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**Giacomo Leopardi** School for Higher Studies  
University of Macerata

a school for talent

a great opportunity

a challenge for the future

a university career of excellence

# WHO WE ARE

The **Giacomo Leopardi School for Higher Studies**, established by the University of Macerata with a substantial contribution by the Fondazione Carima, was created to cultivate the talent and qualities of the best school-leavers.

# OBJECTIVES



The School aims to:

**Optimize training and research results** through attentive selection of students, involvement of illustrious Italian and foreign teachers and researchers and to offer high quality structures and services;

**Favour interdisciplinary activities**, in order to gain a critical and conscious understanding of complex phenomena and to face up to the challenges of the future;

**Promote internationalization**, as an added value, both through meetings and exchanges with foreign teachers and scholars and by sending students on study and research visits to the best international universities and research centres.

# STUDENTS

The students that are admitted to the School, **exclusively on the basis of their merit**, enrol in their chosen faculty at the University of Macerata (just like all other students), but at the same time they participate in the School's teaching activities. Admission to the School takes place by means of a **public selection by examination** open to those students who have the right to enter the first year of the degree courses.

The School is made up of two Branches: **Humanities** - for students who choose to read at the faculties of:

- Letters and Philosophy
- Education
- Cultural Heritage

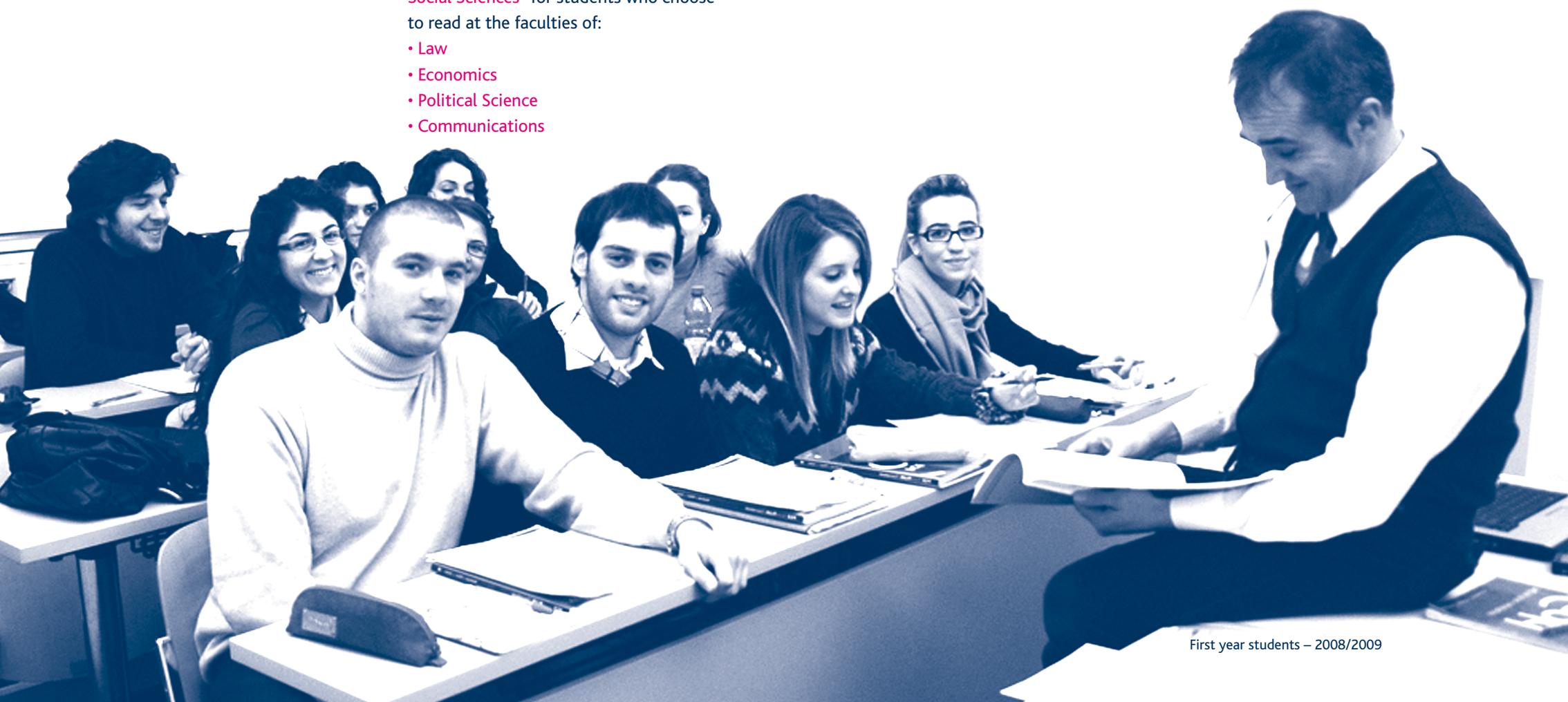
**Social Sciences**- for students who choose to read at the faculties of:

- Law
- Economics
- Political Science
- Communications

# TEACHING

The School runs parallel to and does not replace the study courses at Macerata University. Besides their scheduled university lessons, students must also do research work and attend the School's internal courses, which are divided into four types:

- a • branch-specific seminars
- b • interdisciplinary seminars for both branches
- c • foreign language courses
- d • computer courses

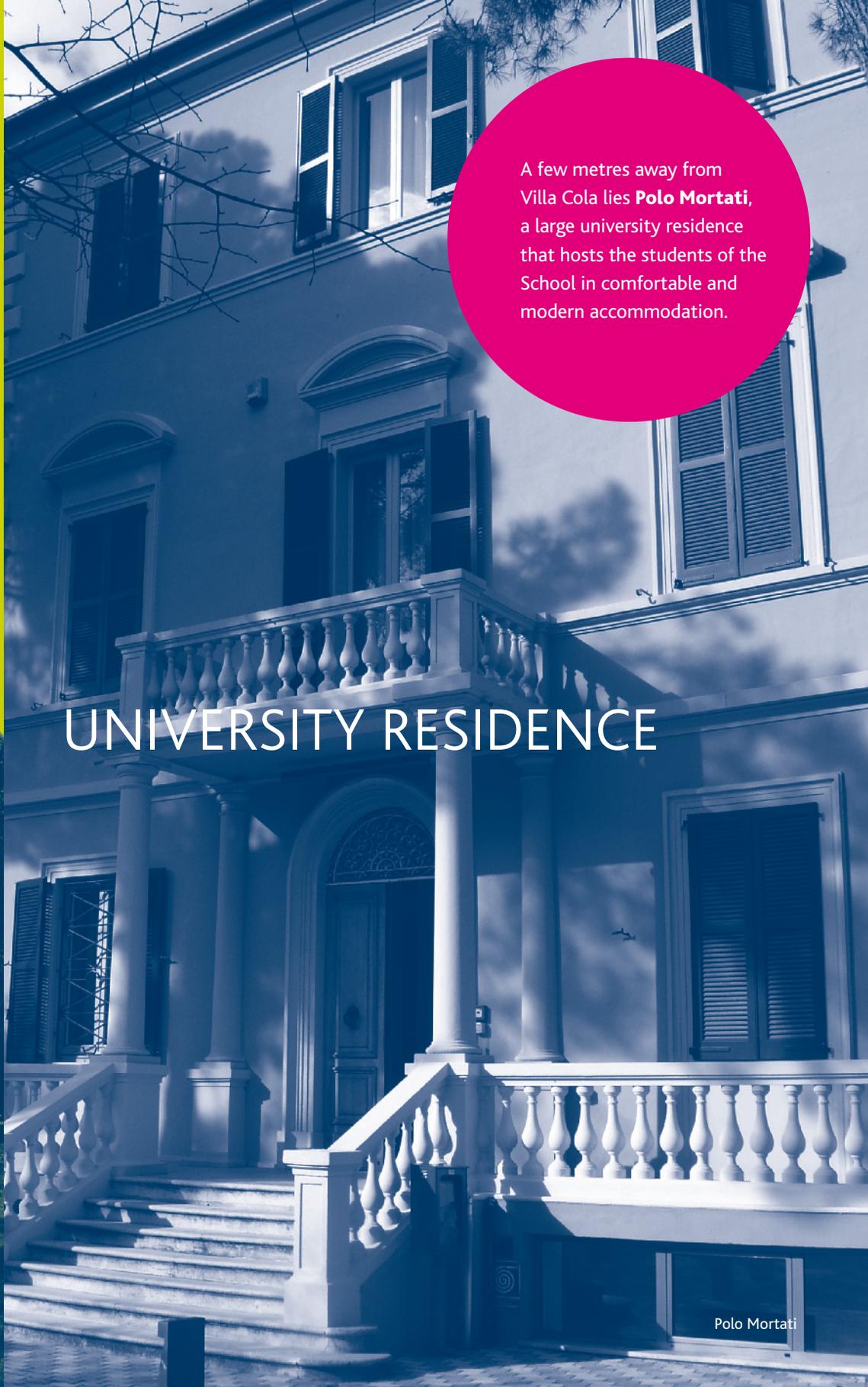




## HEAD OFFICE

The School is housed in **Villa Cola**, a splendid neoclassical house located in Via Martiri della Libertà, not far from the old town centre, set on a hill that commands a view stretching from the Sibillini Mountains to the Adriatic Sea. It is immersed in a centuries-old garden, ideal for group study and the exchange of experience and culture, in an international atmosphere.

Villa Cola



## UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE

A few metres away from Villa Cola lies **Polo Mortati**, a large university residence that hosts the students of the School in comfortable and modern accommodation.

Polo Mortati

Admission to the School is conducted purely on the basis of merit by means of **public selection examination**.

Every year in **May** notification of the selection is published, also on the School site [www.scuolastudisuperiori.unimc.it](http://www.scuolastudisuperiori.unimc.it). The notification specifies the way in which applications must be presented and the selection procedure, which takes place in **Macerata** in **September**.

For every academic year there are 10 places obtainable through selection, divided as follows:

**5** places for **Social Sciences**

**5** places for **Humanities**

The admission examination consists of **two written tests** and **one oral test**, designed to evaluate candidates' knowledge, capacity and motivation. Tests differ according to the branch selected. On the School website, candidates can find previous years' tests and advice on how to prepare for admissions examinations.

During the selection period candidates can benefit from:

**Accommodation service:** candidates who do not live in Macerata Province may use, within the limits of availability, the **free** accommodation service at the residence structures provided by the School;

**Refund of travel expenses:** candidates who use public transport and who make a specific request may be entitled to reimbursement of their documented travel expenses.



## ADMISSIONS

## SELECTION



## FAQ

### Who can enrol to the School?

Those who wish to enrol to the School must pass an admissions selection procedure. The examination is open to students who have the right to enter the first year of the degree courses, purely on the basis of merit. Admission is not dependent on a minimum mark at the *maturità* examination.

### What are the advantages?

Those selected will be guaranteed the following benefits:

- **waiver of admission fees and contributions** for university and School courses
- **free board and lodging** regardless of family financial status
- facilitated access to University structures and **privileged access to** study and research areas on the School's premises
- preparation courses and **free examinations for language and computer certificates**
- **individual assistance** in the planning of study, teaching and research activities, **provided by selected tutors.**

### How does a student maintain his/her status?

Students must:

- **attend scheduled course lessons** at their own faculties and obtain the relative credits;
- attend, during the five years of activities at the School, the **internal seminars**, as well as language and computer courses in order to obtain relative **certificates**;
- conduct, for at least one semester, **study and research activities abroad**;
- Present to the Board of Directors, at the end of each year, a **report** that demonstrates progress in research being carried out, and participate at an **interview** to discuss work undertaken;
- **take all examinations scheduled** in their university study programme by 31 October every year and obtain, for each examination, a mark of no less than 24/30 with an overall average for all examinations of no less than 27/30;
- **live at the university residence** provided for them.

### What qualification does the School confer?

The School's **Diploma di Licenza** is awarded to students who have maintained the required throughout their studies, who have obtained **60 internal CFUs** (University Credits) at the School and who have obtained their higher level university degree within the official time prescribed.



## University of Macerata

### Why choose the University of Macerata?

Because it is one of the oldest universities in Italy (1290) that preserves its traditions but keeps its eyes on the future.

Because it is a university whose scale is right for students, with modern buildings, libraries, multimedia lecture rooms, language laboratories and an academic staff that is committed to high quality teaching and research.

Macerata is a small but culturally rich town where everything is within easy reach, with numerous places dedicated to theatre, music, cinema, sport and leisure.

At the University of Macerata you have the space that you want for studying, talking, writing, having fun and meeting other people.

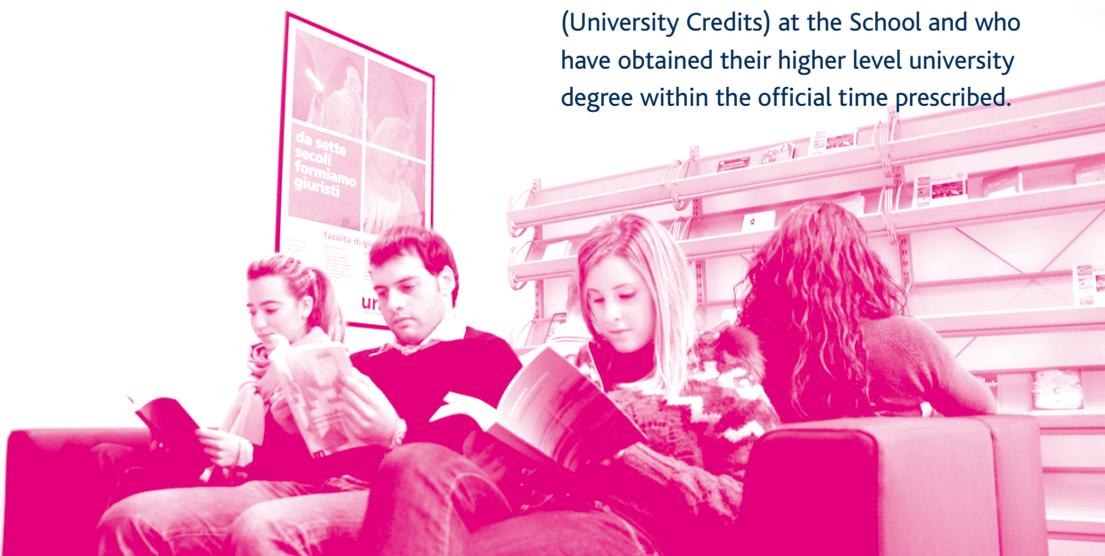
As an entity, this University is wholly specialized in humanities and social science.

## Giacomo Leopardi School for Higher Studies

### Why choose the School for Higher Studies?

Because the School offers an opportunity for meeting and cultural exchange between students who, at their different levels and contexts of training, share academic paths and similar experiences.

Because the School, unique in its genre within the context of universities in the Marche region, is a place for high level learning and research.





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