

Maastricht University

The Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (SBE) provides high-quality education to students and conducts excellent research, offering an international perspective in the fields of economics and international business management, public policy, governance and sustainability. Their research focuses on interdisciplinary solutions to today's global challenges.

SBE has earned the prestigious Triple Crown accreditation by securing three esteemed accreditations: AACSB, EQUIS, and AMBA. This exclusive recognition is attained by only 1% of business schools worldwide, highlighting the exceptional quality of both research and teaching.

Requirements

During their 1st year at CATÓLICA-LISBON, Double Degree students must take a course load of at least 60 ECTS before continuing their studies at Maastricht University.

Academic Calendar

The 1st year of the program will take place at CATÓLICA-LISBON and the 2nd year at Maastricht. The academic year at CATÓLICA-LISBON usually starts by late August and classes at Maastricht usually starts in the beginning of September.

Study Plan at CATÓLICA-LISBON

Double Degree programs include a tailor-made study plan according to the MSc program and area of specialization.

The detailed study plan will be provided to students before the course enrollment period and, at CATÓLICA-LISBON, will include foundation courses, specialization mandatory and elective courses, free elective courses, international courses, technical modules, and a **mandatory third language requirement**.

Programs

CATÓLICA-LISBON	Maastricht University
International MSc in Finance	Master in Financial Economics

In addition, at CATÓLICA-LISBON, students attend [Career Accelerator Lab Workshops](#) designed to develop professional and career skills and also complete [2 LERNE sessions](#) (a Laboratory for Experimental Research Center).

Students have a non-credit company **internship** with a minimum duration of 6 weeks (240 hours). Prior professional experience can be used to fulfill the internship requirement if completed after June 1st of the year before the beginning of the MSc program.

Double Degree students with Maastricht are exempt from attending the Research Methodologies Workshop at CATÓLICA-LISBON, as they will take a similar Workshop at Maastricht. This workshop will help students produce quality research during their dissertation semester.

At the end of the Double Degree program, all courses passed at CATÓLICA-LISBON and Maastricht University will count towards the student's final GPA and CATÓLICA-LISBON's Diploma.

CATÓLICA-LISBON uses the ECTS system, and all courses will be converted according to the University's grade and credit system.

Study Plan at Maastricht

For the 2nd year of the program, the study plan at Maastricht will include mandatory and elective courses and the dissertation.



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Dissertation

During their 2nd year of studies, students will write **only one dissertation** that should be submitted **at both Schools**. The dissertation will be developed with the support of a supervisor of Maastricht. Although no co-advisor from CATÓLICA-LISBON is necessary for the dissertation development, the dissertation must fulfill the requirements of both Schools.

Students must defend their dissertation at CATÓLICA-LISBON, as required by Portuguese law. The defense can take place once the study plan is completed (including credited courses from Maastricht) and the student's treasury situation is settled. Dissertation defense for Double Degree students usually takes place in **June or October**.

In a Double Degree program, students receive two separate diplomas, one from each institution according to their own rules and time of issue.

A final certificate can be requested right after the dissertation defense, and the diploma is delivered during the Graduation Ceremony which usually takes place in the Fall following the dissertation defense.

Tuition and Fees

Double Degree students pay tuition fees only to CATÓLICA-LISBON. Other costs related to annual enrolment fees or academic materials might also apply, depending on each partner School's procedures.

Please note that any type of fees incurred on the Double Degree partner School's side (such as registration fees, health insurance fees, academic material costs, etc.) is merely indicative and might be subject to change at any time without prior notice and under the Double Degree partner School's sole responsibility. Fees subject to yearly updates can be found on [CATÓLICA-LISBON's website](#).

CATÓLICA Top+ Scholarship

CATÓLICA Top+ is a scholarship program for students with outstanding academic records. High-potential Double Degree students can only be granted a scholarship for the 1st year in which they are physically present at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

Still, they can apply for an Erasmus+ grant for the 2nd year of their program at Maastricht University (applications to take place by March/April of the 1st academic year).

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1st and 2nd year

Double Degree Students

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