UNIMC has established several international exchange programmes, with over 360 European and 150 Extra-European partner Institutions, within the Erasmus + European programme or bilateral cooperation agreements. Summer schools are organized with prestigious international universities. Double or multiple degrees with European Universities are embedded in the courses’ catalogue. Particular strong relations connect UNIMC with some of the most prestigious Chinese Higher Education Institutions. As of 2020, in partnership with the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) and the Beijing Normal University, UNIMC runs the Confucius Institute of Macerata. The only one of its kind in the central and southern Adriatic region, it is a meeting place between Chinese and Italian culture, besides promoting business connections between Central Italy and China’s partners.

INTERNATIONALITY IS A PRIORITY

UNIMC is part of a Regional Clusters for Innovation and is a member of the Network of Research Universities Network, the focus on technology and Humanism within the perspective of Humanities and Social Sciences. Businesses are also in the strategy of research development. Every year, numerous PhD fellowships are co-funded by large companies and SMEs, and lively is the exchange of new knowledges in the form of applied research to develop joint projects.

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The breadth and interdisciplinary nature of our research develops within in closely connected Departments:

- Law;
- Education, Cultural heritage and Tourism;
- Political Science, Communication and International relations;
- Humanities // Languages, Meditation, History, Arts, Philosophy;
- Economics and Law

Thanks to the relevance of their research activities, in 2005 the Department of Law and the Department of Education, Cultural heritage and Tourism of Macerata have won a competition launched by the Italian Ministry for University and Research. They won a competition launched by the Italian Ministry for University and Research. They were successful in launching the Department of Education, Cultural Heritage and Tourism of Macerata.

In 2017, the University of Macerata was one of the first universities to embrace a major change in the organization of its work: the adoption of the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers. The University made a formal commitment before the European Commission to draft an Action Plan for the actual implementation of the principles expressed in the Charter through the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRSeR). On the grounds of the action plan, in 2014 the University was one of the first universities in Italy to be awarded with the HR Excellence in Research accreditation and logo. This recent recognizes the policies and practices that UNIMC has put in place to support researchers’ career and professional development, with particular attention paid to the needs of young researchers.

In 2017, the further natural step was to join the Open, Transparent and Merit-based Recruitment Initiative (OTM-I) in research performing Organisations, just set as top-priority by the European Commission, by embedding the OTM-I principles in the existing HR Strategy and Action Plan. The actions focus primarily on guaranteeing equal opportunities and access for all; creating an international portfolio for cooperation, competition and equity mobility; enhancing the value of the research career and; in a few words, ensuring the recruitment of the best possible person for the job.

**OUR EXPERTISE**

- Support in international research project of focus on socio-economic and ethical issues
- Partnership that can add value to science / technology-oriented projects embedding SSH
- Young, dynamic and reactive researchers that can share their expertise in an international perspective
- Multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach
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**MISSION: INNOVATION THROUGH THE HUMANITIES**

Our mission is to contribute to the development of individuals and society through outstanding research, focusing on excellence at an international level.

As outlined by its motto ‘Innovation through the Humanities’, UNIMC mission is to contribute to the development of society through the added value that Social Sciences and Humanities can bring to the understanding of our complex society. Our main strength relies on the thoroughness to manage cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary initiatives, including the establishment of fruitful collaborations with STEM disciplines. Researchers are in order to successfully develop national and international research projects.

Critical and creative thinking plays a fundamental role in this process. The Umic community of scholars and researchers is in the unceasing mission to provide the necessary skills and expertise towards this mission.

As a cross-cutting issue of broad relevance, Social Sciences and Humanities research should be directly involved in addressing the multi-faceted challenges raised by the modern world. Integrating the Social, Economic and Human Sciences dimensions in a silo-free dialogue into research and new technologies means they can make their contribution just where they are most needed in maximising the societal returns from investment in science and technology, and in helping find solutions that are relevant and valuable for people’s lives.