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WHU
Otto Beisheim School of Management



DOUBLE DEGREE

FACTSHEET 2025 | 2026



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Programs

CATÓLICA-LISBON		WHU
International MSc in Management		Master in Management
Specialization	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	Master in Entrepreneurship
	Strategy and Consulting	Master in International Business
	Marketing	
	Corporate Finance	Master in Finance
International MSc in Finance		Master in Management
		Master in Entrepreneurship
		Master in International Business
		Master in Finance

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, elective courses and a Third Language Requirement.

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

Before going to WHU, CATÓLICA-LISBON students have also to complete the Research Methodologies Workshop which will provide useful tools for writing the Master Dissertation.

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

English Requirement

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.

Study Plan at WHU

For the 2nd year of the Double Degree program, the study plan at WHU will include core mandatory and elective courses, core modules, and free electives, depending on the MSc program.

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

Internship

To graduate from WHU, students should complete **18 weeks of internship**, divided as follows:

> **12 weeks:** To be completed before starting at WHU (by the end of August). If this requirement is not met by the application deadline (May), students must provide proof of the planned internship.

> **6 weeks:** Relevant work experience during the MSc studies, particularly in finance for students enrolled in the MSc in Finance at WHU.

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

Although with different durations, students can submit the same experience(s) for both internship requirements.

Dissertation

During their 2nd year of studies, students write **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 1st year of studies at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

Students must defend their dissertation at both schools, according to the rules and timing set by each institution. The defense at CATÓLICA-LISBON takes place upon completing their study plan, including credited courses from WHU, and settling their treasury situation. There is no dissertation defense at WHU.

Double Degree programs award two diplomas, each issued independently by the respective institutions based on their rules and timelines. CATÓLICA-LISBON's final certificate can be requested immediately after the dissertation defense, 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	May 2026
End of Academic Activities	End of May 2026
Year 2 - WU Vienna	
Beginning of the Program	Late August 2026
End of Academic Activities	TBC
Dissertation	
1 st Submission Deadline (CATÓLICA-LISBON)	Mid-September 2027
1 st Defense Period (CATÓLICA-LISBON)	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. 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 WHU. The Double Degree Team will reach out to students by the application period.

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