

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DESK EXCHANGE FACT SHEET 2019-20



Bocconi University lies in the heart of Milan, a cosmopolitan and modern city in the north of Italy. Considered one of Europe's leading educational institutions and consistently well ranked, Bocconi offers programs in Economics, Management, Finance, Politics & Policy Analysis, Data Science and Law.

EXCHANGE SEMESTER TIMELINE

	FALL	SPRING
Exchange students online nomination*	early March - early May	mid-September - mid October
Online application for:	mid May - late May	late October - early November
- Housing		
- Italian Language Crash Course		
- Italian Follow-Up Course		
Online course selection	late August	mid January
Add/drop period	mid September	mid February
Italian Language Crash course teaching	late August - early September	late January - early February
Italian Follow-Up course teaching	late September - late November	late February - mid April
Lecture period	early September - early December	early February - mid May
Exam period	December January - February	May June - July
Earliest Departure Date**	late December	end of May
Transcripts available	early February	mid July

* Partner universities can nominate students for both semesters during this period.

**The earliest date by which one official exam date for each course is scheduled. Students may take exams at Bocconi only during the official examination sessions. We strongly recommend that departures are not planned before this date.

The Academic Calendar for 2019/2020 will be available starting from mid April at the following link: www.ir.unibocconi.eu/calendar
Usually, we can expect no major changes in the Calendar from year to year.

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students must be nominated online by their home university first. Bocconi will contact partner institutions providing the online nomination link.

Once nominated, students must complete an online application and upload the following **documents**:

- most updated university transcript
- CV (resume)
- headshot photo
- passport data page



ACADEMICS

Bocconi offers a wide range of courses, taught both in **Italian** and **English**.

Course catalogue: www.ir.unibocconi.eu/coe

Course selection: carried out online before arrival with the possibility to change courses during the "add/drop period", after classes have started

Course load: from **min. 2** up to **max. 5** courses per term

General rules: courses are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Bocconi cannot guarantee enrollment in any specific course. Undergraduate students can select undergraduate level courses from all Departments. Graduate and Law students can access the whole educational offer

Class attendance: as a general rule attendance is not strictly mandatory. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss attendance requirements with lecturers

Credit system: ECTS equivalent

Exams: exams must be sat on official dates and at Milan Bocconi premises only

Grading: grades are given on a scale of 30ths (30/30) with 18/30 being the minimum passing grade

Transcripts: an electronic pdf file is emailed to the students and the partner school. Hard copies can be mailed if required

Academic advising: Academic Advisors are available to help exchange students building their study plan and to provide guidance with any academic related matters



Expected arrival date: students should arrive on campus in time to attend the **Orientation Meeting** or, at the latest, before classes begin. Late arrivals should be notified in advance.

Living costs

Housing: between 500 (shared bedroom in private apartments) and 900€ per month

Food:

- Italian breakfast: 2-3€ (espresso, coffee or cappuccino + croissant)
- complete meal at the university canteen: approx. 4€ (**Meal Plan** at a special prize for exchange students)
- lunch at cafes: 10€
- pizza dinner: 15-30€
- dinner at a restaurant: 30-50€

Transportation: the monthly pass costs 22€ for students under 26 and 35€ for students over 26

Bocconi Gym: 100€ for 5 months (exchange students rate) + a 25€ annual subscription

HOUSING

University Housing: places are limited and assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Carefully read the "How to apply" section available at www.ir.unibocconi.eu/housingisd

If interested, students are required to apply for housing during the online application for the exchange program. A security deposit is needed for the application to be processed

Private Housing: students are responsible for securing their own accommodation.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visa: Prior to their arrival in Italy, **non-EU students** must apply and obtain a **multiple entry study visa**. Students have to submit their application well in advanced since it takes some time for the visa to be released. Please contact the Italian Consulate of reference: <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

Permit of stay: **non-EU students** will be required to apply for the Permit of Stay within 8 working days from their arrival in Italy

Health & security:

Bocconi does not require international students to have health insurance to complete enrollment in the exchange program.

Non-EU students must have health insurance coverage with international validity while studying in Italy in order to be approved for the permit of stay.

EU students are required to have the European Health Insurance Card or a similar private insurance policy with international validity to benefit from health service coverage.

Bocconi has partnered with **International SOS** to offer medical, safety and security advice to students 24/7. International SOS is not an insurance company and does not replace any personal insurance.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DESK

The **International Student Desk (ISD)** is the office dedicated to incoming exchange students at Bocconi.

The ISD team offers a series of tailor-made services throughout the semester to ensure students make the most of their time at Bocconi.

Welcome and Orientation Activities

The ISD office organizes a series of **social events** and **orientation activities** at the beginning of each semester to help students get used to the new environment:

- Orientation meeting
- Permit of stay counseling service (for non-EU students)
- Welcome Desk
- University Tours and Milan Guided Tours
- Cross Culture Sessions and Leisure Activities

Italian Language Courses

The ISD organizes optional courses in order to help exchange students get familiar with Italian.

Italian Language Crash Course: an **intensive** course scheduled before the beginning of Bocconi classes. Levels from beginner up to advanced.

Italian Language Follow-Up Course: scheduled throughout the **semester**. Levels from pre-elementary to intermediate.

Attendance is mandatory: students enrolled in the Crash Course should arrive on campus by the starting date of the course. Further information at: www.ir.unibocconi.eu/itacourse

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