



EU-TriBE

Triple Bachelor's Degree
in Economics and Business



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The Program

Overview

Embarking on a transformative academic journey throughout Europe offers the opportunity to expand one's intellectual horizons while immersing oneself in a rich tapestry of cultures and experiences. The European Triple Bachelor in Economics and Business (EU-TriBE), is a three-year program offered by three prominent institutions: Luiss University in Rome, the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in Belgium, and Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany.

EU-TriBE presents a unique opportunity for students to attain three nationally accredited degrees. The students will be graduating with a:

- Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business from **Luiss**;
- Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the **Université Libre de Bruxelles**;
- Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business Administration from **Goethe**.

The program features a structured pathway spanning three years, with each year conducted at a different university, which encourages students to engage deeply with diverse cultures and educational systems. Over the span of two consecutive academic years, participants will have the opportunity to experience the academic and cultural richness of three captivating and dynamic cities located in the heart of Europe, thereby deepening their understanding of economics and business within varied contexts. Luiss students will follow a tailored study track based on their home university, further enhancing their academic journey:

- First year (2024/2025) at Luiss;
- Second year (2025/2026) at Solvay;
- Third year (2026/2027) at Goethe.

[More details in the program website.](#)

Partners

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM)

SBS-EM, part of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), is a leading institution in Economics and Management, dedicated to nurturing future leaders through a multidisciplinary and rigorous education.

Emphasizing critical thinking, free inquiry, and research, SBS-EM offers a challenging curriculum that fosters innovation and prepares students for global careers, supported by an extensive international alumni network.

Brussels, a cosmopolitan triple capital and home to major institutions like NATO and the EU, offers a vibrant yet relaxed environment. With a diverse international community, the city combines a rich array of amenities with easy accessibility and green spaces, making it a unique urban experience.

As part of the SBS-EM, students benefit from both a world-class education and the dynamic, international atmosphere of this thriving city.



Goethe University, Frankfurt

At the nexus of Europe and global interaction, Goethe embodies the ideals of a progressive educational institution. Established in 1914 by civic-minded individuals, it has evolved into an autonomous foundation university since 2008, reflecting its commitment to a forward-thinking academic community. The University is deeply rooted in its historical context and remains steadfast in its adherence to the principles of European Enlightenment, democracy, and the rule of law. Frankfurt, known as a green city with over 120 parks and located near Germany's

scenic wine region, offers both natural beauty and a vibrant urban life. With nearby Taunus hills, the Rhine River, and over 450 sports clubs, the city provides ample outdoor and recreational activities. As a major transportation and economic hub with nearly 700,000 residents, Frankfurt is efficient to navigate and was named Germany's most livable city in 2018. Students enjoy free public transportation through the Goethe Card and access to the city's rich cultural offerings, including museums and theaters, with student discounts.



Study Plan

2024/2025 - Luiss

Course	ECTS
INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS ECONOMICS	8
PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS	8
MATHEMATICS 1	10
MICROECONOMICS	8
ACCOUNTING	8
STATISTICS	8
PRINCIPLES OF CIVIL LAW	6
GAP 1	2
FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSE ¹	2
	60

¹The credits for the French language course will not be counted towards the Luiss degree. Lessons will take place on Saturday mornings. This course provides a pass/fail assessment (no grade out of 30).

2025/2026 Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM)

Course	ECTS	Recognition at Luiss' Degree	ECTS
MACROECONOMICS	5	MACROECONOMICS	8
MONETARY THEORY	5		
MATHEMATICS: LINEAR ALGEBRA	5	MATHEMATICS 2	8
PROBABILITIES, STATISTICAL INFERENCE AND OPERATIONAL RESEARCH	10	APPLIED STATISTICS AND ECONOMETRICS	8
INTERNATIONAL TRADE THEORY	5		
ANALYSIS OF CONTEMPORARY ECONOMIC ISSUES	5	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS	8
INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	5		
ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL STATEMENT	5	CORPORATE FINANCE	8
ECONOMIC LAW	5	LAW AND ECONOMICS	10
FIRST LANGUAGE (ENGLISH OR FRENCH) ²	5	OTHER ACTIVITIES	4
SECOND LANGUAGE (FRENCH OR GERMAN) ³	5	GAP 2	2
		SECOND LANGUAGE	4
	60		60

²If a student has at least a C1 level of English prior to arriving in Brussels, he/she can take French language. If so, the second language will be German. - ³If a student has at least a C1 level of French prior to arriving to Bruxelles, he/she can take a course of German language instead.

2026/2027 Goethe University

Course	ECTS	Recognition at Luiss' Degree	ECTS
Track in Economics			
SIX ELECTIVE COURSES	6x6	MONEY AND BANKING	8
		FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS	8
		IO AND COMPETITION THEORY	8
		ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	8
		GAMES AND STRATEGIES	8
		INFORMATION SYSTEMS ELECTIVE COURSE	6
COURSE ON ECONOMETRICS	6	ELECTIVE COURSE	6
GERMAN	6		
BACHELOR THESIS	12	FINAL WORK	4
	60		62
Track in FINANCE			
SIX ELECTIVE COURSES	6x6	MONEY AND BANKING	8
		FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS	8
		MATHEMATICAL FINANCE	8
		CAPITAL MARKETS	6
		GAMES AND STRATEGIES	6
		INFORMATION SYSTEMS ELECTIVE COURSE	6
COURSE ON ECONOMETRICS	6	ELECTIVE COURSE	6
GERMAN	6		
BACHELOR THESIS	12	FINAL WORK	4
	60		62



Academics

Program Rules

GENERAL RULES

While every effort is made to provide students with complete, accurate and timely information, Luiss, Solvay and Goethe reserve the right to change, amend, modify or revoke the following Program Rules and Student Handbook.

The Program Rules are aimed at students enrolled in the first year of the Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business in the a.y. 2024/2025 and taking part in EU-TriBE.

Interested students are required to read and understand the study plan and the Program Rules. These are to be considered binding to the successful completion of the

program. Changes to the study plan are usually not possible and any request in this sense must be conveyed to the International Development Office, that cannot guarantee its feasibility.

The list of courses to be taken abroad may be subject to changes should the academic offer at Solvay and Goethe be amended.

Luiss is not responsible for any cancellation or modification due to events beyond its control. If the program is cancelled or modified for these reasons, Luiss will inform all interested students in a timely manner.

REGULATIONS

As a general principle, students are subject to the Academic Regulations of the University where they are studying in each academic year. These regulations apply not only to the Academic Activities, but also the rights and duties of the student, such as data protection, withdrawal or leave of absence, progress of study, etc.

- **Luiss:** students are subject to the University Academic Regulations, the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics.
- **ULB:** students are subject to the General Study Regulations and the Student Discipline Regulations of the current year.
- **Goethe:** students are subject to the Examination Regulation Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business Administration.

PROGRESSION OF STUDIES

Selected students will be required to take all credits listed in each academic year at the university where she or he is studying within the academic year (excluding the retake session in August / September). Failure to do so implies withdrawal from the program and return to their home institution, which can recognize credits taken abroad at their own discretion according to its own procedures and policies.

ATTENDANCE

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM)

- No compulsory attendance for courses, but exceptions exist when professors specifically request compulsory attendance pour group, oral, or exercise sessions for instance.
- For exams, students that decide not to take an exam can be given an “attendance note” if they request it directly to the professor. Otherwise, they will be registered as “absent”: an absence can be justified or unjustified only for information to the deliberation jury.

Goethe University

- Attendance of classes is only compulsory in seminars.
- Final exams can only be taken after the corresponding courses have ended.

EXAMS AND RETAKE POLICIES

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM)

- Examinations are divided into two sessions.
 - The first session takes place in two different periods, one in January and the other in June.
 - The second session takes place between August and September.
- Students are permitted to take an examination multiple times, provided the associated course is a component of their annual academic program. Each examination may be undertaken twice within a given academic year: once in the first session, which may occur either in January (semester 1) or June (semester 2), and once more in the second session during August.

- The content of the annual academic program is determined based on the remaining credits required for the completion of the respective program cycle. First-year courses must be successfully completed within the first two years of the bachelor’s program, while all program courses must be completed within a maximum timeframe of five years.

Goethe University

- Students can take each exam a maximum of three times and afterwards they are expelled from the program.
- The specific assessment criteria for each individual course will be delineated in the respective course syllabus.

CREDIT TRANSFER

Students will graduate from all three universities upon the successful completion of all required credits for each degree, in accordance with the assessment criteria for each course or activity. This must be achieved by the conclusion of their third year in the program. The home institution reserves the right to recognize credits earned abroad at its discretion, in accordance with its own established procedures and policies.

Table of Conversion

Solvay - Grade	Luiss - Grade	Goethe - Grade	Luiss - Grade
A	30 cum Laude	A	30 cum Laude
B	30	B	30
C	29	C	29
D	26		28
E	23	D	26
F	fail		25
		E	23
		F	fail

Please note that the conversion table may be revised and updated ahead of the mobility in the a.y. 2025/2026 should the distribution of grades at the partner universities change.

Final Work / Thesis and Graduation

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Students will only graduate from all three universities upon successful completion of all credits necessary for each degree. This includes adhering to the assessment criteria stipulated for every course and activity by the end of the third year of the program.
- Students will complete the final work / thesis during the third year of the program (2026/2027) at Goethe University.

SUPERVISION

Luiss

- Luiss will establish an academic commission composed of three faculty members, each representing one of the specializations or tracks: Economics, Finance, and Management.
- This commission will also function as part of the Luiss graduation commission. Their responsibilities include assigning a grade according to the Luiss grading scale while considering the assessment provided by the supervisor at Goethe University.

No thesis supervision is expected from **Solvay**.

Goethe University

- Students can apply for a thesis supervisor during the second semester of their third year.
- As part of the application process, students may indicate up to five preferences for their supervisor.
- Supervisors are assigned based on these preferences; however, if a student does not receive any of their preferred supervisors, an alternative supervisor will be appointed.
- The assigned supervisor will collaborate with the student to define the thesis topic and outline the structure of the thesis.

GRADUATION

Luiss

- EU-TriBE students are not eligible for graduation at Luiss in the Summer Session 2026/2027 (July). Therefore, the earliest graduation session will be in Autumn 2026/2027 (October / November).
- Approximately 2 to 3 months after the official graduation date, a non-mandatory graduation ceremony is held in Rome. Students have the option to collect their diplomas on this day.
- Should a student choose not to attend the graduation ceremony, the diploma will be mailed to their designated home address.

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM)

- The deliberation takes place in the beginning of September.
- The graduation ceremony is scheduled one month later, in October.

Goethe University

- Grades are typically released by the end of August.
- The deliberation process and official graduation can occur anytime following the submission of the thesis.





Student Life

Academic Calendar

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM) – 2025/2026

SEMESTER 1	mid-September 2025 to end of January 2026
SEMESTER 2	early February to end of June 2026
SUMMER BREAK	early July to mid-August 2026
RETAKE SESSION	Starting in mid-August 2026

Goethe University – 2026/2027

SEMESTER 1	mid-October 2026 until end of February 2027
SEMESTER 2	April until mid-August 2027
SUMMER BREAK	mid-August until mid-October 2027

Housing

The university does not provide accommodation, so students are responsible for finding their own housing. However, it is possible to apply for student dormitories, subject to availability.

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM)

SBS-EM can help providing housing on campus and in private residences but does not guarantee housing to any incoming students. It is essential to begin the search for accommodation well in advance, as availability can be competitive. SBS-EM provides student dormitories, and applicants can submit requests for housing through the university's [official website](#). For those seeking housing, please check the following websites: [Spot-a-Home](#), [Immoweb](#), and [Housing Everywhere](#). More info here: [Trouver un logement - ULB](#)

Goethe University

Goethe does not guarantee housing to any incoming students, while it will do its best to support the student in finding suitable accommodation. Available options:

- Studierendenwerk residences
- Private residences
- Private apartments

The student services association "Studentenwerk" plays a vital role in managing student accommodation in Frankfurt, overseeing over half of the city's dormitories. With seventeen dormitories providing more than 1,850 rooms, students from Goethe and two other local universities have a range of options for their housing needs. The residence halls cater to diverse preferences, offering everything from single rooms and private apartments to shared accommodations. For comprehensive information about housing options and the application process, we encourage you to visit the student service association Studentenwerk website. Due to limited capacity in dormitories, many students opt for private housing arrangements. A popular choice among students is to live in Wohngemeinschaften (WGs), or shared apartments, which foster a community environment. To assist students in their search for private housing, the student service association Studentenwerk provides a complimentary service that displays available rooms and apartments for rent at their Service Center. More info [here](#)

Campus and Student Life

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM)

The School proudly provides an exceptional range of multidisciplinary studies for over 4,200 students, encompassing bachelor's, master's, specialized master, and PhD programs. The commitment to academic excellence is evident in its diverse curriculum, which is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in today's dynamic job market.

Solvay state-of-the-art facilities and resources foster a stimulating learning environment, while its experienced faculty members bring real-world expertise to the classroom. By encouraging collaboration across various fields of study, it prepares the students to think critically and innovatively, addressing complex challenges in a global context.

Goethe University

Goethe proudly hosts a vibrant community of over 48,000 students, including approximately 7,600 international students from around 136 diverse countries.

This rich tapestry of cultures and backgrounds fosters an enriching academic environment that encourages collaboration and cross-cultural exchange. The university's three main campuses are buzzing with energy, thanks to a wide array of student organizations and activities that cater to various interests and goals.

From cultural clubs and sports teams to academic societies and artistic groups, there is something for everyone. Regular events, workshops, and networking opportunities not only enhance the student experience but also promote personal growth and professional development.

Moreover, Goethe places a strong emphasis on educational innovation, offering numerous programs and resources designed to equip students with the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly globalized world.

The combination of a robust academic framework, a supportive community, and lively campus life ensures that every student can make the most of their university experience while forging lasting connections and friendships.

Financial Arrangements

Tuition Fees for the 2024/2025

Academic Intake:

- Students will pay standard tuition fees to Luiss during the entire three-year period according to the rules of the university.
- Students are required to pay the Italian regional tax, which amounts to approximately 156€, every year. Additionally, students in their third year of study are required to pay a graduation fee of 200€, in accordance with the official timeline and regulations set forth by Luiss.
- During their year of studies at Goethe, students are required to pay a contribution to the student service association “Studentwerk” and the obligatory semester ticket for local and regional public transport (300€ per semester).
- All expenses related to the participation in the program, notably transport to and from the host universities, accommodation and food, administrative expenses, costs associated with securing a visa, medical/health/accident insurance, books, application fees or deposits, and personal expenses, will be borne by students.
- Luiss University will provide Erasmus funding for students during their first year abroad, as well as additional university funding for their second year abroad.



COST OF LIFE

SOLVAY BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT (SBS-EM)



Housing: typically ranges from 350€ to 500€ per month, depending on the type of housing and the level of comfort. A rental deposit of one to three months' rent may be required by the landlord.



Meals: Average monthly budget of 400€. There are also many food services on campus with low prices.



Public transport: The monthly cost for students is 40€. A single ticket (buses/underground) cost is 2,20€.



Books: Average cost for books and learning material per month is 35€.



Cinema: Usual cost between 9,50€ and 12,50€.



Theaters and concerts: The average ticket cost is between 15€ and 30€, but many associations give students reduced prices.

GOETHE UNIVERSITY



Housing: Typically costs around 450€ per month.



Meals: Average monthly budget of 200€.



Public transport: Costing approximately 300€ per semester.



Books: Average cost for books and learning material per month is 40€.



Cinema: Cost around 10€.



Theaters and concerts: Tickets for theaters, operas and concerts, ranging from 10€ to 30€, with student discounts frequently available.

Student Associations and Initiatives

BeSolvay⁴

The BE Solvay hosts a variety of clubs dedicated to providing extra-curricular activities that cater to diverse interests and academic disciplines. These clubs encompass a wide range of areas, from finance and marketing to expressive arts and social consciousness, ensuring that there is a valuable opportunity for every student to engage. Additionally, the offerings include critical general subjects, such as mentor networks and job interview preparation, which are essential for student development. Participation in student associations is a crucial component of the educational journey for students throughout their university tenure. Therefore, the Solvay EIB is committed to facilitating involvement in its various clubs, thereby enabling students to acquire and enhance their skills in a practical environment alongside peers from diverse backgrounds.

Goethe University

A vibrant array of student groups enhances the academic and social landscape, contributing to a rich tapestry of cultural, political, and recreational opportunities.

These initiatives⁵ not only foster community engagement but also provide a platform for students to voice their ideas and collaborate on diverse projects.

To gain official recognition as a “student initiative,” groups must meet specific criteria designed to ensure they align with the university’s values and mission. This recognition offers greater visibility and access to resources, enabling student groups to thrive and further enrich the university experience for all.

⁴See all the clubs here: [Link](#)

⁵See all the [clubs](#) and [initiatives](#)





Selections & Admissions

Overview of the selection process

The selection process for Luiss students will be detailed in a Call for Applications, that will be published in the first half of December in the [program website](#).

EU-TriBE is open to students enrolled in the first year of the Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business in the academic year 2024/2025. The program accommodates a maximum of 10 students from Luiss every year, with candidates ranked based on their academic score.

The following description of the requirements and selection process is intended to provide guidance to interested students. These parameters are subject to change and will be considered definitive only when published in the official Call for Applications.

Requirements

In order to access the selection process, students are required to hold the following:

- **Average Grade:** at least 25/30
- **Course Completion:** pass all first-semester courses by the end of the Winter Exam Session 2024/2025 and all first-year courses by the end of Summer Exam Session 2024/2025⁶
- **English Language Proficiency:**
Minimum B2 level certified by one of the following certificates:
 - a. **TOEFL** min. 75/120 IBT
 - b. **IELTS** min. 6.5
 - c. **Cambridge: CPE, CAE, FCE** min. grade B
 - d. **Duolingo** min. 110/160
 - e. **Accademica linguistica Trinity School di Roma:** B2.4 level
 - f. **Luiss University Language Center:** B2.4 level
 - g. **International Secondary School Diploma totally taught in English**
- Have no pending administrative issues with Luiss.

Brussels' Grand Place, a central square known for its Gothic architecture and historical buildings, including the Town Hall and Maison du Roi. The area is a popular spot for visitors and locals, showcasing a blend of architectural styles.

Selections & Admissions

Selection Criteria

Eligible applicants will be ranked according to the academic score. Such score will be calculated according to the following criteria:

Criteria	Percentage	Details
WEIGHTED GPA	40%	Starting from the minimum valid grade (30/18).
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEVEL	25%	To be evaluated according to the CEFR levels.
MOTIVATION INTERVIEW	25%	Analysis of motivation of the student, including the personal statement, to be held in mid-February (final date to be confirmed)
GERMAN LANGUAGE LEVEL	5%	To be evaluated according to three thresholds: A (A1 and A2), B (B1 and B2) and C (C1 and C2).
FRENCH LANGUAGE LEVEL	5%	To be evaluated according to three thresholds: A (A1 and A2), B (B1 and B2) and C (C1 and C2).

Admissions & Enrollment

Once admitted to the program, Luiss students will be required to apply to the partner universities in order to be officially enrolled in all three institutions. Students are therefore requested to make sure that they complete the procedure according to the instructions and timeline requested by each institution.

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM)

- Application deadline: July 15 by submitting an [online Registration Form](#) with the [requested documents](#).
- Students will need to submit the following documents:
ID/Passport, Secondary school diploma, [Equivalency certificate](#).

Goethe University

- Application deadline: July 15 by submitting an [online Registration Form](#) with the [requested documents](#).
- Students will need to submit the following documents:
ID/Passport, Secondary school diploma, Health insurance.



Frankfurt's financial district, with modern skyscrapers like the Commerzbank Tower and Main Tower along the Main River. The view highlights the city's mix of contemporary architecture and traditional riverside buildings.

Students' Pathway

The following Students' Pathway is intended to provide an overview of the program to interested students. It is not to be intended as binding for any of the universities involved. These dates may be subject to change.

Academic Year	Month	Milestone
2024/2025	2 December 2024	Publication of Call for Applications
	24 January 2025	Deadline of Call for Applications
	February 2025	Selection interview
	26 February 2025	Communication of selection
	February – March 2025	Start of the lessons of the course of French language
	March 2025	Nomination of pre-selected Luiss students (10) to ULB-Solvay and Goethe
	Spring 2025	Application and enrollment to ULB-Solvay for the second year (only pre-selected students)
	June 2025	Compilation of study plan: Choose second language and Other Activities SJ1
	Early July 2025	Confirmation of selection (if passed all first-year courses)
	July (early) 2025	In case one or more pre-selected students do not comply with academic requirements, an equivalent number of Luiss students from the waiting list will be selected for the program and asked to take part (subject to confirmation from the students).
2025/2026	September 2025	Lessons start for second year courses of EUTribe at ULB-Solvay
	January 2026	Winter exam session of second year courses of EUTribe at ULB-Solvay
	June 2026	Summer exam session of second year courses of EUTribe at ULB-Solvay
	June 2026	Compilation of study plan: Choose specialization in Economics or in Finance and electives abroad
	July (early) 2026	Confirmation of progression to second year (if passed all second-year courses)
	September to November 2026	Receipt of grades (Transcript of Records) from ULB-Solvay and transfer of grades to the Luiss' degree

Academic Year	Month	Milestone
2026/2027	October 2026	Start of German language course at Goethe and enrollment at Goethe
	Mid-October 2026	Lessons start for third year courses of EUTribe at Goethe and registration for exams
	February-March 2027	Winter exam session of third year courses of EUTribe at Goethe
	April 2027	Apply for a thesis supervisor at Goethe
	July – August 2027	Summer exam session of second year courses of EUTribe at Goethe
	August to September 2027	Receipt of grades (Transcript of Records) from Goethe and transfer of grades to the Luiss' degree
	Early September 2027	Submit registration request for Autumn degree session at Luiss
	Early September 2027	Deliberation and graduation at ULB-Solvay
	September 2027	Deliberation and graduation at Goethe
	Mid-September 2027	Submission of thesis to Luiss
	October to November 2027	Graduation at Luiss
	To be confirmed	Graduation day at Luiss (not mandatory)

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