

## Directions to Campus

Start at your chosen arrival point and keep following instructions to Paderno del Grappa. For undergraduate and graduate study abroad students, CIMBA will offer buses from airports and local train stations to campus. An email will be sent to students before arrival to confirm pickup locations.

### From Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE)

Once you've landed in Venice, you will want to take a bus (ATVO airport service) from the airport to the Mestre Train Station. Bus tickets can be purchased at one of several places. (1) The ATVO booth open between the hours of 12:20 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (2) Currency exchange booth at other hours. (3) Automated machine right by the bus stop lane outside of the Arrival Lounge. Bus tickets to Mestre cost about €3,00. If you need money to purchase a bus ticket, we highly recommend finding the nearest ATM, as they will provide far better exchange rates than the currency exchange office. A bus leaves about every 20 minutes. **Be sure to validate your ticket in the yellow box. If tickets are not validated you may receive a €50 fine.** Continue directions to Paderno at "From Mestre or Santa Lucia Train Station".

\*NOTE: Don't change your money at the booth in the ARRIVAL lounge unless you arrive before or after business hours. The Bank of Rome exchange booth in the DEPARTURE area provides far better rates.

### From Mestre or Santa Lucia Train Station

You will need to take the train to Bassano del Grappa. In the ticket office, you can buy your ticket to Bassano. You may either purchase your ticket from the automated machines with an English option, or you may try your Italian at the ticket counter. Ask for, "*Un biglietto per Bassano, solo andata, per favore,*" (a ticket to Bassano, one-way, please.) **Validate your ticket by stamping it in one of the little yellow boxes on the platform that resembles a time-clock.** This allows you to use the ticket for that day. Not doing so can result in hefty fine by the conductor to be paid on the spot. On the "partenza" (departures) board, you will see "destinazione" (destination). This lists the final destination of each train. Search for the train that says "Bassano del Grappa". You will see the departure time listed, and under "bin" (short for binari – meaning platforms), you will see a number.

Follow the signs to the appropriate binari. Trains run roughly every hour. When the train arrives, press the button on the door to open it, board, and keep your validated ticket with you for the entire journey. The ride to Bassano will take about an hour. Continue directions to Paderno at "From Bassano." If you board the train in the wrong direction and find yourself at the Santa Lucia Train Station in Venice, don't panic. Follow signs that say "Alla Ferrovia" to the train station (long concrete building, lots of steps in the front, says "FS" in wings in the middle on the top, has tracks coming out the back across a long bridge), and follow the directions: From Mestre or Santa Lucia Train Station to Bassano.

### From Bassano

If you want to travel to Paderno on your own, you will need to take a bus from the Bassano train station. You can buy a ticket, go to the little "gazzetta stand" located on a small traffic island directly across the street from the exit of the train station. Ask for "un biglietto solo andata per Paderno del Grappa." They cost about €2,60; but if you buy the ticket on the bus the cost is going to be about €3.00. You can also get a taxi for about 25 euros.

You will have to look for the buses with POSSAGNO, CAVASO DEL TOMBA, or PEDEROBBA as the final destination. Do not be afraid to ask the driver if the bus is going through Paderno. Even in English, just say the magic words "Istituto Filippin in Paderno del Grappa?" or if you want to try your Italian ask, "Va all'Istituto Filippin di Paderno del Grappa?" Stamp your ticket in the machine as you step on the bus just like you did for your train ticket. You may wish to sit near the front of the bus so you can ask the driver if you are getting off at the right stop. Simply say "Paderno del Grappa?" and he will let you know when to get off the bus. The bus ride will take 30 minutes.

The bus schedule can be found at the following website:

<http://www.ctmspa.com/linee.php>

(Orari Invernali = winter; Orari Estivi = Summer).

Also if you open this in Chrome it will offer you an option to translate to English. Otherwise the site is in Italian.

Line 2: Bassano – Pederobba (Campus stop is Paderno del Grappa)

The bus stop where you will be dropped off at is right next to our campus. Look for a sign on the building that says "Istituto Filippin." This is our campus. When you enter, walk up the ramp to your right and across the small courtyard and find our office on the left. If you are confused, ask the security office at the front gate. There are no buses running to Paderno del Grappa on Sundays, so plan accordingly.

If you arrive after the buses have stopped running, you can take a taxi just outside the station. If there is no taxi waiting, you can call them from there – you will see the number and the phone under the taxi sign. The number is 0424-220267. The cost of the taxi is about €25.

### **From Treviso Airport**

To go from the Treviso Airport to the main train station (Venice – Mestre) outside of Venice, you will need to take the blue ATVO bus line. Please visit [www.atvo.it](http://www.atvo.it) for current time schedules and ticket prices. Continue directions to Paderno at “From Mestre or Santa Lucia Train Station”

Alternatively, you can take the public bus for €1 to the Treviso train station. From there you will purchase a ticket to Bassano del Grappa. You will have to transfer trains in either Castelfranco Veneto or Mestre. For instructions on purchasing a ticket and reading the train board, see “From Mestre/Santa Lucia.” **NOTE:** If connecting in Castelfranco Veneto, you will actually be getting on a train with the final destination “Vicenza,” be sure to get off in Castelfranco Veneto. Continue directions to Paderno at “From Bassano.”

### **From Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP)**

The majority of participants arriving from the US to Milan will arrive at Malpensa Airport. Typically, those flights arrive early in the morning. Malpensa is located about 50 kilometers (31 miles) north of Milan. At the airport, take the bus (it is a special shuttle and is well marked; if you are unable to locate it, ask at the information desk) to the Milan Central Train Station (cost: about €7.50). Do not take a taxi, as it will cost you about €75. Keep in mind that Milan has five train stations and three airports. You can take a train from Malpensa to the city, however it will drop you off at the Cadorna station and costs €1. This train takes 40 minutes. From there you can connect to the Metro. The green line will take you to the Milano Centrale (green line toward Gassate, 5 stops). If you are staying in Milan for a while, a cab to your hotel will be reasonably priced from the train station. Alternatively, Milan has a good subway system. Continue directions to Paderno at “From the Milan Train Station (Milano Centrale).”

### **From the Other Airport in Milan-Linate (LIN)**

Flights originating in the US will almost always arrive at Malpensa. However, some participants may arrive in other parts of Europe and then change planes to make their way to Milan. Some of those participants will arrive at the second Milan airport, Linate. Linate is located within the city limits of Milan. As at Malpensa, there is a bus that will transport you to the Milan Central Train Station (cost: about €4). Continue directions to Paderno at “From the Milan Train Station (Milano Centrale).”

### **From the Milan Train Station (Milano Centrale)**

As with the directions from Venice, ask for a one-way ticket to Bassano del Grappa, Veneto. There are two things to remember when arriving from Milan. First, you will likely change trains on your way to Bassano, either in Padova or Vicenza (Vee chen za, not to be confused with Venezia - Venice). If that is the case, the ticket agent will give you instructions on your ticket to either of those two cities and a ticket from that city to Bassano. Second, if you have a rail-pass, ask if you need a supplement (*supplemento*). Continue directions to Paderno at “From Bassano.”

**NOTE:** If you are not traveling before the program starts, keep in mind that you will be tired and disoriented when you first arrive in Italy. While Milan has a larger airport than Venice, many past students have found arriving in Venice to be simpler and cheaper after all other transportation costs are factored in.

### **From All Other Points in Europe**

If you are within Italy, go to the nearest train station and request a ticket to Bassano del Grappa, and proceed to the “From Bassano” section to get to Paderno. Outside of Italy, you can rarely buy a ticket for regional transportation. However, you will probably be able to get a ticket to Venice. Take a train to Venice, and continue from the “From Mestre or Santa Lucia Train Station” section.