

## WHU

**WHU** is the #1 German Business School for degree programs. Accredited by EQUIS, AACSB, and FIBAA, WHU offers academic programs following four core values with courage and commitment: community, cosmopolitanism, entrepreneurship, and excellence.

## Requirements

During their 1<sup>st</sup> year at CATÓLICA-LISBON, Double Degree students must take a course load of **at least 60 ECTS** before continuing their studies at WHU.

Admitted students must provide **proof of English Language** ability: TOEFL 100 [IBT] or IELTS 7.0. Proof must be presented to WHU directly and upon their request only, usually during the 2nd semester of the 1st year of studies at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

Students admitted must have at least **12 weeks of professional experience**. Both the Double Degree program with WHU and CATÓLICA-LISBON have internship requirements and the same internship(s) experience(s) can be used to comply with both requirements (18 and 6 weeks, respectively).

## Academic Calendar

The 1<sup>st</sup> year of the program will take place at CATÓLICA-LISBON and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at WHU. The academic year at CATÓLICA-LISBON usually starts by late August and classes at WHU usually begin in September.

## Programs at WHU (according to the CATÓLICA-LISBON specialization)

International MSc in Management		International MSc in Finance
Corporate Finance	Entrepreneurship & Innovation / Marketing / Strategy & Consulting	
MSc in Management <b>or</b> MSc in Finance	MSc in Management	MSc in Management <b>or</b> MSc in Finance

## 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, and a **mandatory third language requirement**.

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) and 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the year before the beginning of the MSc program.

Before going to WHU, students must enroll for the Research Methodologies Workshop (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) which will provide useful tools for writing the Master dissertation.

At the end of the Double Degree program, all courses passed both at CATÓLICA-LISBON and at WHU 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 WHU

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Double Degree program, the study plan at WHU will include mandatory, and concentration/specialization courses as well as a dissertation supervised remotely by CATÓLICA-LISBON.

## Dissertation

During their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of studies, students will write **only one dissertation** that should be submitted to **both Schools**. The dissertation will be developed with the support of a supervisor from CATÓLICA-LISBON. Further details on the dissertation process will be provided to students during their 1<sup>st</sup> year of studies at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

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 WHU) and the student's treasury situation is settled. Dissertation defense for Double Degree students with WHU usually takes place in **July** 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 your 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 may 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 (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 1<sup>st</sup> year in which they are physically present at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

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

## Contacts @ CATÓLICA-LISBON

### Admissions

Marketing & Admissions Office  
Master of Science Programs

[msc@ucp.pt](mailto:msc@ucp.pt)

Phone: +351 217 214 140

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year

### Double Degree Students

Double Degree Support

[doubledegree.clsbe@ucp.pt](mailto:doubledegree.clsbe@ucp.pt)

The information presented in this factsheet is susceptible to revisions.



# DOUBLE DEGREE

## YOUR PASSPORT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CAREER