

BI Norwegian Business School

With 20,000 students, a unique range of study programs, and a solid commitment to research, [BI Norwegian Business School](#) is one of the largest and most productive academic environments in Europe. The high quality of its research and teaching is confirmed by three of the most renowned international accreditations – EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA.

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 BI Norwegian Business School.

Academic Calendar

The 1st year of the program will take place at CATÓLICA-LISBON and the 2nd year at BI Norwegian Business School. The academic year at CATÓLICA-LISBON usually starts by late August and classes at BI usually begin in mid-August with Orientation Week.

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** (for Management and Finance students).

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).

For Management and Finance students, 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.

Before going to BI Norwegian Business School, students must enroll for the Research Methodologies Workshop (2nd semester) which will provide useful tools for writing the Master dissertation.

At the end of the Double Degree program, all courses passed at CATÓLICA-LISBON and BI Norwegian Business School 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 BI

For the 2nd year of the program, the study plan at BI Norwegian Business School will include mandatory and elective courses and the dissertation. The specific study plan will depend on each student's program/major, and more details will be provided to students while still at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

Programs available at BI according to CATÓLICA-LISBON specialization

International MSc in Management			MSc in Economics		International MSc in Finance
Corporate Finance	Marketing	Strategy & Consulting	Finance & Banking	Flexible Track / Macroeconomic Policy / Applied Economics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSc Business, major in Finance MSc Business, major in Sustainable Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSc Business, major in Marketing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSc Business, major in Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSc Business, major in Finance MSc Business, major in Economics MSc Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSc Business, major in Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSc Business, major in Finance or Sustainable Finance MSc Finance MSc Sustainable Finance

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 BI Norwegian Business School. 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 BI Norwegian Business School) and the student's treasury situation is settled. Dissertation defense for Double Degree students usually takes place in **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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