



Double Degree

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and Fordham University

Facoltà di Giurisprudenza

Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Giurisprudenza

Program

The program offers students the possibility of obtaining a double degree at its completion:


- Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Giurisprudenza, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Master of Laws (LLM), Fordham University.

The program covers four years of study at Università Cattolica plus one year at Fordham University from August 2022.

Eligible students and how to apply

Students enrolled in the fourth year of Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico during the academic year 2021/22 can apply for the program. Applications must be submitted via the appropriate call for competition by February 15th, 2022 along with payment of the relative non-refundable € 35 application fee.

Language and academic requirements

All applicants must have one of these certificates, passed no more than 2 years before the closing date of this call: 

- IELTS Academic, overall score 7
- TOEFL internet-based, overall score 100
- Duolingo English Test, score 120

The minimum weighted average must be 24/30.

Program requirements

The academic structure of the program fulfills all the requirements for an LLM at Fordham Law, including admissibility to the New York State Bar Exam, as well as the maximum number of credits transferred for all Università Cattolica Law degree tracks.

Students can sit the New York State Bar Exam only after graduating from Cattolica. More information on the New York Bar Exam can be found at [this link](#), and in particular under Section IIIA of [this page](#).

By following [this link](#) you will be able to view the catalog of specialization courses offered by Fordham Law.

The study tracks listed below are some non-binding examples of ways in which the Double Degree Program can be completed, by matching LLM specializations and Cattolica profiles.

Students admitted to the Double Degree Program can decide to follow a different LLM Master from those below associated with the tracks in Università Cattolica.

- specialization "[Amministrativo](#)"
- specialization "[Forense](#)"
- specialization "[D'impresa](#)"
- specialization "[Internazionale](#)"
- specialization "[Penalistico - criminologico](#)"

Fordham courses that cannot be recognised in specific Unicatt courses can be converted in *Altre Attività Formative*, provided that such courses are legal in their content and that the student passes a final exam with a positive mark or assessment. Students admitted to the Program can follow and sit courses up to a maximum of 15 US credits per semester.

All accepted students will be able to determine their specific study plan with both institutions on the basis of potential updates to Fordham Law's academic offering as well as each student's own academic goals. Fordham Law Advisors will be available to students to guarantee that LLM regulations be in line with the Università Cattolica faculty requirements for credit recognition.

Students interested in taking part to the Double Degree Program should organise their study plan in Cattolica accordingly. This means that they should select, since the third year of studies, optional exams in Cattolica that they will undertake in Fordham and that they should not sit them in Cattolica.

Thesis

The final thesis will be prepared and discussed at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore upon return from the year abroad, in accordance with the rules set by the Faculty Board.

Selected students can contact the UniCatt Professor under whose supervision they intend to write the final thesis before leaving for Fordham.

Cost



The costs below may be subject to change as they are updated to the current academic year.

Ranking Position	Regular Fordham Tuition Fees	Tuition for Cattolica Students	Cattolica Scholarship
1st	\$ 66.000	\$ 55.000	€ 3.000
2nd	\$ 66.000	\$ 55.000	€ 3.000
3rd	\$ 66.000	\$ 55.000	€ 3.000
4th	\$ 66.000	\$ 55.000	€ 3.000
5th	\$ 66.000	\$ 55.000	€ 3.000
From 6th on	\$ 66.000	\$ 55.000	€ 0

Selected students will be responsible for the costs of their stay abroad (travel, room and board, Fordham registration fees, costs of academic material, health insurance and visa issuance fees).

Selected students must also be officially enrolled at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore during their time at Fordham University (respecting all university set deadlines for fees, study plans, graduation scheduling requests etc).

Please note that the Cattolica scholarship will be issued as reimbursements, the beneficiaries will receive direct instructions regarding the procedure to follow.

The scholarships will be confirmed from January 2022.

Student Safety Package



All students participating in an official Cattolica International program must accept the "Student Safety Package" provisions by downloading the "Safety Check Students" app for the geo-location and instant messaging features to be used exclusively in the event of an emergency. The "Student Safety Package" also includes health insurance coverage for the entire duration of the program.

Previous Double Degree students' assistance

Selected students will be offered the possibility to exchange views and information with the students that took part to the Double Degree Programme the year before.

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Non-binding example of track for "profilo Amministrativo" students interested in LL.M – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW

This proposal, based on a table of correspondences, would cover both the required and optional courses indicated here below, according to Cattolica's study plan for "profilo Amministrativo":

- Diritto tributario (9 ECTS)
- Diritto privato comparato *or* Diritto pubblico comparato *or* Diritto commerciale comparato (9 ECTS)
- Diritto commerciale II *or* Diritto industriale *or* Diritto bancario *or* Diritto della crisi d'impresa (9 ECTS)
- Diritto della crisi d'impresa (9 ECTS) *or* Economia pubblica (7 ECTS) *or* Economia e diritto della concorrenza e del mercato (8 ECTS) *or* Diritto ambientale (8 ECTS) *or* Diritto dei contratti pubblici (8 ECTS)

The final thesis (21 ECTS) will be prepared and discussed at Università Cattolica upon return from the year abroad, in accordance with the rules set by the Faculty Board.

Structure of LL.M – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW - Specific required courses:

The 24-credit minimum must include:

A. The **12-credits Specialization Distribution Course** requirement include at least two of the following four Core Distribution Courses:

- Corporations 4 Cr

at least one of the following Core Distribution Courses:

- Financial Institutions: Banking 3 Cr
- International Banking Law 3 Cr
- Financial Institutions: Non-Banking 3 Cr
- Regulation of Financial Institutions 3 Cr

Remaining credits needed to fulfill the 12-credit Specialization Distribution requirement must be chosen from among the wide selection of Specialization Distribution Courses approved for the Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law program (courses designated 'BCF' on the class schedule available on the Registrar's website).

B. *Additional required courses:*

All LL.M. students are required to complete the following course:

- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (required in first semester of study) 1 Cr

C. All LL.M. students who do not hold a J.D. from a U.S. law school are additionally required to take the following courses:

- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (required in first semester of study) 3 Cr
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (required in first semester of study) 2 Cr
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession 2 Cr
- At least 6 credits of Content Outline courses 6 Cr
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students 3 Cr
- 2 credits of experiential coursework 2 Cr

Example of Study Plan for UCSC "profilo Amministrativo" students & LL.M – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW

1 SEMESTER

- Corporations (4 Credits)
- Financial Institutions: Banking (3 Credits)
- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (1 Credit)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (3 Credits)
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (2 Credits)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession (2 Credits)

2 SEMESTER

- Income Tax (4 Credits)
- Introduction to US Contract Law (4 Credits)
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students (3 Credits)
- 2 credits of experiential coursework (2 Credits)

In the event that a particular course is not available in any given semester or a scheduling conflict makes it impossible to take a particular course, Fordham Law will work closely with Cattolica to find an appropriate course substitution.

Non-binding example of track for "profilo Forense" students interested in LLM – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW

This proposal, based on a table of correspondences, would cover both the required and optional courses indicated here below, according to Cattolica's study plan for "profile Forense":

- Diritto tributario (9 ECTS)
- Diritto privato comparato *or* Diritto pubblico comparato *or* Diritto commerciale comparato (9 ECTS)
- Diritto commerciale II *or* Diritto industriale *or* Diritto bancario *or* Diritto della crisi d'impresa (9 ECTS)
- Diritto dei mercati finanziari (9 ECTS)
- un insegnamento a scelta (6 ECTS)
- altre attività formative (3 ECTS)

The final thesis (21 ECTS) will be prepared and discussed at Università Cattolica upon return from the year abroad, in accordance with the rules set by the Faculty Board.

Structure of LL.M – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW - Specific required courses:

The **24-credit minimum** must include:

A. The **12-credits Specialization Distribution Course** requirement include at least two of the following four Core Distribution Courses:

- Corporations 4 Cr

at least one of the following Core Distribution Courses:

- Financial Institutions: Banking 3 Cr
- International Banking Law 3 Cr
- Financial Institutions: Non-Banking 3 Cr
- Regulation of Financial Institutions 3 Cr

Remaining credits needed to fulfill the 12-credit Specialization Distribution requirement must be chosen from among the wide selection of Specialization Distribution Courses approved for the Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law program (courses designated 'BCF' on the class schedule available on the Registrar's website).

B. Additional required courses:

All LL.M. students are required to complete the following course:

- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (required in first semester of study) 1 Cr

C. All LL.M. students who do not hold a J.D. from a U.S. law school are additionally required to take the following courses:

- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (required in first semester of study) 3 Cr
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (required in first semester of study) 2 Cr
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession 2 Cr
- At least 6 credits of Content Outline courses 6 Cr
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students 3 Cr
- 2 credits of experiential coursework 2 Cr

Example of Study Plan for UCSC "profilo Forense" students & LLM – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW

1 SEMESTER

- Corporations (4 Credits)
- Financial Institutions: Banking (3 Credits)
- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (1 Credit)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (3 Credits)
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (2 Credits)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession (2 Credits)

2 SEMESTER

- Income tax (4 Credits)
- Introduction to US Contract Law (4 Credits)
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students (3 Credits)
- 2 credits of experiential coursework (2 Credits)
- Advanced Business Law WR REQ (1 Credit)

In the event that a particular course is not available in any given semester or a scheduling conflict makes it impossible to take a particular course, Fordham Law will work closely with Cattolica to find an appropriate course substitution.

Non-binding example of track for "profilo D'impresa" students interested in LLM – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW

This proposal, based on a table of correspondences, would cover both the required and optional courses indicated here below, according to Cattolica's study plan for "profilo D'impresa":

- Diritto tributario (9 ECTS)
 - Diritto privato comparato *or* Diritto pubblico comparato *or* Diritto commerciale comparato (9 ECTS)
 - Diritto della crisi d'impresa (9 ECTS)
 - insegnamento a scelta *or* altre attività formative (6 ECTS)
- The final thesis (21 ECTS) will be prepared and discussed at Università Cattolica upon return from the year abroad, in accordance with the rules set by the Faculty Board.

Structure of LL.M – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW - Specific required courses:

The **24-credit minimum** must include:

A. The **12-credits Specialization Distribution Course** requirement include at least two of the following four Core Distribution Courses:

- Corporations 4 Cr

at least one of the following Core Distribution Courses:

- Financial Institutions: Banking 3 Cr
- International Banking Law 3 Cr
- Financial Institutions: Non-Banking 3 Cr
- Regulation of Financial Institutions 3 Cr

Remaining credits needed to fulfill the 12-credit Specialization Distribution requirement must be chosen from among the wide selection of Specialization Distribution Courses approved for the Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law program (courses designated 'BCF' on the class schedule available on the Registrar's website).

B. Additional required courses:

All LL.M. students are required to complete the following course:

- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (required in first semester of study) 1 Cr

C. All LL.M. students who do not hold a J.D. from a U.S. law school are additionally required to take the following courses:

- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (required in first semester of study) 3 Cr
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (required in first semester of study) 2 Cr
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession 2 Cr
- At least 6 credits of Content Outline courses 6 Cr
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students 3 Cr
- 2 credits of experiential coursework 2 Cr

Example of Study Plan for UCSC "profilo D'impresa" students & LLM – BANKING, CORPORATE, AND FINANCE LAW

1 SEMESTER

- Corporations (4 Credits)
- Financial Institutions: Banking (3 Credits)
- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (1 credit)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (3 Credits)
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (2 Credits)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession (2 Credits)

2 SEMESTER

- Income Tax (4 Credits)
- Bankruptcy (4 Credits)
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students (3 Credits)
- 2 credits of experiential coursework (2 Credits)
- Additional Specialization Distribution course → Advanced Business Law - WR REQ (1 Credit)

In the event that a particular course is not available in any given semester or a scheduling conflict makes it impossible to take a particular course, Fordham Law will work closely with Cattolica to find an appropriate course substitution.

Non-binding example of track for "profilo Internazionale" students interested in LLM – US LAW

This proposal, based on a table of correspondences, would cover both the required and optional courses indicated here below, according to Cattolica's study plan for "profilo Internazionale":

- Diritto commerciale II (9 ECTS)
- Diritto del commercio internazionale (9 ECTS)
- Diritti dell'uomo (6 ECTS) *or* Diritto internazionale penale (6 ECTS) *or* Diritto internazionale privato (9 ECTS) *or* Diritto internazionale pubblico (9 ECTS) *or* Insurance Law and Regulation (6 ECTS) *or* Law of international Arbitration (4 ECTS) *or* Organizzazione internazionale (6 ECTS) *or* Teoria generale del diritto internazionale pubblico: questioni attuali (5 ECTS) *or* Transnational Business Law (8 ECTS)

The final thesis (21 ECTS) will be prepared and discussed at Università Cattolica upon return from the year abroad, in accordance with the rules set by the Faculty Board.

Structure of LL.M – US LAW - Specific required courses:

The 24-credit minimum must include:

B. The **12-credits Specialization Distribution Course** requirement include at least two of the following Core Courses:

- International Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Trade Law

B. *Additional required courses:*

All LL.M. students are required to complete the following course:

- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (required in first semester of study) 1 Cr

C. All LL.M. students who do not hold a J.D. from a U.S. law school are additionally required to take the following courses:

- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (required in first semester of study) 3 Cr
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (required in first semester of study) 2 Cr
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession 2 Cr
- At least 6 credits of Content Outline courses 6 Cr
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students 3 Cr
- 2 credits of experiential coursework 2 Cr

Example of Study Plan for UCSC "profilo Internazionale" students & LLM – US LAW

1 SEMESTER

- Corporations (4 Credits)
- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (1 Credit)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (3 Credits)
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (2 Credits)
- Introduction to US Contract Law (4 Credits)

2 SEMESTER

- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students (3 Credits)
- Litigation Management for the International Lawyer (3 Credits)
- Experiential Course (2 Credits)
(International Arbitration Practicum *or* International Business Transactions: A Practical Perspective)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession (2 Credits)
- Income Tax Law (4 Credits)

In the event that a particular course is not available in any given semester or a scheduling conflict makes it impossible to take a particular course, Fordham Law will work closely with Cattolica to find an appropriate course substitution.

Non-binding example of track for "profilo Penalistico-criminologico" students interested in LLM – INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE LAW

This proposal, based on a table of correspondences, would cover both the required and optional courses indicated here below, according to Cattolica's study plan for "profilo Penalistico-criminologico":

- Diritto tributario (9 ECTS)
- Diritto privato comparato *or* Diritto pubblico comparato *or* Diritto commerciale comparato (9 ECTS)
- Diritto commerciale II (9 ECTS)
- Diritto penale commerciale *or* Diritto penale della famiglia e dei minori *or* Giustizia riparativa *or* Medicina legale *or* Psicologia giuridica (9 ECTS)
- altre attività formative

The final thesis (21 ECTS) will be prepared and discussed at Università Cattolica upon return from the year abroad, in accordance with the rules set by the Faculty Board.

Structure of LL.M – INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE LAW - Specific required courses:

The **24-credit minimum** must include:

A. The **12-credits Specialization Distribution Course** requirement include at least two of the following four Core Distribution Courses:

- European Union Law / European Union Business Law
- International Business Transactions 3 Cr
- International Law 3 Cr (WR REQ)
- International Trade Regulation/ International Trade Law 3 Cr

Remaining credits needed to fulfill the 12-credit Specialization Distribution requirement must be chosen from among the wide selection of Specialization Distribution Courses of this Master.

B. The **12-credits Additional required courses:**

All LL.M. students are required to complete the following course:

- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (required in first semester of study) 1 Cr

C. All LL.M. students who do not hold a J.D. from a U.S. law school are additionally required to take the following courses:

- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (required in first semester of study) 3 Cr
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (required in first semester of study) 2 Cr
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession 2 Cr
- At least 6 credits of Content Outline courses 6 Cr
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students 3 Cr
- 2 credits of experiential coursework 2 Cr

Example of Study Plan for UCSC "profilo Penalistico-criminologico" students & LLM – INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE LAW

1 SEMESTER

- Quantitative Methods for Graduate Students (1 Credit)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System and Process (3 Credits)
- Legal Writing and Research for LLM Students (2 Credits)
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal Profession (2 Credits)
- Income Tax (4 Credits)
- International Business Transactions (3 Credits)

2 SEMESTER

- International Law (3 Credits)
- Introduction to US Contract Law (4 Credits)
- Additional Content Outline course (3 Credits)
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills for LLM Students (3 Credits)
- 2 credits of experiential coursework (2 Credits)

In the event that a particular course is not available in any given semester or a scheduling conflict makes it impossible to take a particular course, Fordham Law will work closely with Cattolica to find an appropriate course substitution.