UNIVERSITÀ DI PAVIA
Accommodation at Unipv: a unique solution in Italy

There are many options for students coming to live in Pavia; you could live in one of the University “college” or source your own apartment.

Pavia's collegiate system, unique in Italy, consists of 20 colleges, hosting approximately 2000 students.

There are three types of dormitories in Pavia:
- ‘merit based’ collegi;
- dormitories managed by EdiSU (Ente per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario);
- privately owned ones
Students’ residences – «I collegi»

Dormitories can be defined as ‘integrated service systems’ and can be considered as the ideal solution to meet the requirements of education right at university level.

Besides accommodation service, they offer facilities and tools for teaching, leisure and education purposes by arranging cultural activities that enhance the educational experience of students.

Living in a collegio offers the opportunity to belong to a community where academic achievement, traditional events, parties, and sporting rivalries all play key roles.
Merit-based collegi

Pavia's traditional merit-based collegi offer internal university courses where research is particularly valued.

- Almo Collegio Borromeo
- Collegio Ghislieri
- Collegio Nuovo (female)
- Collegio Santa Caterina (female)
What does it mean to study in a collegio of merit?

Studying in a collegio of merit means having high-level facilities available, designed to support the whole university career and favoring a rapid and qualified entry into the world of work: thousands of successful cases confirm.

Those who are part of a board of merit are, in fact, recipients of special care for its training: internal courses, tutoring, international mobility programs, continuous cultural events, but also recreational and socializing activities.

The friendships formed in the College remain for life by constituting a powerful network lasting over time.

In order to be admitted to a board of merit it is necessary to participate in a competition (a written test and two oral tests) which takes place in September. The cost of maintenance is in largely supported by the College since pupils are asked only a proportionate contribution to family income and many seats are completely free.

It is then necessary to confirm annually the right to maintain the place in the College, respecting the high academic performance requirements that provide for an average grade annual not less than 27/30.
EDiSU students’ residences – the «COLLEGI»

Anyone can access the colleges thanks to a parental-income based fee system and payment by instalments.

You can apply for a scholarship and be selected to live in one of the Edisu collegi (students’ residences) located throughout Pavia, or you can find other housing solutions like sharing a flat or renting a room.

- **Collegio Fratelli Cairoli** (male) - merit-based
- **Collegio Plinio Fraccaro** (male)
- **Collegio Lazzaro Spallanzani** (male)
- **Collegio Castiglioni Brugnatelli** (female)
- **Collegio Gerolamo Cardano**
- **Collegio Giasone del Maino**
- **Collegio Camillo Golgi 1**
- **Collegio Camillo Golgi 2**
- **Collegio Benvenuto Grizioti**
- **Collegio Lorenzo Valla**
- **Collegio Alessandro Volta**

EDiSU also manages a college located in **Cremona**:  
- **Collegio Quartier Novo**
Application

The application must be submitted exclusively online: on the EDiSU PAVIA website (www.edisu.pv.it) you have to access the “Online Student Services” area. Then you must log in using your:

- “University credentials” if you are a subsequent-year student (i.e. not first-year student) or, if you are a first year student, if you have already paid the first instalment of your university fees
- “EDiSU credentials”, which you receive after registering for EDiSU services, for all other applicants. In your “Online Students Services” area you must select “Student Benefits Application”, proceed to fill in the application form and, once you have checked that the information inserted is correct and complete, confirm the application.

Applications open: around end of June
Applications close: around mid-August
See: http://www.edisu.pv.it
Edisu Fees

• Fees are calculated according to income tier and accommodation type, see the call on Edisu website for all the details

PLEASE NOTE: Fees can vary from a minimum of around 180 euros to a maximum of 300 euros per month for a single room, depending on the income tier and the collegio; from a minimum of 160 euros to a maximum of 250 euros for a place in a twin room depending on income tier and on the collegio

• In order for Edisu to calculate income tier, foreign students should provide:

  • EU-students: ISEE indicator (Indicator of Equivalent Economic Status)
  • Overseas student: official documentation proving the financial situation of the family and family total income. Documentation should also include:
    • Family composition (reporting, if present, family members with serious handicap)
    • Square meters of all proprieties owned by the family
    • Market Value of family’s financial assets

The Documents must be:
1. Translated into **Italian** by a **translator recognized** by the Italian General Consulate in your country
2. Legalized by the **General Consulate of Italy** in the country which awarded the qualification

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PRIVATE RESIDENCES - Private *Collegi*

There are four private colleges in the city:

- **Collegio Marianum** (female)
- **Collegio Don Bosco** (male)
- **Istinto Maria Ausiliatrice** (female)
- **Collegio Universitario "Senatore" Figlie della Carità Canossiane** (female)

These are colleges associated with the University of Pavia, but managed and administered privately. Admission is managed independently by the individual Colleges; they usually do not have merit requirements, the fees are often higher than EDiSU colleges but additional services are provided (such as internal canteens).

Different alternatives:
- a) Annual attendance for 10 months, including weekends
- b) Annual attendance for 10 months without weekends
- c) Monthly attendance
CENTRO ASSISTENZA STUDENTI

Centro Assistenza Studenti helps students look for accommodation in private flats.

How does it work:
- Go to the website http://www.centroassistenzastudenti.it/
- Insert the details of the type of accommodation you are looking for (Price, space and location)
- Take a look at the results you find. Every accommodation has its own reference number.
- Head to the “Centro Assistenza Studenti” office with the reference number. (Details on location mentioned below)

Pay €15 for joining the service: see as many flats as you want, and pay additional €40 only after finding the accommodation that suites your needs.
PRIVATE FLATS

According to personal preferences, Erasmus Students may apply for accommodation in private flats. They can choose among single bedrooms or twin bedrooms in a shared apartment or if they prefer to live independently, they can select monolocale flat.

Costs for accommodation in private flats may vary according to different factors:

1. Location of the flat
2. Quality of the flat
3. Number of people sharing the flat

Location of the flat: Pavia is a small town and the accommodation market is very competitive. Most of the students look for accommodation either in the city center or in the west area of Pavia (near the railway station and the scientific faculties of the University). These are the most expensive areas. Prices decrease moving southwards and north of Pavia.

Quality of the flat: Centro Assistenza Studenti works hard in order to provide the best conditions for all the students accommodated in private flats. All the flats are fully furnished and most of them have a washing machine. Bed sheets, blankets, pillows are not provided.

Number of people sharing the flat: monolocale flats (flats for one person) are the most expensive accommodation option. If you share the apartment with other students, prices are lower. Usually flats will be shared among 2 or 3 students and twin rooms are cheaper than single bedrooms.

Estimated costs for accommodation:

- Single room in city center or railway station area: € 200 per month
- Twin room in city center or in railway station area: € 150 per person per month
- Single room in other areas: € 250 per month
- Twin room in other areas: € 200 per person per month
- Monolocale flat in city center or railway station area: € 450/500 per month
- Studios in other areas: € 350/450 per month

Other Costs
ACCOMODATION IN THE PRIVATE MARKET-
other channels

Students usually put their notices about flat sharing up on the notice boards located both in the Uni’s central compound (Strada Nuova, 65) and in each Faculty building.
Useful websites

Many flats are rented out to students and rooms are usually available. Check websites such as Bakeca: [http://pavia.bakeca.it/](http://pavia.bakeca.it/), Cercacasa: [http://cercacasa.sostudenti.it](http://cercacasa.sostudenti.it), Easystanza: [www.easystanza.it](http://www.easystanza.it), or specific magazines that you can find for free around the city (Attico, Il Tetto, Cercaffari...) or you can buy Passaparola at the news agents.

Rooms can be single or double and usually cost from € 250 to € 350 per month. Pay attention to the voice “spese” (meaning additional costs such as light, gas, heating) mainly when there are “spese condominiali”: they can be very expensive (up to € 100 per month and per person). Search "Affiti Pavia" on Facebook and you will find many groups where people advertise rooms.
Warning about accommodation in private flats

WE SUGGEST TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN ONE OF THE COLLEGI, AS IT IS THE EASIEST OPTION. Looking for a flat, especially if you arrive in September or later, can be very tough as very little is left, as most students have already taken the biggest and best (in terms of quality/price) part of the flats offer. Also, rent in flats can be very expensive, compared to the students’ residences one, which is calculated according to the financial status of the student’s family.
TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS

While searching for more convenient housing, students may find accommodation in a B&B, in a youth hostel or in a hotel on a temporary basis.

Hostel
Pavia Ostello  http://www.paviaostello.it/
Rooms to rent
• AffittaCamere Pavia  http://www.paviaaffittacamere.it/index.html
• Pavia Guest House  http://www.affittacamere.pavia.it/
• Residenziale Il Naviglio  http://ilnaviglio.com

B&Bs
• Le Stanze del Cardinale  https://lestanzedelcardinale.com
• 32 BNB  http://www.32bnb.it/

Hotels
• Hotel Moderno  www.hotelmoderno.it
• Hotel Aurora  http://www.hotel-aurora.eu/
• Hotel Rosengarten  www.rosengarten.pv.it
• Hotel Excelsior Pavia  www.hotelexcelsiorpavia.com