

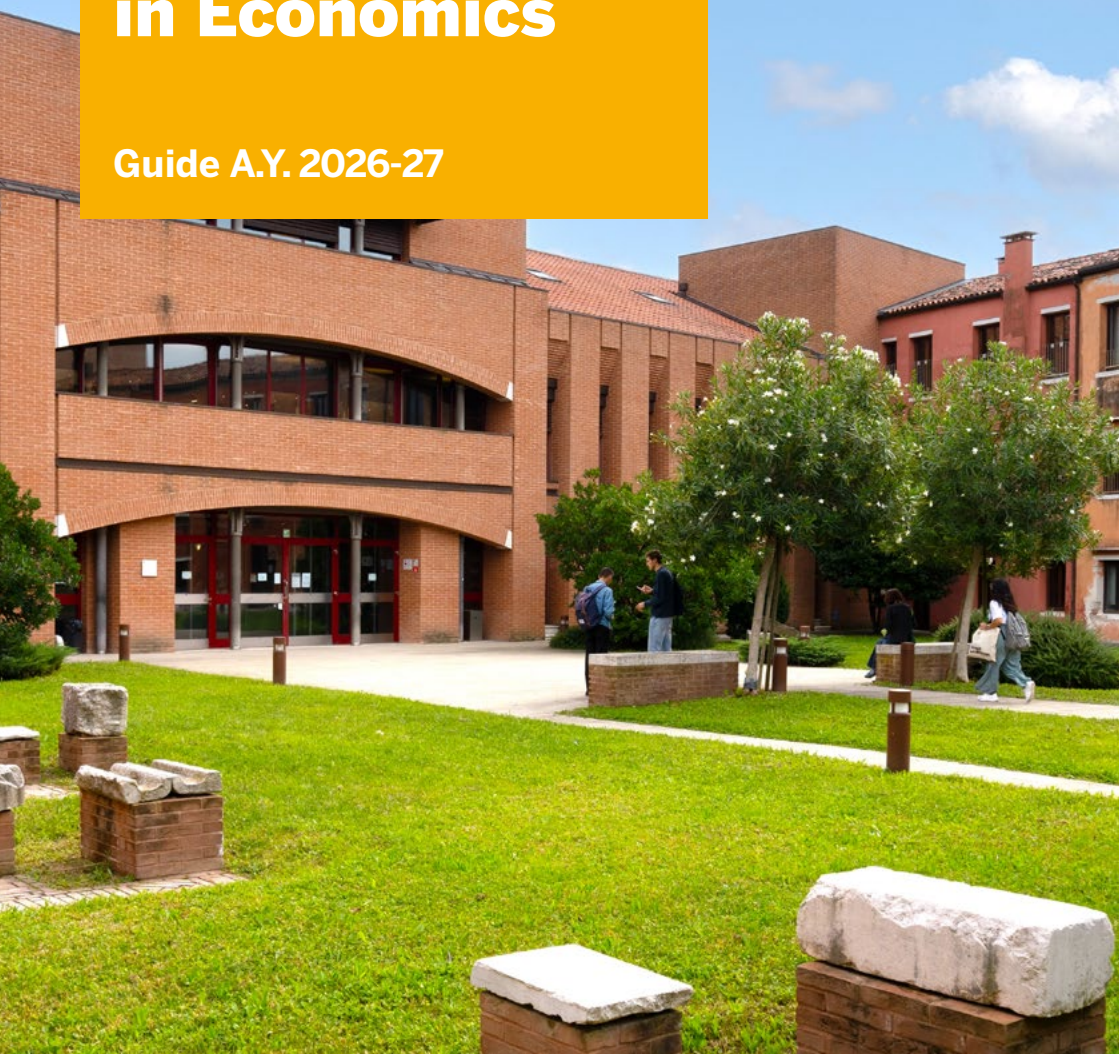


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Welcome

The complex world we live in is generating an increasing demand for high-quality and policy-relevant research in economics. Artificial Intelligence, climate change, population ageing, geopolitical tensions, and the reconfiguration of global trade and production networks are reshaping our economies and creating new challenges for researchers and policymakers.

This makes it a particularly exciting time to pursue a PhD in Economics. Understanding these transformations requires asking relevant research questions and providing answers grounded in rigorous economic and financial reasoning and sound empirical and quantitative methods. The PhD Programme in Economics at Ca' Foscari University of Venice is a four-year doctoral programme designed to help you develop as an independent researcher and make your own contribution to the field. I am very pleased that you have decided to take this opportunity with us. Welcome!

The quality of the Programme has received important external recognition. In the most recent ANVUR evaluation of doctoral programmes, the PhD in Economics at Ca' Foscari was ranked as one of the leading Economics PhD programme among Italian public universities. The Programme has also received support from UniCredit through the Marco Fanno PhD initiative, providing further resources for doctoral training and research.

The PhD Programme provides students with the tools needed to conduct original research leading to a doctoral dissertation in a wide range of fields in economics, finance, econometrics, and quantitative methods. By the end of the programme, students are expected to have acquired the knowledge, research skills, and intellectual independence required to pursue highly qualified careers in academia, public institutions, international organizations, or the private sector.

This guide describes the organization, activities, and main policies of the PhD Programme, which are overseen by the Doctoral Faculty Board. Further information about the Department of Economics and Ca' Foscari University is available on the websites listed at the end of the guide.

As a PhD student, you are part of a highly selective and international community of talented researchers. The years ahead will give you the opportunity to study, exchange ideas, and conduct research at the frontier of current knowledge in economics. It will be an intense, demanding, and rewarding experience.

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

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 knowledge and skills to conduct original research, enabling them to pursue a career in academia, 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 course programme starts in September and ends at the end of May. According to each student's CV, the Doctoral Faculty Board defines an individual coursework plan, selecting from core courses and research-oriented courses. Students who attend the core courses may be required to sit comprehensive exams in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics in July. During the first year, students are also required to attend Department seminars and take part in 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.

Upon the completion of the courses, and in any case by the end of January of the second year, students 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 agreeing on the topic of their thesis and identifying the main supervisor, doctoral students start working 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 onwards, they also carry out teaching in 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 onwards, they can organise a period of international mobility to conduct part of their research at an international institution; such a period must be agreed upon with the supervisor and must be approved by the Doctoral Faculty Board. Third and fourth-year students, besides teaching activities, also participate actively in Department seminars and other research activities organised by the PhD programme.

The programme ends with a final exam consisting of the thesis defence before a Committee of at least three professors with expertise in the field of the dissertation. The Committee decides whether the student meets the requirements for 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 normally takes place within the following six months and, in any case, within the following year.

Teaching programme 2026-27 and requirements

Within the above-mentioned general guidelines, the activities for students enrolled in the four cycles of academic year 2026-27 are as follows.

First year students – mandatory activities

Courses/other activities	Period
Welcome Meeting	16 September 2026
1 st period - courses and exams	07.09.2026 - 24.10.2026
2 nd period - courses and exams	26.10.2026- 19.12.2026
3 rd period - courses and exams	11.01.2027- 03.04.2027
4 th period - courses and exams	05.04.2027- 30.06.2027
Reading Seminars	Second semester
Comprehensive exams period	Summer 2027
1 st year monitoring	Mid July 2027
Choice of thesis research project and main supervisor	By the end of January 2028

Organization of the Core Courses [see paragraph on course waiver]

1st period

COURSES	Professors
<i>Optimization</i>	Paola Ferretti
<i>Probability Theory</i>	Margherita Gerolimetto
<i>Microeconomics I</i>	Orestis Troumpounis
<i>Macroeconomics I</i>	Enrica De Cian

2nd period

COURSES	Professors
<i>Optimization</i>	Paola Ferretti
<i>Probability Theory</i>	Margherita Gerolimetto
<i>Microeconomics I</i>	Paolo Zacchia
<i>Macroeconomics I</i>	Francesco Pappadà

January 2027

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

3rd period

COURSES	Professors
<i>Microeconomics II</i>	Andrés Salamanca
<i>Macroeconomics II</i>	Francesco Lancia
<i>Econometrics</i>	Davide Raggi
<i>Behavioral and Experimental Economics (February-March)</i>	Valeria Maggiani

4th period

COURSES	Professors
<i>Microeconomics II</i>	Fabio Michelucci
<i>Macroeconomics II</i>	Francesco Lancia
<i>Econometrics</i>	Katerina Petrova
<i>Advanced Macro and Financial Theory</i>	Piero Gottardi

May-June 2027

COURSE	Professor
<i>Microeconometrics (May-June)</i>	Irene Mammi

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

Course waiver - PhD students graduated from QEM programme

QEM/Research Master waiver: PhD students who graduated from the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree - QEM or from a Research Master of comparable quality may be exempted from the following core 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); Econometrics (60 hours). They will attend and sit for the exams of the research-oriented courses in the first semester and Computational Methods with Socio-Economics Applications, Advanced Macro and Financial Theory, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, and Microeconometrics in the second semester. The final decision is taken by the Faculty Board based on the content and exam results of the Master's programme.

Examination policy and Requirements

PhD students taking core courses must sit the first exam session (primo appello) for **Optimization, Probability Theory, Microeconomics I and II, Macroeconomics I and II** and **Econometrics** at the end of each teaching period. For **Computational Methods with Socio-Economics Applications, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Advanced Macro and Financial Theory** and **Microeconometrics**, the examination policy is specified in the syllabus of the courses. No retakes are admitted.

Comprehensive exams

PhD students who have taken core courses may be required to sit 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 greater than or equal to 3.75 (A-). The waiver is not given if the average grade is less than or equal to 3 (B). For intermediate average grades, the Faculty Board decides the waiver after having consulted the lecturers. The comprehensive exams are usually scheduled between July 1st and July 15th. They are evaluated on a high pass/pass/fail basis and the Faculty Board discusses the results with each student at the monitoring session in July.

Interdisciplinary courses and seminars

The PhD Office offers interdisciplinary courses and seminars, including Italian language courses for international students.

The list of courses is available on the dedicated website:

www.unive.it/web/en/17796/interdisciplinary-courses-and-seminars

PhD students are required to complete at least one of these courses during their enrolment in the PhD programme.

Admission to second year

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

- Coursework and results
- Participation in research events
- General academic behaviour (see section on Academic Honesty)

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) in the core courses and, where applicable, 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 0.25 and half-point grades when two letters are used (e.g. A/B=3.5). The overall evaluation also considers general academic behaviour. Students should also refer to 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 at 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 in advance about their absence.

Regular participation in seminars is a requirement of the programme. First-year students are expected to attend the seminars organized by the Department when these do not conflict with their course schedule.

Thesis supervision

Students will decide and communicate to the Coordinator and the PhD Secretariat their thesis topic and supervisor, chosen from among the faculty members of the Department. During the **monitoring session** at the end of July 2027 (January 2028 for those students who take core courses during the I year) students present a plan for their thesis, agreed with the supervisor.

English language - C1 level

A very good command of English language (oral and written) is required for all PhD students to write a PhD thesis and present their research at international conferences. If deemed necessary by the Doctoral Faculty Board, PhD students are required to attend a C1 English course during their PhD programme to reach the required level of written and oral proficiency.

Second-year students – mandatory activities

Courses/other activities	Period
Welcome Meeting with 1st year students	16 September 2026
Second-year courses and exams	07.09.2026 - 23.12.2026
Reading seminars and research courses with invited faculty	January and June 2027
Department seminar series	Mondays Economics seminar series Wednesdays Internal seminars
Mid-year monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	January 2027
PhD Day - First paper presentation in collaboration with the PhD programmes of the Universities of Padova and Verona	June 2027
SASCA - PhD Workshop with University of Sassari - Workshop organization	17-18 September 2026
Final monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	Mid July 2027

Organization of the courses - field courses

1st period

COURSES	Professors
Advanced Econometrics	Roberto Casarin and Dario Palumbo
Empirical Asset Pricing	Stefano Colonnello
Causal Inference for Public Policy Analysis	Marco Di Cataldo

2nd period

COURSES	Professors
Advanced Microeconomics	Marco Li Calzi
Development Economics	Sanghmitra Gautam
Household Economics	Agar Brugiavini

Examination policy and Requirements

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

- Coursework and results
- Participation in research events
- Research progress
- General academic behaviour (see Section on Academic Honesty)

As far as the evaluation of research-oriented courses is concerned, students are expected to achieve an overall average of B with the possibility of discarding the exam with the lowest grade. Grade equivalents are A=4.00, B=3.00, C=2.00, D=1.00, F=0.00, with +/- adding or subtracting 0.25 and half-point grades when two letters are used (e.g. A/B=3.5).

Attendance at 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 in advance about their absence.

To gain **admission to third year**, a student must be positively evaluated by the Doctoral Faculty Board on all required activities: coursework and results, participation in seminars and research events, teaching activities, evaluation by the supervisor and

research progress. Students should be regularly in contact with the supervisor and when appropriate, with the Coordinator of the PhD to discuss their progress in the programme. The overall evaluation also takes into account general academic behaviour. Students should also refer to the section on “Academic honesty”. Based on the overall achievements, the Faculty Board decides whether to admit students to the third year of the programme.

Students are expected to progressively integrate into the research life of the Department of Economics, to participate in and contribute to the discussion in the Department seminars, including 1-to-1 meeting opportunities with invited speakers, and to help with the organization of prestigious academic events organised by the Department.

During their second year, students are required to carry out teaching activities and to serve as Proctors to the Department’s faculty. Detailed information is provided 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 mobility can carry out the monitoring sessions remotely.

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

Besides a possible visiting period abroad, 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 these activities is available in the “Mobility” section.

By the end of the second year, a second supervisor is identified. The second supervisor is jointly chosen by the first supervisor and the student; they do not need to be affiliated with Ca’ Foscari University.



Third-year students – mandatory activities

Courses/other activities	Period
Welcome Meeting with 1st year students	16 September 2026
Department seminar series	Mondays: Economics seminar series Wednesdays: Internal seminars
Mid-year monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	January 2027
Final monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	Mid July 2027
Paper presentation at the Department's internal seminar series	By the end of the 3rd year
Ca' Foscari - University of Groningen PhD Exchange Seminar Series in Economics	Paper submission: Autumn of 3rd year Seminar presentation in Groningen: Spring of the 3rd year
SASCA - PhD Workshop with University of Sassari - Workshop organization and scientific committee	17-18 September 2026

Requirements

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

- Participation to research events
- Research progress
- General academic behaviour (see Section on Academic Honesty)

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 in and contribute to the discussion in the Department seminars, including 1-to-1 meeting opportunities with invited speakers, and to help with the organization of prestigious academic events organised by the Department. They are also expected to **present their own work at least once in the internal seminar series**.

To gain **admission to 4th 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 the supervisor and research progress. Students should be regularly in contact with the supervisor and with the Coordinator of the PhD to discuss their progress in the programme. The overall evaluation also considers general academic behaviour. Students should also refer to the section on "Academic honesty". Based on the overall achievements, the Faculty Board decides whether to admit students to the fourth year of the programme.

Students are required to carry out teaching activities and are to serve as Proctors to the Department's faculty. Detailed information is provided in the "Teaching" section.

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 mobility can carry out the monitoring sessions remotely.

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

Fourth-year students – mandatory activities

Courses/other activities	Period
Welcome Meeting with 1st year students	16 September 2026
Department seminar series	Mondays: Economics seminar series Wednesdays: Internal seminars
Mid-year monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	January 2027
Final monitoring with the Doctoral Faculty Board	Mid July 2027
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	17-18 September 2026
BOMOPAV - Paper submission and presentation if selected	June 2027
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 (see Section on Academic Honesty)

During their fourth year, students are expected to fully integrate into research at the Department of Economics, to attend most, if not all, Department seminars, to participate in and contribute to the discussion, including 1-to-1 meeting opportunities with invited speakers, and to help with the organization of prestigious academic events organised by the Department. They are expected to **present their own work at least once in the internal seminar series (which might coincide with Pre-defense)**.

Moreover, students are required to carry out teaching activities and are required to serve as Proctors to the Department's faculty. Detailed information is provided in the "Teaching" section.

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.

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 a schedule to complete the dissertation. Students who are abroad on authorised mobility can carry out the monitoring sessions remotely.

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

PhD students approaching the completion of their thesis and preparing to enter the job market are offered dedicated training with an experienced trainer, aimed at supporting their preparation for the economics job market.

University regulations and administrative procedures

In addition to the requirements indicated above for each cohort, PhD students are required to comply with the general regulations governing PhD programmes at Ca' Foscari University, as set out in University PhD Regulation.

The Regulation includes provisions on 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.

Pre-defence, review and final exam

1. PRE-DEFENCE

- a) Pre-defence takes place towards the end of the PhD, before the submission of the thesis to the internal referee;
- b) It consists of the presentation before the Doctoral Faculty Board and the internal referee of a thesis chapter, together with a short overview of the thesis work, within the Internal Seminar Series;
- c) Seminar organizers will indicate in the programme and in email communications that the seminar qualifies as pre-defence.

2. ADMISSION TO FINAL EXAM PROCEDURE

- a) The Doctoral Faculty Board appoints the internal referee for the candidate. The PhD candidate submits the draft to the internal referee. The review lasts about one month.
- b) The Doctoral Faculty Board decides whether to admit the candidate to the final exam procedure or not. The decision is based on
 - a. The report/opinion of the supervisor
 - b. The report/opinion of the internal referee
- c) If the student is admitted, the Doctoral Faculty Board appoints two external referees. Referees cannot be affiliated with Ca' Foscari University but may be affiliated with any other university or research organisation.
- d) If the student is not admitted, the PhD degree is not awarded.

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

- a) The PhD candidate submits the advanced draft to the external referees. The evaluation lasts 30 days.
- b) Report by referees
 - o External referees write two separate reports and recommend either one month or a longer period (up to six months) for the revision (comparable to a minor/major revision process for an international journal).

4. SECOND STEP IN FINAL EXAM PROCEDURE: DEFENCE

- a) **If a one-month revision is required, the candidate is directly admitted to the final exam:**
 - o The PhD candidate uploads the final version including the modifications suggested by the referees.

- o Two weeks prior to the final exam (defense), the PhD candidate sends the final version of the thesis together with the referee report(s) to the members of the defence committee.
- o The defence committee is made up of the internal referee, at least one of the two external referees, and a third member.

b) If additional months are required ("Prolungamento"):

- o The internal referee and supervisor evaluate the progress of the revision of the thesis;
- o The revised version of the thesis is sent to the same external referees as in the previous review;
- o The candidate submits the advanced draft to the referees. The review lasts 30 days.
- o The referees submit their reports. At this stage, they can suggest further changes to be implemented within 30 days and discussed during the defence.
- o The candidate submits the final version including the modifications suggested by the referees
- o Defence session
- o The defence committee is made up of the internal referee, and two members (who may, but are not required to, be the external referees).

The information on the administrative steps of the final exam, including the format of the thesis, is available on the dedicated webpages:

<https://www.unive.it/web/it/237/tesi> [ITA]

<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2171/thesis> [ENG]



Thesis requirements, work activities, extension

PhD thesis requirements

A typical dissertation consists of three chapters. Each chapter can be based on joint-work with co-authors. It is expected that at least one chapter can be fully attributed to the candidate or based on joint work with a peer. The quality of the dissertation must be high enough to provide the basis for at least one paper to be submitted to an international journal and give the candidate the possibility to participate in the international job market for economists.

Final exam and “honors”

The final exam consists of a presentation of the thesis followed by an extended discussion of the revisions made in response to the comments received from 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, either as sole author or as co-author with a peer, has the potential to be published in a top field journal.

Extension

For documented reasons that prevent the submission of the PhD thesis within the required time frame, the Doctoral Faculty Board may grant, upon request by 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 submitted 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 may also be granted by the Faculty Board for documented scientific reasons, 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 remain enrolled as a student of the University. Students will have to enrol in the subsequent year and pay the related fees.

Paid work activities

The PhD Programme requires a full-time commitment. PhD students may undertake paid work only with prior authorization from the Doctoral Faculty Board. Authorization is granted when the proposed activity is consistent with the student's training and research project and does not interfere with the satisfactory progress of the PhD, including coursework, research activities, and completion of the dissertation.

Income from an authorized activity may be combined with the scholarship provided that, over the corresponding period, it does not exceed the amount of the PhD scholarship. If the income from the activity exceeds this threshold, the activity may still be authorized, but payment of the PhD scholarship is suspended for the duration of the contract. The corresponding scholarship months are not lost: they are postponed and paid at the end of the original funding period, thereby extending the overall duration of the scholarship accordingly.

Students must therefore request authorization from the Doctoral Faculty Board in due time before accepting or starting any paid work activity.

Publishing and Academic Honesty

PhD personal webpage

Every PhD student must regularly update their Ca' Foscari personal webpage with information related to their PhD activities (conferences attended, teaching, etc.).

Students are also required to upload a photo: being easily identifiable helps colleagues and other members of the Department to recognize them, facilitates interaction and integration within the research community, and contributes over time to building a professional academic profile.

Students may also create and maintain their own professional webpage. If they wish to have it linked from their Ca' Foscari personal page, they should contact the PhD Secretariat and request that the link be added.

ARCA catalogue

It is also **mandatory** to include in the [Ca' Foscari ARCA open access repository](#) all publications (conference proceedings, working papers, journal articles, book chapters 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 work in economics by the members of the Department, with the aim of giving 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 work in the series must contact the Series' Editor (wp.des@unive.it).

ORCID CODE

Every student is required to register with ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID - <http://orcid.org>) and communicate their ORCID code to the Secretariat once they are formally enrolled as a PhD student at Ca' Foscari University.

Academic honesty and research ethics

The PhD programme in Economics at Ca' Foscari University is committed to academic honesty and research ethics. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, fabrication or falsification of data or results, inappropriate attribution of authorship, and other practices that compromise the integrity and transparency of research. PhD students are also expected to comply with applicable rules on research ethics, data protection, and the use of confidential or sensitive data, and to obtain any required ethical approval before starting the relevant research activities. Plagiarism of any kind, from copying in an exam to failing to cite the sources of scientific findings is not tolerated.

Students are required to comply with Ca' Foscari University regulations and policies. The Doctoral Faculty Board, depending on the seriousness of violations of academic honesty and research ethics may impose sanctions, up to and including exclusion from the PhD programme.

Mobility, International Opportunities and Joint Degrees

International Opportunities and Joint Degrees

Co-tutelle degrees

For information on co-tutelle degrees, please consult the webpages:

<https://www.unive.it/web/it/257/studiare-allesterio>

<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2167/studying-abroad>

Doctor Europaeus label

The Doctor Europaeus title is an additional label attached to the Research Doctorate Degree issued nationwide. Full information is available on the following webpages:

<https://www.unive.it/web/it/257/studiare-allesterio> [ITA]

<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2167/studying-abroad> [ENG]

A student interested in applying for the Doctor Europaeus label must ensure that they meet all the requirements and must inform the Secretariat of the Programme by the final monitoring.

Mobility

Visiting periods

Study and research periods at a foreign institution are highly encouraged and financially supported. A visiting period must be discussed with the supervisor and authorised by the Doctoral Faculty Board before departure. Visiting periods must be compatible with teaching obligations; potential conflicts must be discussed with the PhD Coordinator. Students are required to spend at least 3 months at a foreign university.

A student who is planning – with the supervisor's agreement - to leave for a visiting period is required to inform the Coordinator and the Secretariat of the Programme by email (the supervisor must be included in the communication) at least 2 months before the expected departure. The student will provide complete information on the destination, duration and research agenda of the period abroad. The Coordinator/Doctoral Faculty Board will approve or 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 increased by 50%. The scholarship increase may be granted for a maximum of 18 months. Information about the scholarship increment is available on the dedicated webpages:

<https://www.unive.it/web/it/256/contributi-per-mobilita> [ITA]

<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2168/expense-reimbursement-for-mobility> [ENG]

Ticket purchase or any other personal arrangements are not advisable before obtaining the Coordinator's authorisation and completing the online procedure.

Mobility for conferences/summer schools

Starting from the first year, PhD students are granted an annual sum equivalent to 10% of the annual scholarship to be spent for research purposes. This sum can be carried over from one year to the next throughout the PhD programme. A student planning – with the supervisor's agreement - to attend a national or international conference or a summer school is required to inform the Coordinator and the Secretariat of the programme by email (the supervisor must be included in the communication). The student will provide complete

information on the conference or summer school. The Coordinator will approve or reject the request. A 50% scholarship increase is also granted for participation in international conferences abroad. If the request is accepted, the student must submit the mobility request on the online platform.

Instructions on reimbursement of mobility expenses are available on the dedicated webpages:

<https://www.unive.it/web/it/256/contributi-per-mobilita> [ITA]

<https://www.unive.it/web/en/2168/expense-reimbursement-for-mobility> [ENG]

Ticket purchase or any other personal arrangements are not advisable before obtaining the Coordinator's authorization and completing the online procedure.

It is important to read and fully understand the regulations on expense reimbursement. Complete information on eligible expenses is available in the handbook budget 10%.

Partnerships

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

As part of the collaboration with the PhD programmes of Università degli Studi di Padova and Università degli Studi di Verona, students from each PhD programme can attend field courses offered by the other two programmes. Furthermore, as part of the activities for second-year students, a Joint PhD workshop is organised each spring 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 at Ca' Foscari University of Venice and the 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 at an early stage of their research careers and to receive in-depth feedback on their research. The deadline for paper submission is usually in Fall. Participation in this activity is compulsory for 3rd and 4th year PhD students. Specific information is sent by the PhD Secretariat and the person responsible for 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. BOMOPAV is a one-day workshop, which takes place each spring. The location rotates among the partner universities.

The meeting involves presentations by two young researchers from each Department, which are discussed by senior researchers from another Department. PhD students in the later stage of their 4th year or undergoing the thesis review process are required to submit a paper for consideration by the scientific committee of the workshop. Specific information is sent by the PhD Secretariat and the person responsible for the project is Prof. Irene Mammi.

Teaching support activities

As per University Regulation, each student is required to provide at most 40 hours a year in unpaid teaching support activities which may include practice sessions (“esercitazioni”) and proctoring.

The workload will be counted as follows:

- **Tutorials / Practice sessions:** 15 hours per module (5 sessions of 1.5 hours each, plus 1 weekly office hour during the course);
- **Grading written assignments** (homework/assignments, excluding exams): 5 hours per module;
- **Proctoring / Presence during exams:** as requested.

Students are required to report their involvement in each of the above activities to the administration so that it can be properly tracked.

Practice sessions

The Department of Economics assigns PhD students unpaid teaching (“esercitazioni”) during each academic year, typically after the first, up to a maximum of 4 courses during the overall duration of the PhD. Any other paid teaching activity must be authorized by the Coordinator.

In spring, The PhD/Department issues a call for preferences in spring to inform PhD students about which courses require an esercitatore. The PhD student indicates their preferences among the available courses, and courses are assigned according to the needs of the Department. PhD students are required to contact the professor responsible for the course to agree on what is expected. They must complete an online register at the end of each course. The PhD student is required to teach five 90-minute exercise sessions in five consecutive weeks, offer office hours for students during the course and serve as proctor during the four exam sessions throughout the academic year. At the end of the academic year, PhD students can access their teaching evaluation in their reserved area. PhD students are required to teach during each semester in which they are not taking classes or visiting, up to a maximum of 4 courses during the overall duration of the PhD.

At the beginning of each academic year, the Department organises a training session on teaching economics for PhD students involved in teaching activities. The session is led by two faculty members and includes contributions from two senior PhD students, who share their teaching experience and practical advice.

Proctoring

During their second, third and fourth years, students are required to serve as proctors for the Department’s Faculty. This activity is mandatory for all students and is unpaid and counts toward

Other teaching opportunities

Tutoring activities are assigned on a competitive basis and are paid. Authorization from the Programme Coordinator and the main supervisor is required.



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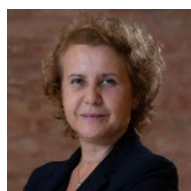
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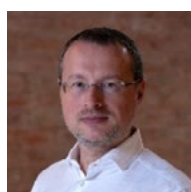
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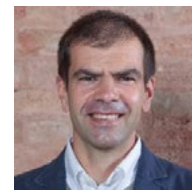
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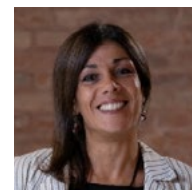
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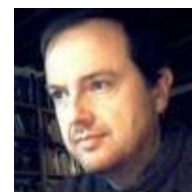
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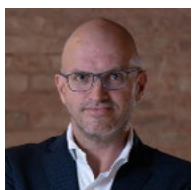
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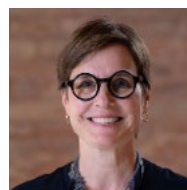


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Department of Economics

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

Research at the Department

The research interests of the PhD Faculty are described in the dedicated section of the PhD website. Furthermore, the main research areas of the Department are presented in the Department's dedicated website (Research section), where you can also find the complete list of publications, by year or by subject.

The Department also publishes journals and working paper series. Information is available on the Department's website: <https://www.unive.it/data/en/8035/journals-and-publications>

Seminar Series

Seminars at the Department of Economics are held every Monday at 12.15 and host international speakers from Italian, European and other international Universities and research institutions.

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

The internal Seminar Series is organised by PhD students under the supervision of the Department Seminar organizers and the Programme Coordinator. Two students are chosen on a rotating basis.

Information on the Department's seminars is available here:

<https://www.unive.it/web/en/8032/seminars>

Useful readings for PhD students in Economics

Berk, Harvey & Hirshleifer (2017), "How to Write an Effective Referee Report...", JEP 31(1), 231-244.

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.

Miguel, Edward (2021), "Evidence on Research Transparency in Economics", JEP 35(3), 193-214.

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. 2026, A Guide for the Young Economist, 3rd ed. Cambridge, MA, MIT Press.

Facilities for PhD students

PhD Room

PhD students have access to the PhD room located on the Economics campus. Access to the room is restricted to PhD students, who are responsible for taking proper care of it. Students are advised not to leave belongings unattended and to use the available lockers. The PhD room is open until 19.30.

PCs and Wi-Fi

The PhD room is equipped with four PCs and individual monitors. Students are encouraged to use their personal laptops and connect to the university's wireless connection (Eduroam). See the following webpage for more information.

<https://www.unive.it/pag/39159/>

Printer and photocopier

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

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

Libraries

Campus Library – BEC

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

Ca' Foscari Libraries – SBA

Ca' Foscari students have access to all University libraries:

- BEC: Economics
- BALI: Foreign languages and literature
- BAS: Sciences
- BAUM: Humanities

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 a wide range of online resources:

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

For more information on the online resources: www.unive.it/pag/40411

Research Infrastructures and HPC

HPC (High-Performance Computing system) is a cloud system developed with the Venice Centre for Economic and Risk Analytics (VERA) and the Computer Services and Telecommunications Area (ASIT). The system provides 13 virtual machines, 10 running Windows and 3 running Linux, to support different research needs. HPC has high-performance networking hardware, back-up systems and large storage capabilities. The basic configuration includes preinstalled standard software such as STATA, MATLAB, R and Python. To access HPC, contact Andrea Albarea (andrea.albarea@unive.it). Further information on the Research infrastructures is available [here](#).

PhD Student email

Once enrolled, PhD students receive an email account (studentnumber@stud.unive.it) which will be the only email address used by the Central Administration to communicate officially.

In addition, students are asked to apply for a name.surname@unive.it email, which will be used for communications within the PhD programme. Information on how to apply for a second email address can be found:

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

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

Students are asked to communicate the name.surname@unive.it address to the PhD Secretariat.



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