



**CATOLICA
LISBON**
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



Norwegian
Business School

DOUBLE DEGREE

FACTSHEET 2025 | 2026



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With 20 000 students, a unique range of study programs, and a solid commitment to research, BI 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.

Programs

CATÓLICA-LISBON		BI	
International MSc in Management		Master in Business	
Specialization	Corporate Finance	Major	Finance
	Marketing		Sustainable Finance
	Strategy and Consulting		Marketing
			Strategy

CATÓLICA-LISBON		BI	
International MSc in Finance		Master in Finance	
		Master in Business	
		Major	Finance
			Sustainable Finance
		Master in Sustainable Finance	

CATÓLICA-LISBON		BI	
MSc in Economics		Master in Business	
Specialization	Flexible Track	Major	Economics
	Applied Economics		
	Macroeconomic Policy		
	Finance and Banking		Finance
		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 mandatory and elective, free elective and international courses, and a mandatory third language (**not mandatory for Economics students**).

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).

For Management and Finance students, 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.

Before going to BI, 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 BI.

Study Plan at BI

For the 2nd year of the program, the study plan at BI 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.

At the end of the Double Degree program, all courses passed both at CATÓLICA-LISBON and BI 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 will be developed with the support of a supervisor of the Host 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 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 BI, and settling their treasury situation. There is no dissertation defense at BI.

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	Late April 2026
End of Academic Activities	End of May 2026
Year 2 - UCLouvain	
Beginning of the Program	Mid-August 2026
End of Academic Activities	Mid-June 2027
Dissertation	
1 st Submission Deadline (BI)	Early July 2027
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 BI. The Double Degree Team will reach out to students by the application period.

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