

Bocconi University

Founded in 1902, [Bocconi University](#) was the first Italian University to grant a degree in Economics. For a century, it has been playing a leading role in Italy's social and economic modernization. Bocconi University is a top-10 European school and the high quality of its research and teaching is confirmed by its triple international accreditation - 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 Bocconi University.

Bocconi students are required to fulfill an **English Proficiency** study plan requirement at the university. To complete this requirement, students can either take the English proficiency exam at Bocconi, which is a pass/fail course worth 2 ECTS or submit a valid language certificate accepted by the Bocconi Language Center.

A list of accepted English certificates by the Bocconi Language Center is available [here](#).

Students admitted must have at least **10 weeks** of professional experience.

Both CATÓLICA-LISBON and Bocconi University have internship requirements and the same internship can be used to comply with both requirements (6 weeks and 8 weeks, respectively).

Programs

CATÓLICA-LISBON	Bocconi University
International MSc in Management Specialization in Entrepreneurship & Innovation	Laurea Magistrale in Economics and Management of Innovation and Technology
International MSc in Management Specialization in Marketing	Laurea Magistrale in Marketing Management
International MSc in Finance	Laurea Magistrale in Accounting, Financial Management and Control

Candidates who have previously applied to Master's programs at Bocconi University - regardless of the outcome of their application - are not eligible for CATÓLICA-LISBON Double Degree programs with Bocconi University.

Candidates of any nationality (or nationalities) who hold an Italian bachelor/undergraduate degree are not eligible for CATÓLICA-LISBON Double Degree programs with Bocconi University.

Academic Calendar

The 1st year of the program will take place at CATÓLICA-LISBON and the 2nd year at Bocconi University. The academic year at CATÓLICA-LISBON usually starts by late August and classes at Bocconi University usually begin in 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** (which can be fulfilled by a language course at CATÓLICA-LISBON or by the Italian course which is mandatory at Bocconi University).

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

Before going to Bocconi University, 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 Bocconi University will count towards the student's final GPA and CATÓLICA-LISBON 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 Bocconi

For the 2nd year of the Double Degree program, the [study plan at Bocconi University](#) will include mandatory and elective courses, an Italian language course, and a dissertation. More details on the study plan will be provided to students while still at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

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 Bocconi University. 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 Bocconi University) and the student's treasury situation is settled. Dissertation defense for Double Degree students with Bocconi University 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 Bocconi University (applications to take place by March/April of the 1st academic year).

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1st and 2nd year

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