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# Welcome

The complex world we live in has an increasing demand for high quality and policy relevant research in economics. Recent events, such as the Covid-19 pandemic, the increase of temperatures and extreme weather events due to climate change, and the war in Ukraine have only added to such complexity, creating new challenges and exacerbating existing ones. Therefore, despite the difficulties, this is a truly exciting moment to engage in a PhD in Economics and contribute to identify new issues and look for reliable solutions. I am very pleased that you have decided to take this opportunity with us at the Department of Economics of Ca' Foscari University of Venice. Welcome!

The PhD programme in Economics at Ca' Foscari University of Venice is a four-year doctoral programme and it stands as a core commitment for the Department of Economics, which was awarded the label of Department of Excellence by the Ministry of Education and Research (MUR) with relevant funding. A great part of this funding is used to support the PhD programme in Economics. The PhD programme is also supported by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan with which it shares the objectives, in particular training economists able to provide high quality research for policy relevant issues such as the socio-economic consequences of ageing or of climate change, and which offers the possibility to have PhD-candidates who work in cooperation with the Public Administration.

The PhD programme provides students with tools and instruments to conduct original research towards a doctoral dissertation in various fields of specialisation in economics and finance. These include Microeconomics, Economic Theory, Public Economics, Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics, Health Economics, Economics of Ageing, Labour Economics, Macroeconomics, Finance, Financial Economics, Economics of Energy and Climate Change, Environmental Economics, Regional Economics, Econometrics, Bayesian Econometrics, Financial Econometrics, Quantitative Finance, Mathematics for Economics, Computational Economics, and Economic Statistics.

The PhD programme is officially recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research (MUR) and has been awarded the certificate of "accreditamento". At the end of the programme students should have achieved any necessary knowledge and skill to perform highly qualified professions in economics or finance in universities and public or private organizations.

The policies and the activities of the PhD programme are planned and organized by the PhD Doctoral Faculty Board, which is composed by the Coordinator of the programme and by other members appointed by the Department of Economics.

This document provides a guide to the organization and the activities of the PhD programme, and to its policies and procedures. Useful information on the Department of Economics and Ca' Foscari University are provided on various websites which are indicated at the end of the guide. You are kindly invited to visit the websites and get familiar with the information useful for your attendance to Ca' Foscari University as a graduate student.

You as a PhD student are part of a very selected and worldwide community of talented students. This gives you the opportunity to spend a few years studying and researching in order to reach the frontier of current knowledge in economics, aiming to go beyond that limit. It is going to be an intense and gratifying experience.

On the behalf of the Doctoral Faculty Board: welcome aboard and enjoy your journey with us!

**Pietro Dindo**

Coordinator of the PhD in Economics

# PhD in Economics

## General organisation

The PhD in Economics is a four-year programme, entirely taught in English. It offers advanced training in economics, econometrics, and finance and aims to provide highly selected students with the ability to conduct original research, enabling them to pursue a career in academia, in economic and financial organizations, institutions and research centres.

According to the indications given by the Doctoral Faculty Board, during the first year, students attend an intensive programme divided into four terms of advanced courses in quantitative methods and economics, with exams and assignments. The programme starts in mid-September and ends in July with comprehensive exams in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics. During the first year, students are also required to attend Department seminars and perform research activities as indicated by the Doctoral Faculty Board. At the end of the first year, based on grades and overall achievements, the Board decides whether to admit students to the second year of the programme.

At the beginning of the second year, until the Christmas break, students attend research-oriented courses, with assignments and exams. Upon the completion of the courses programme, by the end of January, students have to choose and discuss topics for their dissertation with the main supervisor and present a general outlook at the first Monitoring Session. Work on the doctoral thesis is supervised by two supervisors; at least one of the two must be affiliated with Ca' Foscari University. After having arranged the topic of their thesis and agreed on the main supervisor, second-year doctoral students start to work on their research project. All students are expected to participate actively in Department seminars and other research activities organised by the Doctoral Faculty Board. From the second year and beyond, they also carry out teaching for undergraduate courses organised by the Department of Economics. PhD Students are encouraged and financially supported to participate in international conferences and workshops. From the second semester of the second year and beyond, they can organise a period of international mobility to conduct part of their research at an international institution; such a period is agreed with the supervisor and must be approved by the Doctoral Faculty Board. Third and fourth-year students, besides the teaching, also participate actively in Department seminars and other research activities organised by the PhD programme.

The programme ends with a final exam consisting in the thesis defence ("viva") in front of a Committee of at least three professors with expertise in the field of the dissertation. The Committee decides whether the student deserves the title of Dottore di Ricerca in Economia (PhD in Economics).

The PhD scholarship ends at the end of the 4th year, while the defence must take place within the following year, usually within six months.



## Teaching programme 2023-24 and requirements

Within the above-mentioned general guidelines, the activities for students enrolled in the four cycles of academic year 2023-24 are as follows.

### First year students – mandatory activities

Courses/other activities	Period
Welcome Meetings	First week of September 2023
1 <sup>st</sup> period – courses and exams	11.09.2023 - 28.10.2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> period - courses and exams	30.10.2023- 23.12.2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> period - courses and exams	8.01.2024- 23.03.2024
4 <sup>th</sup> period - courses and exams	25.03.2024- 31.05.2024
Department seminar series	Mondays Economics seminar series Wednesdays Internal seminars
Reading Seminars part 1	First semester
Reading Seminars part 2	Second semester
Comprehensive exams period	1-15 July 2024
1 <sup>st</sup> year monitoring	July 2024
Choice of thesis research project and main supervisor	End of January 2025

### Organization of the courses

#### 1<sup>st</sup> period

COURSES	Professors
<b>11.09.2023- 21.10.2023</b>	
<i>Optimization</i>	Paola Ferretti
<i>Probability Theory</i>	Margherita Gerolimetto
<i>Microeconomics I</i>	Michele Bernasconi
<i>Macroeconomics I</i>	Alessandro Spiganti

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> period

COURSES	Professors
<b>30.10.2023 – 16.12.2023</b>	
<i>Optimization</i>	Paola Ferretti
<i>Probability Theory</i>	Margherita Gerolimetto
<i>Microeconomics I</i>	Pietro Dindo
<i>Macroeconomics I</i>	Alessandro Spiganti

#### January 2024

COURSE	Professor
<i>Computational Methods with Socio-Economics Applications</i>	Paolo Pellizzari

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> period

COURSES	Professors
<b>5.02.2024-16.03-2024</b>	
<i>Microeconomics II</i>	Andrés Salamanca
<i>Macroeconomics II</i>	Francesco Lancia
<i>Econometrics I</i>	Davide Raggi
<i>Behavioral and Experimental Economics (January-May)</i>	Valeria Maggian

#### 4<sup>th</sup> period

COURSES	Professors
<b>27.03.2022-31.05.2023</b>	
<i>Microeconomics II</i>	Fabio Michelucci
<i>Macroeconomics II</i>	Francesco Lancia
<i>Econometrics II</i>	Alexander Mayer
<i>Microeconometrics</i>	Irene Mammi

Lectures for the courses **Optimisation, Probability Theory, Microeconomics I and II, Macroeconomics I and II** and **Econometrics I and II** are jointly attended by the QEM Master's students. PhD students carry out additional readings and exercises throughout the course session specifically prepared for them by the course professor. Syllabus and schedule for each course are available on the page "courses" of the PhD website.

### Course waiver - PhD students graduated from QEM and IMEF programmes

QEM programme: PhD students who graduated from the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree - QEM will be waived the first year courses:

Optimization; (60 hours); Probability Theory (60 hours); Microeconomics I (60 hours), and Microeconomics II (60 hours); Macroeconomics I (60 hours) and Macroeconomics II (60 hours) and Econometrics I and II (60 hours). They will attend and sit for the exams of Behavioral and Experimental Economics and Microeconometrics in the second semester. This rule applies to graduated students from the QEM programme, however the final decision is taken by the Faculty Board according to the exam results of the Master's programme.

Master IMEF programme: PhD students who graduated from the Master IMEF will be waived the courses:

Optimization (30 hours); Probability (60 hours); Econometrics I e II (60 hours), and Microeconometrics (30 hours); All the 2nd year courses (180 hours). This rule applies to graduated students from the IMEF programme, however the final decision is taken by the Faculty Board according to the exam results of the Master's programme.

### Examination policy and Requirements

PhD students must sit at the first exam session (primo appello) of **Optimization, Probability Theory, Microeconomics I and II, Macroeconomics I and II** and **Econometrics I and II** at the end of each teaching period. For the courses **Behavioral and Experimental Economics** and **Microeconometrics**, the examination policy is specified on the syllabus of the courses. No retakes are admitted.

### Comprehensive exams

In July, PhD students are also required to sit in the comprehensive exams of Microeconomics (covering the content of Microeconomics I and II), Macroeconomics (covering the content of Macroeconomics I and II) and Econometrics (covering the material of Econometrics and Microeconometrics). Comprehensive exams can be waived according to the results of the exams undertaken during the academic year. For each comprehensive, the waiver is given if the average grade in the corresponding courses exams is higher or equal than 3,67 (A-). The waiver is not given if the average grade is lower or equal than 3 (B). For intermediate average grades, the Faculty Board decides the waiver after having consulted the lecturers.

The comprehensive exams are scheduled between July 1st and July 15th. The comprehensive exams will be evaluated with a high pass/pass/fail policy and the Faculty will examine the results, together with each student at the monitoring session in July.

### Admission to second year

The evaluation of first-year PhD students is based on:

- Course work and results
- Participation to research events
- General academic behaviour

To gain **admission to the second year**, a student is expected to have regularly attended the Department seminars and to have an average GPA over 3.00 (B) and a **pass** grade in all the comprehensive exams. Grade equivalents are A=4.00, B=3.00, C=2.00, D=1.00, F=0.00, with +/- adding or subtracting 0.33. The overall evaluation also takes into account

general academic behaviour. Read carefully the section on "Academic honesty". Based on grades and overall achievements, the Faculty Board decides whether to admit the student to the second year of the programme.

Attendance to all courses, seminars and other activities of the programme is compulsory. Repeated unjustified absences can lead to disqualification from the programme. Students must inform in advance the teacher and the secretariat about their absence.

Participating regularly in seminars is a requisite of the programme. First-year students are expected to attend the seminars organized by the Department when the schedule allows it.

### Thesis supervision

Students will decide and communicate to the coordinator/secretariat their thesis topic and supervisor by mid-January 2025. Most of the members of the Department faculty can serve as supervisors. During the **monitoring session** at the end of January 2025, students present a plan for their thesis, agreed with the supervisor.

### English language - C1 level

A very good level of English language knowledge (oral and written) is required to all PhD students to be able to write a PhD thesis and to present in international conferences. The PhD students are expected to carry out a C1 English course throughout their PhD programme in order to meet the required quality level of English written and oral fluency.

### Second year students – mandatory activities

Courses/other activities	Period
<i>Welcome Meeting with 1st year students</i>	September 2023
<i>Second-year courses and exams</i>	11.09.2023 - 28.10.2023 30.10.2023- 23.12.2023
<i>Teaching activities</i>	1 course according to its schedule
<i>Reading seminars and research courses with invited faculty</i>	January and June 2024
<i>Department seminar series</i>	Mondays Economics seminar series Wednesdays Internal seminars
<i>Mid-year monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board</i>	January 2024
<i>PhD Day - First paper presentation in collaboration with the PhD programmes of the Universities of Padova and Verona</i>	June 2024
<i>SASCA - PhD Workshop with University of Sassari - Workshop organization</i>	September 2024
<i>Final monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board</i>	July 2024

### Organization of the courses

#### 1<sup>st</sup> period

COURSES	Professors
<b>11.09.2023 - 28.10.2023</b>	
<i>Advanced Econometrics</i>	Roberto Casarin
<i>Finance</i>	Stefano Colonnello
<i>Causal Inference for Public Policy Analysis</i>	Marco Di Cataldo

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> period

COURSES	Professors
<b>30.10.2023- 23.12.2023</b>	
<i>Advanced Microeconomics</i>	Marco Li Calzi
<i>Advanced Macro and Financial Theory</i>	Piero Gottardi
<i>Household Economics</i>	Agar Brugiavini

## Examination policy and Requirements

The evaluation of second-year PhD students is based on the following activities:

- Course work and results
- Participation to research events
- Research progress
- General academic behaviour

As far as the evaluation is concerned, students are expected to achieve an overall average of B with the possibility of discarding the exam with the lowest grade.

Attendance to all courses, seminars and other activities of the programme is compulsory. Repeated unjustified absences can lead to disqualification from the programme. Students must inform in advance the teacher and the secretariat about their absence.

To gain **admission to third year**, a student must be positively evaluated by the Doctoral Faculty Board on all the activities: course work and results, participation in seminars and research events, teaching activities, evaluation by supervisor and research progress. Students should be regularly in contact with the supervisor and possibly with the coordinator of the PhD to discuss and inform them on their progress in the programme. The overall evaluation also takes into account general academic behaviour. Read carefully the section on "Academic honesty". On the overall achievements, the Faculty Board decides whether to admit students to the third year of the programme.

Second-year students are expected to progressively integrate into the research life of the Department of Economics, to participate and contribute to the discussion in the Department seminars, including the 1-to-1 meeting opportunities with invited speakers. They are expected to attend most, if not all, seminars.

During their second year, students will carry out teaching activities for one undergraduate course and are required to serve as Proctors to the Department's faculty. Detailed information is in the "Teaching" section.

The two **monitoring sessions** (January and July) consist of a short presentation to the Doctoral Faculty Board on the activities carried out, with updates on the research project and forthcoming activities. Students who are abroad on authorised stays can carry out the monitoring sessions remotely.

Students must submit a report on activities at least 10 days before the monitoring sessions.

Besides a possible period of visiting abroad, second-year students are encouraged to participate in workshops, conferences, and other research activities organised by various national and international institutions. All activities must be agreed upon with the supervisor, and approved by the Doctoral Faculty Board. Information on administrative procedures linked to this activity is available in the "Mobility" section.

By the end of the second year, students are assigned a second supervisor. The second supervisor is jointly chosen by the first supervisor and the student; she/he does not need to be affiliated to Ca' Foscari University.

## Third year students – mandatory activities

Courses/other activities	Period
Welcome Meeting with 1st year students	September 2023
SASCA - PhD Workshop with University of Sassari - Workshop organization and scientific committee	September 2024
Department seminar series	Monday Economics seminar series Wednesdays Internal seminars
Mid-year monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	January 2024
Ca' Foscari - University of Groningen PhD Exchange Seminar Series in Economics	Paper submission: Autumn of 3rd year Seminar presentation in Groningen: Spring of 3rd year
Final monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	July 2024
Paper presentation at the Department's internal seminar series	Within the 3rd year

## Requirements

The evaluation of third-year PhD students is based on the following activities:

- Participation to research events
- Research progress
- General academic behaviour

During their third year, students are expected to fully integrate into research at the Department of Economics, to attend most, if not all, Department seminars and participate and contribute to the discussion in the Department seminars, including the 1-to-1 meeting opportunities with invited speakers, and to **present their own work at least once in the internal seminar series**.



To gain **admission to third year**, a student must be positively evaluated by the Doctoral Faculty Board on all the activities: participation in seminars and research events, teaching activities, evaluation by supervisor and research progress. Students should be regularly in contact with the supervisor and possibly with the coordinator of the PhD to discuss and inform them on their progress in the programme. The overall evaluation also takes into account general academic behaviour. Read carefully the section on “Academic honesty”. On the overall achievements, the Faculty Board decides whether to admit students to the fourth year of the programme.

Third-year students will carry out teaching activities for two undergraduate courses and are required to serve as Proctors to the Department’s faculty. Detailed information is in the “Teaching” section.

Third-year students are strongly encouraged to participate in international workshops and conferences to present the progress of their work. All activities must be agreed upon with the supervisor and approved by the Doctoral Faculty Board. Information on administrative procedures concerning these activities is available in the “Mobility” section.

The two **monitoring sessions** (January and July) consist of a short presentation to the Doctoral Faculty Board on the activities carried out, with updates on the research project and forthcoming activities. Students who are abroad on authorised stays can carry out the monitoring sessions remotely.

Students must submit a report on activities at least 10 days before the monitoring sessions.

Publications: It is mandatory to include in the Ca’ Foscari ARCA open access repository any publication (conference proceedings, working papers, article in journals, chapter of book etc.).

PhD students are encouraged to publish their papers in the series “Department of Economics - Working Paper”. This series brings together original scientific writings from the economic field of the members of the Department, with the aim to give visibility to the first results of the Department’s research activities, before publication in national and international scientific journals. PhD students who wish to publish their works in the series must contact the Editor, prof. Francesco Lancia.

## Fourth year students – mandatory activities

Courses/other activities	Period
Welcome Meeting with 1st year students	September 2023
Department seminar series	Mondays Economics Seminar Series Wednesdays Internal seminars
Mid-year monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	January 2024
Final monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	July 2024
Ca’ Foscari-University of Groningen PhD Exchange Seminar Series	Paper submission: Autumn of 4th year Seminar presentation in Groningen: Spring of 4th year
SASCA - PhD Workshop with University of Sassari - Paper presentation	September of 4th year
BOMOPAV - Workshop participation	June of 4th year
Paper presentation at the Department’s internal seminar series as a Pre-defense	at the end of the 4th year

## Requirements

The evaluation of third-year PhD students is based on the following activities:

- Participation to research events
- Thesis progress
- General academic behaviour

During their fourth year, students are expected to fully integrate themselves into research at the Department of Economics, to attend most, if not all, Department seminars, to participate and contribute to the discussion, including the 1-to-1 meeting opportunities with invited speakers, and to present their own work at least once in the internal seminar series.

Moreover, students carry out teaching activities for two undergraduate courses and are required to serve as Proctors to the Department’s faculty. Detailed information is in the “Teaching” section.

Fourth-year students are strongly encouraged to participate in international workshops and conferences to present the progress of their work. All activities must be agreed with the supervisor and approved by the Doctoral Faculty Board. Information on administrative procedures concerning these activities is available in the “Mobility” section.

Fourth-year students are monitored twice during the year by the Doctoral Faculty Board. In the monitoring sessions, they are asked to explain how the thesis is developing and discuss plans and schedule to complete the dissertation. Students who are abroad on authorised stays can carry out the monitoring sessions remotely.

Students must submit a report on activities at least 10 days before the monitoring sessions.

Publications: It is mandatory to include in the Ca’ Foscari ARCA open access repository any publication (conference proceedings, working papers, article in journals, chapter of book etc.).

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## Pre-defence, review and final exam

### 1. PRE-DEFENCE

- a) **Pre-defence takes place during the last year of the PhD programme;**
- b) **It consists in an internal seminar** within the Department of Economics Seminar;
- c) Seminar organizers will indicate on programme and emails that the seminar qualifies as pre-defence.

### 2. ADMISSION TO FINAL EXAM PROCEDURE

- a) the Doctoral Faculty Board **nominates the internal referee** for the candidate. PhD candidate submit the draft for internal referee. The review lasts about 1 month.
- b) the Doctoral Faculty Board decides whether to admit to the final exam procedure or to reject with no title. Decision is based on
  - a. Report/opinion of the supervisor
  - b. Report/opinion of internal referee
- c) If the student is admitted, Doctoral Faculty Board **names two external referees**. Referees cannot be affiliated to Ca' Foscari University, but can be affiliated to any other university or research organisation.

### 3. FIRST STEP IN FINAL EXAM PROCEDURE: REFEREES AND THESIS EVALUATION

- a) The PhD candidate submits the advanced draft to the external referees. The review lasts 30 days.
- b) Report by referees
  - o External referees write two separate reports, and suggest either 1 month or 6 months for the revision. (Comparable to minor/major revision for an international journal).
- c) Internal referee takes the final decision:
  - o 1 month to revise the thesis based on the referees' report. [*Ammesso all'esame finale*]
  - o Or 6 additional months to improve the thesis. [*Prolungamento*]

### 4. SECOND STEP IN FINAL EXAM PROCEDURE: DEFENCE

- a) **If admitted to final exam:**
  - The PhD candidate submits the final version including the modifications suggested by referees.
  - Two weeks prior to the final exam, the PhD candidate sends the final version of the thesis together with a referee report to the members of the defence committee.
  - The defence committee is made up by the internal referee, at least one of the two external referees, and a third member.
- b) **If 6 additional months are required (prolungamento):**
  - Internal referee and supervisor evaluate the progress in the revision of the thesis;
  - The revised version of the thesis is sent to the same external referees than the previous review;
  - Submission of advanced draft for referees. The review lasts 30 days.
  - Report by referees. At this stage, they can suggest further changes to be implemented within 30 days and discussed during the defence.
  - submission of final version including the modifications suggested by referees
  - Defence session
  - The defence commission is made up by the internal referee, and two members (can be the referees but not compulsory).

The Information on the administrative steps of the final exam, including the format of the thesis, are available on the dedicated websites:

- a) *Submission of final exam request to the Administrative offices of Ca' Foscari and Evaluation of thesis by external referees*  
<http://www.unive.it/pag/7729/> [ITA]  
<http://www.unive.it/pag/20435/> [ENG]
- b) *Thesis submission and anti-plagiarism verification*  
<http://www.unive.it/pag/7744/> [ITA]  
[http://www.unive.it/pag/20433](http://www.unive.it/pag/20433/) [ENG]

## Requirement of the PhD thesis

A typical dissertation consists of three chapters. Co-authorship is admitted provided that the dissertation can be fully recognized as a personal work of the candidate. The quality of the dissertation must be high enough to enter the international job market for economists.

## Extension

For proven reasons that do not allow for the submission of the PhD thesis within the required time frame, the Doctoral Faculty Board may grant, upon request of the PhD student, and with the approval of the Supervisor, an extension of 6 or 12 months without scholarship. The request for extension must be presented by the PhD student by the end of the fourth year.

An extension of the duration of the PhD programme for a period of 6 or 12 months can also be decided by the Faculty Board for motivated scientific needs, upon the request of the Supervisor. In this case, a scholarship will be granted with funds provided by the Department.

During the extension period, the PhD student will be a student of the University to all intents and purposes. Students will have to enrol in the subsequent year and pay the related fees.

## Final exam and "honors"

The final exam consists of a short presentation of the thesis and an extended presentation and discussion of the review of the comments received by the external referees.

The defence committee can decide to confer the title of PhD with "honors" if the thesis is characterised by a "particular scientific relevance" meaning that one of the papers for which the candidate has full scientific responsibility, given its singled-authorship or written with a peer, has the potential to be published in a top field journal.

## Academic honesty and research ethics

The PhD programme in Economics at Ca' Foscari University is committed to academic honesty and research ethics. Plagiarism of any kind, from copying in an exam to avoid quoting the sources of scientific findings is not accepted.

The Doctoral Faculty Board, according to the gravity of the infringements of the rules on academic honesty and research ethics will decide sanctions up to the exclusion from the PhD programme.

## Publishing

### PhD webpage

Every PhD student must regularly update the Ca' Foscari personal webpage with the information related to his/her PhD career (conferences attended, teaching, etc.)

### ARCA catalogue

It is also **mandatory** to include in the [Ca' Foscari ARCA open access repository](#) any publication (conference proceedings, working papers, article in journals, chapter of book

etc.). A user's guide is available on the ARCA dedicated website.

PhD students are encouraged to publish their papers in the series "Department of Economics - Working Paper". This series brings together original scientific writings from the economic field of the members of the Department, with the aim to give visibility to the first results of the Department's research activities, before publication in national and international scientific journals. PhD students who wish to publish their works in the series must contact the Editor, [prof. Francesco Lancia](#).

### **ORCID CODE**

Every student is required to register to ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID - <http://orcid.org>) and communicate his/her ORCID code to the Secretariat after he/she will be regularly registered at Ca' Foscari University as PhD student.

Special funding for publishing on Open Access journals is provided by the Department.

### **Doctor Europaeus label**

The Doctor Europaeus title is an additional label attached to the Research Doctorate Degree issued nationwide. Full description and information can be read on the following website:

[www.unive.it/pag/7882/](http://www.unive.it/pag/7882/) [ITA]

[www.unive.it/pag/20450/](http://www.unive.it/pag/20450/) [ENG]

A student interested in applying for the Doctor Europaeus label must be sure to have all the requirements and must inform the Secretariat of the Programme within the final monitoring.

### **Co-tutelle and double degrees**

For information on co-tutelles and doubles degrees, please consult the webpages:

[www.unive.it/pag/7882/](http://www.unive.it/pag/7882/)[ITA]

[www.unive.it/pag/20450/](http://www.unive.it/pag/20450/) [ENG]

## **Teaching - Esercitazioni**

As part of the PhD training, the Department of Economics assigns PhD students unpaid teaching (**esercitazioni**) during each academic year. Any other paid teaching activity is authorized once the compulsory teaching is completed.

Teaching or equivalent activities can be declined as follow:

- Teaching (**esercitazioni**) in courses at the bachelor or master levels and related office hours. The PhD/ Department issues a call for preference in spring to inform the PhD students on which courses require an esercitatore. The PhD student will choose among the courses available and according to the needs of the Department, the courses will be assigned. PhD students are required to contact the professor responsible for the course to agree on what is expected and fill in an online register at the end of the courses; PhD students will receive an evaluation of their performance. The PhD student is required to teach five exercise sessions of 1h30' each in five consecutive weeks, offer two hours/ week of office hours for students during the course and at least two hours before each exam session (more or less 14 office hours in total) and serve as proctor during the four exam sessions throughout the academic year.
- Proctoring: Along their second, third and fourth year, students are required to serve as proctors to the Department's Faculty. PhD students will be required to apply to calls upon professors' requests for assistance (usually exam supervision). This activity is mandatory for all students and is unpaid;
- Seminar organizations;
- Laboratories for courses at the bachelor or master levels;
- Tutorship for Masters' students on how to write a Master's thesis;
- Online tutorship;

## **Administrative regulations and procedures**

In addition to the fulfilment of the requirements indicated above for each cohort, PhD students have to be fully aware and comply with the PhD programmes general regulations of Ca' Foscari University, reported in the University PhD Regulation available at <http://www.unive.it/pag/8256/>

Norms and procedures are provided particularly about enrolment in subsequent years, suspensions, withdrawals and exclusions from the programme, scholarships and grants, working while on the PhD programme and other aspects of the PhD student's career.



## Mobility

### 1. Visiting periods

Study and research periods in a foreign institution must be discussed with the supervisor and authorised by the Doctoral Faculty Board well in advance before departure. Visiting periods must be compatible with teaching obligations, potential conflicts must be discussed with the PhD Coordinator.

A student who is planning – with supervisor's agreement - to leave for the visiting period is required to inform via email the Coordinator and the Secretariat of the Programme (supervisor must be included in the communication) at least 2 months before expected departure. The student will provide complete information on destination, duration and research agenda of the period abroad. The Coordinator/Doctoral Faculty Board will approve/reject the request. If the request is accepted, the student must fill in the request on the online platform. During the period abroad, the scholarship is incremented by 50%. Scholarship increment during the abroad period is possible up to a maximum of 18 months. Information about scholarship increment is available on the dedicated website:

<http://www.unive.it/pag/7719> [ITA]

<http://www.unive.it/pag/20459/> [ENG]

Ticket purchase or any other personal arrangements are not advisable without the Coordinator's authorisation and the online procedure.

### 2. Mobility for international conferences/summer schools

Starting from the first year, PhD students are granted an annual sum equivalent to the 10% of the annual scholarship to be spent for research purposes. This sum can be cumulated from first to second to third to fourth year. A student planning – with supervisor's agreement - to attend an international conference or a summer school is required to inform via email the Coordinator and the Secretariat of the Programme (supervisor must be included in the communication). The student will provide complete information on the conference or summer school. The Coordinator/Doctoral Faculty Board will approve/reject the request. Scholarship 50% increment can also be included for conference participation abroad.

If the request is accepted, the student must fill in the mobility request on the online platform.

Instructions on expense reimbursement mobility are available on the dedicated website:

<http://www.unive.it/pag/7719>[ITA]

<http://www.unive.it/pag/20459/> [ENG]

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**It is important to read and fully understand the regulation on expenses reimbursement. Complete information on eligible expenses is available in the handbook on the above stated websites.**

## Partnerships

### Collaboration with the PhD programmes of Università degli Studi di Padova and Università degli Studi di Verona

As part of the collaboration of the PhD programmes of Università degli studi di Padova and Università degli Studi di Verona students of each PhD programme can attend field courses offered by the other two programmes. Furthermore, as part of the second-year students' activities, each year in the spring, a Joint PhD workshop is organised for the presentation of the first paper of the PhD thesis.

### Ca' Foscari-University of Groningen PhD Exchange Seminar Series in Economics

The Ca' Foscari-University of Groningen PhD Exchange Seminar Series in Economics is organized by the Departments of Economics of Ca' Foscari University Venice and University of Groningen, the Netherlands. The aim of the exchange seminar series is to give 3rd and 4th year PhD students the opportunity to present their work in the early stages of their career at a high-profile event, and to receive in-depth feedback on their research. Deadline for paper submission is usually in Fall. Specific information is sent by the PhD Secretariat and the responsible of the project is Prof. Irene Mammi.

### BOMOPAV

This is a joint initiative of the Departments of Economics of the Universities of Bologna, Modena-Reggio Emilia, Padova, and Ca' Foscari Venice. The BOMOPAV is a one-day workshop, which takes place in spring of each year. The location rotates among the partner universities.

The meeting involves presentations by two young researchers of each Department, which are discussed by (more) senior researchers of another Department. PhD students in their late 4th year or under the thesis review process are required to submit a paper for direct selection by the scientific committee of the workshop. Specific information is sent by the PhD Secretariat and the responsible of the project is Prof. Irene Mammi.

### Agreement between University of Sassari and Ca' Foscari University of Venice

In January 2021, the PhD in Economics, Management, and Quantitative Methods of the University of Sassari and the PhD in Economics of Ca' Foscari University signed a cooperation agreement to give visibility to the doctoral courses at the partner institution and to enable the participation of PhD students in the courses at the partner university. Also, this agreement ensures the possibility of carrying out a visiting period at the partner institution for research purposes, to enable the organization of summer schools, workshops and conferences aimed at PhD students from both institutions. Last, the agreement ensures the organization of activities for the Job Market and the promotion of co-tutorship by teachers belonging to the two departments. Among the above stated activities, particular relevance is given to the annual SasCa Ph.D Conference, organised by the two PhD programmes. PhD students in their second year are usually involved in the organisation of the Conference, while 3rd year PhD students serve as members of the scientific committee in the selection of the papers. Senior PhD students usually participate in the conference by submitting their papers.

## ITN - Economic Policy in Complex Environments (EPOC)

The EU funded ITN project “Economic Policy in Complex Environment” (EPOC) project foresees incoming PhD students who will carry out many activities within the PhD programme in Economics.

EPOC combines an interdisciplinary research agenda with an innovative European joint doctoral training program, which provides doctoral fellows with a broad range of expertise and skills aiming at advancing the state-of-the-art and the applicability of computationally intensive methods for decision and policy analysis in such complex and uncertain environments. Particular focus is set on the application of such methods in the domains of climate change and innovation.

### Department activities for EPOC research fellows

Courses/other activities	Period/Modality
Welcome Day to 1st year students	September 2023
Department seminar series	Mondays Economics Seminar Series Wednesdays Internal seminars
Doctoral courses (attendance and exam)	Courses to be agreed with the supervisor
Elective activities	Activities to be agreed with the supervisor
Research Seminar	Presentation in department seminars
Doctoral Seminar	Presentation within 2 PhD reading seminars to be agreed with supervisor
Mid-year and Final monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	January 2024 and July 2024



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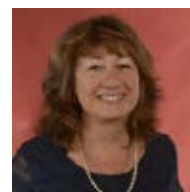
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# Department of Economics

The Doctoral Programme in Economics is run within the Department of Economics. The Department offers undergraduate programmes both at bachelor and Master's levels (most of which in English) and two PhD programmes.

## Seminar Series

Seminars at the Department of Economics are organized on a weekly basis, every Monday at 12.15 hosting international speakers from Italian, European and worldwide Universities and research institutions.

On Wednesdays, at 12.15, internal and informal seminars are dedicated to Department researchers' presentations, including PhD students, who are encouraged to present their works in this series.

The internal Seminar Series is organised by 3rd and 4th year PhD students.

Information on Department's seminars is available here:

<https://www.unive.it/pag/?id=33102>

## Research in the Department

The research interests of the PhD Faculty are described in the dedicated section of the PhD website. Furthermore, if you want to explore the main area of research of the Department, you can check the Department's website under the Research section where you can also find the complete list of publications, by year or by subject.

The Department has also an active series of journals and working papers. Information is available on the Department's website: <https://www.unive.it/pag/28371/>

PhD students are encouraged to publish their papers in the series "Department of Economics - Working Paper". This series brings together original scientific writings from the economic field of the members of the Department, with the aim to give visibility to the first results of the Department's research activities, before publication in national and international scientific journals. PhD students who wish to publish their works in the series must contact the Editor, prof. Francesco Lancia.

## Useful readings for PhD students in Economics

Card, David, and Stefano DellaVigna. 2013. "Nine Facts about Top Journals in Economics" *Journal of Economic Literature* vol. 51, pp. 144-161.

Cawley, John. 2015. "A guide and advice for economists on the US junior academic job market: 2014-15 edition". At <https://www.aeaweb.org/joe/>

Creedy, John. 2006. "From manuscript to publication: a brief guide for economists", *Australian Economic Review* vol. 39, pp. 103-113.

Hamermesh, Daniel. 1992. "The Young Economist's Guide to Professional Etiquette" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* vol. 6, pp. 169-179.

Hamermesh, Daniel. 2013. "Six Decades of Top Economics Publishing: Who and How?" *Journal of Economic Literature* vol. 51, pp. 1-11.

Rubinstein, Ariel. 2013. "10 QA: Experienced Advice for "Lost" Graduate Students in Economics" *The Journal of Economic Education* vol. 44, pp. 193-196.

Thomson, William. 2011, *A Guide for the Young Economist*, 2nd ed. Cambridge, MA, MIT Press.

## Facilities for PhD students

### PhD Room

PhD students have access to the PhD room located in the Economics campus. Access to the room is granted only to the PhD students who are responsible for its good care. It is advisable not to leave belongings unsupervised.

The PhD room is open until 19.30.

### PCs and Wi-Fi

The PhD room is equipped with four PCs and individual monitors. The use of personal laptop is recommended by using the university's wireless connection (Eduroam). See the following website for more information.

<https://www.unive.it/pag/29847/> [ITA]

<https://www.unive.it/pag/39159/> [ENG]

### Printer and photocopier

A networked printer/photocopier is available in the PhD room.

PhD students will use the personal credentials given at the beginning of first year to print or copy. Every student has a counted paper quota (1000 copies/year). A responsible use of paper is recommended.

### Libraries

#### Campus Library – BEC

The Library of Economics – BEC is situated on the campus. Access is possible with the students' card and reservation is required via EasyPlanning or MyUniVE app.

#### Ca' Foscari Libraries – SBA

Ca' Foscari students have access to all university's libraries:

**BEC:** Economics

**BALI:** Foreign languages and literature

**BAS:** Sciences

**BAUM:** Humanities

**CFZ:** Cultural Flow Zone

For complete information on services, location and opening hours:

<http://www.unive.it/pag/9756/> [ITA]

<https://www.unive.it/pag/40453> [ENG]

The SBA website provides important information on publishing (diffusion, visibility and impact of your research, copyright, peer review, etc.). Check the "Publishing Open Access SBA Research Support" website <https://www.unive.it/pag/46551/>

### Online resources

Ca' Foscari students have access to an enormous quantity of materials:

- Ca' Foscari Digital Library
- Electronic Journals Catalogue
- Data sets
- Thesis' archives
- Other catalogues and journals online

For more information on the online resources: [www.unive.it/pag/40411](http://www.unive.it/pag/40411)

### SCSCF (Sistema di Calcolo Scientifico Ca' Foscari or Ca' Foscari Scientific Computing System)

The SCSCF is a multi-core computer for parallel computing, massive simulations and scientific computing in general. The facility has 128 cores that can, if properly programmed, run in parallel with high-performance networking hardware, back-up systems and wide storage capabilities. To access SCSCF contact Paolo Pellizzari ([paolop@unive.it](mailto:paolop@unive.it)) or Roberto Casarin ([r.casarin@unive.it](mailto:r.casarin@unive.it)).

### PhD Student email

Once enrolled as a PhD student, students receive an email account ([studentnumber@stud.unive.it](mailto:studentnumber@stud.unive.it)) which will be the only email address used by the Central Administration to communicate on an official basis.

In addition, students are asked to apply for a [name.surname@unive.it](mailto:name.surname@unive.it) email, which will be used in the PhD programme. Info to apply for a second email address

<http://www.unive.it/pag/11398> [ITA]

<https://www.unive.it/pag/36650> [ENG]

Students are asked to communicate the [name.surname@unive.it](mailto:name.surname@unive.it) address to the PhD Secretariat. Students are also required to **feed their personal webpage** with their publications and photo through their personal area.

## Links to Ca' Foscari University of Venice

The following are specific pages of Ca' Foscari website in which you will find useful information.

- **CA' FOSCARI PHD OFFICE**  
[www.unive.it/pag/252](http://www.unive.it/pag/252) [ITA]  
[www.unive.it/pag/25684](http://www.unive.it/pag/25684) [ENG]
- **POSTGRADUATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**  
[www.unive.it/data/strutture/111618](http://www.unive.it/data/strutture/111618) [ITA]  
[www.unive.it/pag/20069](http://www.unive.it/pag/20069) [ENG]
- **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR PHD STUDENTS**  
[www.unive.it/pag/7717](http://www.unive.it/pag/7717) [ITA]  
[www.unive.it/pag/20463](http://www.unive.it/pag/20463) [ENG]
- **INTERNATIONAL WELCOME DESK – FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS**  
[www.unive.it/welcome](http://www.unive.it/welcome)
- **HOUSING OFFICE AND CANTEENS**  
[www.unive.it/pag/19768](http://www.unive.it/pag/19768)
- **STUDENTS' CARD – CARTA CONTO**  
[www.unive.it/pag/16409](http://www.unive.it/pag/16409)
- **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE/LOCAL PHYSICIAN**  
[www.unive.it/pag/12525](http://www.unive.it/pag/12525)
- **Spazio Ascolto - COUNSELLING**  
[www.unive.it/pag/44391/](http://www.unive.it/pag/44391/)

**Ca' Foscari PhD Office and Postgraduate Administrative Sector** (Ufficio Postlauream) are the offices in charge of the management of PhD students from an administrative point of view (from enrolment throughout graduation).



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