

# Bocconi

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## 1. When will the new academic offer be available?

The new academic offer is usually published on our website at the end of the Spring Semester (around mid/end of July) of the previous academic year.

## 2. Are courses taught in English or in Italian?

Bocconi has a wide range of courses taught both in Italian and in English. Some courses have two separate classes for the two different languages, while some others are planned to be in English or Italian only.

## 3. Which courses can I attend at Bocconi?

Undergraduate students are allowed to choose only among undergraduate courses (codes 30xxx and some 50xxx). Graduate students are allowed to choose among both undergraduate and graduate courses (codes 20xxx and 50xxx). Students can select courses from any field of studies. The complete list of courses is available at: [www.ir.unibocconi.eu/coe](http://www.ir.unibocconi.eu/coe).

## 4. Where can I find course descriptions?

Basic course descriptions are available by clicking on the course title in the Educational Offer at [www.ir.unibocconi.eu/coe](http://www.ir.unibocconi.eu/coe) and/or at [www.unibocconi.eu/courses](http://www.unibocconi.eu/courses).

## 5. What is the minimum course load per semester?

According to Bocconi rules, exchange students are allowed to attend min. 2 up to max. 5 courses per term. On average, exchange students select 4 courses.

However, we strongly recommend that students carefully check with their home institution which is the minimum number of credits they need in order to satisfy their requirements.

## 6. How many contact hours does a Bocconi course have?

1 ECTS credit corresponds to a 25-hour workload 8 of which are lecture hours. For instance, 6 credit courses (which represent the majority among our offer) correspond to 48 contact hours.

## 7. How do I know if a course is recognized by my home university?

Course recognition and grade conversion are managed directly by the student's home university. Check directly with your home school coordinator whether a course is approved or not. Since courses are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis, be sure that your home university approves a wider number of courses in order to have higher chances of satisfying your home institution's requirements.

## 8. When can I register for courses?

Fall Semester: August

Spring Semester: January

For further details: [www.ir.unibocconi.eu/calendar](http://www.ir.unibocconi.eu/calendar)

## 9. If I spend one academic year at Bocconi when should I select my exchange study plan?

Academic year students are required to select their courses in two different moments: the Fall study plan in August and the Spring study plan in January.

## 10. What should I consider before registering for courses?

On Bocconi side, we recommend to check the exam calendar to make sure that the courses you select have no exam conflict. In case two or more exams are scheduled on the same date and at the same time, you can sit the exams during different exam sessions. In case you wish to sit all your exams during the first exam session available, you have to change your study plan according to the exam dates.

## 11. Will I be able to register for the courses my university approved?

Since courses are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis, it is not possible to guarantee that each student will be able to get into all the courses pre-approved by the home institution. Make sure your home university approves a wider number of courses in order to have higher chances of satisfying your home institution's requirements.

## 12. How can I register for courses?

Incoming exchange students can register for courses through their yoU@B agenda. Detailed instructions are provided a week before the course selection starts.

## 13. What is the yoU@B agenda?

The yoU@B agenda is the student's personal online diary that includes lecture timetable, classroom allocation, the exams calendar and results, important notices from Bocconi services, the ISD, access to the Blackboard e -learning space and links to register for extracurricular activities.

## 14. Is there a Bocconi App available?

Yes, through the Bocconi App students are constantly updated about university life.

## 15. What is Blackboard?

Blackboard is an e-leaning space where students can also interact with peers and faculty members. You can access it through the link: blackboard.unibocconi.it with your ID number and password (provided by email before the online application).

## 16. Is there an add/drop period?

Yes, an add/drop period typically takes place one week after the beginning of courses: during this period exchange students have the possibility to modify their study plan, upon course availability.

## 17. Can I change courses after the add/drop period?

No, you can't! After the end of the add/drop period no changes to the study plan are allowed.

## 18. Why I do not see my classes and materials on my yoU@B/Blackboard?

After the end of the course selection and of the add/drop period the IT team needs some technical time in order to upload the courses in the system, therefore they might not have been updated yet

## 19. Is attendance mandatory at Bocconi?

As a general rule, class attendance is not mandatory. Students are encouraged to discuss attendance requirements with lecturers.

## 20. Can I select courses that have lessons overlap?

Since attendance at Bocconi is not mandatory, you are allowed to register for courses which do overlap. In case you have signed up for overlapping courses you might consider being an attending student for one of the courses and a non-attending student for the other. In this case, be sure to check in the course syllabus or with the professor the study materials and assessment method for non-attending students, as they may vary.

## 21. How can I select the non-attending option?

Class attendance is not something to be selected during the online course selection. After classes begin, you will have the possibility to discuss the non-attending option with your professors or check the possibility of being a non-attending student in the course syllabus

## 22. Where can I find my class timetable?

Your class timetable will be available on your yoU@B agenda after the course selection ends or at the link [www.unibocconi.eu/classtimetable](http://www.unibocconi.eu/classtimetable). Check the schedule weekly as it may vary throughout the semester.

## 23. What is a Research Project?

The Research Project is an independent study under the mentorship of a Bocconi faculty member (to be identified and contacted by the student according to the topic of interest). Project content, length and structure will be agreed between the student and the sponsoring professor. Exchange students can replace maximum 1 course with a research project.

## 24. How do I add a Research Project to my study plan?

You can add a Research Project to your study plan through the online course selection. You are required to select an additional Bocconi course that will replace the project in case you do not find the suitable conditions for your research (e.g. there is no guarantee that you will find a sponsoring professor).

## 25. Can I take MBA courses?

MBA students have to plan the exchange at Bocconi taking into consideration the Bocconi Master of Science Educational Offer. They may have also the possibility to register for some MBA classes taught at the SDA school Bocconi School of Management. For further info, click [here](#).