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The history of physics has always accompanied university teachings from the beginning, initially in the form of natural philosophy and gradually over the centuries as an increasingly specialized and autonomous discipline. In the chronology of the University's museums and cabinets, the Physics Cabinet, founded in 1759, holds a respectable place as it is the second university museum after the botanical garden founded in 1720. For the foundation of the Cabinet the model of the reference was the counterpart of Sapienza and this circumstance introduces an interesting concept: that of the relationship with the capital and consequently with the government cultural policy. The revolutionary storm of the late eighteenth century also affected the approach to the discipline which until the mid-twentieth century was interpreted differently by the conservative and progressive camps, also in relation to the other disciplines that were emerging among the university teachings of Perugia

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