



CATOLICA  
LISBON  
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



# DOUBLE DEGREE

FACTSHEET 2025 | 2026



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## Smith School of Business

[Smith School of Business](#) is one of the world's premier business schools, consistently capturing top international rankings for its programs. With more than 175 years, the Smith School of Business hosts more than 24. 000 students in its historical campus.

## Programs

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

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

During their 1<sup>st</sup> year at CATÓLICA-LISBON, Double Degree students must complete at least **60 ECTS** before continuing their studies at Smith.

## Study Plan at Smith

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the program, the [study plan](#) will include mandatory and elective courses, as well as a Group Business Project at Smith School of Business. 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 Smith 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.

### > Group Business Project

The Group Business Project is an opportunity for organizations to receive comprehensive analysis to help solve a global business issue or challenge. Students will work asynchronously in cross-cultural and geographically dispersed teams to conduct research and deliver a consulting report that helps solve a business challenge.

## Dissertation

During their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of studies, students write **one dissertation** that should be submitted to **CATÓLICA-LISBON only**. Canadian Master's programs do not require a dissertation.

The dissertation will be developed with the support of a supervisor from CATÓLICA-LISBON, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of studies. Further details on the dissertation process will be provided to students during their 1<sup>st</sup> year of studies at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

Students may choose to stay in Canada for one or two semesters. However, a full year in Kingston is strongly recommended for a complete Double Degree experience. CATÓLICA-LISBON provides all dissertation guidance and supervision remotely, allowing students to stay in Canada or return to Portugal.

Students must defend their dissertation at CATÓLICA-LISBON, according to the rules and timing set. The defense takes place upon completing their study plan, including credited courses from Smith, 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 Period	Mid-March 2026
Erasmus+ Grant Application	March/April 2026
End of Academic Activities	End of May 2026
Year 2 - Smith	
Beginning of the Program	Late August 2026
End of Academic Activities	Early December 2026
End of Group Business Project	June 2027
Dissertation	
1 <sup>st</sup> Submission Deadline (CATÓLICA-LISBON)	Early June 2027
1 <sup>st</sup> Defense Period (CATÓLICA-LISBON)	June/July 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 1<sup>st</sup> year in which they are physically present at CATÓLICA-LISBON.

### Erasmus+ Grant

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

## Contacts @CATÓLICA-LISBON

### Admissions

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### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year

### Double Degree Students

Double Degree Team

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