



**CATOLICA
LISBON**
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



Aston Business School

DOUBLE DEGREE

FACTSHEET 2025 | 2026



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Aston Business School

Founded in 1966 in Birmingham, [Aston Business School](#) is among 1% of business schools worldwide with Triple Accreditation. It provides students with an inspirational educational experience coupled with strong business links, offering them rapid career progression in international business.

Programs

CATÓLICA-LISBON		Aston
MSc in Economics		
Specialization	Applied Economics	MSc in Business Economics & Finance
	Flexible Track	MSc in Finance
	Finance & Banking	MSc in Investment Analysis
	Macroeconomic Policy	
International MSc in Finance		MSc in Business Analytics
International MSc in Management		MSc in Entrepreneurship
		MSc in International Business
Specialization	Corporate Finance	MSc in Finance
		MSc in Investment Analysis
	Marketing	MSc in Strategic Marketing Management
	Entrepreneurship & Innovation	MSc in Strategy & International Business
	Strategy & Consulting	

Requirements

Students must have a TOEFL score of 93 IBT (26 in writing, 22 in speaking, 18 in reading, and 19 in listening) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.5 in writing and speaking and 6.0 in reading and listening) or a Pearson Academic test score of 63 (63 in writing and speaking and 57 in listening and reading). The **English Certificate** must be presented to Aston Business School directly upon their request, usually by mid-April/May of the 1st year of studies at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

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 Aston, 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 Aston.

Study Plan at Aston

For the 2nd year of the program, the study plan at Aston will include mandatory and elective courses and a dissertation. More details on the study plan 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 Aston 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.

At Aston, students receive advice and guidance on the dissertation process from their Program Director and Dissertation Supervisor, and in the Research Methods module or workshops for their course. The supervisor is usually allocated by the Program Director once students have identified a dissertation to work on. 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 Aston, 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
Start of Enrollment at Partner School	April 2026
End of Academic Activities	End of May 2026
Year 2 - Aston	
Beginning of the Program	Mid-September 2026
End of Academic Activities	September 2027
Dissertation	
1 st Submission Deadline (CATÓLICA-LISBON)	Mid-September 2027
1 st Submission Deadline (Aston)	Late 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.

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1st and 2nd year

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