

The following applies to UNIMORE students who are considering to join the Double Degree program between UNIMORE and the Radboud Universiteit.

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What is a DD program?

It is an agreement between two universities to coordinate their didactical activities and earn two degrees, one at each institution, at the same time.

Which university is taking part in this DD program?

The Laurea Magistrale Physics has agreed a DD program with the M.Sc. in Physics and Astronomy of the Radboud university.

How does it work? Is like an Erasmus?

The DD is a specific international mobility study program agreed between the two universities to earn both degrees. It has nothing to do with an Erasmus mobility. Soon after you enter the program, a personalized two-year study program is set with the help of your supervisors. During the first year you stay at the home university, regularly attending classes and taking exams (up to 60 ECTS). At the beginning of the second year, you move to RU and start immediately the thesis research program. The research activity replaces almost in full the exams which are normally planned in the second year. All in all, within the DD you take less exams and devote more time to the thesis project, with respect to the normal study path (and an Erasmus mobility),.

### What is special in the training in physics offered at the Radboud University?

The Faculty of Science of the RU is a reference center for research in physics in Europe, home to the HFML, one of the European facilities for the production of high magnetic fields for the study of matter in extreme conditions, and collaborates with the LHC at CERN, the Event Horizon Telescope or gravitational wave detectors like LIGO. The M.Sc. in Physics and Astronomy offers top-level training in particle and astrophysics, quantum matter and neurophysics.

### Who can participate in the DD between UNIMORE and RU?

Any motivated student enrolled in the Laurea Magistrale Physics at UNIMORE may ask to join the program. The DD has a limited number of participants. Applicants will be selected by an inter-institution committee. It is a closed number program, and we accept 2/3 students per year.

### How can I apply?

Students willing to participate in the DD program must apply according to the call published at this webpage. The application procedure is simple: you must submit by email a motivation letter stating your main scientific interests and a CV.

### Do I need an English language certificate?

Yes. You need a C1 certificate. The language certificate must be obtained before leaving for RU (that is within the first year).

### When does the selection take place?

At the beginning of the Laurea Magistrale.

### When should I leave for RU?

At the beginning of the second year.

### What if I cannot complete the 60 ECTS of the first year at UNIMORE?

You can complete the ECTS when you are back from RU. You have one year to complete your exams.

### Is housing at RU provided by the University?

RU does not provide a room but helps to organize housing of DD students. Rooms with different arrangements and prices are available: rooms in a dormitory sharing the kitchen and showers, rooms with private kitchenette and shower, rooms with a separate kitchen, bathroom and a washing machine room. Check out [www.sshn.nl](http://www.sshn.nl). If selected, contact the Erasmus coordinator at RU before leaving.

### Is there any university fee to participate in the DD program?

No. Each DD fellow pays the normal university fee at the home institution (including reductions according to their economic status). No additional fee is due for the host university.

### Is there a fellowship to support the living abroad?

Students selected for the DD program are entitled to obtain a regular Erasmus fellowship. When submitting to the regular Erasmus call (normally around December/January) specify you have already been selected for the DD program.

### What if I cannot complete the one-year program abroad?

If for any reason a student cannot complete the one-year program abroad, the study path is converted into a regular Erasmus project, and didactical activities already taken abroad are recovered.

What is my expected activity abroad? Do I have to take additional exams?

During the two semesters abroad, the student will be involved in a research project and the writing of the thesis. In addition to the 60 ECTS taken at UNIMORE, normally only one exam will be taken at RU.

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No, the selection of the students for the DD program takes place only at the beginning of the first year (before Christmas).

Where can I get more info?

Master Webpage [www.fim.unimore.it/LM/FIS/](http://www.fim.unimore.it/LM/FIS/)

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