

Dual Degree

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and University of Groningen, Netherlands

School of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences

Master's Degree Program (Laurea Magistrale) in Banking and Finance

Program

Università Cattolica, through the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences, Master's Degree Program (Laurea Magistrale) in Banking and Finance, offers its students the possibility of obtaining a double qualification at the conclusion of their study path:

- Laurea Magistrale, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- MSc in International Financial Management, University of Groningen

The program covers two years of study, with the first at Università Cattolica and the second at University of Groningen.

Eligible students and how to apply

Students enrolled in the first year of Laurea Magistrale at the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences can apply for the program.

Applications must be submitted via the appropriate call for competition by March 8^{th} , 2022 along with the payment of the relative non-refundable \in 35 application fee.

Applications will be assessed and a ranking will be compiled, based on the following:

■ 60% weighted average of results of exams passed in the winter session:

- 20% total credits accumulated by the end of the winter session:
- 20% language proficiency in English supported by certification (see more details under "Language requirements").

Language & 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 6.5 (Speaking 6, Writing 6.5)
- TOEFL internet-based overall score 90 (Speaking 20, Writing 24)

Alternatively, the student can take the UCSC English proficiency test. The minimum level required is B2. In this case, interested students must send an email to programmi.internazionali@unicatt.it, indicating whether they have already taken one of the internal tests organized by Cattolica International over the last two years, or, if they have not already taken a test, they can ask to register for one.

Program requirements

In order to obtain a Master of Science at the University of Groningen, students must complete the program following exams set out in the agreement.

Study Plan

Phase 1: Year 1 at UCSC
Advanced Microeconomics*
Quantitative Methods for Finance*
Corporate Finance*
Monetary Economics
Principles of Financial Regulation
Derivatives Securities Pricing*
Applied Econometrics*
Foreign Language

Phase 2: Year 2 at UG
Empirical Methods for MSc IFM
International Management Accounting and Control
Financial Management for Multinationals
International Financial Institutions and Governance
International Risk Analysis and Research
International Financial Reporting
Dependence & Extremes in Risk Management
Elective course
Thesis Project

* IMPORTANT - Academic progression

Programme students must pass at least the following courses of Phase 1 at UCSC before they can start Phase 2 at UG: Advanced Microeconomics; Quantitative Methods for Finance; Corporate Finance; Derivatives Securities Pricing; Applied Econometrics. These exams are a compulsory pre-requisite to be fully admitted at Groningen and must be completed within the summer session.

Thesis

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

Theology

Please note that all students taking part in the Degree program are required, in accordance with Cattolica regulations, to take the Theology exams present in their course plan.

Cost



Estimated cost of the program is €2,450 for EU students and €15,200 for non-EU students. This price is tentative and it can be subject to change.

Cattolica International will award scholarships of €700 to eligible candidates, until funds are available.

In case funds will not be enough to ensure a scholarship to each candidate, students will be ranked following academic performance and English proficiency, as stated here below:

- 60% weighted average as of the closing date of this call;
- 20% total credits accumulated within the closing date of this call:
- 20% English language proficiency with certification (see more details under "Language requirements")

The scholarships will be confirmed from January 2022.

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

At this <u>link</u> students may find useful information about the accommodation.

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

Please note that the Cattolica scholarship will be paid in form of reimbursement, the beneficiaries will receive direct instructions regarding the procedure to follow.

Student Safety Package



All students participating in an official UCSC International program must accept the "Student Safety Package" provisions by downloading the "Safety Check Students" app for the geolocation 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.

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