



UNIVERSITY OF  
**MESSINA**  
| founded in **1548**

WE ARE YOUR  
**FUTURE**



Tradition and  
Innovation at  
the Heart of the  
**Mediterranean**

INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENT GUIDE





# WELCOMES YOU TO THE 'GATEWAY OF SICILY'

## AND OF YOUR FUTURE



← MESSINA  



Situated in the eastern part of Sicily, in the South of Italy. Although it does not have its own airport, it can be easily reached by flying direct to the Catania, Palermo or Reggio Calabria airports.

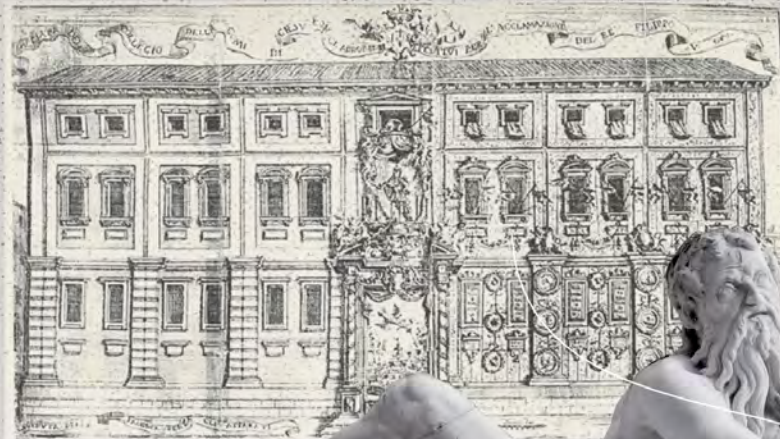


▶ Messina offers a safe and welcoming environment for tourists and students alike who are amazed at the beautiful scenery and excellent food. It was founded by Greeks in 724 B.C.. It was originally called *Zancle*, then *Messanion*, and finally *Messina*.





The University of Messina (**UniME**) is **one of the oldest universities in Italy**.



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was founded in

1548 → → →



Tradition and change at the heart of the Mediterranean: the University of Messina has always been characterised by the quality of research and teaching and its international vocation.

department of law and medicine  
1548

first degree conferred  
1599

five departments  
1841

elevated to the rank of University of first degree  
1885

over 16.000 applications from international students (University World News)  
2022



today



**UniME** has a strong international component, with agreements with universities from all over the world. Exchange programmes, double-degree and joint-degree programmes are all part of the international opportunities available to students.

Because of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) students may earn credits and take exams while they are studying abroad.





The mission of the University of Messina is to promote education and scientific research in all areas of knowledge and to offer lifelong learning to students, companies and institutions as a basis for society development.

Located at the heart of the Mediterranean, **UniME** has a growing visibility, competitiveness and a strategic focus on innovation and internationalisation.

# YOU ARE OUR MISSION



- WELCOMING STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
- CELEBRATING EDUCATION



→ EDUCATING

→ TRAINING



## THE THIRD MISSION OF UniME

In addition to the traditional missions of Teaching and Research, it consists in the enhancement of research and training to generate a positive impact on society by contributing to the development of the territory through its heritage, proposing new technologies, new knowledge, attracting new talents, stimulating greater cultural vitality.

The commitment is aimed at returning a different public model of knowledge, overcoming the idea of a closed academic eco-system.



# 12 DEPARTMENTS



Department of **Ancient and Modern Civilizations ('DICAM')**

Department of **Economics**

Department of **Law**

Department of **Engineering**

Department of **Clinical and Experimental Medicine**

Department of **Human and Pediatric Pathology 'Gaetano Barresi'**

Department of **Biomedical and Dental Sciences and Morphological and Functional Imaging ('BIOMORF')**

Department of **Chemical, Biological, Pharmaceutical and Environmental Sciences ('CHIOBIOFARAM')**

Department of **Cognitive Sciences, Psychology, Educational and Cultural Studies ('COSPECS')**

Department of **Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics and Earth Science ('MIFT')**

Department of **Political and Juridical Sciences ('SCIPOG')**

Department of **Vetinerary Sciences**

The **Central** Campus



The **Annunziata** Campus



The **Hospital** Campus



The **Papardo** Campus





## UniME NUMBERS

4  
CAMPUSES

12  
DEPARTMENTS

24,000 +  
STUDENTS

50+  
VISITING  
SCHOLARS  
every year

550+  
COOPERATION  
AGREEMENTS  
with international universities

500+  
STUDENTS  
on mobility every year

500+  
INTERNATIONAL  
FRESHMEN  
every year

## UniME RANKINGS



The QS prestigious ranking considers several parameters including the quality of research, the academic reputation, the internationalization ratios and the employability factor related to the participating universities. In the QS World University Ranking by Subject 2023, UniME confirms its position among the top 400 universities for Medicine (ranking #351-400), and among the top 500 university for the macro-area 'Life Sciences & Medicine' in general (ranking #451-500). Messina is also ranked for 'Physic and Astronomy' in the bandwidth #601-620.

In the general QS WUR 2024, which ranks the universities as a whole, UniME confirms its overall position #851-900 at global level and #30 at national level. Most specifically, the University is ranked among the top 500 in the world for the quality of its research (ranked #438 for 'Citations per Faculty') and #455 for its international research network.

- among the top 400 universities > Medicine RANKING #351-400
- among the top 500 universities > Macro Area Life Science & Medicine RANKING #351-400
- OVERALL POSITION at global level > RANKING #851-900
- national level > #30



The University of Messina confirms its position 501-600th in the Times Higher Education (THE) - World University Rankings 2023, also obtaining the 71st position in the Impact Rankings: Good health and well-being 2023.

- position 501-600<sup>th</sup>
- 71<sup>st</sup> position

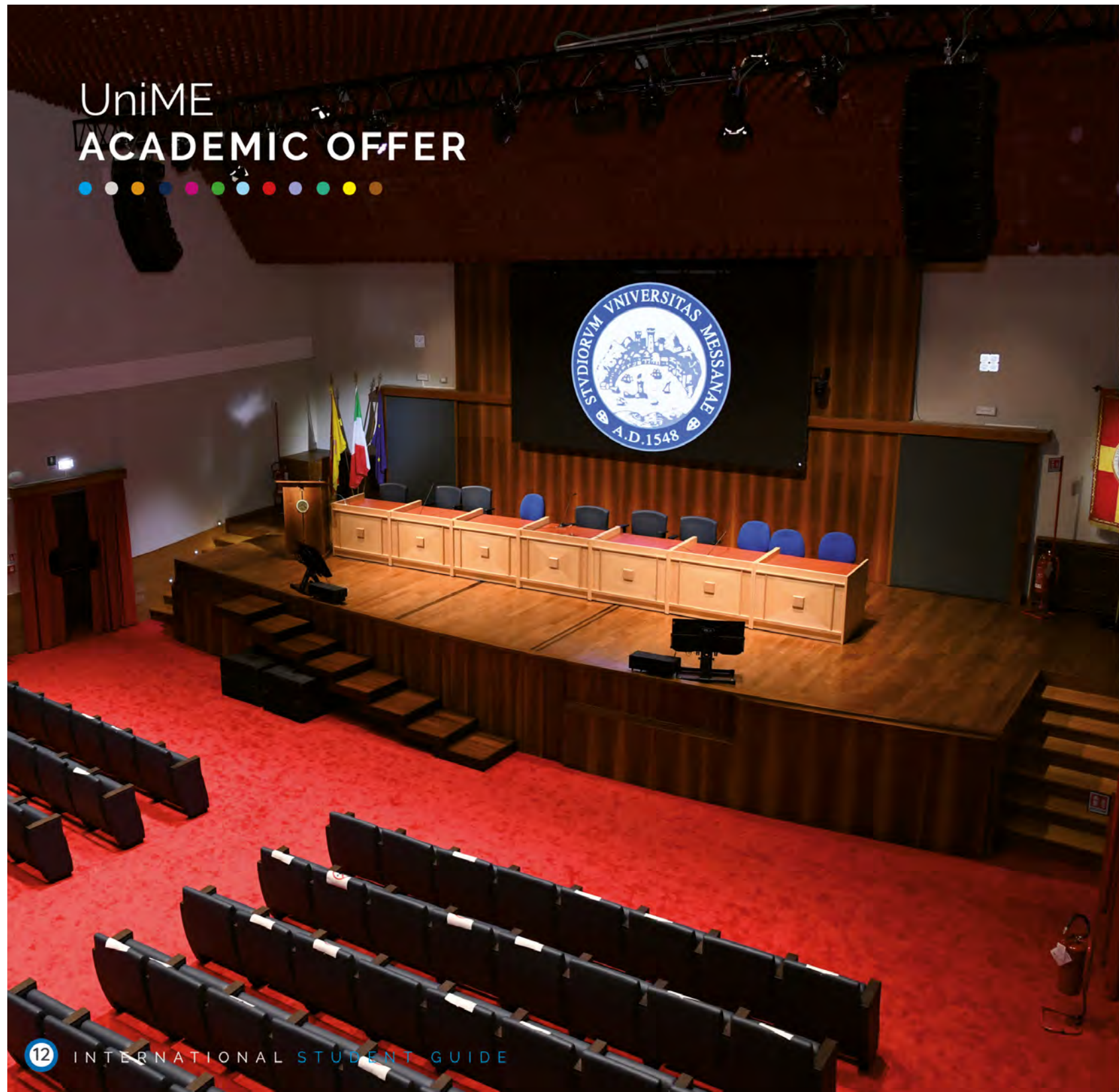


In the prestigious Global Ranking of Academic Subjects by ARWU (Academic Ranking of World Universities), UniME is ranked in the 151-200 range for Veterinary Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences, in the 201-300 range for Food Science and Technology and Dentistry and Oral Sciences, in the 301-400 range for Medical Technologies and Agricultural Sciences and in the 401-500 range for Human Biological Sciences and Environmental Science and Engineering.

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# UniME ACADEMIC OFFER



## ▶ COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

*The University of Messina offers a growing number of undergraduate and graduate degree courses taught in English in the most-requested professional fields for the global market: Business Management, STEM, Political Sciences and International Relations, Educational Studies, Life Sciences & Medicine Related Studies, Legal Studies. All degree programmes are taught by highly qualified professors with extensive international experience.*



## ▶ COURSES TAUGHT IN ITALIAN

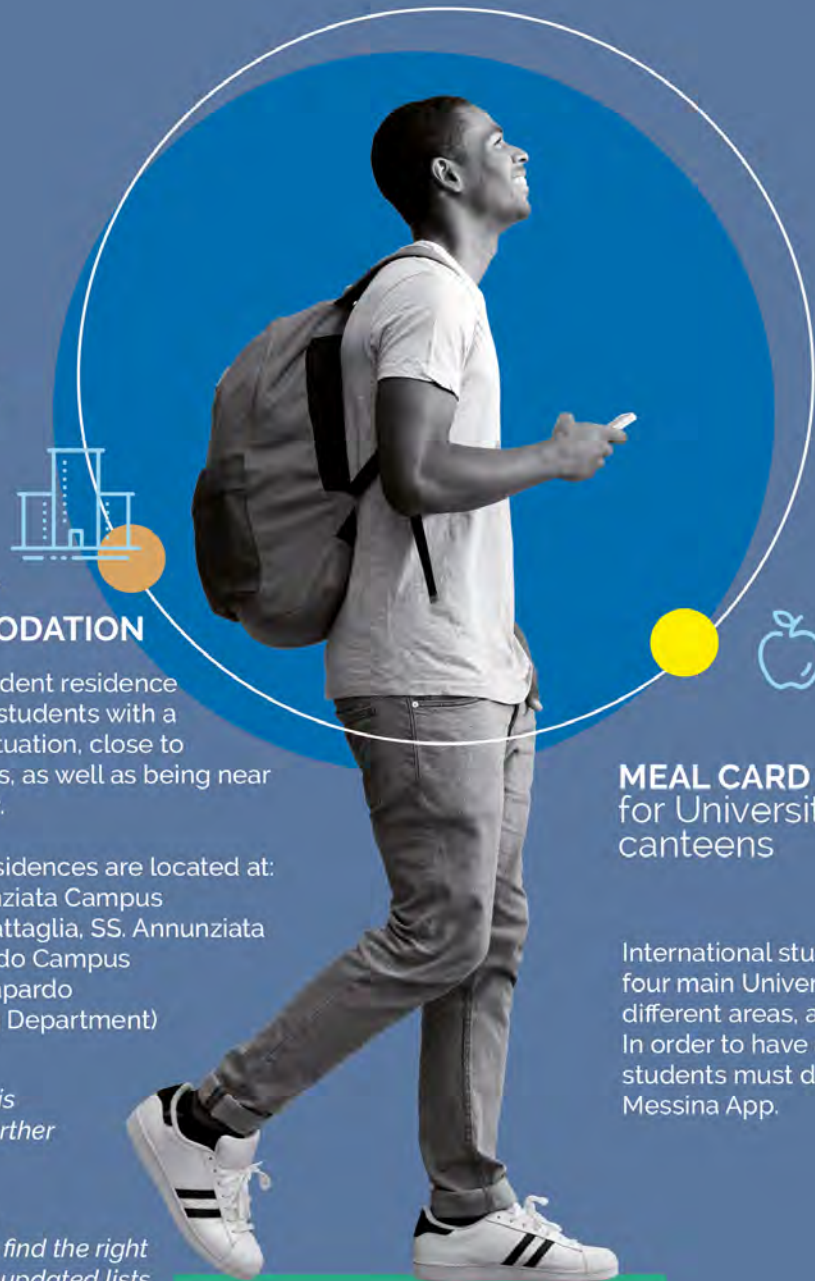
*The University of Messina offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree courses taught in Italian in the most-requested professional fields for the global market: Business Management, STEM, Political Sciences and International Relations, Educational Studies, Life Sciences & Medicine Related Studies, Veterinary Medicine, Legal Studies, Arts & Humanities Studies, Leisure & Sport Related Studies. All degree programmes are taught by highly qualified professors.*





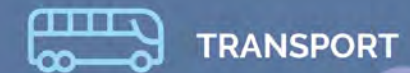
# UniME SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Upon arrival in Messina, international student will receive a warm welcome at UniME Welcome Point.



Everything has been arranged to **make study and stay as comfortable as possible.**

The student is at the centre of Unime.



University students can buy a bus/tram pass at a reduced price. (QR-1) UniME offers free shuttle bus services to the Annunziata and Papardo Campuses. (QR-2) "P.I.S.T.A Mobility on demand" is an experimental car sharing service that students can use. (QR-3)



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The office is designed to provide international students with information that will help in their smooth reception and integration at UniME.

The Welcome Point also provides support and assistance in dealing with:

- enrolment
- recognition of foreign qualification
- orientation and counselling services.

The Welcome Point coordinates the activities of the Student Ambassador Program and UniME Tutor Buddies.



UniME Student Ambassador Program aims to interact in a peer to peer way with international students. Our Student Ambassadors and Staff Buddies will help answer queries related to academic offer, applications, scholarships and fees, life in Messina and any questions about UniME.



## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Living in a student residence hall provides students with a good living situation, close to other students, as well as being near the University.

University Residences are located at:

- ERSU Annunziata Campus Contrada Battaglia, SS. Annunziata
- ERSU Papardo Campus Contrada Papardo (Engineering Department)

*Since the number of rooms for foreign students and visitors is limited, assignment of rooms is subject to availability. For further information please contact the UniME Residence Unit.*

*For further housing options, the Erasmus Students Network, an association of former Erasmus students, can help you to find the right private accommodation in Messina. ESN provides regularly updated lists of private flats and houses and helps students in their search*

## MEAL CARD for University canteens

International students have access to four main University canteens located in different areas, all close to Departments. In order to have access to the canteens, students must download the ERSU Messina App.

Here is a list of University canteens:

- Central canteen (Via Ghibellina, 146)
- Papardo canteen (C/da Papardo)
- SS. Annunziata canteen (C/da Battaglia, SS. Annunziata)
- Policlinico canteen (Via Consolare Valeria, 1)





UniME promotes international student exchange programmes at the European and international levels. For more information please visit the web page dedicated to specific mobility programmes (QR-7)



 INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY




SSD UniME offers one of the most modern sports facilities in Italy. Students can participate in sports and take courses in all main indoor and outdoor sports. Sports facilities include indoor and outdoor pools, a dance room, a large multi-gym area, rugby, baseball, tennis, soccer and hockey pitches, horse riding and more. For further information see QR-8



 SPORTS FACILITIES



Messina offers many services like accommodation, tutoring and the buddy system to assist students. The purchase of the ESN card gives you many local, national and international discounts. ESN provides pick-up service at the Messina railway/bus station upon your arrival. You are strongly recommended to contact ESN before your arrival in Messina by e-mail: [presidente.esnme@gmail.com](mailto:presidente.esnme@gmail.com)

 ERASMUS STUDENTS NETWORK MESSINA



UniME provides courses of Italian language for the students. (QR-6)



 ITALIAN LANGUAGES COURSES



The UniME Office for persons with disabilities offers technical support to improve access to courses, facilities, buildings and social life. They also assist the various departments with programming and instructional issues. The Office also oversees the counselling activities of each department counselor as well as the coordination of free transportation.



 DISABILITY-SLD SERVICES FOR STUDENTS





It is an innovative initiative that assists qualified students who live out of Messina with their rent payment. Students residing in other municipalities in Italy and abroad who have a registered 10 month (or more) rental contract in the Municipality of Messina may apply. The winners will receive reimbursement of up to a maximum of 2,000 euros for their rent per year, on the basis of the personal/family income.



#### CASA UNIME PROGRAMME

Scholarships for enrolled students are awarded on the basis of the personal/family income of the applicant. The Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education (ERSU) publishes a yearly call for applications for scholarships, free accommodation, scholarships for international mobility and awards for high achievement.



#### ERSU SCHOLARSHIP

It is possible for students to work part time. A residence permit for study purposes allows the holder to work for a maximum of 1040 hours per year (20 hours per week) with a contract as an employee. For further information, contact local labour unions.

#### WORKING AS A STUDENT

All University premises are equipped with free wi-fi connection. (QR-5) UniME has a well-stocked library with the best scientific and academic publications. The on-line integrated library database (S.B.A.) and updated information on academic and research activities and services (LISI-SCOPUS) are freely available at the University website. (QR-4)



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#### LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS



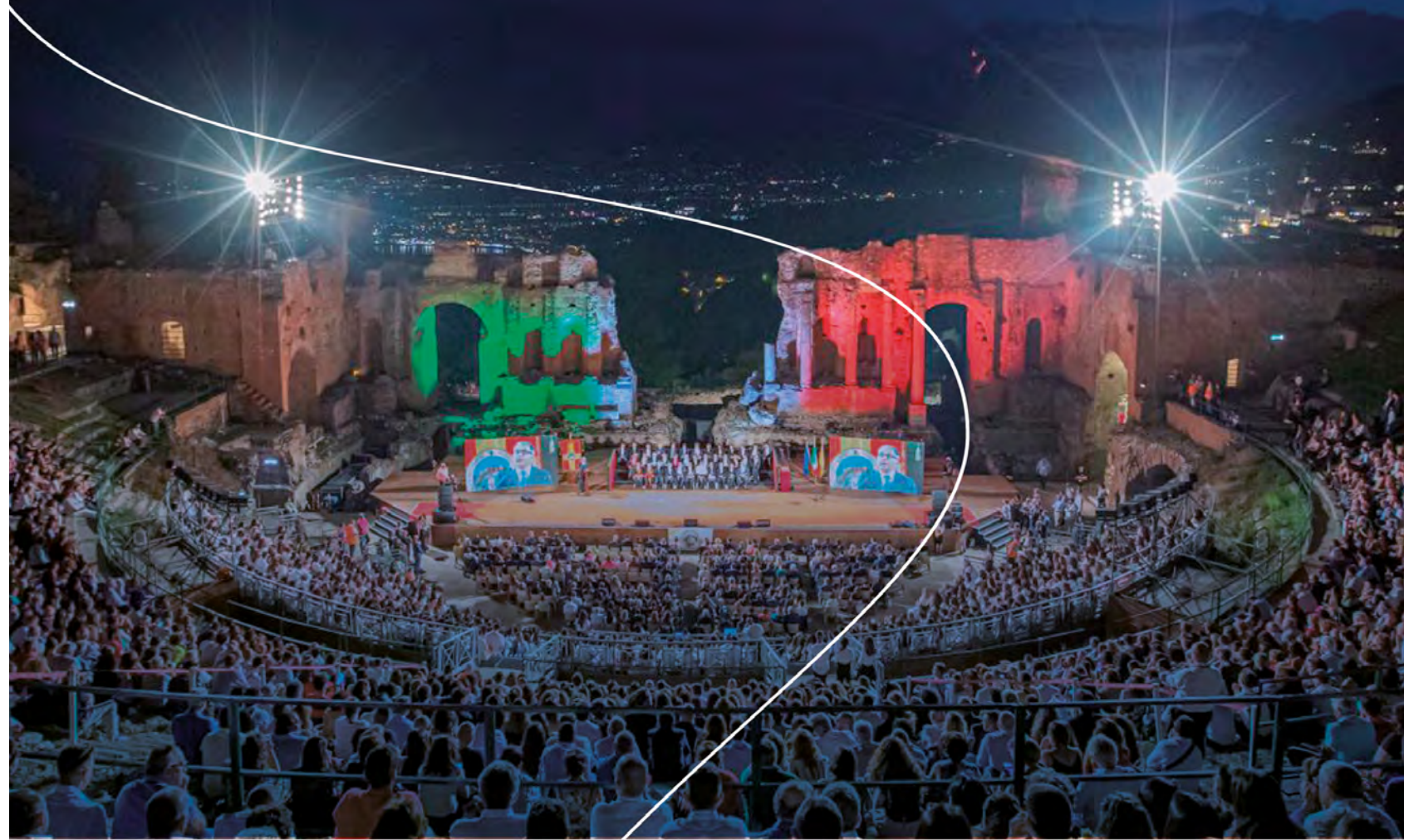
#### ONLINE SERVICES

- **WEB MAIL STUDENTI** is an institutional email account for student communications;
- **CHAT UNIME** provides information and assistance with a chat operator;
- **TELEGRAM UNIME** is an official message system that communicates news about calls, competitions, deadlines, appointments, etc.;
- **APP UNIME** is the official University app to manage student personal careers;
- **MICROSOFT 365** services for UNIME students





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