



**CATOLICA
LISBON**
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



Maastricht University
School of Business and Economics

DOUBLE DEGREE

FACTSHEET 2025 | 2026



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Maastricht University

The [Maastricht University School of Business and Economics](#) (SBE) provides high-quality education to students and conducts excellent research, offering an international perspective in the fields of economics and international business management, public policy, governance and sustainability. Their research focuses on interdisciplinary solutions to today's global challenges.

Maastricht SBE has earned the prestigious Triple Crown accreditation by securing three esteemed accreditations: AACSB, EQUIS, and AMBA. This exclusive recognition is attained by only 1% of business schools worldwide, highlighting the exceptional quality of both research and teaching.

Programs

CATÓLICA-LISBON	Maastricht University
International MSc in Finance	Master in Financial Economics

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) and 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.

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

Study Plan at Maastricht University

For the 2nd year of the Double Degree program, the study plan at Maastricht University will include mandatory and elective courses, a Writing a Master's Thesis Proposal course and the Master Thesis.

At the end of the Double Degree program, all courses passed both at CATÓLICA-LISBON and Maastricht 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 Maastricht. 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 Maastricht, and settling their treasury situation.

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	Mid-April 2026
End of Academic Activities	End of May 2026
Year 2 - Maastricht University	
Beginning of the Program	Late August 2026
End of Academic Activities	TBC
Dissertation	
1 st Submission Deadline (Maastricht University)	End of June 2027
1 st Submission Period (Maastricht University)	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 Maastricht University. 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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