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# Bocconi

## PhD School

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“The PhD School brings together all the PhD programs offered by Università Bocconi, providing a central focal point for its students throughout their academic career. This structure allows students to benefit from a broad range of courses available covering interdisciplinary subjects. International collaboration is encouraged throughout students’ studies, with workshops, seminars and social events held jointly with other universities in Europe and the US.”

## The PhD programs

### Business Administration and Management (in English)

The four-year program provides the rigorous methodological foundations necessary to approach research issues at the frontier of knowledge, enabling participants to design and implement research projects across the whole range of managerial studies. This is achieved through a balanced mix of full time courses, seminars, exchanges and field projects within Bocconi and in collaboration with other leading universities, interacting with international scholars, on the strength of a carefully tutored dissertation project. The program emphasizes rigorous training in both quantitative and qualitative methods for management research.

[www.unibocconi.eu/  
phdbusinessadministration](http://www.unibocconi.eu/phdbusinessadministration)

### Economics and Finance (in English)

The PhD is a 4-year full-time program designed for highly qualified and motivated students. The program is multidisciplinary in nature and students have the option to choose from a wide range of electives, and are also given great mentorship and support throughout their time at Bocconi.

First-year students acquire a broad set of theoretical and methodological skills relevant to various fields in economics and finance, while in the second year they choose their field of specialization. The third and fourth years are entirely dedicated to research, including attendance at regular seminars held by internationally renowned internal and external faculty.

PhD classes are enriched by the interaction among students from all over the world, with backgrounds not only in economics and finance, but also other disciplines such as engineering and



statistics. Exchange periods abroad are run within the European Doctoral Group in Economics ([www.edge-page.net](http://www.edge-page.net)).

[www.unibocconi.eu/phdeconomicsfinance](http://www.unibocconi.eu/phdeconomicsfinance)

### Statistics (in English)

The program gives students a solid theoretical grounding for high level research in universities and international research institutions.

It is organized with two distinct majors, Statistics and Mathematics for Economics. The PhD Faculty includes well-renowned researchers in Bayesian and classical Statistics and Decision Sciences. Students with advanced degrees in Mathematics, Statistics, Economics, Engineering as well as other quantitatively-oriented fields are encouraged to apply for admission. The PhD duration is four years.

[www.unibocconi.eu/phdstatistics](http://www.unibocconi.eu/phdstatistics)

### Public Policy and Administration (in English)

The PhD in Public Policy and Administration prepares qualified candidates to be the next generation of high-level policy researchers and profes-

sors. It is intended for students interested in either academic or policy-making careers that require advanced, multidisciplinary knowledge and training. It is a 4-year full-time program open to students who demonstrate high qualification and motivation for research in demography, economics, management, political science and/or sociology, regardless of background. The program has both a wide range of electives and exceptionally strong teachers and mentors from a variety of fields. In the first two years, students acquire cutting-edge theoretical and methodological skills that inform specialization in both a major and minor field of Health, Political-Economics, Public Administration, and Social Dynamics. The third and fourth years are devoted to research that will form the basis of the students’ doctoral dissertations. During their tenure, students will be exposed to the most advanced scholarship from some of the most highly acclaimed researchers working in the field. Students will also have opportunities to participate in exchanges and internships with leading policy institutes across the globe.

[www.unibocconi.eu/phdpublicpolicy](http://www.unibocconi.eu/phdpublicpolicy)

### Legal Studies (in English and Italian)

The full-time program lasts three years, and features two specialization tracks, one in Business and Social Law (“Diritto dell’Impresa”) and the other in International Law and Economics. It is aimed at students who are particularly interested in analyzing methodological aspects and scientific research, a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, as well as connections to economic and social issues. During the first part of the study plan, both specializations will have both compulsory and elective courses. During the second part, PhD candidates are highly recommended to spend time abroad at international universities or institutions, in order to find inspiration for research and the dissertation. The International Law and Economics track is held entirely in English; the Business and Social Law (“Diritto dell’Impresa”) track is held partly in Italian and partly in English.

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