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Luiss Graduate School

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1. What is ECTS?

The European Community promotes inter-university co-operation as a means for improving the quality of education to the benefit of students and higher education institutions alike. Student mobility constitutes a primary feature of that co-operation. The Erasmus + programme clearly demonstrates that a study period abroad can constitute a particularly precious experience, not only being the best way to discover countries, ideas, languages and cultures different from one's own but also because it is gaining a growing importance in the evolution of university and professional careers.

The **European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System** (ECTS) is a tool of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) for making studies and courses more transparent and thus helping to enhance the quality of higher education.

ECTS was instituted in 1989, within the Erasmus programme, as a way of transferring credits that students earned during their studies abroad into credits that counted towards their degree, on their return to studying in their home institution. In the following years, it came to be used not only for transferring credits, on the basis of workload and achieved learning outcomes, but also for accumulating them in institutions' degree programs. ECTS helps in the design, description and delivery of programs, makes it possible to integrate different types of learning in a lifelong learning perspective, and facilitates the mobility of students by easing the process of recognising qualifications and periods of study. ECTS can be applied to all programs, whatever the mode of delivery (classroom-based, work-based, distance learning) or the status of students (full-time, part-time), and to all kinds of learning contexts (formal, non-formal and informal).

1.1 Principal Features of ECTS

ECTS is a learner-centred system for credit accumulation and transfer, based on the principle of **transparency of the learning**, teaching and assessment processes. Its objective is to facilitate the planning, delivery and evaluation of study programs and student mobility by recognising learning achievements and qualifications and periods of learning.

ECTS credits express the volume of learning based on the defined learning outcomes and their associated workload. 60 ECTS credits are allocated to the learning outcomes and associated workload of a full-time academic year or its equivalent, which normally comprises a number of educational components to which credits (on the basis of the learning outcomes and workload) are allocated. ECTS credits are generally expressed in whole numbers.

Learning outcomes are statements of what the individual knows, understands and is able to do on completion of a learning process. The achievement of learning outcomes has to be assessed through procedures based on clear and transparent criteria. Learning outcomes are attributed to individual educational components and to programs at a whole. They are also used in European and national qualifications frameworks to describe the level of the individual qualification.

Workload is an estimation of the time the individual typically needs to complete all learning activities such as lectures, seminars, projects, practical work, work placements1 and individual study required to achieve the defined learning outcomes in formal learning environments. The correspondence of the full-time workload of an academic year to 60 credits is often formalised by national legal provisions. In most cases, one credit corresponds to 25 to 30 hours of work. It should be recognised that this represents the typical workload and that for individual students the actual time to achieve the learning outcomes will vary.

Allocation of credits in ECTS is the process of assigning a number of credits to qualifications, degree programs or single educational components. Credits are allocated to entire qualifications or programs according to national legislation or practice, where appropriate, and with reference to national and/or European qualifications frameworks. They are allocated to educational components, such as course units, dissertations, work-based learning and work placements.

Awarding credits in ECTS is the act of formally granting students and other learners the credits that are assigned to the qualification and/or its components if they achieve the defined learning outcomes. National authorities should indicate which institutions have the right to award ECTS credits. Credits are awarded to individual students after they have completed the required learning activities and achieved the defined learning outcomes, as evidenced by appropriate assessment.

Accumulation of credits in ECTS is the process of collecting credits awarded for achieving the learning outcomes of educational components in formal contexts and for other learning activities carried out in informal and non-formal contexts. A student can accumulate credits in order to:
- obtain qualifications, as required by the degree-awarding institution;
- document personal achievements for lifelong learning purposes.

Transfer of credits is the process of having credits awarded in one context (programme, institution) recognised in another formal context for the purpose of obtaining a qualification. Credits awarded to students in one programme may be transferred from an institution to be accumulated in another programme offered by the same or another institution. Credit transfer is the key to successful study mobility. Institutions, faculties, departments may make agreements which guarantee automatic recognition and transfer of credits.

ECTS documentation: The use of ECTS credits is facilitated and quality enhanced by the supporting documents (Course Catalogue, Learning Agreement, Transcript of Records, and Work Placement Certificate). ECTS also contributes to transparency in other documents such as the Diploma Supplement.

ECTS goes on **voluntary** use and **reciprocal trust** at academic level among the participating institutions. Every institution chooses its own partners.

1.2 Transparency

ECTS guarantees **transparency** through the following instruments:

- The **ECTS Course Catalogue** should provide reliable, up-to-date and quality assured information on degree programs, as well as on single educational components. It should provide an accurate description of the degree program, including all details: structure, components, learning outcomes, workload, learning/teaching approaches, assessment methods, assessment criteria, and progression rules.
- The **ECTS learning agreement**, which describes the study plan the student has to follow and indicates the ECTS credits that shall grant upon satisfactory completion thereof. The agreement binds the student to attend the host university's programme as the main part of their higher education, the institution of origin to guarantee the student full academic recognition of the credits obtained abroad and, the host institution to provide the agreed course units to the extent allowed by the academic calendar.
- The **ECTS transcript of records**, which presents the student's academic results in a clear, complete and comprehensible manner for each part and which must be easily transferable from one institution to another.

1.3 Academic Recognition

Successful learning mobility requires **academic recognition** and **transfer of credits**. Recognition of credits is the process through which an institution certifies that learning outcomes achieved and assessed in another institution satisfy the requirements of one of the programs they offer. Given the diversity of programs and HEIs, it is unlikely that the credits and learning outcomes of a single educational component in two different programs will be identical. An open and flexible approach to the recognition of credits obtained in another context, including learning mobility, is therefore recommended, based on compatibility of learning outcomes rather than equivalence of course contents. In practice, recognition means that the number of credits gained for compatible learning outcomes achieved in another context will replace the number of credits that are allocated for compatible learning outcomes at the awarding institution. Institutions should make their recognition policies known and easily accessible.

When institutions decide to **transfer their mobility students' grades**, the academic responsible for credit transfer should compare the grade distribution table from their reference group with the one developed by the other institution for the parallel reference group. The position of each grade within the two tables can be compared and, on the basis of this comparison, individual grades are converted. Typically, the percentage ranges of the grades overlap. The objective of the exercise is transparency. Therefore, the receiving institution should decide in advance whether they will take the minimum, average or maximum comparable grade of overlapping ranges.

2. Education in Italy

Until 1989 (Law 168/1989) the entire Italian educational system was under the Ministry of Education. At that time the Ministry of Universities and Scientific Research was created to take over the responsibilities of university education and scientific and technological research. The two entities are currently encompassed under the organisational designation **Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università** e della Ricerca - MUR (Ministry of Education, University and Research). Information for foreign students can be found at https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri).

2.1 Primary and Secondary Education

2.1.1 Cycles

Following the 2003 Reform of primary and secondary education, the Italian school system has been reorganised as follows:

- **First cycle**
  - Primary education: 5 years of schooling beginning at age 6
  - Secondary education (first degree): 3 years of schooling beginning at age 11.
- **Second cycle**
  - Secondary education (second degree): 5 years of schooling beginning at age 14.

The higher secondary schools are of various types: classical, scientific, linguistic, artistic, technical and vocational studies as well as teacher training. At the end of the 5-year course, students take the examination to obtain the **Diploma di Maturità** in the specialised area they have chosen. This diploma grants admission to an Italian university.

2.1.2 Grading System

Until 1968, **secondary school** grading was on a scale of 0-10, 6 being the minimum passing grade. From 1969 to 1999, final marks were on a scale of 0-60, 36 being the minimum passing grade. Since 2000 a different system has been implemented: final marks are on a scale of 0-100 and the minimum passing grade is 60.

2.2 University Education

Admission

Admission to Italian universities grants only to holders of a **Diploma di Maturità** from an Italian secondary school. Foreign students, or Italian students from secondary schools abroad, are admitted on the strength of equivalent qualifications. There are no limitations on admission except in Medical School (medicine, dentistry, veterinary), in private independent universities (like Luiss Guido Carli or Bocconi in Milan), and in newly established universities/degree courses.

Grading System

In the university grading system, individual courses grade on a scale of 18-30. The maximum final grade is **110,** after the dissertation of a thesis on a free topic. For very brilliant students the degree may be awarded cum laude.

< 18 = fail	18/23 = sufficient	24/26 = satisfactory	27/28 = good	29/30 = Very good	30 e lode = Excellent

2.2.1 Academic Qualifications and Degrees

University Diploma

This is a first-level university qualification for courses lasting 3 years. For admission to these courses, students must have a **Diploma di Maturità**.

Laurea (Degree)

The system of university study in Italy has undergone an overall reform in terms of structure and teaching system. Up to 2001, to obtain a **Laurea**, the basic university degree, used to take 4 to 6 years, depending on the field of study. From the academic year 2001/2002, universities have adopted three study cycles. The **first cycle**, three years in length, is characterised by a professional training type content and concludes with the award of a first-level degree (Laurea Triennale – **Bachelor's Degree**); the **second cycle**, lasting two years, concludes with the award of a second-level Master's degree (**Laurea Magistralis – Master's Degree**); while the **third cycle**, lasting from one to three years, leads to the award of either a doctorate or a specialised postgraduate degree.

Teaching activity is organized in departments, schools or areas, which offer one or more degree courses in specific academic areas. Course requirements are established by law and the **laurea** is ob-

tained after the student has passed a set number of exams, gained the required credits, and successfully discussed a written research paper. Admission to the **Laurea** programme is regulated by the general rules for university admission. Courses for master's degrees may also be offered parallel to each study cycle. All study programs must be based on the European system for the transfer of academic credits (ECTS) as provided for in recent agreements reached at EU level.

Along with the three-cycle program system established by the Italian Ministerial Decrees, a limited number of "old" second cycle programs (dental medicine, human medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, architecture, law) coexist with the new university system. These programs, called **One-Cycle Programs**, aim at providing students with advanced education and training for highly qualified professions in specific areas. The general access requirement is upper secondary school degree or a comparable foreign qualification. Admission to individual degree programs may be subject to specific course requirements.

One-Cycle Programs last five years and require 300 credits (European Credit Transfer System) for completion (only human medicine requires six years and 360 credits). The degree awarded is a Master's Degree which grants access to competitions for the civil service, to regulated and non-regulated professions, doctoral programs and all the other postgraduate study degree programs.

Research Doctorate

The aim of the doctoral studies programs is to offer post-graduate opportunity for research. Programs include individual research under the guidance of professors and special seminars. The minimum period of study is three years. This **third-level** academic degree, **Doctorate of Research**, is awarded to candidates who have successfully documented their research and written an original final thesis. This programme is open to a limited number of candidates (also from foreign countries), who must be university graduates or hold equivalent degrees.

Post-graduate Diplomas of Specialization

These diplomas are given by schools offering special advanced courses in various professions. The limited places are reserved for university graduates or those with equivalent foreign qualifications. The courses last 2/3 years and include practical experience. Attendance is mandatory. The final examination is a defence of a written thesis.

3. Luiss Guido Carli

3.1 Name and Governance

Luiss Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, Rome, Italy.

Giorgio Fossa, President

Paolo Boccardelli, Rector

Rita Carisano, General Manager

3.2 Type

Luiss Guido Carli is an independent university. It was established according to Article 1 of Italy's Higher Education Act, which gives independent universities full legal status while guaranteeing their autonomy in the areas of administration, teaching and discipline. Its degrees and diplomas have complete legal and academic recognition.

3.3 General Description

Luiss Guido Carli was set up in 1974-78 by a consortium of private and public companies, that re-organized a pre-existing Institution, "**Pro Deo**". Its goal is to form students to assume the responsibilities of managing complex economic systems in both the State and private sectors.

At present Luiss Guido Carli has two Schools, Undergraduate and Graduate, and the following **features**:

- admission by entrance test
- full time compulsory attendance of courses
- a highly qualified teaching staff
- intensive study of foreign languages and computer training
- a large specialised library and a catalogue that can be consulted directly from the University's web site
- An extensive network of student exchange agreements with over 250 universities, both within and outside of Europe in around 50 countries. Luiss also offers its students the opportunity to study abroad with 60 Double Degrees and Structured Partnerships.

- orientation for high school students
- seminars and debates on important issues as a complement to lectures
- assistance by qualified tutors during the entire university study period as well as traineeships
- personal counselling service to facilitate integration and to optimise study strategies.

Professors and lecturers are appointed from the academic world, the professions, senior State and private sector management. **Lectures are held in Italian and English**. They are integrated by seminars, debates and conferences on both Italian and international topics, often with the participation of prominent guest speakers.

The annual tuition fee at Luiss Guido Carli, for the a. y.2026/2027, is € 14,000for all Bachelor's degrees and for the Single Cycle Master Degree in Law (I year). The annual tuition fee for Master's Degrees is € 15,000 and € 17,000 for Management and Finance degree courses.

Luiss supports worthy students with **scholarships and financial aid** to attend the Luiss bachelor's, master's and single-cycle master's degree programs and to study abroad, thanks to the opportunities offered by the University. For more information please visit:

Exemptions and Scholarships

Scholarships are also granted to deserving students who meet certain income conditions. Some scholarships are dedicated to international students.

For more information please visit:

Financial Benefits and Loans

3.4 Links with Businesses

What distinguishes Luiss is its privileged relationship with the business world.

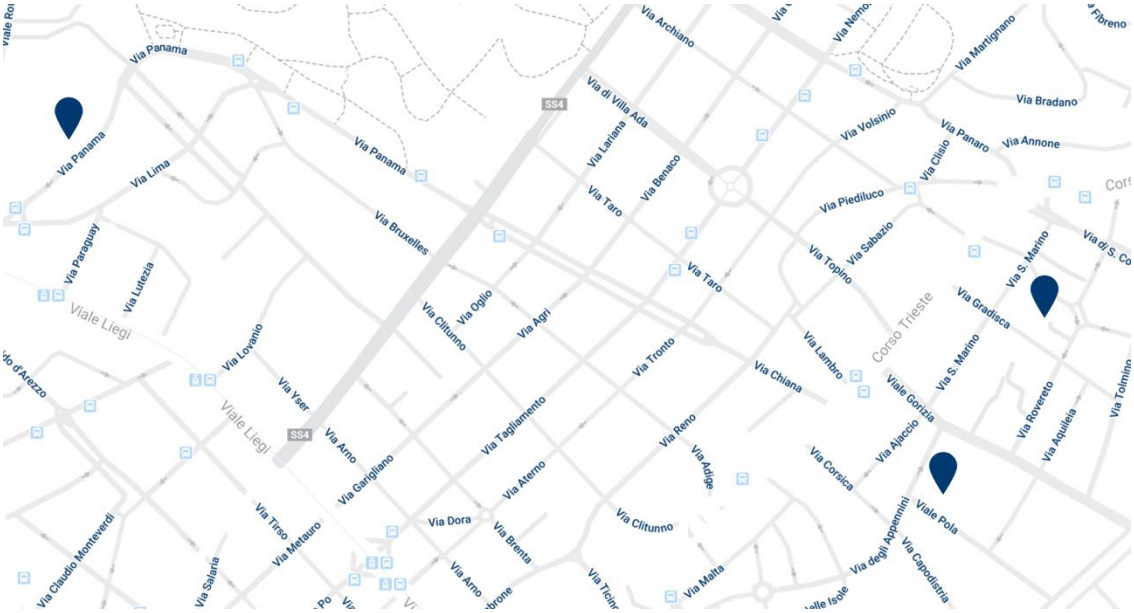
Several companies, multinationals, and public and private institutions collaborate with the University, offering its degree candidates and new graduates their first real opportunities to step foot in the business world.

The Luiss Career Services Office provides students with multiple opportunities to meet people in the business world and learn with them. In accordance with current national and regional regulations, the Career Service Office supports the activation of curricular and extra-curricular internships undertaken in Italy and abroad. This orientation and educational service facilitate the placement of degree candidates and new graduates in the business world. It also sets up recurring meetings and presentations with major multinationals, investment banks, and public and private organizations and institutions.

The new **Career Center** platform is now available to help students and recent graduates stay updated on **internship opportunities and job offers** from the worlds of business and government.

3.5 Location

Most of the teaching and researching activities are taken in the Viale Romania campus. Please note that Law classes are taken in Via Parenzo, 11. Business, Economics and Political Science classes are instead taken in the Viale Romania Campus. A shuttle bus links the 2 campuses departing every 10/15 minutes. The journey takes about 10 minutes.



Office	Contact Information
International Student Mobility Office	T +39 06 8522 5642 relint@luiss.it in_erasmusexchange@luiss.it The Luiss International Student Mobility office is located in Viale Romania campus and welcomes students every day from 10:00 am to 12:00 am Monday to Friday, and from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Luiss Graduate School	https://graduate.luiss.it/en graduateschool@luiss.it
Luiss Undergraduate School	https://undergraduate.luiss.it/en/ undergraduateschool@luiss.it
Student Office	T +39 06 8522 5263/5270 segreteria@luiss.it For Law students only T +39 06 8522 5895 studentigiurisprudenza@luiss.it The Student Office deals with enrolment and provides students with all the necessary academic information. It is possible to contact the Student Office through the LiveChat service or via phone. The Student Office closes two weeks in mid-August. Upon request it is possible to book an in-person appointment.
Didactics Office	+39 06 8522 5310/5290/5550 didactics@luiss.it
University Tutoring	T +39 06 8522 5361/5581 tutorato@luiss.it The Luiss Tutoring Office is designed to guide, accompany and inspire students throughout their college careers. It does this through three main services, personalized to the student's own background, studies and ambitions. These are: **University Tutoring** – **Academic Tutoring** – **Inclusiveness Tutoring Service *It's U!*** Students can make their appointments with their Tutors by selecting their specific School or Area.
Welcome Desk	T +39 06 8522 5770 welcomedesk@luiss.it Luiss Welcome Desk offers support to all international students who are preparing to come study at our University in Rome, assisting them with bureaucratic and personal obligations. The Welcome Desk will also connect students with their University Tutors, the Tutors for International Students, the Luiss Buddies, and provide information on the Italian university system and bureaucracy.
Orientation Office	T +39 06 8522 5354 orientamento@luiss.it The Luiss Orientation Service organizes initiatives to provide students with information and tools necessary to make an informed decision about their bachelor's and master's degree program.
International Orientation Office	T +39 0685225386

	internationalprograms@luiss.it The Team deals with prospective students who are currently studying for a degree outside of Italy and would like to study at Luiss. The Orientation Staff is available for any doubt and curiosity **come meet us!**
Accommodation Office	T +39 06 85225971 housing@luiss.it The Luiss Accommodation Office assists international students participating in Erasmus, Bilateral Exchange, and Double Degree programs in finding suitable housing. Students can choose from Luiss Residences managed directly by the university, private residences operated by partner institutions, or private rooms and apartments available through affiliated online housing platforms and local real estate agencies.
IT Services/ Help Desk	T +39 06 8522 5211/5279 supportoit@luiss.it With cutting-edge facilities and technology, the Luiss Help Desk supports research, teaching, administrative and management activities within the university and library consultation. Computer rooms, network printers, PCs connected to the internet and equipped with specific software for educational activities are all available in the University's campuses.
Library	Via di S. Costanza, 53, 00198 Rome T +39 06 85 22 56 00 – 56 18 biblioteca@luiss.it The Luiss Library, specialized in the social sciences, constitutes the point of reference for the teaching and research activities of the University and guarantees constant support to the Luiss community through the provision of specific services and a consistent development of the bibliographic collections. The Library aims to ensure a constantly updated bibliographic holdings through the development of interdisciplinary collections to foster the dissemination of knowledge, introduce technologically advanced systems for the improvement of the quality of services and simplified access to physical and electronic collections and promote and enhance the dissemination of the University's scientific research through the management of institutional archives. Opening hours for Rooms and Services are available **here**.

3.6 Size

Current enrolment is around 12.000 from 110 countries for the two Schools with a faculty to student ratio of 1:7.

3.7 Registration procedures

3.7.1 Prospective full time EU and non-EU students (Not applicable to Exchange students)

Prospective full time EU and non-EU students will find specific and detailed information on the steps of the admission at Luiss on: Join Luiss.

The number of students admitted to the first year is limited to allow best teaching conditions and admission goes upon an entrance examination (aptitude test).

3.7.2 Specific requirements for students applying for "corsi singoli" (individual courses) (Not applicable to Exchange students)

Foreign students may attend one or more Luiss Guido Carli courses and take the respective exams. At the end of the course, students will obtain an official certificate stating the course that was taken and the mark obtained.

Anyone with a secondary school diploma (or equivalent qualification) can enroll in individual courses. Admission to the individual course depends on the number of places available for each academic year.

Non-EU students residing abroad are required to fully comply with current ministerial regulations.

Individual courses taken at Luiss **cannot** be assessed for the recognition of credits required for admission to Bachelor's, Master's, or Single-Cycle Master's degree programs offered at Luiss.

Students wishing to enroll in individual courses must submit the required enrolment documents within the specified periods:

- **First semester (September–January): by mid-July;**
- **Second semester (February–June): by mid-January.**

Students who want to apply for single courses (Corsi Singoli) must submit the following documents:

- an application form addressed to the Rector, detailing the student's study plan;
- a certificate attesting the educational qualification earned, including exam scores or grades received: foreign students must submit an official Transcript of Records from their home University issued in English;
- a digital passport-size photo.

The registration fee is €250 per CFU/ECTS credit and is therefore calculated based on the number of CFU/ECTS credits assigned to each selected course.
The **Student Office** ammissione@luiss.it and segreteria@luiss.it take care of registration for Corsi Singoli.

4. Incoming Erasmus/Exchange Students

The Luiss International Student Mobility Office promotes and manages student exchanges within the Erasmus Program, as well as through bilateral exchange agreements with non-European universities. It provides information and assistance to all students participating in these study abroad programs. All procedures are based on the ECTS system. A substantial part of this activity is devoted to the orientation and support of foreign students, to whom the following section is addressed. The International Student Mobility Office deals with orientation and registration of students on exchange programs (Erasmus + and Bilateral Agreements).

The first step to spend a semester at Luiss in exchange is to contact the International Coordinator at your Home University. Each **sending** Institution is responsible for the selection of students.

Ask them for all the information, documents, brochures, application forms related to Luiss. All information material can also be found on our website. Read the instructions carefully before you apply. **Be aware of our deadlines.**

All exchange students must be nominated by their home university **between April 1and May 8 for both Fall and/or Spring semester.** The home coordinator must fill out the nomination form sent out to partner universities every December and email it to in_erasmusexchange@luiss.it.

All applications must be received by **between April 1 and May 15, that is the fixed deadline for fall and/or spring semester applications every year.**

As soon as the application forms are received and processed, in June, Luiss will send incoming students acceptance letters and practical information.

Since there are **over 600 courses taught in English,** students will not need to have any knowledge of Italian to study at Luiss.
Detailed course description can be found at http://www.luiss.edu/cattedreonline.
The official course list and class schedule for the following academic year are typically released around **May**.

Luiss student exchange agreements are based on mutual trust in selecting students and language proficiency certified by each home institution. Students selected for an exchange should be proficient in the language of instruction at the host university.

With **most** of our partners we have agreed that language proficiency will be certified by each home university, confirming that the level is adequate. **Students will not be required to submit the results of an official language test for the exchange program.**

From our partner universities with whom we have not agreed on a language certificate waiver, we will require proof of language proficiency for English and/or Italian to study at Luiss.

Non -native speakers of English **or** Italian should provide the following proof of proficiency:

For Italian	**For English**
Bachelor or Master Level	
CELI 3 – B2 CILS DUE (B2) PLIDA B2	**IELTS** minimum score 6 **TOEFL IBT** minimum score 72 or 4 (new score) **Cambridge** First/Advanced/Proficiency minimum overall score 169
Certificates must be valid, they expire after two years.	IELTS and TOEFL must be valid, they expire after two years.

4.1 Academic Calendar 2026-2027

First Semester – Fall

Mandatory orientation date	**3 September 2026**
Classes begin	**7 September 2026**
Classes end	**5 December 2026**
Mandatory Midterm Exams	From 19 October to 24 October 2026
Main examination period (one examination date for all first semester courses)	From 9 December to 19 December 2026
Second examination period	From 7 January to 30 January 2027

Christmas Holidays from 21 December 2026 to 6 January 2027

Second Semester – Spring

Mandatory orientation date	**28 January 2027**
Classes begin	**1 February 2027**
Classes end	**8 May 2027**
Mandatory Midterm Exams	From 8 March to 13 March 2027
Examination period (one examination date for each second-semester course)	From 10 May to 22 May 2027
Second examination period – all courses	From 24 May to 26 June 2027

Easter Holidays from 25 to 30 March 2027

NB Each semester, a minimum of two exam opportunities will be available for each course. The Second Examination Period officially marks the end of the academic semester. However, many exchange students choose to complete their exams earlier, typically during the First Examination Period. Students can take all their exams in the First Period, all in the Second, or split them between the two – this is the most common approach among Luiss students.

4.2 Courses, Exams, Transcripts of Records

The Luiss Education Model

Luiss University aims to be a focal point for nurturing a new generation of leaders of change and citizens of the future, offering a learning environment that combines academic excellence, innovation and an international outlook.
Luiss University provides an education that is aligned with developments in the labour market and society, enhancing the synergy between theory and practice. Students can thus develop independent critical thinking and learn the necessary tools to face global challenges with a broad and informed vision.

One educational vision, two tailor-made paths

The University has an education model differentiated in its application for the Undergraduate School and the Graduate School. Advanced skills in the social sciences are integrated with a deep understanding of emerging technologies, thus responding to the needs of an increasingly complex and interconnected world.
The core of the Luiss Education Model is one and the same, but its application is tailored to adapt and respond in a targeted manner to the educational needs of each stage of a student's university studies.

Undergraduate School Educational Model – Engaged Learning

The model offers students the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to real-world challenges, collaborating with organisations, businesses and institutions on shared social issues.
Through practical experiences complemented by opportunities for critical reflection, learning translates into impact.
The Engaged Learning teaching model integrates:

- Lectures and expert testimonials.
- Multimedia materials.
- Digital tools for data collection and analysis.
- Practical activities: field trips, role-playing, simulations, and the use of professional software.

The goal is to provide **not just knowledge, but a transferable and lasting learning method** that can adapt to new and evolving challenges.

For those enrolled in Bachelor's Degree programs a compulsory midterm exam has been introduced. Students can decline the midterm grade and choose to take the entire test in the exam session, but it will no longer be possible to decline a grade obtained in a final exam. Bachelor students will have 2

examination dates at the end of each semester in which the course is taught, 1 date in each subsequent session and 1 date in the autumn session.
Single-Cycle students will have 3 examination dates at the end of each semester in which the course is taught, 3 dates in each subsequent session and 1 date in the autumn session.
It is no longer be possible to reject the grade received on an exam.

Find out more!

Graduate School Educational Model – SMART
An innovative framework that places the student at the center of the learning journey, combining academic rigor, a multidisciplinary approach, advanced technologies, and practical application. It is structured around five distinctive factors that define its pedagogical framework and educational effectiveness.

1. **S**tudent-Centricity - Customizable education pathways tailored to student's specific needs.
2. **M**ultidisciplinarity - Integration of expertise from different areas of knowledge.
3. **A**cademic Rigor - Solid theoretical preparation with advanced teaching methods.
4. **R**eadiness - Focus on the practical application of skills in the world of work.
5. **T**ech-Enhancement - Targeted use of digital technologies to enhance learning.

Through ongoing interaction with international faculty, researchers, and professionals, learning evolves in a dynamic, flexible, and discussion-based manner, valuing **diverse perspectives** and **real-world experience**.

Graduate School students must **actively participate in at least 70% of the lectures.** A lecture attendance tracking system is in place. Those who do not reach this threshold are considered non-compliant.

The student evaluation system adopted by the Graduate School consists of **continuous assessment**, designed to monitor progressive learning during the semester, where assessments count for **1/3** of the **final grade**, and a **final exam** which **counts for 2/3 of the final grade**. Continuous assessment is mandatory and ongoing evaluations cannot be opted out.
It is no longer be possible to reject the grade received on an exam.

Master students will have 2 examination dates at the end of each semester in which the course is taught, 1 date in each subsequent session (during this exam session continuous assessment is not an option and consequently students are assessed in a single final exam, which counts for 100% of the grade obtained).

Find out more!

The languages of instruction are **Italian and English**. For the list of courses offered in English please visit: **Courses in English for Erasmus and Exchange students.**

Course selection follows a **first-come, first-served policy** and takes place in **late June/July** for the **First Semester** and in **November/December** for the **Second Semester**, with an additional selection period during the **first week of classes**. The recommended workload is **24-30 ECTS credits**, although students may register for up to **a maximum of 40 ECTS credits, and must take at least one course**. Incoming students are advised not to take more than 24 credits if they do not stay for the full examination period and leave in December.

Exchange students are given access to all the courses at Undergraduate and/or Graduate, as long as they have the necessary prerequisites and do not have time-table clashes. The Graduate courses are at advanced level and students should have the required background and very good language competences. The **prerequisites** serve as a guide for **self-assessment**, helping students determine whether they have the **foundational knowledge** required to succeed in their chosen courses.

Elective courses will be offered only if enough students register for the courses. Because not all courses will be offered, it is recommended that you enrol in more than one.

Exams are held after the teaching period and can be oral, written or both. Depending on the School and level, some courses will have two or three examination dates and students can choose the one they prefer.

The exact examination dates for each subject will be defined about a month and a half before the beginning of the examination session.

Guest students will have to enrol for each exam following the instructions provided upon arrival at Luiss.

Exams can be taken only in person on the official dates.

Please note that **NO special examination can be arranged for exchange students**.

Transcripts of records will be sent by email to the Partner Institutions **4 weeks after the end the examinations periods** of each examination session. Luiss University is now embracing an eco-friendly policy and hardcopies will be sent only to those partners who explicitly request it. To the students who come to Luiss for the whole academic year or for the second semester, the transcripts will be sent by the end of July. Transcripts cannot be prepared before the session is over.

4.3 Grading System

Individual courses are graded on a scale of **18-30/30**.

Very brilliant students may be awarded **30 cum laude** (**30 e lode**). The minimum passing grade is **18/30**. Grades **below 18** are considered failing and are not registered.

Grades below 18 will not and cannot appear on the transcript of records. In Italy grades below 18 do not exist. **Exceptions cannot be made**.

Distribution of grades in the Graduate School

Luiss Grades	Distribution	Definition
30 e lode	13,20%	Excellent
30	22,49%	Very good
29	20,08%	
28	18,07%	Good
27	11,20%	
26	6,27%	Satisfactory
25	3,39%	
24	1,95%	
23	1,01%	
22	0,61%	
21	0,37%	
20	0,32%	
19	0,19%	
18	0,40%	Sufficient
<18	/	Fail
Total	100%	

Luiss students stand out for their academic excellence, as admission to the University is merit-based, competitive and highly selective.

4.4 Courses in Italian language and culture

Luiss Guido Carli offers **Italian language courses** to Erasmus and exchange students in both first and second semester. They are free of charge and are organized by the linguistic academy **Trinity School** in Rome.

The students who attend the courses and comply with the requirements will receive a certificate and gain **3 ECTS credits.**

4.5 Accommodation

The Luiss University Accommodation Office assists international students in their search for accommodation during their stay in Rome as part of **Erasmus, Bilateral Exchange and Double-Degree** projects in the 2026/2027 academic year.

Luiss University offers international students the possibility to spend their period of studies at one of our:

- **Luiss residences** (run directly by the University)
- **Affiliated residences** (run by a private institution on foot of an agreement with the University)

- **Private rooms and apartments** selected through online brokerage platforms and local real estate agencies that have an agreement with the University.

To be able to apply for accommodation at one of the halls of residence, students are required to apply through an automated online booking system. The system will process applications in chronological order contingent upon the availability of the desired accommodation.

For more information, please visit:

Accommodations for Incoming Erasmus and Exchange Students.

4.6 Health and insurance

Students from the EU are entitled to the services of the Italian National Health Service using their European Health Insurance Card (E.H.I.C.). However, the card does not cover rescue, repatriation and private health care. We suggest verifying how to get the card and which services are covered with the social security administration of your country before your departure, as each country's healthcare system is different, services that cost nothing at home might not be free in another country. For more information please visit: European Health Insurance Card

Non-EU students are required to subscribe a health insurance covering all risks that students might incur in during the whole exchange period abroad.

Non-EU students must hold a health insurance policy meeting the following requirements:

- It must cover expenses in the event of emergency treatments, urgent hospitalization, accidents, and injuries.
- It must cover the entire duration of your stay in Italy
- It must be valid for the territory of all member-states applying to the Schengen Agreement in its entirety.
- It must guarantee the policy–holder's return to his/her own country in case of serious illness.
- If it is in a language other than Italian or English, it must be translated into at least English.

  It is essential that students promptly purchase health insurance, as it is required for their residence permit and often for visa purposes.

Healthcare Facilities

Students and Luiss Graduates can take advantage of **free** medical services provided on campus by our staff physician – **Dr. Gianpiero Cutolo**.

You can also contact the Luiss doctor by calling +39 06 85225400.

Luiss also offers a **free** preventive medicine service through qualified local health units off-campus. To reduce risks and encourage a healthy campus, students can take routine health care exams, which can be integrated by more specific ones, if required.

The new **Luiss Wellbeing Hub** is available at the Borghetto in Viale Romania campus.

The Hub, coordinated by Professor Maurizio Evangelista, offers to students, teachers, and staff general consultation services as well as national-level specialists in the areas with the greatest bio-psycho-social impact, with particular attention paid to the awareness and prevention of the main chronic conditions, including Long COVID syndrome.

4.7 Administrative formalities

4.7.1 Visa and Residency for Non-EU Students

Italian bureaucracy can sometimes be challenging. For this reason, the Student Mobility is committed to providing the best possible support to incoming exchange students. You can find constantly updated information about Visa and Residency request for Non-EU Students on our **webpage**.

5. The Graduate School

The Graduate School at Luiss Guido Carli incorporates graduate degree programs.

5.1 Graduate Degree Courses

By clicking on the name of the Programs the course structure is available.

Strategic Management (held both in English and Italian) - (120 ECTS credits)

The Master's Degree in Strategic Management is designed to develop **consultants and managers** capable of managing **innovative and sustainable strategies** within organisations operating in increasingly complex markets and ecosystems. The programme is a unique learning experience because it equips its students to **design solutions for key challenges and emerging risks** in global, national and local contexts.

Through constant **student-faculty** interaction and cooperation with **public, private, scientific and social** actors, the curriculum provides a **multidimensional and interdisciplinary view** of the economic, institutional and social dynamics that influence global and local markets. A distinctive element of the programme is the **combination of managerial, legal and economic knowledge**.

Students start with a solid theoretical and practical training in strategic management then specialise in **Strategic Management & Consulting** (Eng and Ita), **Technology Strategy** (Eng), and **Sustainability & Circular Economy** (Eng), each of which includes a series of targeted courses and in-depth practical training to develop specific skills and comprehensive knowledge.

Management (held in English) - (120 ECTS credits)

The Master in Management is recognised worldwide for its academic excellence in equipping students to **manage and innovate organisations** in competitive environments. This programme combines **advanced theory and practical application**, enabling students to acquire essential skills in **entrepreneurship**, innovation and **international management**, as well as an **in-depth understanding of business dynamics and strategies**. The course emphasises the **development of leadership skills** to make informed decisions and bring sustainable growth and success to organisations. The teaching approach

is characterised by the use of **participatory methods** that allow students to confront **real-world problems** and work together to find **innovative solutions**. In addition, opportunities for interaction with businesses provide direct experience that further enriches the education received.

The Master's Degree in Management is a two-year course that provides a solid foundation in the principles and practices of management. The first year provides a common curriculum for all students, focusing on the core skills and concepts of management. In the second year, students choose a major that matches their career goals:

Major in International Management specializing in international human resource management, comparative corporate governance, international operations and supply chain, international finance, and many others.

Major in Luxury, Fashion and Made in Italy specializing in fashion management, luxury management or tourism management combined with business modelling and retail and service marketing.

Major in Entrepreneurship and Innovation specializing at starting a business, e.g., venture capital, business modelling and planning and intellectual property rights and the management of innovations in corporate environments.

The course is completely taught in English, internationally ranked, and offers numerous double degree options and other exchanges to the enrolled students.

Administration, Finance and Control (Amministrazione, Finanza e Controllo – held both in Italian and English) - (120 ECTS credits)

The two-year Degree Program in **Administration, Finance and Control** offers students a choice of two tracks, one taught in Italian and the other in English, both focusing on providing a comprehensive, multidisciplinary education. The specialization in **Financial Statements, Control, and Business Consulting** (held in Italian) provides advanced training in accounting, tax, and finance. It focuses on preparing financial statements, financial and sustainability reporting, coordinating civil and tax law, and managing corporate crises. The program **Accounting, Financial Management and Control** (held in English) provides rigorous quantitative training in financial and management accounting, quantitative methods for management (data analytics), and budgeting and financial planning processes. This equips students with the tools to prepare and analyze financial information to support managerial decision-making.

Marketing (held both in English and Italian) - (120 ECTS credits)

The Master in **Marketing** provides a comprehensive preparation that integrates marketing fundamentals with the latest trends, giving students the tools they need to build and manage strong brands, analyse consumer behaviour and use data to make **effective decisions** in increasingly **dynamic, technological and sustainable** markets. The curriculum covers both **traditional topics** - such as consumer behaviour, marketing communication and branding - and **cutting-edge topics** such as marketing analytics and neuromarketing. Teaching adopts a **practical and experiential approach**, applying theoretical knowledge to real-world situations. This method enhances **technical skills** and fosters **creativity and innovation**, key elements in standing out in a **competitive marketplace**. The Master's Degree in

Marketing provides a solid grounding in modern marketing strategies and techniques. The first semester of the first year includes a common curriculum that focuses on the acquisition of core marketing skills. In the second semester, students can choose from **four majors** (two in Italian and two in English) to explore **specific areas of marketing** in depth, with a curriculum tailored to their professional aspirations.

Data Sciences and Management (held in English) - (120 ECTS credits)

The Master's Degree in Data Sciences and Management is designed to train the leaders of the future by equipping them with skills in **artificial intelligence**, **data science** and **management** through a comprehensive and balanced education. With a practical and applied approach, the curriculum provides students with advanced skills in the analysis of complex data and strategic decision-making giving them a competitive advantage for entering the world of work. In a world increasingly focused on digitisation and the use of data, this programme is a progressive response to the needs of modern organisations, which require professionals who can harness the power of data to drive innovation and meet the challenges of the digital revolution.

Global Management & Politics (held in English) - (120 ECTS credits)

The Master's Degree in Global Management and Politics is designed to develop professionals capable of combining **managerial** and **political science** skills and who are well positioned for **management** and **advisory** roles in a globalised and ever-changing world.
The programme is distinguished by an **interdisciplinary** approach that combines **economics**, **management, political science, law** and **history**, offering an in-depth understanding of the dynamics governing the relationships between **public institutions**, **economic actors** and **international organisations**. Thanks to the balance between **analytical rigour** and attention to **concrete issues**, the programme equips students to work in **complex professional contexts**, both in **multinational businesses** and in **governmental** and **non-governmental organisations**.

Finance (held in English) - (120 ECTS credits)

The Master's Degree in Finance at Luiss, among the best in the world according to the **Financial Times rankings**, is designed to develop professionals capable of operating in **corporate finance** and **financial markets**, combining a solid theoretical foundation with an applied approach. The course is taught in an innovative way, using case studies, simulations and professional interaction. Through the reconstruction of **market scenarios** and **complex business decisions**, the activities create a dynamic learning environment in which to experiment and develop **effective financial strategies**, honing **analytical** and **decision-making skills**.
The programme also fosters an informed understanding of the **responsibilities** that come with managing financial resources in an **interconnected economy**.

Additionally, students can participate in the prestigious QTEM programme, which connects academia and industry through a network of 19 universities and multinational organisations.

In the second year, students can choose from four specialisation majors to delve deeper into specific areas of finance, with targeted preparation according to their professional ambitions: **Corporate Finance** and **Financial Markets**.

Economics, Institutions and Financial Markets– held both in English and in Italian) - (120 ECTS credits)

The Master's degree in **Economics, Institutions and Financial Markets** provides a **comprehensive, specialized** education that covers a broad spectrum of key areas in **finance and economics**.
The course is designed to provide a solid **theoretical and analytical foundation**, with the goal of understanding **global markets** and **contemporary economies**.
The curriculum explores the major areas of **finance**, **economic theory**, **macroeconomic and microeconomic policy** and covers the study of **quantitative methods**. It also provides a critical and informed view of global economic dynamics, essential for navigating complex environments and **formulating growth strategies**.

In the second year, students can choose a specialisation in areas such as **Economics, Data and Policy** (**held in English**), **Banking and Financial Intermediaries** (**held in Italian**), or join an exclusive path developed in collaboration with the Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), known as the RoME Masters in Economics.

International Relations (held in English) - (120 ECTS credits)

The Master's Degree in **International Relations** is designed to enhance and refine students' understanding of **global dynamics** and **international relations** through **an interdisciplinary education** that integrates different perspectives and skills.
The program stands out for its focus on **key areas** such as **diplomacy**, **international security** and **Euro-Mediterranean studies**, providing the **strategic-analytical skills** needed to address the **complex challenges** of the contemporary world.

The first semester offers a common curriculum for all students, with the aim of providing a solid theoretical and practical foundation in the field of International Relations. After a first semester of core courses, the program is divided into **three majors**:

Major in Diplomacy aiming at forming diplomatic personnel to join international representation around the world.

Major in Security aiming at deepening security related issues and its main challenges.

Major in Euro - Mediterranean Studies aiming at training analysts and experts in the euro-Mediterranean area.

The second year allows students to complete and customise their studies thanks to elective courses and study abroad periods, fostering a flexible approach geared to individual professional objectives.

Government and Public Affairs (held both in Italian and English)- (120 ECTS credits)

The Master's Degree in Government and Public Affairs offers a **solid and multidisciplinary education** in the main fields of **politics**, **administration, public policy**, **governance systems** and, more generally, **public affairs,** while ensuring a high degree of **versatility in the majors that can be pursued.**
The programme combines **in-depth theoretical foundations** with a **practical and applied** approach, responding to the needs of a labour market that requires professional figures capable of managing **public-private sector relations,** understanding and influencing **political decision-making processes,** communicating effectively in increasingly **interconnected institutional contexts, both nationally and internationally.**

The Master's Degree Programme in Government, Administration and Politics is structured in an **innovative** way, envisaging a **set of common courses** after which students can opt for a number of **tailor-made majors**.

The curriculum is split into **three distinct but interconnected phases**:

1. A **core of basic courses**, taught in **Italian** or **English**, providing the theoretical and methodological foundations common to all students.
2. Choice of three majors, each focusing on specific areas: **Government and Administration** (taught in Italian); **Communication and Public Affairs** (taught in Italian); **Public Policy** (taught in English)
3. Selection of **transversal elective courses** and completion of **practical certificates**, obtained through intensive courses.

6. Useful Information for Guest Students

Detailed information for guest students about life in Rome (cost of living, public transportation, accommodation, libraries, administrative formalities, etc.) is available on our website.

The city of Rome offers an inimitable blend of history, art, culture, life and opportunities. Visitors will have the amazing opportunity to travel through history while walking on its streets: daily life does not just offer superb views of the Coliseum, Fontana di Trevi, the Roman Forum, Piazza di Spagna or the Pantheon, but also hides ancient secrets and modern charms in the narrow streets of the city center.

For information, the best places to make inquiries are the Tourist Information Offices located all over the center and in the main transport terminals.

6.1 Useful Websites on Italy and Rome

Italy

www.italia.it

https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

https://www.esteri.it/en/ministero/

Rome

A good and reliable source of information about streets, monuments, museums, places of entertainment, cultural events, commercial activity, and shopping is the official website of the City and its social networks:

https://www.turismoroma.it/en/romalive

https://www.comune.roma.it/web/it/eventi.page

https://sovraintendenzaroma.it/

https://www.turismoroma.it/en/page/map-rome

Other useful sources of information on what is going on in Rome are digital magazines about events and lifestyle, Romeing and ZERO, and websites like https://www.turismoroma.it/en/romalive.

Cost of Living

Housing & Utilities

Shared Room: €350-800

Single Room: €500-1.000

Studio: €800-1200

Utilities: €60-100

Groceries

Food and household items: €200-300 per month

Leisure

Cocktails: €6-20

Aperitivo (Happy hour): €8-15

Cinema: €5-10

Restaurant: €15-40

Pizzeria: €10-25

Useful links for accommodation:

www.airbnb.com

www.collegiuniversitari.it/en/index.aspx

housinganywhere.com/

www.spotahome.com/

www.cercasicasa.it

www.uniplaces.com

www.idealista.it/en/

Emergency Numbers

When travelling in Europe, the emergency number is always 112. Call the single European emergency number if you require urgent assistance from the police, the fire brigade or medical services.

The 112 operator will forward the call to the relevant service depending on the type of emergency.

Calls to the single European emergency number, 112, are free of charge from landlines and mobile networks, even if the phone does not have a SIM card, is blocked or is out of credit.

6.2 Contacts

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Drop-in hours:

From Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 12 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 am to 12 pm and from 3 pm to 4 pm

6.3 How to Reach the University Campuses

Buses from Termini Station to Viale Pola, Via di S. Costanza, Via Parenzo: Line 38, 62, 82, 90

Buses from Termini Station to Viale Romania: Line 223, 360, 910

Bus from Tiburtina Station to Via Panama: Line 168

(You can use MuoversiaRoma or Moovit)

Rome has an integrated public transport network operated by the companies ATAC – Cotral – FS- Ferrovie dello Stato. The system includes a network of metro, bus, tram and metro-type rail service.

Bus and tram services (ATAC) cover the center of the city and the suburbs. They operate from 5:30 am to 12:00 Pm. Night bus service is available from midnight to 5:30 am. Night busses are recognized by the number followed by the letter N (notturno).

There are three metro lines, A, B and C which connect extra urban and peripheral zones with the center.

- Metro line A runs from Battistini Station, situated northwest of the city, to Anagnina Station in the south- east.
- Metro line B runs from Rebibbia Station, situated north- east of the city, to Laurentina Station to the center-south.
- Metro line C runs from Colosseo to Pantano Station.

Trains circulate from 5:30 am to 11:30 pm (until 1:30 am on Fridays and Saturdays).

You can transfer from line A to B in Termini Station, from B to C in Colosseo Station and from A to C in San Giovanni.

A shuttle train called the Leonardo Express, leaving every 15 minutes (from 4:50 am to 11:27 pm) links Fiumicino International Airport with Termini Central Station. The price of the ticket is €14 for one ride.

For information about bus and tram service (ATAC) you can call 06 57 003 or check the website www.atac.roma.it/en/home.

You can also ask at any tourist information stand for a free map of the transportation network.

Single tickets (€1.50) allow you to use all means of public transportation within the metropolitan area of Rome for up to 100 minutes.

Monthly passes cost €35 and last for the calendar month, so we recommend buying them at the beginning of the month.

Public transportation and maps

www.atac.roma.it/en/home

www.trenitalia.com/en.html

www.italotreno.com/en

www.tuttocitta.it