

OPTIMA Winter school 2027 – Arrival Info Kit

When and Where	Optimal Decision-Making in Public Health - OPTIMA Winter School takes place in presence in Trento from Monday morning, 18 January 2027 to Friday afternoon, 29 January 2027. Warning: on Tuesday 12 January 2027 at 1.00 p.m. Italian time there will be a compulsory preparatory online two-hour-session. No extra sessions will be held. For further details check the dedicated webpage
Admission process and visa (if needed)	Once you are admitted to one of the above schools, we will inform you and the international office of your home Institution (contact provided by you in the application tool). In case you are within the frame of an Erasmus+ short term mobility for BIP (Blended Intensive Program), we will provide details about the needed process and a Learning Agreement template. If a visa is needed, we will send you an invitation letter. Check whether a visa is needed by selecting your nationality, country of residence, “up to 90 days” and “tourism” options. If you need a visa, please immediately send us the complete name and address of the Italian Embassy/General Consulate in your country where you will go to apply for the visa.
Insurance Coverage	Make sure you have health insurance coverage valid in Italy for the entire period of your stay. If you live in the EU and you have a valid European Health Insurance Card, please refer to this webpage. Otherwise, you will need to buy a private health insurance policy, which covers emergencies and guarantees your return to your country in case of serious health problems. Among the several choices to consider, you can have a look at Aon Complete Formula which also covers accidents outside academic activities. During all activities organized by UniTrento you are covered by UniTrento accident insurance (only in case of hospitalization due to an accident) and by third party liability (in case of damages you may cause to third parties). Please notice that these are not personal health insurance policies!
Travel Plans	You are required to pay for and organize all travel from your place of residence to Trento and back on your own. There is not a designated student pick-up service in Trento. The Verona-Catullo airport is the closest airport to Trento (20 minutes by shuttle + 1 hour by train), but there are also airports in Milan, Bergamo and Venice. All details and shuttle connections to the closest train station can be found on the webpage How to arrive to Trento. Alternatively, FLIXBUS is a cheap way of travelling from the main airports to Trento also during the night. If you come by car the highway is the A22 Brennero-Modena and the closest exit to the city center is Trento sud (South) or Trento nord (North), depending on which direction you are coming from.

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Accommodation	You are responsible for booking and covering the entire cost of your own lodging in Trento for the duration of the school. Admitted students will receive some hints of modern, central and economically convenient accommodation according to past editions students' suggestions. Through a Padlet that will be created soon after the selection, you can contact the other students for a shared accommodation. Make sure to book ahead of time. Ask for and clearly understand the payment and cancellation policy, the typology of room and apartment, as well as additional services that may be available (e.g. cleaning, special requests, breakfast, kitchenette, etc.). Since lessons start on Monday morning and finish on Friday afternoon of the following week, we suggest that you plan your check-in by Sunday evening 17 January and the checkout starting from Friday 29 January 2027.
Costs of living	At your charge and under your responsibility are: Meals: approximately from 6 to 9 € in the university canteen, 10-15 € at a café or restaurant, less if you cook by yourself or with others. Housing: on average 30 €/day in shared accommodation (e.g. individual cost per night with 2 occupants: € 40; individual cost per night with 5 or 6 occupants is: € 20. Hints to find one will be sent to prospective participants. Travel and transportation expenses once you arrive at UniTrento and the surrounding area unless you get from your host the Trentino Guest Card. Visa and health insurance, if needed.
Meals	We will provide you some vouchers in order to access to the university canteen at your charge. Otherwise, you can decide to have your meals in a restaurant/café at your choice and without showing the vouchers. During the first day you will receive a document with all our best recommendations. The welcome brunch, the packed lunch during the one-day excursion and the farewell buffet are covered by UniTrento.

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Weather and What to Bring	The weather in Trento during the Winter can be quite cold (-5 to +8°C) with occasional rain and/or snow, so please bring warm clothes and waterproof shoes. For the half day on the snow, bring waterproof trousers, jacket, gloves, sunglasses and a wool hat! Bring your laptop and plug adaptor for Italy, if needed.
IT UniTrento full user credentials for Wi-Fi	A couple of weeks before the school starts, after your official enrollment at UniTrento, you will receive an e-mail from the University with the subject: "UniTrento: how to activate your definitive account". This is a very important e-mail so please check in the Spam box as well in case you did not receive it. The e-mail explains how to turn your "guest" profile into a "UniTrento" profile, which is necessary to access the Internet and all ICT services on campus. In order to receive your UniTrento account, you have to go to the section "MyUniTn" in the upper right-hand corner of UniTrento HP and sign in using your provisional account that is included in the e-mail (name.surname@guest.unitn.it) and follow the instructions given in the e-mail. In case of problems, please write to account.help@unitn.it Once you complete this procedure, your guest account will be disabled and you will be a full-fledged UniTn user through which you will be able to use Wi-Fi UNITN-X or EDURAM. If you do not remember your password, a "UniTrento password recovery service" is available that only requires your personal email address. Please notice that you are NOT asked to activate the unitn mailbox which requires several steps and you do not need it.
ECTS Credits	At the end of the School, all participants will receive an Attendance Certificate. After two weeks students will also receive an official UniTrento Transcript of Records with 6 ECTS and an evaluation mark. The online preparatory online session is mandatory. Should you need any other certificate please, pre-fill it, and send it in the first day of the Winter school for signatures and stamp.
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