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Dear student,

I would like to warmly welcome you to the family of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, a university that has always placed the future of the new generations at the heart of its mission, relying on the power of education and culture.

For over a century, our university has had faith in young people. Father Gemelli, our founder, used to firmly repeat this in his speeches. In particular, I like to recall this passage from his speech at the inauguration ceremony of the 1951/52 academic year: 'I am convinced [...] that we must trust the young, we must help them, we must follow them, understand them'.

A trust, therefore, that requires us to provide you with a university experience capable of accompanying you in your professional, cultural and personal growth. One of the aims of the programmes we offer - the quality of which is internationally recognised - is to educate you to adopt a long and integral view. In fact, the degree programmes are characterised not only by the solidity of the contents, but also by an implicit innovativeness, which takes into account the continuous transformations of both society and the world of work, thanks above all to an interdisciplinary approach.
Our activities are carried out with the priority of caring for each enrolled student and enhancing their experience in beautiful, hospitable, functional and technologically-advanced spaces. The historic campuses have recently been joined by the Polo San Francesco in Milan. An area that once housed a barracks from the Napoleonic era, itself built on an old Franciscan convent from the 14th century, is now available to students. It is an investment in the future, in your future.

Every day, we professors and lecturers are called upon to impart knowledge, skills and methods to you - often dealing with frontier issues - in the wake of a century-old tradition that emphasises ethical aspects, develops critical thinking and takes care of the relational dimension. The educational objective we propose is geared towards bringing into dialogue multiple intelligences - those of the head, heart and hands - to allow you to cultivate your talents in the best possible way. Attention to the person, the alliance between generations, and the desire to devise new paradigms to understand the changes taking place are the fundamental components of our identity, which we intend to preserve, nurture and renew.

In particular, this is at the heart of the *Strategic Plan of Università Cattolica for the three-year period 2026–2028* (*www.unicatt.it/ateneo/universita-cattolica/piano-strategico.html*) whose guiding principles are: enhancing our identity as a non-profit *Catholic* university; promoting full integration between the roles of educational community and research university, whilst placing students at the heart of university life; creating a place not merely for knowledge transmission but rather for knowledge experience.

Università Cattolica is an educating community open to continuous confrontation with the reality that surrounds it. This also requires a direct commitment on your part, because to understand what is happening in the world, classroom lectures are not enough. We are able to offer you internships, study abroad periods and volunteer work experiences. These are all enriching opportunities. And so are the experiences in representative bodies, in the work of student associations, in the organisation of meetings and initiatives. The active participation of students in the life of the university is a hallmark that we want to preserve and strengthen.

The guide you are currently consulting provides you with the necessary information relating to the degree programme you have enrolled in. Course syllabi and updates on the University's initiatives can be found on the website: https://www.unicatt.it/facolta/scienze-bancarie--finanziarie-e-assicurative.html.

To make you feel myself even closer to you, I would like to reiterate my availability to receive and meet on a regular basis with those who want to have a moment of dialogue and confrontation with the aim of grasping and interpreting your needs and proposals.

I hope that your university journey will be full of enthusiasm and satisfaction, urging all of you not to stop in the face of difficulties but to move forward with the confidence, hope, commitment and effort necessary for the coming goals.

Be proud to be part of the great family of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and to contribute to writing its history.

The Rector
Elena Beccalli

AIMS AND STRUCTURE OF UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE

CHARACTER AND AIMS

The character and aims of Università Cattolica, which gained legal recognition through R.D. no.1661 on 2 October 1924, are set out in art. 1 of the Statute, approved by Rectoral Decree on 24 October 1996, the second paragraph of which reads as follows: “Università Cattolica” is an academic community that contributes to the development of the studies, scientific research and preparation of young people for roles in research, teaching, public and private office and the liberal professions. Università Cattolica fulfils this role by providing appropriate higher education that is also informed by the principles of Christianity, respecting the autonomy proper to every form of knowledge, and according to the view that science should serve the human being and civil coexistence, in accordance with the principles of Catholic doctrine and consistently with the universal nature of Catholicism and its noble and specific demands of freedom”.

The "Catholic" element in our name and loyalty to the Catholic Church represent, for Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, an indispensable condition and opportunity to take a scientifically rigorous and intellectually open approach both to research and teaching in all fields of knowledge and, in particular, with regard to the great questions of our time.

Scientific research is interpreted and experienced through its connection with anthropology and ethics, in the light of the Christian faith; this has allowed and continues to allow Università Cattolica to consolidate itself as a natural place for sincere dialogue and passionate engagement with all other cultures.

All those who freely wish and accept to be part of Università Cattolica must be aware of its scientific, formative and pedagogical aims, and be committed to respecting and enhancing them. To ensure that this awareness is also expressed through personal action, in a spirit of loyal collaboration between all members of the university, Università Cattolica approved its Code of Ethics in October 2013. The Code aims to embody both the "pride of belonging" and to reinforce certain values that - with reference also to the individuality of lecturers, students, technical-administrative and welfare staff - have been translated into a set of rules and guidelines which, in turn, have always characterised the work and conduct of those who work and study at our University. Compliance with the Code of Ethics, which may be consulted on the university website *(https://www.unicatt.it/ateneo/universita-*

cattolica/codice-etico-e-modello-di-organizzazione--gestione-e-controllo.html), is an essential part of Università Cattolica's mission, prestige and reputation.

ACADEMIC STRUCTURES AND BODIES

Rector

The Rector is the highest academic authority, legally represents Università Cattolica, summons and chairs the Board of Directors, the Steering Committee, the Academic Senate and the University Council. The Rector promotes the convergence of the work of all components of the university community in order to achieve Università Cattolica's goals. The Rector may appoint one or more Pro-rectors, one of whom may have vicarious functions. The Rector may delegate specific roles to the Pro-rectors.

The Rector remains in office for four academic years and may be reinstated for no more than two consecutive terms.

The Rector in office is Prof. Elena Beccalli, Professor of Financial Intermediaries at the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance.

Pro-Rector

The Pro-Rector in charge is Prof. Anna Maria Fellegara, full professor in the Faculty of Economics and Law, to whom deputy powers have been attributed.

Academic Senate

Composed of the Rector, who presides over it, and the Deans of Faculty, this is a collegial body that deliberates on topics related to didactic and scientific questions of general interest for the university. The Academic Senate is responsible for all the duties related to the organising, planning and coordinating of teaching and research activities.

Dean of School

The Dean is elected from among the full professors and is appointed by the Rector. The Dean is elected by the full and associate professors, remains in office for four academic years and can be re-elected for no more than two consecutive terms.

The Dean of the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance is Prof. Giovanni Petrella.

The Dean of the School of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures is Prof. Federica Missaglia.

School Council

The School Council is composed of all the full and associate tenured professors and of representatives of university researchers, lecturers and students. The School Council plans the development of the teaching activity, organizes and coordinates its operation and proposes the changes to be made to the teaching system, as provided for in the Articles of Association.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND BODIES

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has the widest powers, both ordinary and extraordinary, to govern the university. The Board of Directors is composed of eighteen members: the Rector, who presides over it; ten members appointed by the Istituto Giuseppe Toniolo di Studi Superiori charitable trust; a representative of the Holy See; a representative of the Italian Episcopal Conference; a representative of the Government; a representative of Azione Cattolica Italiana; and three members elected by the full and associate professors of the various university campuses.

General Director

The General Director is in charge of the university's offices and services and directs and coordinates their activities. The Administrative Director is responsible for generally guiding, directing and managing administrative and technical staff. The General Director is responsible for compliance with the university's laws and regulations, and implements the resolutions of the collegiate bodies in line with the Articles of Association.
The General Director is appointed by the Board of Directors, upon proposal by the Rector.
The General Director in office is Prof. Carlo Maria Gallucci.

Campus Director

The Campus Director is responsible for the performance of local management and for achieving the objectives laid down by the guidelines and general coordination incumbent upon the administrative director and for implementing the decisions of the Board of Directors.
The Campus Director is appointed by the Rector after deliberation by the Board of Directors, upon proposal by the General Director. The Campus Director for Milan is Dr Mario Gatti.

PASTORAL STRUCTURES AND BODIES

General Ecclesiastical Assistant

The General Ecclesiastical Assistant coordinates spiritual and pastoral activities within the university community with the help of the pastoral assistants present on the various university campuses.
The General Ecclesiastical Assistant is also responsible for coordinating the activities of the University Pastoral Council and organising the Theology courses.
The General Ecclesiastical Assistant in office is S. E. Mons. Claudio Giuliodori.

Pastoral Council

A consultative pastoral structure, the Pastoral Council is ecclesiastically involved to fulfil the university's pastoral objectives. Its members include representatives of the various components of the university, it is an important expression of the communitas studentium et docentium.

Pastoral Centres

Pastoral Centres are found on each of the university campuses and base their educational approach on serving the Christian person and vision. They are responsible for celebrating Liturgy and are places of welcome, conversation, prayer and education. The pastoral assistants are available for meetings with students and dialogue to promote human and spiritual growth. They cooperate with the Pastoral Centres, ecclesiastical associations and movements, prayer groups and volunteer groups, each using their own charisma to strengthen the shared commitment to education, testimony and evangelical mission.

Board of Theology Lecturers

Chaired by the Rector and coordinated by the General Ecclesiastical Assistant, the Board of Theology Lecturers brings together all the university's Theology lecturers and is responsible for optimising the teaching proposal of the Theology courses - unique to Università Cattolica - which, by their nature, play a particularly important role in the pursuit of synthesis with the other areas of knowledge cultivated at the university and in promoting the dialogue between faith and reason. In order to coordinate the work of the Board of Lecturers of Theology, the Council of Theology Lecturers is established, consisting of the twelve lecturers taking part in the faculty councils, assisted by a secretary.

THE SCHOOLS OF BANKING, FINANCE AND INSURANCE AND OF LINGUISTIC SCIENCES AND FOREIGN LITERATURES AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT

Banking, finance and insurance (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)

Promoting teaching and research as tools to train well-rounded individuals and professionals in the field of financial management: these are the educational objectives of the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance at Università Cattolica, which places graduates at the centre of the national financial community and enables them to develop international-level research topics and learn the operational practices developed by the major financial institutions.
This programme offers solid training in the basic disciplines and provides specialist skills in the fields of economics of financial intermediaries and markets, insurance and pension companies, and statistical and actuarial sciences.
The multidisciplinary context of the university allows students to acquire knowledge, skills, experiences and relationships that foster the achievement of their development potential.
For the academic year 2026/2027, the School offers an undergraduate degree programme:

Financial markets and institutions which belongs to the degree class L-18 Economics and Business Management.
The undergraduate degree programme is divided into five curricula:

- ***Economics of financial markets and intermediaries;***
- ***Economics of financial markets and intermediaries*** (in agreement with the Order of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts of Milan);
- ***Financial and Insurance Consultant***;
- ***Quantitative Methods for Finance and Insurance;***
- ***Finance*** (entirely in English)

In addition, the School also offers, with the participation of the Faculty of Economics and Law, Piacenza campus, the undergraduate degree programme in: ***Business and Finance***, which belongs to the L-18 Economics and Business Management degree class. This degree programme is entirely taught in English and lectures will be held at the Brescia University campus

In the academic year 2026/2027, the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance Science, activates the following graduate degree programmes:

- **Financial Markets and Institutions**, which relates to the degree class LM-77 Economics and Business Sciences. The degree programme offers combinations of subjects that allow the acquisition of credits in relation to the following professional profiles: Banking and Insurance Management, Finance and Finance - Corporate advisory (in agreement with the Order of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts of Milan).
- **Banking and Finance**, which belongs to the degree class LM-77 Economic and Business Sciences. Graduate degree programme delivered in English.
- **Actuarial Sciences**, **Risk and Data Analysis**, which belongs to the degree class LM-83 Actuarial and Financial Statistics. Graduate degree programme delivered in English.

In collaboration with the Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences, another graduate degree programme is also offered in:

- **Artificial Intelligence for Banking and Finance**, which belongs to the degree class LM-91 Techniques and methods for the information society. Graduate degree programme delivered in English.

Up-to-date information on study plans and on the School in general can be found at *https://milano.unicatt.it/facolta/scienze-bancarie-finanziarie-e-assicurative.*

In order to strengthen ties with companies and supervisory authorities, the School has set up the School-World of Work Board. Composed of authoritative protagonists of the financial community (Managing Directors and Personnel Managers), the Board aims to: share with the business community the strategic guidelines to be followed in formulating the study plans of the Degree Programmes, in order to maintain an educational offer in line with the expectations of the professional world; improve the planning and management of the School's internship activities; identify new initiatives and profitable ways of collaborating with the business community, to constantly improve the educational process and allow students to favourably enter the world of work. These new initiatives include the focus on Soft and Digital skills, as well as the establishment of the School Internship Day, the Progetto Talenti (Talents' Project) and the "Women in finance" programme.

The School has entered into an agreement with the *Associazione Italiana degli Analisti e Consulenti Finanziari* - the Italian Association of Financial Analysts and Advisors - (**AIAF**) that allows students holding a graduate degree in Financial Markets and Institutions to be admitted as Ordinary Members of the AIAF free of charge for the first year and at a reduced rate for the following three years. For the purposes of the CIIA® (Certified International Investment Analyst) international diploma, this agreement will allow exemption from the Foundation exam and direct access to the Final exam, at a reduced cost. Furthermore, the graduate degree programme in Financial Markets and Institutions has been accredited by the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute (**CFA**); this means that the graduate degree programme is part of the affiliation programme recognised by universities that offer programmes that meet certain quality requirements with regard to courses in the area of investment management.

Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)

The Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures was established at Università Cattolica in the 1991/1992 academic year. This marked the beginning of an innovative project that would later be adopted by many Italian universities: it envisages that the learning of languages and the study of linguistic and literary studies be complemented by disciplines exploring various fields – business, tourism, international relations, mass media and audio-digital communication – thereby fostering a genuine specialisation in linguistic and cultural skills. The purpose of emphasising the academic nature – both theoretical and applied – of the courses taught led to a change of name; since the 2002–2003 academic year, which has been Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures".

The educational programme has been developed in keeping with a long-standing and ever-vibrant tradition, which aims at the holistic development of the individual in both their studies and life: the identity of Università Cattolica is fundamental to our Faculty and its degree programmes, in which teaching and cultural and scientific education are focused on preparing professionals capable of working effectively in working contexts where specialist expertise in languages and the management of intercultural dynamics is required.

The Faculty closely monitors the constant evolution of the world of work, with the emergence of new sectors and new professional roles, and is always ready to adapt its educational offer – both in terms of course content and the general set up of degree programmes – to the needs of the companies, organisations and institutions in which future graduates will be called upon to work.

Multilingualism and an international outlook are integral to the very nature of the Faculty. From the very beginning, it has been oriented towards dialogue and academic and educational exchange at an international level, even before the Italian university system, prompted by European institutions, began to promote the mobility of students and lecturers.

Provincialism is incompatible with a Faculty that teaches students to learn and understand languages and cultures: this is yet another reason why the Faculty promotes awareness of the immense heritage embodied in the Italian language, which is the first language for the vast majority of our students. On closer inspection, one cannot learn other languages without having a thorough understanding of one's own.

The Faculty offers:

– a high-standard language education provided by a teaching team, which constitutes the backbone of the Faculty and is carried out in-depth, practical study of two foreign languages, with particular attention paid to the specific characteristics of the different languages and the cultures of the various countries;
– a choice among the following languages: French, English, Russian, Spanish, German, as well as Chinese and Arabic.

Communication, Culture and Society (Università della Svizzera italiana)

Established in 1996, originally as the Faculty of Communication Sciences. It is one of the three founding faculties of the Università Svizzera italiana, alongside the Academy of Architecture and the Faculty of Economics.

The Faculty's educational and research programme took shape and came to fruition during the years when the World Wide Web was still in its infancy, but it was already clear that it would radically change not only the media landscape, but also the way we interact in the public sphere, at work and in our private lives.

In a sense, the Faculty was established to rise to that challenge, which had made it even more evident that a phenomenon such as communication could

not be studied in a 'generalist' manner, but had to be understood within the specific dynamics of the various contexts of interaction: from the media to public institutions and business, and then broken down into specific sectors of interest such as health, fashion, tourism or finance.
From the outset, the Faculty set itself the goal of pursuing research and courses aimed at an interdisciplinary understanding of human communication in all its breadth, drawing simultaneously on the humanities, the social sciences and the reflection on technology.
With the foundation of the Institute of Italian Studies in 2007, the Faculty entered a new phase. Its humanistic dimension was strengthened and its interdisciplinary focus was given a new direction, through a broad conception of Italian civilisation in which language and literature are interwoven with the history of the arts and music, with particular attention paid to the contribution of Italian civilisation within the European context.
Another important milestone was reached on 9 December 2019 when the Ticino Grand Council approved the amendment to the Law on the Università della Svizzera italiana and the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland of 3 October 1995, which formalised the change of name from what had until then been the 'Faculty of Communication Sciences' to the 'Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society'. This name better reflects the current challenges facing society, highlights the strengths developed by the Faculty over the years and is more closely aligned with its educational offer.
Today, the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society is characterised by an ever-increasing diversity of disciplines, languages and perspectives, and has embarked on a new path of development, which can be summed up by the slogan 'Communication, culture, and society', with the aim of helping to address some of the major social challenges of the present and the future, guided at all times by two key words: boldness and responsibility.

THE INTERFACULTY GRADUATE PROGRAMME

The School of Banking, Finance and Insurance, and the Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures, together with the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society at the Università della Svizzera italiana – Lugano, are contributing their teaching, organisational and research resources to the launch of the following graduate programme:

– **European Studies in Investor Relations and Financial Communication** which relates to the LM-90 European Studies class. The degree is taught in English.

GRADUATE PROGRAMME

EUROPEAN STUDIES IN INVESTOR RELATIONS AND FINANCIAL COMMUNICATION *(LM-90)*

Coordinator: Prof. Michele Mozzarelli

The School of Banking, Finance and Insurance is contributing its teaching, organisational and research resources, alongside the Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures and the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society at the Università della Svizzera italiana in Lugano, to the launch of this inter-faculty and inter-university graduate degree programme (Joint degree).

Aims

This degree programme fits in the specific socio-economic context currently being experienced by the European Union. From the perspective of European integration, in fact, the present historical and cultural moment is characterised by the particular sensitivity of the situation. The changed attitude with which citizens relate to the institutions of the European Union necessitates a policy of collaboration at multiple levels, ranging from the internal level – involving the various national communities – to the global level, where the European Union engages with its global counterparts on various fronts. To be effective, this process must permeate all areas in which the European Union operates, first and foremost the economic and financial sphere, including in terms of the governance of the institutional and private actors involved. Today through its various institutions, the European Union is called to shape its future through fruitful and constructive dialogue with and amongst the diverse economic entities and financial actors – some with histories stretching back centuries – that make up the Union, whilst respecting the shared values within the Union, amongst which ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) issues are playing an increasingly significant role.

To meet this challenge, new professionals are needed who can combine skills relating primarily to four synergistically interlinked thematic areas: the regulatory and institutional framework of the European Union in the fields of economics, finance and governance, and the dynamics between European institutions and their counterparts within and outside the EU; economic and financial expertise, particularly in the sectors of banking and financial intermediaries within the European Union; the linguistic and cultural context

of the interlocutor; and institutional communication skills and argumentative methods appropriate to the context.
The regulatory and institutional frameworks of the European Union in the banking and financial sectors, together with their dynamics, form the essential premise for the orderly and coherent systematisation of economic and business expertise within a complex institutional governance framework such as that of the European economic and financial system, in which financial markets remain strongly characterised by national dynamics. By understanding the legal architecture of European regulation and its institutions, it becomes possible to correctly identify the relevant areas and the appropriate approaches to institutional affairs and external communication in the banking and financial sectors.
Topics relating to economic and financial disciplines, as well as those concerning relations with and between institutions, represent a crucial aspect of the degree programme and are intended to provide a framework for those areas in which knowledge must increasingly be integrated at European and global level; consequently, these disciplines aim to develop in-depth technical skills that are contextualised within the European and global financial systems. Equally important is the relationship with EU citizens as participants in the economic and financial system.
The linguistic and cultural sphere is a sensitive area, and it is only recently that the importance of a high level of knowledge in this field has begun to be recognised, given the highly multicultural contexts involving individuals from diverse backgrounds in terms of skills and training (of institutions with decision-making or supervisory roles, private enterprises, and associations representing various sectors).
The field of communication and argumentative strategies – particularly in relation to the institutional context and international relations – plays a central role in the design of the degree programme, with the aim of understanding complex, multilingual and multicultural scenarios with a high potential for conflict; of analysing their institutional and cultural components; of designing communicative strategies for mediation; of taking due account of the various stakeholders; and of proposing interventions geared towards conflict resolution and successful interaction.
The degree programme aims to foster a critical understanding of the dynamics arising at the intersection of these four areas, integrating them into a new and constructive synergy. To achieve this synergy effectively, the graduate degree programme has been organised drawing on the specific expertise of

the various Faculties involved within an international, inter-university framework that allows for the promotion of different yet complementary approaches and perspectives.
In this regard, the involvement of the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society at the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) brings to the degree programme the expertise gained by the Università della Svizzera italiana through its specialising master programme in Financial Communication, which focuses on the institutional communication of financial intermediaries at European and international level, as demonstrated by the various core and optional modules offered in the fields of political science and social sciences. Whilst, therefore, the Università della Svizzera italiana will be responsible in particular for teaching in the fields of political sciences and international relations, as well as aspects specific to institutional communication, the Faculties of Università Cattolica will cover European Union regulations in the banking and financial sectors and the relationship between European institutions and both EU and non-EU financial intermediaries; the economic and business aspects of the banking and financial sectors (School of Banking, Finance and Insurance) and linguistic disciplines and cultural expertise (Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures).

The standard duration of a graduate degree programme is a further two years following the completion of the bachelor degree.

The study programme comprises a total of 120 ECTS credits, of which 105 relate to courses and 15 to the thesis. The programme consists of four semesters of study: the first two will take place at the Milan campus of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, whilst the remaining two semesters will take place at the Lugano campus of the Università della Svizzera italiana.
Lectures are delivered in a traditional classroom format for the in-depth courses on individual subject areas, whilst the modules take the form of workshops and seminars. Language practice and cultural analysis activities are carried out through interactive teaching, case studies, *role play*, *clinical lectures*, guest talks and discussions.

Each course is awarded a number of ECTS, which is the same for all students, and a mark (on a scale of 30) which varies according to the student's level of attainment. Courses conclude with a test, the result of which is expressed as a mark on a scale of 30.

Students have the option of undertaking a curricular *work placement*, which may be carried out from the summer between the first and second years of the course or right after the second year of the course.

The time set aside for independent study or other individual learning activities accounts for approximately two-thirds of the total number of hours.

Upon passing the final degree examination, the student is awarded a joint degree comprising an Italian Graduate programme and a Swiss master's degree in European Studies in Investor Relations and Financial Communication.

Theology Courses: the study plan for the two-year graduate programme will be supplemented by a one-semester course, comprising 30 hours, delivered in the form of seminars and/or single-subject courses on a topic relevant to the programme of study, in accordance with the Theology Department deliberations.

Timetable

The courses of the degree programme in European Studies in Investor Relations and Financial Communication follow the timetable set by the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance: timetables and lecture theatre details can be found on the UCSC website (*https://milano.unicatt.it/polo-studenti-e-didattica-programmi-dei-corsi-orari-delle-lezioni*).
Timetables and useful information for second-year students can be found on the Università della Svizzera italiana website (*https://www.usi.ch/en/education/master/investor-relations-financial-communication/structure-and-contents).*

Curriculum

For students enrolled starting from a.y. 2026/2027

Please note: the semesters indicated below are subject to change; please refer to the class timetables on the relevant UCSC and USI Lugano web pages.

I year

I SEMESTER	ECTS
- Accounting for Investor Relations	6
- EU Financial Systems and Bank Management	6
- Corporate Finance	3
- Speech Communication	3

- English for Business and Finance – First level	3
- *A* second speciality language from the following: Français de la finance – First level; Deutsch für die Finanzkommunikation – First level	6

II SEMESTER

- Statistical Data Analysis	3
- Principles of European Financial Regulation	6
- Economics of the EU	6
- English for Business and Finance – Second level	3
- *The* second speciality language at an advanced level: Français de la finance – Second level *or* Deutsch für die Finanzkommunikation – Second level	6

II year (at Università della Svizzera italiana)

I SEMESTER	ECTS
- Argumentation in Finance	6
- Financial Communication	6
- Communication Strategies in Financial Disclosure	3
- Sustainable Finance and Ethics	3
- Current Issues in International Affairs	3
- Online Communication Design - ESIR (core or elective as an alternative to Natural Language Processing for Business and Finance)	3

II SEMESTER

- Banking Strategies & Wealth Management	6
- Investor Relations	3
- Conversations with Investment Professionals (core or elective as an alternative to Conversations with industry experts on Private Banking)	3
- Conversations with Industry Experts on Private Banking (core or elective as an alternative to Conversations with Investment Professionals)	3
- Natural Language Processing for Business and Finance (core or elective as an alternative to Online Communication Design - ESIR)	3

- Law and Practice of Capital Markets	3
- Elective courses in the first or second year	15
- Thesis	15

The available elective courses are listed below

Courses	*ECTS*	*SEMESTER*
Chinese for Business and Finance – First level	6	I
Arabic Language and Culture	6	annual
Chinese for Business and Finance – Second level	6	II
Fintech and Sustainable Finance: Law and Practice	6	II
Investment Risk Management	4	II

During the second year at Università della Svizzera italiana:

Courses	*ECTS*	*SEMESTER*
Argumentation in Conflict Resolution	3	I
Comparative Public Administration	6	I
Managerial Finance	3	I
Financial Decisions	3	I
Quantitative Methods in Finance: a critical Introduction	3	I
Business Markets and Industrial Relations	3	II
Natural Language Processing for Business and Finance (Project)	3	II
Sponsoring and Partnership Management	3	II
Issues and Crisis Management	3	II

It is possible to allocate 9 ECTS out of the 15 available for elective courses to an *internship*, which may be undertaken starting from the summer between the first and second year of the programme or right after the second year of the course.

For students enrolled in the second year of the graduate programme in a.y. 2026/2027

II year (at Università della Svizzera italiana)

I SEMESTER	ECTS
- Argumentation in Finance	6
- Methods in Financial Communication	6
- Communication Strategies in Financial Disclosure	3
- Sustainable Finance and Ethics	3
- Current Issues in International Affairs	3
- Online Communication Design – ESIR (core or elective as an alternative to Natural Language Processing for Business and Finance)	3
II SEMESTER	
- Banking Strategies & Wealth Management	6
- Investor Relations	3
- Conversations with Investment Professionals (core or elective as an alternative to Conversations with industry experts on Private Banking)	3
- Conversations with Industry Experts on Private Banking (core or elective as an alternative to Conversations with Investment Professionals)	3
- Natural Language Processing for Business and Finance (core or elective as an alternative to Online Communication Design - ESIR)	3
- Law and Practice of Capital Markets	3
- Elective courses in the first or second year	12
- Thesis	18

The available elective courses are listed below

During the first year at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore:

Courses	*ECTS*	*SEMESTER*
Chinese for Business and Finance – First level	6	I
Arabic Language and Culture	6	annual
Chinese for Business and Finance – Second level	6	II
Fintech and Sustainable Finance: Law and Practice	6	II
Investment Risk Management	4	II

During the second year at Università della Svizzera italiana:

Courses	*ECTS*	*SEMESTER*
Argumentation in Conflict Resolution	3	I
Comparative Public Administration	6	I
Managerial Finance	6	I
Financial Decisions	3	I
Quantitative Methods in Finance: a Critical Introduction	3	I
Business Markets and Industrial Relations	3	II
Natural Language Processing for Business and Finance (Project)	3	II
Sponsoring and Partnership Management	3	II
Issues and Crisis Management	3	II

It is possible to allocate 9 ECTS out of the 12 available for elective courses to an *internship*, which may be undertaken starting from the summer between the first and second year of the programme or right after the second year of the course.

After graduation

The proposed study programme will equip graduates with interdisciplinary knowledge and methodological tools, enabling them to undertake highly specialised professional roles in both private companies and European institutions.

Among the possible professional opportunities, the following are highlighted:

– *Specialist in external relations and market relations at European institutions.*
  Graduates are able to provide support for the decisions and resolutions of the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union or supranational institutions such as, for example, the European Central Bank (ECB), the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the European Banking Authority (EBA) and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), the Single Resolution Board, and the European Investment Bank; as well as disseminating these decisions and their implementation within the relevant legal systems, and managing their relations with organisations at a global or non-European level.
– *Investor relations specialist at European and non-European financial intermediaries.*
  Graduates are able to manage institutional relations and external communications for financial operators, as well as to promote effective disclosure so that EU institutions (both governmental and supervisory), investors and the media have access to accurate information, organised in accordance with appropriate administrative rationale. They are able to develop effective communication with relevant stakeholders, based on shared principles, and to enhance the quality of financial decision-making.
– *Proxy adviser and investor engagement specialist.*
  Thanks to their economic and financial expertise, their ability to interpret information accurately, to facilitate financial decision-making processes based on a comprehensive assessment of all relevant factors, and to engage with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds, graduates are able to provide advisory services on behalf of institutional investors to help them understand the agendas for shareholders' meetings.
– *Specialist in management and control functions within public and private organisations in the banking and financial sector.*
  Graduates are able to take on management and control roles within the banking and financial sectors (primarily, though not exclusively, in the corporate sector) aimed at maintaining relations with European and international authorities and

institutions. They are able to provide operational support and act as a liaison with the bank's departments, particularly those responsible for control functions such as compliance, audit and risk management. They are also capable of facilitating liaison and relations – including from a cultural perspective – between the bank's operational structures and the supervisory authorities. They are able to interact with counterparts working in banks, financial intermediaries, insurance companies and institutional operators in other countries, even where there are significant differences in cultural and communication approaches.

– *Specialist in external relations and institutional affairs within public and private organisations in the banking and financial sectors.*
Graduates are able to work in the field of stakeholder relations, possessing the technical skills to understand the economic and financial dynamics underpinning the activities of financial intermediaries, whilst at the same time interacting appropriately and effectively with counterparts from different cultural backgrounds.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAMME WITH THE RELATIVE SUBJECT SECTOR CODE

The *subject sectors* were created in response to the need for clarification and simplification, leading to (with numerous legislative interventions) the grouping of all the subjects taught in Italian universities into sectors and the attribution of a code and title to each. The titles derive from the most representative subject in the sector (e.g. *Italian Literature*, *History of Law*), with all other similar subjects and courses grouped under the same category.

With Ministerial Decree 639 of 2 May 2024, scientific disciplines were reclassified and grouped into macro-areas of reference. The new groupings also led to the identification of new acronyms.
The list below associates the courses with the new scientific disciplinary sectors identified by Ministerial Decree 639, which will apply to students enrolled from the 2026/2027 academic year onwards. Students enrolled before that academic year should refer to the previous regulations and to the Faculty Guides for their academic year of enrolment.

For more information on the correspondence between the sectors indicated in the current regulations and those provided for in the previous regulations, please consult the text of Ministerial Decree 639 with its annexes at the following link: *https://www.mur.gov.it/it/atti-e-normativa/decreto-ministeriale-n-639-del-02-05-2024*

The knowledge of the subject sector which the programmes relate to can be useful to students who wish to check whether credits from one particular programme will be valid in another, for example.

Graduate programme in European studies in investor relations and financial communications

Course	*Academic Discipline Code*
Accounting for Investor Relations	ECON-06/A
Arabic Language and Culture	STAA-01/L
Argumentation in Conflict Resolution	GSPS-06/A
Argumentation in Finance	GSPS-06/A
Banking Strategies & Wealth Management	ECON-09/B
Business Markets and Industrial Relations	ECON-07/A
Chinese for Business and Finance-First level	ASIA-01/F
Chinese for Business and Finance-Second level	ASIA-01/F
Communications Strategies in Financial Disclosure	GSPS-06/A

Course	*Academic Discipline Code*
Comparative Public Administration	GSPS-02/A
Conversations with Investment Professionals	ECON-02/A
Conversation with Industry Experts on Private Banking	ECON-04/A
Corporate Finance	ECON-09/A
Current Issues in International Affairs	GSPS-02/A
Deutsch für die Finanzkommunikation – First level	GERM-01/C
Deutsch für die Finanzkommunikation – Second level	GERM-01/C
Economics of the EU	ECON-01/A
English for Business and finance – First level	ANGL-01/C
English for Business and finance – Second level	ANGL-01/C
EU Financial Systems and Bank Management	ECON-09/B
Financial Communication	GSPS-06/A
Financial Decisions	GSPS-08/A
Fintech and Sustainable Finance: Law and Practice	GIUR-03/A
Français de la finance – First level	FRAN-01/B
Français de la finance – Second level	FRAN-01/B
Investment Risk Management	ECON-09/B
Investor Relations	ECON-02/A
Issues and Crisis Management	GSPS-06/A
Law And Practice of Capital Markets	GIUR-03/A
Financial Communication	GSPS-06/A
Managerial Finance	ECON-09/A
Natural Language Processing for Business and Finance	INFO-01/A
Natural Language Processing for Business and Finance (Project)	INFO-01/A
Online Communication Design - ESIR	INFO-01/A
Principles of European Financial Regulation	GIUR-02/A
Quantitative Methods in Finance: a Critical Introduction	ECON-09/B
Speech communication	GSPS-06/A
Sponsoring and Partnership Management	GSPS-08/A
Statistical Data Analysis	SECS-S/01
Sustainable Finance and Ethics	GSPS-08/A

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Semester abroad programmes include four types of proposals that allow students to attend a semester or an academic year abroad, take exams agreed with UCSC teachers and obtain recognition upon their return:

- **Exchange (Erasmus+ Overseas)**, with Erasmus destinations in the EU and Overseas destinations outside the EU, which students can access through a competition without having to pay any enrolment/attendance fees abroad, only travel, board and lodging and incidental expenses);
- **ISEP - International Student Exchange Program**, with over 200 destinations worldwide, which students can access through a competition, bearing the costs for the semester including on-campus accommodation.
- **Study Abroad Programme**, fee-paying semester at prestigious foreign universities.
- **Free Mover** (fee-paying semester at the partner universities of the students' Faculty as part of the Exchange programme, if not admitted through the Exchange ranking, only for faculties that provide for it).

Summer Programmes give students the opportunity to spend a period of 2 to 8 weeks abroad during the summer at partner universities, to take exams for which they can obtain university credits.

Programme LATE - LANGUAGE COURSES ABROAD offers intensive language courses abroad, for both beginners and advanced students, aimed at improving or certifying language skills: the proposal includes all the languages taught at Università Cattolica, with destinations all over the world and the possibility of departing throughout the whole year.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES ABROAD include work experience and internship programmes abroad, which may or may not be part of the curriculum depending on the degree programme students are enrolled in or the type and duration of the experience.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMMES offer all students, regardless of their degree programme, the opportunity to volunteer in different countries around the world.

Programmes promoted by **ISTITUTO CONFUCIO** include medium-long stays in China, supported by scholarships from the institute itself, aimed at

attending language courses or academic courses for a semester, with the possibility of recognition in the degree curriculum.

DOUBLE DEGREE programmes offer study paths designed and promoted by individual faculties, at the end of which the student obtains both a degree from Università Cattolica and a degree from the partner university.

The '**Thesis Abroad**' programme offers scholarships to undergraduate and graduate degree candidates from all faculties who have independently identified an opportunity to conduct international research for the writing of their thesis.

FACULTY LED (short-term international experiences, promoted by the Faculties / individual teachers, with a close connection to the topics covered in a specific course).

COIL (Collaborative Online Interactive Learning) programs are online learning activities that foster dialogue and collaboration between students from different countries. They can be integrated into university courses or offered as electives, with the goal of creating a global, accessible, and inclusive learning environment.

For further information please visit: *https://goabroad.unicatt.it*/

COURSE PROGRAMMES

Course's syllabi can be consulted by accessing the following section of Università Cattolica website:
http://programmideicorsi-milano.unicatt.it.

TEACHING LIST AND RELATED LECTURERS APPOINTED

The lists of courses offered for the a. y. 2026/2027, with the names of the lecturers in charge, are available, updated in real time, on the UCSC web pages *https://milano.unicatt.it/polo-studenti-e-didattica-programmi-dei-corsi-orari-delle-lezioni*; furthermore, it is possible, on the personal *iCatt* page, in the "Corsi" section, once your study plan has been defined, to view the list of courses associated with the name of the lecturer.

THEOLOGY COURSES

Nature and aims

The Theology courses are unique to Università Cattolica. They aim to offer a motivated, reasoned and organic knowledge of the Revelation and of Christian life, so as to provide students with the theoretical tools to critically understand the experience of faith.

The mark achieved in the Theology exams forms an integral part of each student's curriculum and will be considered by the examining board in determining the overall mark for the degree.

Degrees

Theology courses are part of the curricular study plan of the degree programmes for students enrolled at Università Cattolica.

Syllabi

For the first, second and third year of the programmes, there will be a single semester-long syllabus (12 weeks per year, three hours per week).

The subjects are:

Theology 1: *Fundamental questions: Christological faith and the Holy Scripture*

Theology 2: *Matters of theological anthropology and ecclesiology*;

Theology 3: *Theological questions of Christian ethics and morals*.

Starting from the 2026/2027 academic year, first-year students enrolled in Italian-taught degree programmes will select their lecturer from within a specific subject area, determined according to the Faculty to which they belong. For the School of Banking, Finance and Insurance, the relevant subject area is *Economics and Finance*.

Second- and third-year students, on the other hand, will choose from among all available Theology lecturers.

Graduate programmes

The two-year Graduate degree programme includes a semester-long course of 30 hours, taught by Professor Paolo Nicelli, in the form of seminars and/or single-subject sessions on topics related to the chosen curriculum, according to the Board of Theology Lecturers' decisions.

The course ends with a test set by the lecturer.

Students can choose the seminar course through their *iCatt* page by the deadline communicated via the same page. For students who do not enrol within this deadline, the university will proceed assigning them a lecturer.

Lecturers and course syllabi

For information on the Theology courses and lecturers, please consult the webpage:
https://www.unicatt.it/collegio-dei-docenti-di-teologia-programma-dei-corsidi- teologia
The syllabi of the Theology courses can be consulted by accessing the following section of the Università Cattolica website: *http://programmideicorsi-milano.unicatt.it.*

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

ENROLMENT RULES

1. Qualifications required

Pursuant to Art. 6 of Ministerial Decree No. 270/2004, the following may enrol in the degree programmes opened at Università Cattolica:

- *State upper secondary school graduates* (five-year or four-year: final diplomas in education programmes of study).
- *holders of a foreign degree*, recognised as suitable for admission to Italian universities according to the provisions issued for each academic year by the Ministry of University and Research in agreement with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Interior.

Concurrent enrolment at the university and in highly specialised artistic and musical educational programmes (AFAM)

It is permitted to simultaneously enrol in two programmes of study at the same University or at-different Italian or foreign Universities, or where one of the programmes is at a University and one at the Higher Institutes of Musical and Choral Studies, in compliance with the provisions of Law No. 33 of 12 April 2022, subsequent ministerial implementing decrees and related ministerial FAQs.

The simultaneous enrolment in two programmes of study is allowed provided that the aforementioned programmes do not relate to the same ministerial degree class and that they differ in at least two-thirds of the educational activities in terms of academic teaching credits.

Students interested in concurrent enrolment are required to give prior notice to the Student Centre of the relevant campus using the appropriate forms.

2. Modalities

Students who intend to enrol for the first time at Università Cattolica (Milan, Brescia, Piacenza-Cremona) must first read the specific notices "Admission procedures" on the University website (*www.unicatt.it*).

The registration application must be completed and submitted online (the submission is necessary since the application, in some parts, must be manually completed and it is also necessary to acquire the handwritten signature of the student or parent, if the student is a minor) using the *Registration Portal*, available on the University website.

In addition to filling out the registration form, it will be necessary to pay the 1st instalment of the tuition fees and university contributions, and upload all of the required documentation:

Once registration has been completed, the University, in accordance with the procedures in force, will provide the Carta Ateneo badge.
When submitting their registration application, priests and other religious figures must submit the declaration by which the Bishop or Superiors authorise them to enrol in the University (written authorisation will be approved by the General Ecclesiastical Assistant of Università Cattolica or by a delegate).

Regarding the presentation of income documentation, the appropriate online procedure must be used, available in the *Registration Portal* or on the student's personal *iCatt* webpage.

A student who has been successfully enrolled for a year of university studies is not entitled to a refund of fees and contributions paid.

Registration on a part-time basis
Students who do not have full-time availability due to work, family, health or other justified personal reasons, may opt – at the time of registration or renewal of their current enrolment – for a study path that permits them to carry out 50% of the annual educational activities envisaged for the programme. Minor deviations can be determined by the competent Faculty Councils, taking into account the unique features of each programme of study.
A student who intends to register on a part-time basis must first express this intention, with justifications for their request, by filling in the appropriate form at the Student Centre of their campus.
This declaration of interest will be submitted to the competent educational bodies for approval and, once this is received, the student may submit a formal request for registration on a part-time basis.
All information relating to the modalities, timings and economic aspects can be found at the Student Centre of the respective campuses.

3. Verification of the initial preparation of students (VPI) – Additional learning obligations (OFA)

To better cope with their chosen university programmes, those who enrol in the first year of the degree programmes and single-cycle graduate degree programmes will be evaluated on their level of initial preparation; an

exception is made for those who enrolled in programmes of study for which there are alternative ways of fulfilling the VPI or that provide for a specific admission test.
The VPI is a test on predefined subject areas (for example, knowledge of the Italian language and understanding of text and mathematics), diversified according to the chosen Faculty, covering the knowledge that is expected, irrespective of the diploma they obtained at their upper secondary school.

All information relating to the methods for taking the VPI for each study programme, as well as that relating to the OFA assigned to applicants who obtain an insufficient result on their VPI – which will, in any case, have to be covered by the end of the 1st year – are reported on the website www.unicatt.it as well as on the student's personal *iCatt*.

4. Rules for students with foreign qualifications

The admission of students holding foreign degrees is regulated by specific ministerial legislation, downloadable from the following link: https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri. Interested students are invited to request the relevant information from the International Admissions Office of each campus.
The specific admission procedure is available on the website: https://international.unicatt.it/

5. Methods of admission to graduate degrees

For admission to a graduate degree programme, one must have an undergraduate degree and meet certain curricular requirements (ECTS in specific scientific disciplinary sectors (SSD) and/or specific courses). For each degree programme, the admission procedures are established:

- *Chronological order with an interview or degree curriculum evaluation, if required*: the reservation of a place is done in chronological order, following payment of the first instalment of the university contributions, until all envisaged places are filled, and once any necessary interview or degree curriculum evaluation has been completed
- *Chronological order with a compulsory interview*: the reservation of a place is done in chronological order following an interview, once payment of the first instalment of the university contributions has been made, until all envisaged places are filled
- *Chronological order according to a minimum mark average*: the reservation of a place is done in chronological order, following payment

of the first instalment of the university contributions, but is conditioned by certain curricular requirements
- *Grading by merit*: the reservation of a place is conditioned by a ranking drawn up on the basis of certain requirements
- *Admission test*: the reservation of a place occurs once an admission test has been passed.

Admission to some degree programmes may include more than one of the aforementioned modalities, therefore it is necessary to refer to the specific "Admission procedures" notices, available on the University website.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Compliance with deadlines for enrolment in subsequent years

Subject to the following instructions, students who intend to enrol in the new academic year are required to make payment within the deadline indicated in the *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions* in force and usually reported on the *iCatt* personal webpage.

If payment has been made within the terms indicated, *the student will be automatically placed for the new academic year of the programme year (or as "fuori corso", supplementary year student, i.e. students who have not managed to complete the scheduled exams in the time frame established by a given university programme) in the REGULAR position. If the student intends to vary the proposed enrolment* (for example, from "fuori corso" (supplementary year student) to "ripetente" (repeat students, i.e. students who have not achieved the necessary credits to move on to the following year or who have expressly requested to be able to enrol in the previous year), or request to change to another degree programme) they *must necessarily contact the Student Centre.*

If a student enrols for a year subsequent to the first year and payment was made *late,* the student will be placed in the 'in corso' position, *in debt for late payment* (downloadable online from the student's personal *iCatt* webpage).

N.B. In case enrolment is renewed after the deadline for submission of the degree curriculum, an unalterable *ex-officio* degree curriculum will be assigned.

Repeat students

Students who have followed the programme of study, for which they are enrolled, for its entire duration without having enrolled in all the courses envisaged in the degree curriculum, or without having obtained the relevant

attendance certificates where such attendance is expressly requested, must register as repeat students for the courses lacking enrolment or attendance.
Students who, despite having completed the normal duration of the programme of study, intend to modify their degree curriculum by adding new courses in which they have never enrolled, must register as repeat students.
Registration as a repeat student will only be allowed if the degree programme is still active and, in any case, within the final deadline for the submission of the degree curriculum, in compliance with the deadlines set by the respective Faculties.

Students who have not completed university exams within the set time period ("Fuori corso" (Supplementary year student))
Students who have been enrolled and have attended all the courses required for the entire study programme are enrolled as "fuori corso" (supplementary year) students until they obtain their academic title, except in the case of alternative provisions set by the individual educational systems.

Enrolment in a programme/repeat programme year subsequent to the first year
The enrolment procedure is digital. Students who wish to enrol as repeat students must submit the appropriate application form to the Student Centre of the relevant campus.

Any student already registered with Università Cattolica and regularly enrolled must pay the first instalment proposing enrolment in the new academic year and can download the *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions*.
In order to be enrolled in the following year, students must pay the first instalment: *payment of the first instalment constitutes a definitive expression of willingness to enrol in the new academic year.*
Updating of the computer database takes place as soon as the University receives news of the payment through the banking circuit. Therefore, it may take a few days after the payment before a student's enrolment is registered for the academic year.

N.B. given that the payment of the first instalment immediately completes the registration process, it is non-refundable under any circumstances – (Article 4, paragraph 8, Title I "General Rules" of the Teaching Regulations of Università Cattolica and Article 27 of the Student Regulations, approved by Royal Decree 4 June 1938, No. 1269).

Only one fulfilment remains to be met by students enrolled in degree programmes that are subject to income-dependant university contributions: they must present their income documentation using the online application on the student's personal *iCatt* webpage, which is indicated in the *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions* in force and usually reported on the personal *iCatt* webpage. After this date, late payment is incurred for late delivery of administrative documents.

Suspension of Studies
Students have the right to suspend the studies undertaken in the cases provided for in the current rules and regulations. At the end of the suspension, students can resume the interrupted programme of study provided that the programme itself is still active.

Transfer and Withdrawal from Studies
Students have the right to transfer or withdraw from the studies undertaken with the obligation to pay any outstanding contributions at the time of submitting their application.

Degree curriculum
The deadline for students to submit their individual degree curriculum is set within the deadlines published on the website. For delays falling within seven days of the deadline, the degree curriculum may be submitted upon payment of the expected late payment fee (for the amount see "Secretariat Fees, Late Payments and Reimbursements of Miscellaneous Expenses" in the *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions*). In the event of a longer delay, an unmodifiable degree curriculum will be assigned.

Examinations
General Rules
Students are required to know the rules relating to the degree curriculum of their degree programme and are, therefore, responsible for cancellation of any exams taken in violation of said rules.
In order to avoid the cancellation of exams taken, students are reminded that the prepared order of exams set between the individual years of a multi-year course or between the preparatory and the advanced or higher exam, is rigid and compulsory.
Any infringement of the exam provisions will result in the cancellation of the examination. The cancelled exam must be repeated.

The mark assigned by the examining committee, once recorded, cannot be subsequently modified: the mark is final, unless expressly waived by the student.
A recorded examination with a pass mark cannot be repeated (pursuant to Art. 6 paragraph 6, Title I "General Rules" of the University Teaching Regulations).
Students are only allowed to take the examinations if they have: a) presented their degree curriculum; b) paid the contributions; and c) registered for the exams in the manner indicated below.
Non-EU students must also have a valid residence permit deposited at the Student Centre.

How to Register for Exams
Registration takes place online via the student's personal *iCatt* webpage and must be made no later than the fourth calendar day preceding the exam date. *Simultaneous registration for the same exam on several exam dates is not allowed.*
A registration may be cancelled until the day before the first day of the exam date.
Transferring the registration for an exam from one exam date to a later date can only take place once registration in the exam date one intends to abandon has been cancelled.
If the deadline for registering for an exam date has passed, it is no longer possible to cancel any registrations made and one must wait till the day after the expired exam date before registering for the next one.

N.B.: The following students will not be allowed to sit the exam:
- those who have failed to register for the exam date within the deadline;
- those who, despite registering for the exam date, did not sit the exam with a university badge-and a valid identity document;
- those who have not regularised their administrative position.

Final Exam for the Awarding of a Degree
The didactic system of each degree programme offers several possible ways to take the graduation exam. The competent teaching structure defines the method to be adopted for each programme of study (see in this regard the indications on the webpages of the University website and those contained in the Guide).

The procedure remains currently similar to that described for graduate degree programmes *with the following differences*:

1. it is a paper on a topic normally agreed with a lecturer of reference;
2. the commitment required for this paper is lower than that required for a traditional degree thesis (the commitment is proportional to the number of university credits attributed to the final exam in the educational system of one's degree programme). Consequently, the document will have a limited extension;
3. the subject title of the final paper must be obtained according to the procedures established by the School Council (*direct assignment by the lecturer, acquisition through the thesis desk in one of the various forms available, or other*) in time for the development and completion of the paper within the deadline set for submitting an application to take the final exam for the awarding of the degree. This deadline will be published on the webpage of each Faculty for each reference session;
4. The application to take the final exam for the awarding of the degree must be submitted no less than 45 days from the beginning of the chosen session. The aforementioned application may be submitted provided that the outstanding number of exams and/or credits is not greater than that established by each Faculty;
5. the final paper, in pdf format, must be sent to the lecturer of reference via the personal *iCatt* webpage in the section "Online Secretariat – Final Exam – Send Final Exam" according to the methods and deadlines provided and published on the webpage of each Faculty. The deadline for uploading the document cannot be extended. The lecturer of reference may request a hard copy.

Final Exam for the Awarding of a graduate degree

The final exam for the awarding of the graduate degree involves the development and discussion of a written dissertation carried out on a subject previously agreed upon with the subject professor.

To be admitted to the final exam, students must fulfil the following requirements in order:

a. choose and present a topic verifying the expected curricular/temporal requirements;
b. submit the application for admission to the final exam by verifying the expected curricular/temporal requirements;
c. deliver the final paper.

1. In order to present *the topic of their degree thesis,* students must respect:
   – the deadlines for submission;
   – the curricular requirements

   The subject of the final exam must be related to a course included in the degree curriculum, and the title must be agreed with the lecturer of reference. To obtain approval for the subject, it is necessary to contact the lecturer, in the manner provided for by each Faculty. The subject must then be inserted into the personal *iCatt* webpage (Online Secretariat – Final Exam) within the deadline indicated in the section "Four-year and Graduate Degree Exam Dates" on the University Internet pages.
   Any delay will result in the thesis being postponed to the next exam date.

2. In order to submit an *application for admission to the final examination,* the following must be complied with:
   – the deadlines for submission;
   – the curricular requirements

3. To submit *the application for admission to the final exam* it is necessary to follow the procedures provided for by each Faculty and published on their webpages.

Any changes to the title of the final paper, approved by the lecturer, must be made at the time the application is submitted. The title that is submitted must, therefore, be definitive since no changes can be accepted.

4. Students will be invited to take the final exam exclusively through their personal *iCatt* webpage, in good time and certainly no later than the tenth day prior to the graduation date.

Notes

1. No graduating student may be admitted to the graduation exam if they have not complied with the deadline dates published on the webpage of each Faculty.
2. Graduating students must have taken and recorded all exams at least one week before the start of the graduation session.
3. Graduating students are obliged to promptly notify their thesis supervisor if, for any reason, they are unable to graduate on the exam date for which they have applied, and, in such cases, must subsequently resubmit a new application for admission to the graduation exam.

Graduates are also required to revoke their application, if they wish, through the iCatt degree portal and to promptly notify the supervising professor.

Graduation exams relating to programmes prior to the entry into force of Ministerial Decree No. 509 of 3 November 1999

The procedure is substantially similar to that described for the final exam for the awarding of a graduate degree, unless different instructions are published in the School Guide. For the graduation exams of the four-year/five-year programmes too, prior to the regulation referred to in Ministerial Decree 509/99, application for admission to the final exam may be submitted provided that the number of outstanding exams is not higher than that established by each Faculty.

Loss of student status by those enrolled in a study programme following the university reform pursuant to Ministerial Decree 509/1999

Students who have not regularly enrolled for five consecutive academic years or students who, after the normal duration of their study programme, have not passed exams for five consecutive academic years, may not enrol in a new academic year and, therefore, **lose their student status**. The aforementioned provision does not apply to students who only have to take the graduation exam or who have obtained all the credits except those covered in the final exam.

Students who, despite having passed all the exams in their degree curriculum, have not renewed their enrolment for at least 5 consecutive academic years, are exclusively outstanding on their final paper or thesis, yet complete their studies within the academic year 2026/2027, are required to make, at the same time and no later than 31 December 2026, the following payments:

– the recognition contribution relating to 5 academic years regardless of the number of academic years of non-renewal;
– the first instalment to fully cover university tuition fees for the academic year 2026/2027 (thus exempting the second and third instalments).

They are also required to pay the graduation fee for the exam date of the relevant graduation session.

Loss of student status by those enrolled in a study programme prior to the university reform pursuant to Ministerial Decree 509/1999

Students who have not taken exams for eight consecutive years may not enrol in a new academic year and, therefore, **lose their student status**. The

aforementioned provision does not apply to students who only have to take the graduation exam or who have completed all the exams except those covered in the final exam.

Students who, despite having passed all the exams in their degree curriculum, have not renewed their enrolment for at least 8 consecutive academic years, are exclusively outstanding on their thesis, yet complete their studies within the academic year 2026/2027, are required to make, at the same time and no later than 31 December 2026, the following payments:

– the recognition contribution relating to 8 academic years regardless of the number of academic years of non-renewal;
– the first instalment to fully cover university tuition fees for the academic year 2026/2027 (thus exempting the second and third instalments).

They are also required to pay the graduation fee for the exam date of the relevant graduation session.

Withdrawal from studies

Students have the right **to withdraw from the studies undertaken** with the obligation to pay any outstanding contributions at the time of submitting their application for withdrawal from studies. This is done by printing the withdrawal application from their personal *iCatt* webpage in duplicate, affixing the stamp mark according to the current value and submitting the application for withdrawal to the Student Centre of the relevant campus, and the badge (in the case of a Carta Ateneo + provided that the banking services have not been activated).

Their withdrawal must be written in a clear and explicit way, without affixing any conditions, terms and clauses that limit its effectiveness. Those who have withdrawn from their studies, upon request, may be issued certificates relating to the academic career previously pursued under conditions of administrative regularity.

Transfer to another degree programme

Regularly enrolled students who intend to transfer to another degree programme within the same or another Faculty of Università Cattolica must use the online procedure on their personal *iCatt* webpage.

The students concerned are also invited to consult the notices published on the University website to check the deadlines for uploading the necessary documentation on the *Registration Portal*.

Transfers

Transfers to another University

The regularly enrolled student can transfer to another University, **after consulting its study regulations, from 15 July to 31 October of each year (unless the final deadline in the provisions of the destination University is before 31 October), by submitting a specific application to the Student Centre.**

Students who request a transfer to another University beyond the deadline set by the regulations and certainly no later than 31 December are required to pay an operational contribution directly proportional to the delay in submitting the application. However, the transfer cannot take place without authorisation from the University of destination.

In order to obtain the transfer, the student must follow the procedures and not have outstanding university contributions at the time of submitting their application.

> *As from the date of submission of the transfer application, no further examination shall be allowed*. Any exams taken and not yet recorded on the aforementioned date will not enter the student's career record.

Students who obtain authorisation to return to Università Cattolica are admitted to the programme year corresponding to the exams passed, regardless of the registration previously obtained. They will also be required to pass any additional supplementary tests deemed necessary by the competent Faculty Council to bring them in line with the students of Università Cattolica.

Transfers from another University

Students already enrolled at another University who intend to enrol at Università Cattolica are required to use the *Registration Portal*. The students concerned are also invited to consult the University website to check how and when to submit the necessary documentation.

Students are, in any case, required to submit a transfer request to the University of origin.

Registration "ex novo" with any shortened course (career recovery)

Students who withdrew from their studies or who lost their student status may request to enrol “ex novo” in the study programmes provided for by the new regulations.

The competent teaching structures establish which credits acquired in the previous university career may be recognised.

Single Course Enrolment

Pursuant to Art. 11 of the University Teaching Regulations and subject to authorisation from the competent teaching structure, the following students may register for individual courses and take the exams for these courses on the exam dates of their respective academic year of attendance:

a. students enrolled in other universities authorised by the University to which they belong and, if foreign citizens, in compliance with current legislation and procedures;
b. graduates interested in completing the training curriculum followed;
c. other interested parties, previously authorised by the Council of the competent teaching structure, provided that they hold the necessary qualifications for enrolment in the study programme to which the individual courses refer.

A tuition fee plus a contribution is due for each course (see *General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions*).

The students mentioned above can enrol in individual courses corresponding to a number of university credits established by the Council of the competent teaching structure and, as a rule, no more than 30 per academic year, for no more than two academic years; any exceptions will be considered, upon motivated request, by the Council of the competent teaching structure.

The application for registration may be submitted, only once per academic year and with reference to courses belonging to (or shared with) the same Faculty, to the Student Centre within the following dates: if one or more courses begin/s in the first semester, by 6 October 2026; if the course or courses of interest begin/s in the second semester, by 9 February 2027.

NOTES REGARDING SECRETARIAL DUTIES

Unless otherwise stipulated, students are reminded that, in order to protect personal data, *they must present themselves in person* at the relevant offices to carry out any administrative procedures.

Please note that some administrative procedures may be done online on the student's personal *iCatt* webpage.

Students are recommended not to wait until the last days before the deadlines to complete the procedures for the various requirements.

Student Centre Opening Hours

The Student Centre is open to the public on weekdays (Saturdays excluded) according to the times indicated on the website (www.unicatt.it).

The Student Centre will be closed on the feast of the Sacred Heart, from 24 to 31 December, for two consecutive weeks in August, and on Good Friday. Students will be advised of any additional closure days with appropriate notice via notices on the website.

Student Contact for Miscellaneous Communications

It is essential that both the residence and contact details, in case of subsequent changes, be updated promptly: this update must be carried out directly by the student online using the appropriate function via their personal *iCatt* webpage.

Certificates

Certificates relating to students' academic careers are normally issued with a stamp except in the cases indicated by current legislation in which the exemption or substitute declaration of certification (self-certification) is expressly provided for.

Via the self-service, students can produce certificates in digital format (pdf) and in signed digital format.

Issuance of Degree Certificates and Requested Duplicates

To receive the original degree certificate, students must follow the instructions contained in the invitation letter to the graduation exam.

Should the original degree certificate be lost, the interested party may – by way of a specific application, subject to stamp duty and accompanied by the documents proving the loss (a competent judicial authority report) – request from the Rector a duplicate of the certificate after paying the associated issuance fee.

The original certificates are delivered to the interested party to the address on the records held in administration at the time of applying for the graduation examination.

UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Information on university contributions as well as financial benefits can be consulted through the website of Università Cattolica and from the student's personal *iCatt* webpage.
Students who are not in good standing with the payment of contributions and with the prescribed documents cannot:

- be enrolled in any course year, either as a repeat or "fuori corso" (supplementary year) student;
- be admitted to examinations;
- obtain transfer to another degree/diploma programme;
- transfer to another university;
- obtain registration certificates;
- withdraw from the study programme in which they are enrolled.

Students who resume their studies after having interrupted them without a formal withdrawal, or having suspended them for one or more academic years are required to pay the contributions of the academic year in which they resume their studies, while for the years related to the period of interruption or suspension, they need only pay a recognition fee. Students who, on resuming their studies at the beginning of the academic year, ask to be able to take exams during the extraordinary session between January and April, normally scheduled for those who attended the previous academic year, are also required to pay an additional contribution.

As a rule, payment of all instalments must be made via the student's personal *iCatt* webpage.
Students who enrol in the first year of a programme or who enrol in admission tests to degree programmes will have to make the payment from the *Registration Portal*; moreover, solely in these cases, it is also possible to pay the first instalment and the contribution of the admission test by credit card via the website of Università Cattolica.
Bank transfer is not allowed as a means of payment.
Already registered students will have to access their personal *iCatt* webpage to pay the first and subsequent instalments.
Arrears are due for late payment of university contributions to the extent annually established in the General Regulations for the Determination of University Contributions.
For the purposes of any future feedback, students should retain all receipts of payments made until the end of their studies.

RULES OF CONDUCT

According to the provisions of the University regulations and the Code of Ethics of Università Cattolica, students are required to conduct themselves in a manner that is not detrimental to dignity and honour and does not conflict with the spirit of Università Cattolica.
In case of non-compliance, the University regulations provide for the possibility of disciplinary sanctions of varying severity in relation to the seriousness of the infractions (see Art. 18 bis - *Disciplinary Powers Regarding Students*, Title I "General Rules" of the University Teaching Regulations).
The possible imposition of sanctions is ordered by the competent academic bodies on the basis of procedures that ensure the right of defence of the interested parties in keeping with the general principles in force in this matter.

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