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## 10 Things Future Students Should Know about UCSC Milan

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1. You won't regret going out of your comfort zone to make friends from other countries. Easily the best part of studying abroad is the friendships you make.
2. Location is key. Try and live walking distance from campus. It will save you money and time.
3. Oasis Gelateria is the best gelato in all of Italy. Only a couple blocks from campus!
4. Learn how to eat dinner at 8 or 9 at night. Aperitivo is a great option for eating earlier.
5. Grocery bags cost money so it would be wise to bring a backpack or reusable bag for shopping trips.
6. For weekend trips, be sure to look at flights in advance for far away locations. Don't be afraid of train travel for closer destinations. It is usually the more convenient method of travel.
7. Milan is less touristy than cities like Rome and Florence so you will really get an authentic Italian experience in Milan.
8. In Italy, you have to ask for the bill in restaurants. It is considered rude for a waiter to rush the customers by dropping off the bill.
9. Bring stylish clothes. Athletic wear, sweatshirts, and leggings are never worn in public in Milan (unless exercising outside).
10. Sign up for the ESN card at orientation. ESN is a program that allows students to meet other exchange students and save money on activities in Milan.

