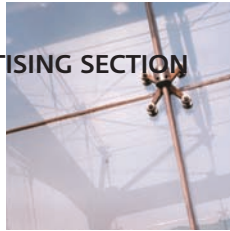


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The Università del Piemonte Orientale "Amedeo Avogadro" was established as an autonomous institution in 1998 and, after its first nine years, it has taken its rightful place as a scientific and cultural hub among the Italian universities.

The aim of the university is to be competitive in both teaching and scientific research. Its strength lies in the particularly favorable teacher-student ratio which allows students to be taken care of, step by step, throughout their academic career. At the same time, researchers can work in a well-equipped and forward-thinking environment.

With its seven faculties and 12 departments, the university is spread over three towns (Alessandria, Novara, Vercelli), and has created strong relationships with local institutions.

It has contributed to the restoration work of former monasteries, factories, barracks and hospitals, to host a "red brick" university.

There are approximately 10,500 students, 363 teachers/researchers and 324 employees.

The academic disciplines span the full range of knowledge (economics, pharmacy, political sciences, medicine and surgery, natural sciences, law, humanities) and the university is organized into a wide series of activities.

There are basic and specializing courses, integrated practices, laboratories, apprenticeships, training periods and international exchanges. At present, the university offers: 28 three-year degree courses, three single-cycle specialist degree courses, 16 specialist degree courses, 16 specialization schools, master's and PhD courses. The centers of studies are situated in towns whose tranquil but dynamic, home-like but competitive atmosphere helps students to harmoniously enter university life.

The internationalization of research is a fundamental requirement of a well-qualified system of science and education. The creation and the consolidation of international networks are unavoidable to enhance the competitiveness among universities, considering the ability of attracting qualified students and researchers.

For this reason, over the past few years, the Università del Piemonte Orientale developed international relationships with European and overseas universities.

At present, it has signed thirty agreements for research activities and for student/researcher

Research	
University	National Ranking
Università di Trento	1
IUAV Venezia	2
<i>Università del Piemonte Orientale "Amedeo Avogadro"</i>	3
Università di Padova	4
Università di Modena - Reggio Emilia	5
Università di Milano (Bicocca)	6
Università di Siena	7
Università di Trieste	8
Università di Pisa	9
Università della Basilicata	10
Nearby universities:	
Genova 15, Milano 23, Pavia 26, Politecnico di Torino 32, Politecnico di Milano 34	

National ranking based on research productivity, among 58 Italian Universities
 Source: Italian newspaper "Il Sole 24 Ore"; Civr.

exchange throughout Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

The university is continuously developing in European research programs (e.g. FP6, Leonardo da Vinci, Equal) and is currently involved in 12 European projects. Such efforts have already been rewarded.

A special Evaluation Committee of the Ministry of University and Scientific Research has rated the quality of Italian scientific research, putting in comparison 58 universities.

Considering the results of productivity as well, the Italian newspaper "Il Sole 24 Ore" has ranked the Università del Piemonte Orientale in third place.

Considering single scientific fields, the university has won the gold medal for physics, is rated third place for chemistry and seventh for medical, political and social sciences.

"These results," says the Rector, Professor Paolo Garbarino, "pay back our hard work to guarantee the excellence of our university."

This is a starting point, though; we want to become competitive in attracting private business and money and in technological transfer. This is the challenge of the next years."



Student life at the Faculty of Economics in Novara
 Source: University archive