PhD in Economics and Finance

The program in short
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Why a PhD in Economics and Finance?

• The PhD degree is the highest level of university education
• A PhD in Economics and Finance trains students to become independent researchers in Economics and/or Finance
• A PhD graduate can undertake a career at the university or in any public/private company endowed with a research department

Why in Verona?

• The Department of Economics offers a stimulating young research environment in a lovely city
• We offer two dedicated curricula: Economics (ECO) and Data Analysis and Finance (DAF)
• Students are endowed with personal research funds and have access to a dedicated room, equipped with computers and other facilities
Main features of the program

- Six scholarships (gross amount: 16,000 euros per year)
- Personal research funds (1,600 euros per year)
- Access to dedicated room and Department facilities
- Duration: Four years full time
- Training activities entirely carried out in English
- Two curricula: Economics (ECO) and Data Analysis and Finance (DAF)
- First year of courses on general and specific topics
- Personalized training and research path
- Interaction with PhD programs from nearby universities
- Experience abroad of up to twelve months financially supported
Activities

First year
• Students attend advanced courses, offered in collaboration with the University of Padua, both compulsory on general topics and eligible on more specific topics
• At the end of the year, students choose a field of specialization, identify two supervisors and prepare a summer paper sketching their first research agenda

Second year
• Students start working on their research and are encouraged to shape a personalized study curriculum based on their research interests
• Students present their work on a “PhD day” jointly organized with the Universities of Padua and Ca’ Foscari of Venice
• At the end of the year, students present an internal seminar within the Department
Activities

Third year
• Students mainly work on their research
• A study and research stay in a foreign university or research institution for a period of six-twelve months usually takes place in this period
• Students present their work on a “PhD day” jointly organized with the Free University of Bozen
• At the end of the year, students present an internal seminar within the Department

Fourth year
• Students finalize their thesis, which must contain three chapters of original scientific production
• The thesis is evaluated by a pool of at least two external reviewers
• Final examinations usually take place between April and May of the year following the end of the program
Placement

• In the last five years we graduated 18 students
• At the time of graduation, they were all already having a job
• Most of them (13, i.e., 72%) got hired in a university
  • Out of these, 7 in Italy and 6 abroad (worldwide)
• The others (5, i.e., 28%) got hired in public/private companies
  • Out of these, 3 were hired as economists in large companies and 2 were teaching at the high school level
Admission

• Admission is through competition. The call for applications opens in April/May
• Eligible candidates hold, or are about to hold, a master’s degree in Economics or related fields
• The following material is required for an application: i) Certificate with final graduation mark or transcript with exam grades; ii) Curriculum Vitae; iii) Short original research proposal; iv) Two reference letters
• Shortlisted candidates are invited for an interview in June/July
• Activities start in October

• In 2022 we enrolled seven students: 4 with standard scholarships, 2 with exceptional scholarships financed with NextGen-EU funds, and 1 without scholarship
• From the standard 2022 call:
  • We received 146 applicants from 30 countries (19 Italians)
  • We shortlisted 45 applicants; 18 were considered suitable
  • Five students from four different countries eventually enrolled
Need more information?

- Visit the PhD official webpage
  [https://www.dse.univr.it/?ent=cs&id=1008&lang=en](https://www.dse.univr.it/?ent=cs&id=1008&lang=en)

- Contact the coordinator, Prof. Alessandro Bucciol
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- We look forward to hearing from you!