



UNIVERSITÀ  
CATTOLICA  
del Sacro Cuore

## DOUBLE DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT



# INTERNATIONAL *student guide*

PIACENZA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LAW

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# WELCOME TO PIACENZA

Dear student,

Congratulations! You have been selected by your Home University for the Double Degree Programme at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, in Piacenza.

Welcome! In the following pages you will find useful information about the city of Piacenza and our University.

For any other information, do not hesitate to contact our International Office by phone (+39 0523 599436) or e-mail [ucsc.international-pc@unicatt.it](mailto:ucsc.international-pc@unicatt.it)

to schedule an appointment on Teams please write us an email.

See you soon in Piacenza!

Cattolica International

# BRIEF HISTORY OF CATTOLICA

Europe's largest Catholic University was founded by Father Agostino Gemelli, together with a group of Catholic intellectuals (Ludovico Necchi, Francesco Olgiati, Armida Barelli and Ernesto Lombardo).

The Giuseppe Toniolo Institute for Advanced Studies was set up in 1920 and was the founding entity of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. The official inauguration took place in Milan, and the university gained official state recognition as an independent university in 1924.

In 1928 Father Gemelli purchased the historic Saint Ambrose Monastery, located in the centre of Milan, which was then inaugurated as the main building of the University on 30th October 1932.

The architect Giovanni Muzio was then commissioned by Father Gemelli to undertake the restoration and renovation of the original structure and the addition of new buildings.

The Piacenza Campus was built after World War II and was opened at the beginning of the 1952-1953 academic year. The Agostino Gemelli General Hospital in Rome was inaugurated in 1964 as part of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery. The Brescia campus was opened in 1965 and in 1984 the first lectures were delivered in Cremona.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Piacenza-Cremona Campus is home to 3 Schools:

- Economics and Law
- Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences
- Educational Sciences.

Enrolling a total of 3000 students (with around 270 faculty members and 130 staff members) the campus offers two distinct realities: Piacenza, the crossroads of cities and cultures, and Cremona, the violin city.



Providing many green areas and efficient administration, computer labs and recreational activities, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Piacenza-Cremona campus is the best option for students who want to pursue a quiet, hardworking and culturally inspired experience.

Situated at the heart of the Po Valley, in the lush and fertile region of Emilia-Romagna, Piacenza is only 65 km away from Milan and 150 km from Bologna. It lies on the border between Lombardy and Piedmont, two of the most industrialized regions in the north, at an important logistic hub for road and rail transport, both national and international.

Thanks to its easy access from both the south and the north of the country, Piacenza has always been an important centre for commerce and transport. In fact, it is considered the gateway to all important surrounding cities of Northern Italy, including Milan, Parma or Bologna.

Moreover, Piacenza is one of the cities of art of the region Emilia-Romagna, with its palaces, churches and museums.

Both in the city center and around the province you will have the opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of Italian cuisine, thanks to the long and refined culinary tradition of Piacenza.

The added value of Piacenza and Cremona is the relationship between students and professors, which stimulates students to pursue higher goals, showing competitiveness and ambition for a wonderful array of future job opportunities.



# PRE-ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

## NON-EU students

According to the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) rules, before enrolling in an Italian University, non-European students must follow the pre-enrolment procedure at the relevant Consular Office at the Italian Embassy of Consulate in their Home Country.

Students can find all the necessary information at the following link:

› [Double Degree Programme](#)

Without the pre-enrolment procedures students will not be allowed to complete enrolment and course registration at Università Cattolica.



## VISA (Non-EU students)

In order to stay in Italy for more than 90 days, non-European students must get a VISA at the Italian Embassy located in their Home Country.

For more information visit the website:

› [Ministero degli Affari Esteri](#)

Please find below the basic application requirements. However, it is important that students check their Consulate/Embassy website for any additional requirements:

- Admission letter issued by host institution
- Passport and Driving License/ID Residency Card
- Student visa application to be submitted in person
- Proof of enrolment at home institution
- Affidavit of financial support
- Proof of adequate health insurance coverage outside your country
- Flight itinerary

To be officially enrolled at Università Cattolica, you have to complete and submit the application online on the University Portal.

Without a visa students will not be able to obtain a residency permit and consequently will not be allowed to stay in Italy for longer than 90 days.



# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE



EU residents are entitled to Italian public health benefits. The service is guaranteed to all individuals holding an European Health Card or European Health Card Substitute Certificate, which should be requested from your home country Health Authority.

In Piacenza, EU residents/citizens will be entitled to treatment at Emergency rooms and hospitals, and to consultation with a General Health Practitioner, upon presenting the above mentioned card or certificate.

**Please be sure that you bring this card or substitute certificate with you to Italy.**

Non-EU residents must arrange International Health Insurance to cover any cost related to medical treatment and admission to hospital. Please refer to [Waitaly](#) for further details. The cost is of €86 for 6 months or €135 for a year. Higher levels of cover are also available.

Non-EU residents who also hold permit of stay can also Register at the National Health Service, Servizio Sanitario Nazionale (SNN).

Non-EU Students are required to have adequate insurance policy to apply for a residency permit within 8 days from their arrival in Italy.

## On Campus medical assistance

There is a Health Center on campus which provides all registered students with medical care, nursing care and psychological counselling.

Health Centre opening hours (no appointment required):

- Mondays and Thursdays: 11am - 12pm
- Wednesdays: 3pm - 4pm

## Contact:

Collegio Sant'Isidoro  
Strada dell'Anselma, 7  
29122 Piacenza  
Room 55  
1st floor

› [info.pc.dsu@educatt.it](mailto:info.pc.dsu@educatt.it)

Tel.: +39 0523 621111

## On Campus psychological counselling

@: [consulenza.psicologica.pc.dsu@educatt.it](mailto:consulenza.psicologica.pc.dsu@educatt.it)

Tel.: +39 0523 621111

## Emergency telephone numbers:

- › Carabinieri Police: 112
- › National Police: 113
- › Fire Fighters: 115
- › First Aid: 118

# APPLICATION FORM

As of March 2024, applications for the Double Degree Program at the School of Economics and Law will open.

› [Double Degree Programme](#)



Please send the following documents to the e-mail address by April 15, 2024

@: [ucsc.international-pc@unicatt.it](mailto:ucsc.international-pc@unicatt.it)

- Scan copy of your passport or I.D and visa.
- 1 JPG passport-sized photo
- Scan of your High School Diploma
- Scan copy of the receipt of payment of the regional tax, which is compulsory in order to enroll regularly at Cattolica. The tax costs €156 (€140 tax + €16 revenue stamp). The tax must be paid by students enrolling in the 1st 2nd and 3rd years. The cost might be subject to change
- Copy of your Christening Certificate (if you are not baptised, please take an appointment with Don Luca Ferrari by sending an e-mail to: [luca.ferrari@unicatt.it](mailto:luca.ferrari@unicatt.it) and send us [this certificate](#), duly filled in

Please find the regional tax payment details below:

**Beneficiary:** Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Via Emilia Parmense 84, 29122 Piacenza

**Bank:** Crédit Agricole Cariparma - Agenzia "D"

Via Colombo 101, 29122 Piacenza

**IBAN:**

IT52B0623012607000000015755

**BIC (Swift code):** CRPPIT2P007

**Description:** "YOUR NAME and SURNAME *Iscrizione studente straniero Double Degree PRIMO/SECONDO/TERZO ANNO*" (choose the correct year)

A few days after the Welcome Day, you will have to provide your fiscal code (we'll get you info on how to make one during welcome day) and receipts of payment of the Residency Permit (for extra EU students) to the Student Services (POLO STUDENTI) and sign the Official Enrolling Form.

Once you meet all the requirements you will receive your Student ID Number (numero di matricola) and [Student Card](#).

Students will not be enrolled if any of the above mentioned documents are missing.

**[Deadline for application:](#)**

April 15, 2024

# HOUSING IN PIACENZA



There are various ways to find an accommodation. We advise students to come to Piacenza at the end of July and take the time to visit as many lodgings as possible to find a suitable option.

If the students are not planning to come before September, we suggest booking a temporary accommodation for the first week or two until finding an appropriate solution that corresponds to one's needs and expectations.

Important: Università Cattolica and the International Office are not responsible for any problem related to accommodation or housing agreements between the student and the owner.

Prices may vary between € 300 student (+ expenses) for shared apartments to € 500/student (+ expenses) if you live on your own a single room/flat.

## Rental Agencies

Please find below the contacts of some Rental Agencies that help International students in finding an apartment with 50% discount on the agency price:

### **Real Estate Agency Casa In**

Ms Emanuela Anglani (English speaking)

Via Tansini 35/C - 29122 Piacenza

Tel. +39 339 4297746

@: [info@casainpiacenza.it](mailto:info@casainpiacenza.it)

› <http://www.casainpiacenza.it>

### **Real Estate Agency Piacenza Affitti**

Mr Sandro Mazzalupi

Tel. +39 347 6990669

@: [info@piacenzaffitti.it](mailto:info@piacenzaffitti.it)

### **Agenzia Immobiliare Invest s.r.l.**

Mrs Roberta Sarti

Via Mazzini 31-33-29121 Piacenza

Tel. + 39 0523 384842

@: [roberta@investimmobiliare.eu](mailto:roberta@investimmobiliare.eu)

@: [aginvest@tin.it](mailto:aginvest@tin.it)

› [www.investimmobiliare.eu](http://www.investimmobiliare.eu)

### **Servizio Abitativo Edu.catt – Online Offers**

› [www.educatt.it](http://www.educatt.it)

## Residence halls for Cattolica students

The two campus residence halls and host about 190 students of different nationalities every year, offering accommodation in single rooms with private bathroom. The residences provide study and music rooms, a wide canteen, a small gym, shared kitchens, a laundry, an Internet room, Wi-Fi connection. Along the academic year a lot of cultural initiatives, sporting activities and socializing events are organized. These are aimed at promoting the community and human experience of the students.

All information on the campus residence halls in Piacenza are available at:

- [Housing Solutions](#)
- [Collegiunicattolica](#)

### Contacts:

Tel. +39 0523 62 11 11

@: [reception.piacenza@educatt.org](mailto:reception.piacenza@educatt.org)

- › [Residenza Gasparini](#)
- › [Collegio Sant'Isidoro](#)

## Piacenza Colleges

Alternatively, you can apply for a private room at one of the other residences for students.

**Collegio San Vincenzo** (in the town centre) For information about the application procedure and deadlines please refer to:

@: [ospiti@collegiomorigi.it](mailto:ospiti@collegiomorigi.it)

Tel. +39 0523 338551

- › [Collegio San Vincenzo](#)

## Collegio Morigi

 (in the town centre)

For information about the application procedure and deadlines please refer to:

@: [ospiti@collegiomorigi.it](mailto:ospiti@collegiomorigi.it)

Tel. +39 0523 338551

- › [Collegio Morigi](#)



## Temporary Accommodation

### Bed & Breakfast L'antica Torre

Str. La Motta Vecchia, 31

29122 Montale (PC) - Italy

Tel./Fax: +39 0523 615267

Mobile: +39 392 3958926

+39 348 4590725

### Papa Giovanni XXIII Hostel

Mrs Daniela Ponzini

Cantone San Nazzaro 2/A - 29122

Piacenza (PC)

Tel. +39 0523 337989

@: [info@ostellodipiacenza.it](mailto:info@ostellodipiacenza.it)

### Euro Hotel Piacenza

Via Cristoforo Colombo, 29/F

29122 Piacenza - Italy

Tel.: +39 0523 606 011

- › [www.eurohotelpiacenza.it](http://www.eurohotelpiacenza.it)

### **Hotel City Piacenza**

on foot from University  
Via Emilia Parmense, 54  
29122 Piacenza - Italy  
Tel. +39 0523 579752  
› [www.hotelcitypc.it](http://www.hotelcitypc.it)

### **B&B Giò**

Via Croce 10  
29121 Piacenza (PC)  
Tel. +39 327 2892814  
+39 340 5252402  
@: [bedandbreakfastgio@gmail.com](mailto:bedandbreakfastgio@gmail.com)  
[www.bedandbreakfastgio.com](http://www.bedandbreakfastgio.com)

### **Casa del Viaggiatore**

Ms Giada Paganini  
Stradone Farnese 63/a  
29121 Piacenza (PC)  
Tel. +39 (0)523 1996230  
Mobile +39 348 6376766  
@: [casadelviaggiatorepiacenza@gmail.com](mailto:casadelviaggiatorepiacenza@gmail.com)

### **Casa Scalabrini**

Via Francesco Torta, 14  
29122 Piacenza (PC)  
Tel. +39 (0)523 348621  
@: [casamadre@scalabrini.net](mailto:casamadre@scalabrini.net)

### **Bed & Breakfast Mulino degli Orti**

Via Cristoforo Colombo, 120  
29122 Piacenza (PC) - Italy  
Tel: +39 0523 614272  
Mobile: +39 340 2227695  
@: [celiodiego@gmail.com](mailto:celiodiego@gmail.com)  
› [Accommodation Piacenza](#)

# RESIDENCY PERMIT



## Non-EU students

If you are a non-European Student, you must go to a Post Office (see details below) within 8 days of your arrival in Italy (or any other Schengen country you've gone through preceding your arrival in Italy), in order to get the Yellow Kit (Residency Permit application forms) needed to get your Residency Permit.

The Kit contains a series of forms you must duly complete and return to the Post Office together with the following documents:

- Photocopy of passport (all pages), VISA documentation and any letter issued and stamped by the Consulate (make additional photocopies)
- A certificate of enrolment issued by Cattolica
- Photocopy of health insurance coverage

## Post Offices

### CAP 29121

- Piacenza centro - via Sant'Antonio, 40
- Piacenza 10 - Via Giuseppe Taverna, 269
- Piacenza 2 - Via Pietro Cella, 74

### CAP 29122

- Piacenza 3 Via Colombo, 44
- Piacenza 4 Piazzale Medaglie d'Oro, 9
- Piacenza 6 Via Emilia Parmense, 24
- Piacenza 7 Via Trivioli, 6/8
- Piacenza 9 Via Conciliazione, 49

You will find all the information regarding the procedure and the status of your case file, by inserting your username and password written on the Post Office receipt  
> [Portale immigrazione](#)

When you hand in all the documents, you will have to pay:

- €70,46 for the electronic card
- €30 for the shipment tax
- €16 for the revenue stamp (marca da bollo)

For more information visit:

> [Polizia di Stato](#)

# CODICE FISCALE

The Post Office will give you a receipt. You must hand in the receipt to our International Office. Consequently, you will receive a letter from the Immigration Office giving you an appointment to get your Residency Permit (electronic format). On that date you will have to bring 4 original passport pictures to the Immigration Office.

Once you get your Residency Permit, make a copy and bring it to our International Office.

You can find all detailed information [here](#).

Please remember to keep the provisional Residency Permit with you until you receive the original one.

## Codice fiscale

The Tax Code (Codice Fiscale) is an alphanumeric identity code that any resident must have. You will need it, for instance, to get a bus pass or if you want to rent an apartment. The code is free of charge and is issued by the Agenzia delle Entrate – Piacenza Office. You will need to bring your passport or identity card and a copy of your Visa if you are not an EU student.

For more information, please contact:  
Agenzia delle Entrate – Ufficio di  
Piacenza

Via Modonesi, 16

29122 Piacenza

Tel. +39 0523601211

@: [dp.piacenza.uptpiacenza@agenzia-entrate.it](mailto:dp.piacenza.uptpiacenza@agenzia-entrate.it)



# HOW TO REACH US UPON ARRIVAL

Situated at the heart of the Po Valley, in the lush and fertile region of Emilia-Romagna, Piacenza lies on the border between Lombardy and Piedmont, two of the most industrialised regions in the north of Italy, at a crucial cross-roads for road and rail transport, both national and international. Thanks to its easy access from both the south and the north of the country, Piacenza has always been an important center for commerce and transport.



## By Plane

Once arrived at any of the Airports listed below, you may take a bus to Milano Centrale Railway Station (please check the Airport website for timetable, tickets and prices).

### Airports:

- Aeroporto Orio al Serio (BG) - 110 km from Piacenza  
[Milan Bergamo Airport](#)
- Aeroporto di Linate (MI) - 65 km from Piacenza  
[Milano Linate Airport](#)
- Aeroporto di Malpensa (MI) - 120 km from Piacenza  
[Milano Malpensa Airport](#)

## By Train

From Milano Centrale Station take a train to Piacenza. Shuttle buses to Central station are also available from all Milan airports.

Please check out the timetable [here](#)

## By Bus

From Piacenza Railway Station take bus no. MB or 3/7 to Università Cattolica.

Please Check the timetable [here](#).

You can also catch a taxi outside Piacenza Railway Station or call the following numbers:

Radio Taxi: +39 0523 591919

Night hours - Taxi service: +39 348 4485155

The average taxi fare from the station to Cattolica is about € 10-15 (during the day) and a little higher at night.

## By Car

Coming from the A1 Highway towards Bologna, take the 'Basso Lodigiano' exit. Stay on the 'tangenziale' (ringroad) and follow for San Lazzaro/Università.





## Chapel and Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry is meant to be the go-to place for International and Italian students of different cultures and religions, who want to build up the community and their network, develop their faith, make new friends and nurture their gifts, while deepening their knowledge and experience of God and the Catholic religion. Join activities such as the Book club, trips and gatherings to make new memories. A Mass in English is regularly celebrated in the University Chapel. An English speaking priest is available for Confession and spiritual counseling.

### Contact:

@: [matteo.tolomelli@unicatt.it](mailto:matteo.tolomelli@unicatt.it)

› [Website link](#)

## Centre for conventions and meetings

The Campus offers a Centre for conventions and meetings, workshops and seminars, located inside the Campus.

## Educatt service

Educatt is a non-profit foundation that offers many services to Cattolica students.

› [Educatt](#)

## Meals

Students can have their meals at the University canteen, located in Collegio Sant'Isidoro, inside the Campus. The cafeteria seats 400 in two rooms with air-conditioning. Among the various dishes offered by the University cafeteria, you will have the opportunity to try the typical regional dishes of Emilia-Romagna.

Find more information [here](#).

### Opening hours:

- Mon. - Fri.: 12:10pm – 2:00pm and 7:00pm - 7:45
- Sat: 12:10pm - 1:15pm Booking for Saturdays lunch is compulsory within 7pm of the day before

### Price:

- Price with Cattolica Student ID: € 6,65
- Light meal: € 5.00

## Library/study rooms

The Cattolica library was established in 1953 together with the School of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences. Each School has its own library.

There are currently 100,000 books (among them, over 2,800 FAO publications since 1978) and 3,500 newspapers from all over the world.

The library has an online catalogue and an online database and it is open to the public.

Students can also use the private study rooms to study alone or together with other students (silence is compulsory in the library, but conversation is allowed in the study rooms).

› [Biblioteca Piacenza e Cremona](#)



## Sports centre

Located between the 2 student residences, **Sport InCampus Piacenza** currently offers 2 outdoor soccer fields (5 people per team) and an indoor soccer/volleyball field for rent.

› **Bookings** through **Sport Clubby app** (play store)

› **Rental Cost:** €50 p.h. for Cattolica students

### Pilates classes

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1.15-2.00pm

› **Cost:** €6 per class or €50 for 10 classes

› **Bookings** required through the **Sport Clubby app**

Join the **University Sports Teams** for training and/or matches:

› Soccer/5 people per team (males)

› Volleyball (males & females)

› Basket (males)

### Contacts:

[sportincampus.piacenza@educatt.org](mailto:sportincampus.piacenza@educatt.org)

Tel. 366.6692898 (Whapp)

### For more information:

Tel. +39 05.23621111

@: [info.pc.dsu@educatt.it](mailto:info.pc.dsu@educatt.it)

## Student tools

Once regularly enrolled at Cattolica, School of Economics and Law, students will have to collect at the Secretary office the following tools:

- Student ID Number (numero di matricola)
- Student Card

The Student ID Number is an identification code of six numbers. Each student is assigned a provisional password that enable first access to the Student Intranet and Personal Page (I-Catt). Online services through I-Catt include: printing of unofficial transcripts and certifications, registering for , checking of class schedules and exams, planning you semester study plan.

Upon accessing I-Catt for the first time with Student ID number and provisional password, students will be given a new username by e-mail and will be asked to select a personalized password, which will be the credentials used for any subsequent access.

Before graduation (sessione di laurea) you will have to return your student card to the student service (polo studenti).

# LIVING IN PIACENZA

## Public transportation

### Bus

Bus number 3/7 or MB stop right in front of University.

### Price:

- Single ticket: €1,50

Different kinds of seasonal tickets are also available:

- Multiple-RIDE Pass (you must hold Seta S.p.A. ID card, cost €5 and expires after 5 years): 10 rides - €12
- Single-User Passes (you must hold a Seta S.p.A. ID card, cost € 5 and expires after 5 years):
  - » Student one-month pass - €32
  - » Student 12-month pass - €240 (up to 26 years old)
  - » Student 12-month pass - €260 (from 27 years old)

To purchase a SETA Agenzia S.p.A. ID card you should go to the Seta S.p.A. Office in via Colombo 3 with the following:

- passport-size photograph
- tax code
- passport or ID card

### Bus station opening hours:

Monday to Friday 7:30am - 6.30pm  
Saturdays 7:30am - 1:30pm

Find information about timetables and routes [here](#).



### Trains

- › [Trenitalia](#)

## Discounts

Find interesting discounts for various services in town (including shops, cinemas, transports and banks) at the link below:

- › [Convenzioni e merchandising](#)

## Piacenza on the web

### Piacenza for tourists

- › [Comune di Piacenza](#)
- › [Visit Piacenza](#)

### Events in Piacenza

- › [Il Piacenza events](#)
- › [Comune di Piacenza events](#)
- › [Facebook Comune di Piacenza](#)

### Theatres

- › [Teatri Comunali Piacenza](#)

### Piacenza local newspapers

- › [Libertà](#)
- › [Il Piacenza](#)
- › [Piacenza Sera](#)



# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Our academic year is composed of two semesters. Each semester is divided in a class period and an examination period. You can find the 2024/2025 Academic Calendar below:



<b>Intensive Italian Business Language Course</b>	Sep 2-13, 2024
<b>Pre-courses (NOT COMPULSORY)</b>	Sep 2-13, 2024
<b>Fall semester starts:</b>	Sep 16, 2024
<b>Intermediate Examination Session*</b>	Oct 21-25, 2024
<b>Classes end (Fall semester)**</b>	Nov 29, 2024
<b>Examination Session</b>	Dec 9-20, 2024
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	Dec 23, 2024 - Jan 7, 2025
<b>Examination Session</b>	Jan 7-31, 2025
<b>Spring semester starts</b>	Feb 10, 2025
<b>Intermediate Examination Session*</b>	Mar 17-21, 2025
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Apr 17-25, 2025
<b>Classes end (Spring semester)***</b>	May 9, 2025
<b>Examination session</b>	May 19 - Jul 18, 2025
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	Jul 21 - Aug 23, 2025
<b>Examination session</b>	Aug 25 - Sep 12, 2025
<b>Graduation Ceremony</b>	Dec 2025

\* Lessons suspended

\*\* Catch up classes - Dec 2-6, 2024

\*\*\* Catch up classes - May 12-16, 2025

# ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

## Intensive Italian Business Language Course

In the context of the Double Degree Programme in International Management, Cattolica offers an intensive Italian Business Language course at the beginning of the academic year 2024/2025.

The course will run as follows:

- 30 contact hours
- Period: the first two weeks of September, just before regular programme classes start
- The course is meant for students who have reached an upper intermediate level of proficiency in Italian (B2). The focus of the course will be to bring students to acquire common business language skills, through practical exercises such as oral presentations, employment interviews, business briefs, etc.
- The programme fee is €150.

For Payment Details, Application Deadline and Course Programme visit the webpage:

› [Italian Language Course](#)



## Italian Language and Culture Course

During each semester, Cattolica offers an Italian Language and Culture Course which costs €400. At the end of the course, which lasts about two months (Fall course: October-December; Spring course: February-April) you will have a final exam and you will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

For more information visit:

› [Italian Language and Culture Course](#)

# ORIENTATION EVENTS

The Orientation events will take place in September 2024 at Università Cattolica, Piacenza Campus.

You will find more information about the schedule and registration procedure at the link:

› [Orientation Event](#)

(Orientation Piacenza-Cremona Campus).

We kindly ask you to confirm your attendance by writing an e-mail to:

[ucsc.international-pc@unicatt.it](mailto:ucsc.international-pc@unicatt.it)

within May 31, 2024.

We strongly advise you to take part to the Welcome Day for all new Cattolica students organized by Ufficio Orientamento. The date will be soon online at [international.unicatt.it](http://international.unicatt.it)



# TAKING EXAMS AT CATTOLICA

Students must take all of the exams in the Study Programme.

In order to be eligible to register for any exam, students must attend a certain percentage of class, which can vary from one course to the other.

After the class period, you will have the chance to choose the preferred examination session.

You can find all the information pertaining to exam registration [here](#).

The International Office will schedule a meeting to explain you how to sign up for your final exams and how to register your final grades.



## The Italian Credits System (ECTS-CFU)

Every course/exam has a number of credits that you can generally find in brackets next to the name of the course/exam. Credits represent the amount the student is expected to study including the contact-hour load per week. Core curriculum courses/exams will generally have a higher credit value than electives.

According to the ECTS - European Community Credit Transfer System, one Academic Year corresponds to 60 ECTS Credits. 1 ECTS Credit = 25 hours of work (including lessons, seminars, practical activities, study hours,...).

The ECTS System replaces the Italian Credits System expressed in "CFU". 1 ECTS = 1 CFU

## The Italian Grading System

The Italian grading system ranges from 18/30 to 30/30. The highest mark is 30/30 cum laude. All the exams under 18/30 are considered as "failed" and thus are not registered in the Libretto. The highest mark for Graduation is 110/110 cum laude.





# STUDY PROGRAMME

Study Plan for Double Degree students  
attending years 1 and 2 at Università Cattolica

**1<sup>st</sup> year**

**AY 2024/2025**

COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER	CODE
Italian (intensive pre-course) <sup>[3]</sup>	0		
(Theology I) <sup>[1]</sup>	0	I and II	
Introduction to Management (in English)	7	I	EAM380
Financial Accounting (in English)	10	II	EFB551
Principles of Private Law	6	I	EAQ881
Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Strategic Marketing</li> <li>■ Operational Marketing</li> </ul>	5 5	I II	EA0239
General Mathematics	8	I	EA9337
Microeconomics (in English) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Consumer behaviour and firm strategy</li> <li>■ Market structure and policy implications</li> </ul>	5 5	II	EAE011
Personal Development (in Italian and English)	4	I and II	EFL094
Organizational Theory and Design (in English)	5	II	EAP675
Second language (French/Spanish/ German/Dutch)  for more information: <a href="#">Certificazioni internazionali riconosciute</a>	2	I and II	

**2<sup>nd</sup> year**  
**AY 2025/2026**

COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER	CODE
Theology II <sup>[1]</sup>			
Financial Statement Analysis, and Managerial Accounting (in English) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Financial Statement Analysis</li> <li>■ Managerial Accounting</li> </ul>	6 6	I	EFM526
Corporate Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Capital budgeting</li> <li>■ Financing decisions</li> </ul>	5 5	I II	EA0541 EA0541
Macroeconomics for business (in English)	7	I	EAO085
Statistics (in English)	9	I	EFF574
Internship <sup>[2]</sup>	15	II	
Academic English skills	5	II	EAQ882



**Study Plan for Double Degree students  
attending years 3 and 4 at Università Cattolica**

**3<sup>rd</sup> year**

**AY 2024/2025**

COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER	CODE
Italian (intensive-precourse) <sup>[3]</sup>	0		
(Theology III)	0	I and II	
Italiano per il Management Internazionale	5	I	
Labour Economics	5	II	EA0485
International Business Law (in English)	12	I	EFB065
Operations and Supply Chain Management (in English)	5	I	EAT642
Introduction to Data Science (in English)	6	II	EFK997
European Economic Policy and Institutions (in English)	12	II	EAO086
Business Strategy	5	II	EAA778
Corporate Social Responsibility (in English)	5	I	EAA176
Intercultural Business Management (in English)	5	I	EAM379
Thesis Workshop <sup>[6]</sup>	5	II	

## 4<sup>th</sup> year

AY 2025/2026

COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER	CODE
Corporate strategy (in English)	5	I	SECS P07
Entrepreneurship (in English)	5	I	SECS P07
International Human Resources Management (in English)	5	I	SECS P10
Information Technology Management (in English)	5	I	ING-INF/05
Electives one course between:			
■ International Branding	5	I	SECS P08
■ Financial Markets and Institutions	5	I	SECS P11
one course among:			
■ International Financial Reporting	5	I	SECS P07
■ Sustainability Management	5	I	SECS P07
■ Advanced Economic Scenarios	5	I	SECS P02
■ Global Challenges and Impacts	5	I	SECS P07
Italiano per il Management Internazionale <sup>[3]</sup>	5	I	
Internship and Internship Report	30	II	

### Comments

<sup>[1]</sup> Approved with grade, not in the GPA

<sup>[2]</sup> Approved, no grade

<sup>[3]</sup> Highly recommended to all DD incoming students (I and III year)

<sup>[6]</sup> Evaluation as bonus points (0-4) in addition to the exam GPA expressed out of 110

# BACHELOR DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



## Foundation Knowledge Assessment Test

According to the Italian Ministry of Instruction, during the Fall semester, ALL students enrolled in the first year will be asked to take an evaluation test in order to assess their foundation knowledge.

It is NOT an admission test. In the case of a failed test, students will still be able to attend courses regularly and take the corresponding final exams.

Test results will be published on student's personal I-Catt page the following day, together with information of how to make-up for the foundation knowledge gaps identified through the test results.

## Bachelor Degree in Business Administration

After successfully passing all the exams listed in your Study Programme, students will receive their Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. The Graduation Ceremony will take place in December 2025.

The procedures and deadlines to apply for graduation will be published [here](#).

It is compulsory to attend the graduating ceremony in person. All students planning to enroll in the 4th academic year (which corresponds to the Master in International Management), will need to have graduated for the bachelor degree by the December 2025 session and no later.

During the Spring semester, the International Office will schedule an information session regarding the Graduation procedure.

All relevant information is available on the Blackboard platform:

› [Blackboard](#)

**IMPORTANT:** It is the student's responsibility to respect the procedure and deadlines for Graduation.

There is a €100 fee for issuing and printing the original Degree Certificate (the STUDENT SERVICES, Polo Studenti, will confirm the fee amount for the next academic year).

### **Certificates Request**

Students can download self-declarations from their personal iCatt account. These certificates are written in Italian and in English and acknowledged by the Italian public administration.

If you need an official Certificate you will have to refer to the Students Services. The procedure to request a certificate is available online:

› [Autocertificazioni e certificati](#)

Please note that the DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT is free of charge.

### **Contacts:**

Student Services, Polo Studenti  
(The office is located next to the welcome desk, Cattolica main entrance)  
@: [gestione.carriera.studenti-pc@unicatt.it](mailto:gestione.carriera.studenti-pc@unicatt.it)

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29122 Piacenza (PC)  
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### **Opening hours:**

You can find them [here](#)

# MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT M-MINT

## 4th Academic Year (60 CFU)

During the 4th Academic Year at Cattolica you will be enrolled in the Master in Management Internazionale (M-MINT).

Admission, application and enrolment procedures.

## Spring/Summer 2025

Admission – Register at the following link:

› [M-MINT](#)

You will get a new username and password. These will be your new access data.

## September 2025

Pre-enrolment - upload the following documents within September 2025:

- Pre-enrolment application form, duly signed;
- 1 passport-size picture;
- Copy of your valid Passport or ID Card;
- Copy of your Codice Fiscale (Tax Code);
- Copy of your Residency Permit (for Non-EU students).

UFFICIO MASTER will give you a new Student Number (MATRICOLA).

## January 2026

Enrolment – After Graduation, students will have to download the application form and upload it (duly signed) to the UFFICIO MASTER within January 2026, before leaving for the fourth year internship.

Please note that the enrollment procedure will be accepted and valid only if you complete both the admission and the pre-enrollment steps.



### **Certificates request**

Students can download self-declarations from their personal I-Catt account (Section: Segreteria Online / Online Registrar). These certificates are written in Italian and in English and acknowledged by the Italian public administration.

If you need an official Certificate you will have to fill in the Master Certificate Request (RICHIESTA CERTIFICATI MASTER) available at UFFICIO MASTER and bring/send it to [uff.master-pc@unicatt.it](mailto:uff.master-pc@unicatt.it). If you need the Certificate for an institution abroad, please tick the option "con firma autografa" (with authentic signature).

Costs (UFFICIO MASTER will send you the bank details accordingly):

- 2 revenue stamps of €16 each
- €5 (shipment)

Once Cattolica receives the payment, Ufficio Master will send the Certificate first by e-mail and afterwards by registered mail.

### **Contacts:**

Ufficio Master

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Tel.: +39 0523 599134

### **Opening hours:**

Mon-Fri 9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Mon, Wed and Fri 2-3.30 pm





# INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

At Cattolica we have so much to offer. Much more than can be contained in the few pages of this brochure. On paper they are just names. But once you are enrolled at Cattolica, the International Office Staff will soon become your advisors, mentors and friends.

International Student Advisors are not only responsible for promoting the attractions and benefits of Cattolica, they are there for the duration of your time at Cattolica. And beyond. Many of our past students have since started international networks endorsing the benefits of our beautiful and supportive university as a study destination, whether for a few weeks, a semester, a year, or many years. Whether your need or concern relates to your studies, experiences or needs, our purpose is to be both your first port of call and in the vast majority of cases, your answer. We have a unique understanding of the challenges experienced by International Students.

The International Office gives support and advice to all international students at the University making sure they have a happy and successful time in Piacenza.

Particularly, we will give you assistance regarding:

- VISA/Residency permit
- Course registration
- Cultural adaptation and home-sickness
- Any other problems that you may be experiencing.

Should you have any problems or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact your **Student Advisor Francesca Lucchi**:

› [ucsc.international-pc@unicatt.it](mailto:ucsc.international-pc@unicatt.it)

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