



Master Degree in International Security Studies

Basic guide

On Arrival to Pisa

From the train station



There are taxis available once you exit and turn to the left of the train station. If there are none at the time, you should wait as they are constantly coming and you should not be waiting for longer than 10-15 min. To give you a general idea a taxi to the main campus will take about 5-10 min and will cost from 7 to 10 Euros depending on traffic.

There are also buses once you exit and turn right. Depending on where you are going you may check: <http://www.cpt.pisa.it/> to see all buses and decide which one to take (if you're going to the main campus see below).

From the Pisa airport to Pisa centre

Rail: The railway station is next to the terminal and can be accessed via a covered walkway. Services run to Pisa Centrale.

Bus: Bus "LAM Rossa" makes several stops in the city centre and it leaves from just outside the Arrivals hall. Buses leave for the town centre every 10 minutes.

Taxi: *CO.TA.PI* (Pisa taxi cooperative) operates *Radio Taxi* (tel: 050 541 600), which runs a 24-hour taxi service from the airport. *CO.TA.PI* also offers a collective taxi, which runs to the Pisa Centrale railway station for a flat rate fare (€5-7 if you take the collective one). The journey to the centre of Pisa typically takes 10 minutes.

Getting to the main campus



By taxi: give or tell the taxi the following address:

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33

By bus from the train station:

You can buy the bus ticket at the tobacco shop (tabacchino) at the station. The price for a ticket valid for one hour is 1,20 euro, while if you buy the ticket directly on the bus the price is 2,00 euro.

Take bus 4 and be ready to get off at via **Santa CATERINA** usually the speaker system on the bus announces the stops (look the map for more detail). When you hear **S. ZENO 2** press the blue button to make sure the bus will stop at the next stop and then get off. Once you are off - looking at the street with your back to the wall- turn left and walk until you see a parking lot on your right (this is the Sant'Anna parking lot). Cross the street into the parking lot and you will see a monument. Right in front of it on the right is the entrance to the Scuola's main campus.

For the detailed list of stops this bus makes go to:
<http://www.cpt.pisa.it/orari/pisa/linea04.html>

Walking from the train station: (look at the attached map) It's about 20-25 minutes walking depending on how fast you walk.

Where you will study

You will see on the map two of the locations of Scuola Sant'Anna. While you will have lunch at the main campus canteen (in Italian "mensa"), classes will take place at the buildings of the Scuola.

Accommodation

Unfortunately the Scuola cannot offer on-campus housing for MISS students. In general, our

students rent single/double rooms directly from landlords or private families, OR they decide to share a flat/apartment. There are different options, so you should try to understand what is the best solution for you and organize your efforts accordingly.

For the first few days we advise you to book a room at a hotel, hostel, or B&B:

- Hotel Helvetia
(<http://www.pensionehelvetiapisa.com/?lingua=2>)
- Hotel Rinascente
(www.rinascentehotel.com),
- B&B Casamia
(<http://www.bed-and-breakfast.it/pagina.cfm?ID=13781&IDregione=16>)
- B&B Arcobaleno
(<http://www.bbipisa.it/bbarcobaleno/>)
- B&B Le Donzelle
(www.bbledonzelle.com)
- B&B La Coccinella
(<http://www.lacoccinellaffittacamere.it/en/index.html>)
- B&B A Casa Doina Tower
(www.bbacasadoina.it)
- Hostel Delfo
(www.delfo.hostel.com)
- Hostel La torre
(<http://www.hostelworld.com/hosteldetails.php/Hotel-La-Torre/Pise/31821>)

For more info on Hotels, Hostels and B&Bs in Pisa please visit:

- <http://www.booking.com/>
- <http://www.trivago.com/>
- <http://www.venere.com/it/>
- <http://www.pisaonline.it/pisa/italia.asp?lingua=ing>
- www.hostelworld.com

Below a few websites where you can find ads about rooms and flats for rent in Pisa (please be aware that, even if most of the time it is possible to find very good offers, it is more cautious to rent a room only once you are already in Pisa and after you have actually had a look at the room, NEVER from the distance):

- <http://www.immobiliare.it/>
- <http://www.casa.it/affitti>
- www.affitto.it (ITA)
- www.casaclick.it (ITA)
- www.bakeca.it (ITA)
- www.idealista.it

- www.kijiji.it
- www.vivastreet.it
- <http://affittistudenti.studenti.it/>
- www.easystanza.it
- www.trovacasa.net
- www.mioaffitto.it
- www.saimicadove.it (ads are only on the Italian version)
- www.trovit.it
- <http://www.dalproprietario.it/affitti/>

Where to start looking once in Pisa

The best places to start looking for an accommodation are the areas around the city where students hang out, such as the university canteen ("mensa universitaria") or the various faculties and departments. Once there, we suggest you to have a look at the several notices pinned up by the students, and to write down some of the phone numbers of those more interesting for you. As for the local housing agencies, honestly they don't get the best results and they can be quite expensive. Therefore, we suggest you to refer to them ONLY if you decide to rent a whole apartment.

Prices

The cost of accommodations depends a lot on where they are located in the city. The cost of a furnished single room with shared facilities in the historic centre of Pisa or close-by can range from 300 to 350 euro per month, whereas one bed in a double room costs around 200-280 euro. The rent for a furnished flat/apartment in Pisa can range from 600 to 1000 euro, depending upon the location, number of rooms, whether facilities are private or shared, etc.

Rent is usually paid monthly. It is advisable not to always trust the lowest price, because it is possible that the lower the price the more problems it hides.

Extra expenses

Before renting a room or an apartment, make sure whether the price agreed upon includes or not the utilities (such as heating, water, light and gas bills) and whether or not you have to pay a condominium charge (usually in an apartment building this includes cleaning, the lift, the light in the common spaces, and gardens maintenance). Generally extra expenses are not included, hence you should calculate at least 30 euro more each month. We suggest you to ask clearly the landlord what you will be expected to pay monthly, including extras. Discussing this in advance with your landlord will avoid you any unkind surprise later. In most cases, one or two months rent is asked in advance as part of a deposit ("caparra"), which will be returned to you once you leave your room or apartment.

Contract

Ask your landlord to sign a proper contract with you when you rent a room or a flat.

In case of problems

In case of problems with your landlord we suggest you to contact S.U.N.I.A (Sindacato Unitario Nazionale Inquilini ed Assegnatari – National Union of Tenants and Assignees).

Here you can find the contact details of the S.U.N.I.A. office in Pisa:

S.U.N.I.A.

Viale Bonaini, 75 presso Camera del Lavoro

Tel. 050 49303

Opening hours:

From Monday to Friday: 9,00 - 12,30

In the afternoon only by appointment

www.sunia.it

Things to keep in mind

Language courses

Students of MISS can attend the free courses of language at Sant'Anna School (English, French, German and Spanish).

For the other languages students can access to the language courses held at the Linguistic Centre of the University of Pisa (<http://www.cli.unipi.it/>)

Canteen

Every students of MISS has 65 free meals during the first year. After that, is possible to recharge the badge at the School (U.O. Servizi Generali).

The cost of the each meal is 6,64 euro (4,43 euro for a reduced meal).

Sports

C.U.S. (Centro Universitario Sportivo) in Pisa offers a wide range of sport activities. For more info please visit the website: <http://www.cuspisa.it/home.html>

Please find below a list of sport organizations:

http://www.pisaonline.it/toscana/pisa/pisa_da_vivere/cultura_tempo_libero/Sport/societ%C3%A0_sportive.htm

Please find below a list of gym clubs in Pisa:

http://www.pisaonline.it/toscana/pisa/pisa_da_vivere/cultura_tempo_libero/Sport/palestre.htm