

English Course Experience at University of Udine

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- Overall the experience with the 2 English master programs is positive.
- In particular, students enrolled in the master program in Economics, appreciated the double degree with the University of Graz.
- There are some difficulties, mainly due to the poor English knowledge of Italian students (on average).
- As a result of this master programs in English have a limited appeal on Italian students.
- This in turn results in a small number of Italian students enrolled in these programs.



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International students play an important role in motivating Italian students to speak English.

My personal experience is that it is better to have students coming from different countries than Italian students only, despite the different backgrounds.



