

## INTERNATIONALITY IS A PRIORITY

UNIMC has established several international exchange programmes with over 150 European and 50 Extra-European partner Institutions, within the Erasmus + European programme or bilateral cooperation agreements. Summer schools are organized with prestigious international universities.

9 double or multiple degrees with European Universities are embedded in the courses catalogue. Particularly strong relations connect UNIMC with some of the most prestigious Chinese Higher Education institutions. As of 2011, 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 Chinese partners.

## INDUSTRY AND SSH: A WINNING PARTNERSHIP

UNIMC is part of 4 Regional Clusters for innovation and is member of the Netval Research Universities Network. We focus on technology and innovation, from the perspective of Humanities and Social Sciences. Businesses are allies in this strategy of research development. Every year, numerous Phd fellowships are co-funded by large companies and SMEs, and lively is the exchange of new knowledge in the form of applied research to develop joint projects.

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UNIMC is member of the:

**ECHIC**

European Consortium  
for Humanities Institutes and Centres

**EUA CDE**

European University Association  
- Council for Doctoral Education

**GUNI**

Global University Network for Innovation

**OSSREA**

Organization for Social Science Research  
in Eastern and Southern Africa



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# THE NEAR *FUTURE*

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## RESEARCH

**UNIVERSITY  
OF MACERATA**



# A LONG HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE

The University of Macerata (UNIMC), founded in 1290, is one of the oldest universities in the Western world. With over 10.000 students enrolled and about 600 staff employed, UNIMC is the only university in Italy that is specialized exclusively on Social, Economic and Human Sciences (SSH).

The breadth and interdisciplinary nature of our research develops within 5 closely connected Departments:

**Law;**

**Education, Cultural heritage and Tourism;**

**Political Science, Communication and**

**International relations;**

**Humanities** /// Languages, Mediation, History, Arts, Philosophy;

**Economics and Law**

Thanks to the relevance of their research activities, in 2017 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 have been ranked as "Departments of Excellence" in Italy, and rewarded with additional financial support to develop outstanding and innovative pluri-annual research projects.

# 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 capability to manage cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary initiatives, including the establishing of fruitful collaborations with STEM disciplines researchers in order to successfully develop national and international research projects.*

Critical and creative thinking plays a fundamental role in this process. The Unimc community of scholars and researchers is in the unique position 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 strictly involved in addressing the multi-faceted challenges posed by the modern world. Integrating the Social, Economic and Human Sciences dimension in a silos-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.



Father Matteo Ricci (1552 - 1610), humanities student in Macerata, introduced philosophy and Christian studies in China and was the first Westerner to be invited into the Forbidden City.

# AN EFFORT FOR ACADEMIC CAREER DEVELOPMENT

In 2005, the University of Macerata was one of the pioneer universities to embrace the adoption of the **EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR RESEARCHERS** and of **A 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 (HRS4R)**.

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. The award recognises 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-R)** in research performing Organisations, just set as top-priority by the

European Commission, by embedding the OTM-R 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 projects, with strong 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**
- strong relationships and ongoing projects with **China and Eastern Europe**
- sound experience in **coordinating European and international research and innovation projects**.



# READY FOR HORIZON EUROPE

Following a strong interdisciplinary approach, research at UNIMC is organised in strategic themes, or research clusters.



Multi- and inter-disciplinary studies on digitization of production and processes; circular economy, sustainable development and economic growth; economic efficiency, social inclusion and environmental responsibility; digital manufacturing for production speed, customization and product quality.

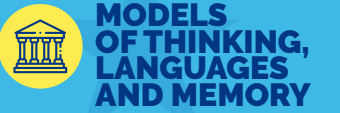


Multi- and inter-disciplinary studies on inclusive citizenship, security and citizens participation to democracy; right to citizenship; welfare and technological cities; social rights protection and actions against discrimination; technological innovation and governance policies; Europe, democracy and peace.

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Multi- and inter-disciplinary studies on territorial identity through agriculture and food; thematic and sustainable cultural tourism; rural sustainable and inclusive development; cultural and creative industries; territorial marketing, place branding and Made in Italy; cultural heritage.



Multi- and inter-disciplinary studies on history and memory; literature and languages; intercultural competences; critical thinking; interpretative and communicative abilities; new models, technologies and materials for learning; promotion of civic social awareness, cooperative knowledge building and sharing.



Multi- and inter-disciplinary studies on technologies, organizational systems and models of knowledge; hybridization of physical and virtual; co-creation and networks; multimodal models; robotics and digital interface for health; cyber and digital systems in health and education; development of competences, e-learning and digital citizenship.