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NOMINATION & APPLICATION/ENROLMENT TIMELINE

Fall 2024 Nomination & Application/Enrolment Timeline*	
Opening Nominations	1 March 2024
Deadline Nominations	15 March 2024
Opening Applications	1 March 2024
Deadline Applications	15 April 2024
Spring 2025 Nomination & Application/Enrolment Timeline*	
Opening Nominations	1 October 2024
Deadline Nominations	15 October 2024
Opening Applications	1 October 2024
Deadline Applications	15 November 2024

*Once Cattolica receives the nomination for each student and acknowledges it (starting from mid-March/mid-October), students will receive a link to the application. After students have completed the application, Cattolica will review the application and then enrol the student.

OFFICIAL ARRIVAL DATE

Fall Semester 2024 Important Dates	
Arrival date 1:	2 September 2024 (exclusively for those attending courses of Interfaculty of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences – Economics and Law in English)
Orientation event 1:	5 September 2024
Arrival date 2:	23 September 2024
Orientation event 2:	26 September 2024

Spring Semester 2025 Important Dates	
Special Arrival date:	27 January 2025 (exclusively for those attending courses of Interfaculty of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences – Economics and Law in English)
Special Orientation Event:	30 January 2025
Arrival date:	17 February 2025
Orientation event:	20 February 2025

ACADEMICS

Students can choose to build their Study Plan by selecting courses from Cattolica University Academic Curriculum

Before applying, participants should be aware of the **Programme Requirements**: <https://international.unicatt.it/ucscinternational-semester-programs-exchange-program-in-brescia>

Applicants for Cattolica courses taught in Italian must provide an Italian Language Proficiency Report indicating a minimum proficiency level of B2. The report needs to be completed both by the student and an Italian language instructor and be uploaded during enrolment.

Note that applicants for Cattolica courses taught in English who are non-native speakers must provide evidence of B2 or equivalent English language proficiency. Example of minimum requirements: TOEFL iBT 79, IELTS 6, Cambridge B2 First (FCE), or comparable certification. An English Language Proficiency Report is not required if a student has successfully completed a degree programme taught in English; or is currently studying in English at his/her home institution.

CATTOLICA ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

<https://international.unicatt.it/ucscinternational-exchange-program-in-brescia-ucsc-university-academic-curriculum>

Program Dates

<https://international.unicatt.it/ucscinternational-exchange-programme-in-brescia-programme-dates-brescia>

Semester 1 (Fall 2024)
Beginning of classes: 9 September (courses of Interfaculty of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences – Economics and Law in English) 30 September, 2024 (all other Faculties)* <i>Note:</i> students should consider arriving in Brescia at least the week before.
Public Holidays: 1 November and 8 December 2024
Christmas Holidays: 23 December 2024 – 6 January 2025
Examination Session: 9 – 31 January 2025 (Interfaculty of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences – Economics and Law in English) 7 January – 22 February 2025 (all other Faculties)*

Semester 2 (Spring 2025)

Beginning of classes:

3 February (Interfaculty of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences – Economics and Law in English)

24 February 2025 (all other Faculties)*

Note: students should consider arriving in Brescia at least the week before.

Spring/Easter Break: 17 – 21 April 2025

Public Holidays: 15 February, 25 April 25, 1 May, 2 June 2025

Examination session:

19 May – 26 July 2025 (Interfaculty of Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences – Economics and Law in English)

3 June – 26 July 2025

*Starting Dates/Examination Session: some Faculties may have different starting dates/examination session. Please see the Cattolica Academic Calendar at this page: <https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/Calendario%20accademico%2024-25%20Brescia.pdf>

Notably:

- Courses from the Intercaulty of Banking, Insurance and Finance – Economics and Law are English taught and follow a different calendar <https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/IF%20Sc.bancarie-Eco.%20e%20giuri.%2024-25.pdf>

Academic Notes

The home institution sets the policy regarding the award of credits for coursework completed at Cattolica. Students are responsible for knowing their home institution's policies and procedures regarding this matter.

Cattolica Academic Curriculum:

- Students can take classes from LAUREA TRIENNALE (undergraduate) and LAUREA MAGISTRALE (graduate courses not suitable for undergraduate students).
- Students can take classes from all Faculties/Departments.
- Note that the Faculty of Political Sciences, Education and Languages offers mostly year-long courses.
- Students are advised to have a good proficiency of Italian language as most classes and exams are entirely run in Italian.
- Students will not have to register for courses prior to the beginning of classes; they will be required to update and confirm their Study Plan later during the semester and register online via their iCatt personal page for examinations.
- Course attendance is strongly recommended but not always mandatory.
- Students may choose from three possible final examination dates for most of the courses.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Cattolica International will organize an on-campus Orientation Event at the beginning of the semester. Cattolica strongly encourages students to take part in the event.

The Orientation Event programme consists of:

- Registration on Campus (collection of the student ID and Permit of Stay kit)
- Welcome speech
- Info session on Cattolica Academic Curriculum
- Q&A
- Introduction to Campus Services and Life in Brescia
- Campus tour

During the orientation students will be informed on campus services and how to organize their course schedule and select courses.

ENROLMENT FEE

As part of their enrolment, all students are required to pay a mandatory non-refundable fee of **€ 80 (This fee is included in the tuition fee for Direct Enrolment students where payment is made by the University).**

The benefits included in the enrolment fee are:

- 1) Student ID card that **can also function as bank card**
- 2) Health and liability insurance (see below MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS/ HEALTH SERVICES for more details)

TRAVEL INFORMATION

There are 4 Airports in the surrounding areas.

- **Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport**, 60 Km from Brescia.

Connected by Orio al Serio AirlinK bus from/to Brescia (Poliambulanza metro station) 30 times a day even at night
<https://www.fsbusitalia.it/content/fsbusitalia/eng/link/orio-al-serio-airlink.html>

- **Malpensa International Airport**, 140 Km from Brescia.

Connected by the Malpensa Express train to Milan Central Station every 30 minutes (single ride ticket € 13). From Milan Central Station to Brescia Station there are trains every hour (regional and high speed trains).

- **Milan Linate Airport**, 80 km from Brescia.

Connected by subway M4 (blue line) to Milan city centre (San Babila Station), then take the M1 (red line) to Duomo and take the M3 (yellow line) to Centrale FS (Milan Central Station). From Milan Central Station to Brescia Station there are trains every hour (regional and high speed trains).

- **Verona Catullo Airport**, 50 km from Brescia

Connected every 20 minutes by [Verona AirlinK bus](#) from/to Verona Porta Nuova Station, the ticket includes the train to Brescia Station (single ride ticket from €14)

ACCOMMODATION/ HOUSING

HOUSING

Cattolica offers accommodation options via a third-party provider, **MIL Service**.

The type of housing provided is shared room in off-campus shared apartment. For more information, please check our webpage
<https://international.unicatt.it/ucscinternational-brescia-accommodation>

Important Note: Please advise your students to get started on their housing application through our housing provider MIL Service after the nomination deadline (see above) and not to wait until the end of the application/enrolment process. MIL Service will assign beds on a first-come first-served basis. Students may contact MIL Service through the [contact us page](#) to request information about housing availability.

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

Students may check directly on our website possible alternative accommodation offered by third party housing providers.

Please visit the following link: <https://www.educatt.eu/housing-solutions/>

MEALS

Students may have access to the campus cafeteria. As enrolled students, participants will have access to the student discounted rate of €6.65 (complete meal) or €5.00 (light meal).

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS/ HEALTH SERVICES

Non-EU residents must take out an International Health Insurance, which covers costs related to medical treatment and admission to hospital and importantly medical evacuation and repatriation to their home country. Additionally, as part of their enrolment, all E.U. and Non-E.U. students are required to adhere to the **University's health and safety programme (Student Safety Package) for the entire duration of enrolment, which is an additional health insurance and personal liability coverage that is complementary to the international health coverage the students secure prior to their arrival in Italy**. Since Cattolica is unable to verify the coverage and policies of every international student, it applies this blanket policy to all students to ensure that every student has a minimum required coverage. Additionally, the University requires a personal liability insurance that most international health insurance policies do not include. **This coverage is only activated for the exact duration of the students' programme at Cattolica**, so it may not cover any travel dates to Italy before the start of the programme, or any travel that the students may do after the end of their programme. **We therefore recommend that students nonetheless enrol in any health insurance that their**

home university requires or at least for some additional travel health insurance that covers their travel dates outside of their programme dates.

Under normal circumstances, should students need medical assistance, they can turn to the University Health Center.

Student Health Center
Via Tosio 1, 4th floor
25121 Brescia
Educatt Headquarters
Tel. 02.7217.2604

For further info visit [here](#) (Health and Safety paragraph).

ESTIMATED PERSONAL EXPENSES

In addition to room and board, students are responsible for all additional personal expenses.

Urban transportation: free for exchange students. Students interested in activating a public transport pass must inform the international office at the email ucsc.international-bs@unicatt.it

Textbooks/readers: about € 150

Additional expenses per month are estimated at: € 300-400 (minimum)

VISA FOR NON - EU STUDENTS

Non-EU students are required to apply for a study visa. Once enrolled, students can download from the their enrolment portal two admission letters (in English and in Italian) to be submitted to the Italian Consulate/Embassy, along with the study visa application. If students apply for their study visa independently, they will need to do so via the “*Universitaly*” portal (<https://www.universitaly.it/>). For more information about the *Universitaly* portal visa application process see: <https://international.unicatt.it/ucscinternational-exchange-programme-in-brescia-post-admission-for-non-eu-students> However, if the Home University processes the visa applications in batches, the above procedure is not necessary.

FISCAL CODE

The Codice Fiscale, or Fiscal Code, is a tax code containing letters and numbers. It is a unique identification code for each individual person issued by the Italian Tax Authority (Agenzia delle Entrate). It is a mandatory code for many official documents, housing private contracts, online purchases and money transfers. We suggest you advise your students to apply for it at the **Italian Embassy or Consulate Office** in their home country prior to their departure (students can search [here](#) for the one nearest to them).

For further info visit [here](#).

TRANSCRIPT ISSUANCE

Semester 1 Late February
Semester 2 End of July
Full Year End of July

Procedure to ensure timely processing of transcripts: students need to close their career online through iCatt (the Cattolica students personal page) prior to their departure or once they have received all the grades relevant to the completion of their academic career. Additionally, students can download a self-certification which reports their academic career as provisional Transcript of Records from their iCatt page. This document cannot substitute the official Transcript of Records issued by Università Cattolica to the students' home University. Students who take late exams may experience some delay in receiving transcripts. Please notify International Student Services of any home institution deadlines for receiving transcripts for graduation, etc.

The final Transcript of Records is issued only at the end of the study period at Cattolica.