

## **Double Degree Wageningen** Vademecum for Cattolica Students

#### Academic Year 2024/2025

#### **Tuition**

Double Degree students will have to enrol directly to the Master of Science in Management, Economics and Consumer Studies (MME). Consequently, students will have to pay tuitions at both universities: 1) they will continue to pay tuitions at UCSC and 2) they will be asked to pay the full WU tuition fee of about € 2,500 per year for EU students plus an additional fee per month for any additional month after the first year at Wageningen. The fee will be partially refunded with a scholarship of  $\in$  1,500. Please note that the Cattolica scholarship will be paid in form of reimbursement, the beneficiaries will receive direct instructions regarding the procedure to follow. Expenses for insurance, travel, and living costs in the host country will be the responsibility of the participating student. The availability of Erasmus+ scholarships will be confirmed during the month of July 2024. Students involved in the programme will benefit from the standard Erasmus Exchange scholarships for the period they spend abroad. Students will get information about the procedure to follow in order to apply for the Erasmus+ scholarship.

The following documents could be requested:

- ISEE Universitario
- Receipts of payment (e.g. accommodation, transports, flights, ecc.)
- Online Learning Agreement, duly filled in with courses attended
- Statement Period of Study, duly filled in (instructions will be provided)

#### Course selection and study plan



Cattolica students students follow Student Services matriculation procedure.

A competition notice for the Wageningen Double Degree Programme is published each academic year in February/March. Students present their candidature and, if selected, they prepare their application for the partner university abroad (usually in April-May). The application procedure generally requires the preferred elective courses at the university abroad to be stated.

Students may take any of the following 5 specialisations of the MME program, provided that the study coordinator in Wageningen approves the student study programme:

- Sustainable Business and Innovation
- Supply Chain Analytics
- Consumer Studies
- Economics of Sustainability
- Governance of Sustainability Transformations

In order to complete their programme, Cattolica students have to spend at least 14 months at WU.

Please note that for the specialisations of Consumer Studies and Governance of Sustainability Transformations the completion would typically not fit within 14 months.

Students can consult the academic advisor (Prof. Paolo Sckokai/Prof. Claudio Soregaroli) regarding their choice of courses at the partner university abroad and after that, they should share the approved Study Plan with the International Office.

Please be aware that Cattolica students are also obliged to upload the Cattolica Study Plan on the iCatt page.

At the end of the second year at a partner university abroad, students obtain a Transcript of Records (ToR) from the partner university and submit this to the International Office at Università Cattolica.

UCSC will be able to then upload results to student records. The office will either convert the grade to a grade out of 30 or enter a grade of 'approved', in consultation with the relevant academic advisor.

## Thesis

# The main points concerning the M.Sc. thesis preparation and submission at UCSC can be summarised as follows:

- Graduation takes place four times a year, on four fixed dates (July, October, December, April). Each year, the graduation calendar is posted on the <u>University website</u>.
- On graduation day, students defend their thesis (via a presentation and discussion of the content with an official graduation committee) and they officially obtain their degree on that same day.
- Graduation is based on a final grade that considers the Grade Point Average (GPA) of all exams (excluding final thesis) and an evaluation of the content and presentation of the thesis. The thesis is evaluated with a dedicated grading system and the result is transferred to the partner University. UCSC will eventually issue the Degree including a comprehensive final grade (out of 110).
- For regular M.Sc. students, the typical steps of the thesis preparation are as follows:

**1.** Students choose their topic and supervisor during the  $1^{st}$  semester of the  $2^{nd}$  year;

2. Around **6-7 months** before the expected graduation date, students submit a "Thesis topic approval" form to the Registrar's Office. The supervisor approves the topic by signing the approval application.

**3.** Around **45 days** before graduation date, students submit a "Thesis title" form to the Registrar's Office. The supervisor approves the application by signing the form.

**4.** Around **10 days** before graduation date, students submit a PDF file of their thesis via Blackboard.

**5. Deadlines** for each of the previous steps (points 2, 3 and 4 above) for each graduation date are posted on the University <u>website</u>.

**6.** Students defend their thesis on **graduation day** as described above.

# Some specific rules apply to Double Degree students. Jointly supervised thesis

During the period abroad students must write a thesis worth a minimum of 30 credits (ECTS) jointly supervised by the two parties.

Students submit their thesis to both supervisors and both of them must approve it.

For UCSC students at WU, the thesis topic must be chosen by UCSC students at least six months before the date of the discussion and may be a topic included in the study plan of UCSC or WU.

The thesis should be written in English under primary supervision of WU professors. The defence will take place at WU, if possible in a joint (online) session with the presence of supervisors from UCSC. Each partner University has a specific template for writing the thesis. Although the content of thesis is the same, students are asked to prepare two versions following the template of each University.

The thesis will be registered in both institutions with their own thesis course codes in the student registration system.

Students can defend their Thesis during the Cattolica Graduation Day as well.

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