Alter.POLIS collective at to make the more technical aspects of the life of the University.

Warning: Alter.GUIDA not replaces the guides of the Politecnico and EDISU, but summaries use me more information common.



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