



UNIVERSITÀ
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Dipartimento
di **SCIENZE ECONOMICHE**

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
- Our students are endowed with personal research funds
- We also provide access to a dedicated room, equipped with computers and other facilities



Main features of the program

- Duration: Four years full time
- Four scholarships every year (gross amount: 20,000 euros per year)
- Personal research funds (1,600 euros per year)
- Access to dedicated room and Department facilities
- Training activities entirely carried out in English
- 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
- 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

- We graduated 18 students between 2016 and 2020
- 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 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 July
- Activities start in October
- In 2022 seven students enrolled: 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>
- Contact the coordinator, Prof. Alessandro Buccioli
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- We look forward to hearing from you!