




**CATOLICA
LISBON**
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

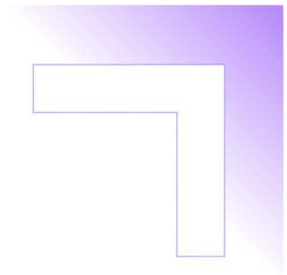
 **UCLouvain**

DOUBLE DEGREE

FACTSHEET 2025 | 2026



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Université Catholique de Louvain

Founded in 1425, [Université Catholique de Louvain](#) is renowned as one of the best institutions worldwide, recognized in the Financial Times rankings. With a rich history of international engagement, UCLouvain boasts a diverse student body representing over 122 nationalities and offers 187 Master's programs alongside a vibrant array of cultural, sports, and community activities.

Programs

CATÓLICA-LISBON		UCLouvain
MSc in Economics		MSc in Economics
Specialization	Flexible Track	Professional Focus
	Applied Economics	Research Focus
	Economic Theory	
	Finance & Banking	
	Macroeconomic Policy	

Study Plan at CATÓLICA-LISBON

Double Degree programs include a tailor-made study plan according to the MSc program and chosen specialization. The detailed study plan will be provided to students before the course enrollment period and includes foundation, specialization, and elective courses.

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

During their 1st year at CATÓLICA-LISBON, Double Degree students must complete at least **60 ECTS** before continuing their studies at Louvain.

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

Study Plan at UCLouvain

For the 2nd year of the Double Degree program, the study plan at UCLouvain will include:

> Professional Focus

Includes specialization and elective options, methodology, and reflective learning courses, one current/contemporary issue seminar, and one seminar on economic analysis.

> Research Focus

Includes courses in Advanced Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Advanced Economic Analysis, and a Research Seminar.

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

Dissertation

During their 2nd year of studies, students write **one dissertation** that should be submitted **to both schools**. The dissertation, supervised by a UCLouvain supervisor and a CATÓLICA-LISBON co-supervisor, must meet the requirements of both institutions.

Students are expected to defend their dissertation in a **joint defense** at CATÓLICA-LISBON, which takes place upon completing their study plan, including credited courses from UCLouvain, and settling their treasury situation. If a joint defense is not feasible, separate defenses may be arranged.

Double Degree programs award two diplomas, each issued independently by the respective institutions based on their rules and timelines. After the dissertation defense, CATÓLICA-LISBON's final certificate can be requested immediately, while the diploma is awarded during the Graduation Ceremony, usually in November.

Timeline

Year 1 - CATÓLICA-LISBON	
Beginning of the Program	End of August 2025
Erasmus+ Grant Application	March/April 2026
Start of Enrollment at Partner School	Mid-April 2026
End of Academic Activities	End of May 2026
Year 2 - UCLouvain	
Beginning of the Program	Mid-September 2026
End of Academic Activities	End of June 2027
Dissertation	
1 st Submission Deadline (UCLouvain)	Early June 2027
1 st Submission Deadline (CATÓLICA-LISBON)	Mid-September 2027
1 st Defense Period	October 2027

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 host 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](#).

Scholarships

CATÓLICA-LISBON Top+

CATÓLICA-LISBON 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.

Erasmus+ Grant

Students can apply for the Erasmus+ Grant for their 2nd year at UCLouvain. The Double Degree Team will reach out to students by the application period.

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1st and 2nd year

Double Degree Students

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