

Luiss University

Fact and Information Sheets 2026-2027

LUISS



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RANKINGS/ACCREDITATIONS



EQUIS European Quality Improvement Systems - a recognition only given to the top 1% of Business Schools and Departments in the world.



Luiss Business School earned this recognition in 2020: AMBA The Association of MBAs – the most authoritative international accreditation for MBA programs, granted to only 2% of Business Schools worldwide.



Luiss Business School earned this recognition in 2023: AACSB The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business - the longest - serving global accrediting organization for Business Schools.

Less than 1% of business schools worldwide have achieved the Triple Crown of accreditation.



World's Top 20 in the prestigious annual "Financial Times Masters in Finance - Pre-experience" ranking and 32nd in the world ranking for the "Masters in Management".

25th in the world and 1st in Italy for Politics and International Studies and among the Top 100 for Marketing, Law and Business & Management.

12th most sustainable university in the world. 1st in the "Energy and Climate Change" category.

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Nomination Deadline	From 1 April to 8 May for both First (Fall) and/or Second (Spring) semester
Nomination Procedure	All exchange students must be nominated by their home university . The home coordinator must email our nomination spreadsheet (shared via email) to in_erasmusexchange@luiss.it
Application Period	Students are contacted shortly after their nomination and can submit their application until 15 May for both First (Fall) and/or Second (Spring) semesters.
Application Deadline for Second Semester	Luiss does not accept a second round of selected students for the Second (Spring) semester after the summer. Exceptions are very rare and have been pre-arranged with the partners involved.
Application Procedure	Online Application System Application Steps for Incoming Students: After being nominated by their home university, exchange students will receive an email with an access code (token) and instructions to register on our online Web Self-Service platform. Registration Students must register on the Web Self-Service platform by entering the access code, first name, last name, and date of birth. The information entered must match the data provided by the home university. If registration is successful, students will be granted access to the system using their newly assigned username and password. We recommend saving this page or noting down the credentials for future use (a copy will also be sent to the student's e-mail address). Once logged into the system, students can proceed to the next step. Application From the Web Self-Service user page, students should click on Study abroad > Application Form for Incoming students (Erasmus/Exchange) located on the right-hand side of the page. Students will have to upload the following scanned documents: • A recent photograph (35 x 40 mm, max 5MB, in JPG, BMP, or PJPEG) * • ID card (for Schengen countries) or passport (for non-EU students) * • Updated transcript of records in English * • Language certificates (if required, check with your home university) * <i>Compulsory attachments</i> Lastly, students are required to create their Luiss email account, which will allow them to access their institutional email and most Luiss services.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

First Semester – Fall

Mandatory Orientation	3 September 2026
Classes Begin	7 September 2026
Classes End	5 December 2026 <i>(13 weeks of classes – 12 for the 1st and 2nd year undergraduate courses due to suspension of classes for mandatory midterm exams)</i>
Mandatory Midterm Exams (for 1 st - and 2 nd -year undergraduate courses)	19 - 24 October 2026
First Examination Period (one examination date for all first semester courses)	9 - 19 December 2026
Second Examination Period	7 - 30 January 2027
Christmas Holidays from 21 December 2026 to 6 January 2027	

Second Semester – Spring

Mandatory Orientation	28 January 2027
Classes Begin	1 February 2027
Classes End	8 May 2027 <i>(13 weeks excluding the Easter holidays – 12 for the 1st and 2nd year undergraduate courses due to suspension of classes for mandatory midterm exams.)</i>
Mandatory Midterm Exams (for 1 st - and 2 nd -year undergraduate courses)	8 - 13 March 2027
First Examination Period (one examination date for all second semester courses)	10 - 22 May 2027
Second Examination Period	From 24 May to 26 June 2027
Easter Holidays from 25 to 30 March 2027	

NB Each semester, a minimum of two examination sessions will be available for all courses.

The second examination period officially marks the end of the academic semester. However, many exchange students choose to complete their exams earlier, typically during the first examination period. Students may take all exams in the first period, all in the second, or split them between the two – this is the most common approach among Luiss students.

Please note that during the **First Examination Period**, **only one exam opportunity** is offered per course.

Considering that exam dates and times may overlap – especially across different years, programs, or levels – students might be unable to sit all required exams during the first examination period and may need to take the remaining exams during the second examination period.

The date of the final exam taken will be recorded to verify attendance for certification purposes.

ACCEPTANCE OF STUDENTS

In May	At the end of May , once applications are processed, incoming students will receive an acceptance letter and practical information via email.
In October (Only for partners with whom we have agreed on a second round of selection for the Spring semester)	At the end of October , once applications are processed, incoming students will receive an acceptance letter and practical information via email.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Academic Requirements	Although a specific minimum GPA is not required, incoming students should be in good academic standing .
Language Requirements	With most of our partners we have agreed that language proficiency will be certified by each home university, confirming that the level is equivalent to at least B2 in English or Italian. As a result, students will not be required to submit an official an official language test result for the exchange program. Please note that knowledge of the Italian language is not required for students studying in English. From partner universities with which we have not agreed on a language certificate waiver, we will require one of the following proofs of language proficiency in English or Italian to study at Luiss.
For Italian:	CELI 3 – B2 CILS DUE (B2) PLIDA B2 Please note that all certificates must be valid and obtained from September 2024 onwards.
For English:	IELTS score a minimum of 6 TOEFL IBT score - minimum grade 78 Cambridge B2 First - minimum grade B Cambridge C1 Advanced - minimum grade C Please note that all certificates must be valid and obtained from September 2024 onwards.

ACADEMICS

Courses Available to Exchange Students	Erasmus and exchange students will have access to over 500 courses in English . Students will be able to select all courses in the list. The most up-to-date list of courses is available here.
Languages of Instruction	Italian and English
Course Descriptions	Course descriptions can be found here . If you do not find some course descriptions, it means they are new subjects and have yet to be published.
Course Attendance	Full-time attendance of courses is mandatory.
Enrolment Guidelines	Exchange students will have access to courses across all disciplines, academic years, and levels (both bachelor and master), provided they meet the necessary prerequisites outlined in the syllabi and there are no major timetable clashes. The more they mix areas and levels, the greater the risk of having timetable conflicts.

	Master's courses are at an advanced level, and students must have the required background and strong language competences.
Course Enrolment	Course enrolment for the Fall semester will be held in June/July, and for the Spring semester in November/December. An add/drop period will take place at the beginning of each semester. Students will have one week to change courses if necessary. Most courses have limited capacity, and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
Elective Courses	Elective courses in all areas will be offered only if enough students enroll. The final list will be available in late July.
Italian Language Course	Luiss offers extensive Italian language courses in both semesters for exchange students who have been admitted to study at Luiss, under an exchange program (Erasmus+ or Bilateral Agreement). The courses are offered at three levels: beginners, intermediate, and advanced, and are free of charge for students. Students who attend the courses and meet the requirements will receive a certificate and earn 3 ECTS credits per semester.
University Structure	3 + 2 - according to the Bologna system Undergraduate and Graduate Schools Three-year Bachelor's Degree Programs (180 ECTS credits) Two-year Master's Degree Programs (120 ECTS credits) Five-year Single Cycle Graduate Programs (300 ECTS credits). The courses in the fourth and fifth years are more advanced and equivalent to master's level.
ECTS Credits	Luiss University credits are based on ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). 1 ECTS is equivalent to 25 hours of study.
Average Workload	The average workload for students at Luiss is 24 to 30 ECTS credits per semester, including Italian language courses. Typically, full-time students enroll in four or five courses per semester, depending on the year of study and academic level.
Minimum Workload Requirements	Exchange students must take at least one course. Incoming mobility for thesis research is not permitted.
Maximum Workload Limit	Exchange students are permitted to enroll in up to 40 ECTS credits per semester. However, they are strongly advised not to exceed 33 credits per semester (excluding the Italian language course).
Attendance Certificates	Attendance certificates will be issued by Luiss and sent directly to students. The arrival date will correspond to the mandatory Orientation Day, and the departure date will be the day of the student's final exam.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL

By clicking on the name of the program, a description will be available.

Bachelor's Degree Programs (3 years)
180 ECTS credits

Business Administration (in English)

- Marketing
- Organizational Behavior and HR Management
- International Business Strategy

Economics and Business (in English)

- Management
- Economics
- Finance

Economics and Management

Global Law (in English)

- Global Law, Business, and Tech
- Global Law and International Organizations
- Italian Law

Management and Artificial Intelligence (in English)

Political Science

- International and Global Studies
- Government and Public Policy

Politics, Philosophy and Economics (in English)

- Artificial Intelligence
- Sustainability
- Fundamental Rights' Protection

Single Cycle Graduate Program (5 years)
300 ECTS credits

- EU Law and Regulation (in English)
- Law and Innovation (in English)
- Civil Law
- Business Law and Economics
- Company and Tax Law
- Criminal Law
- Administrative Law
- International Law
- Labour and Social Security Law

GRADUATE SCHOOL

By clicking on the name of the program, a description will be available.

Master's Degree Programs (2 years)
120 ECTS credits

Accounting, Finance and Control

- Accounting, Controlling and Business Consulting
- Accounting, Financial Management and Control

Data Science and Management (in English)

Economics, Institutions and Financial Markets (in English)

- Economics, Data and Policy Analysis
- Banks and Financial Intermediaries
- RoME (restricted)

Finance (in English)

- Corporate Finance
- Financial Markets

Global Management and Politics (in English)

Government and Public Affairs

- Government and Administration
- Communication and Public Affairs
- Public Policy (in **English**)

International Relations (in **English**)

- Diplomacy
- Security
- Euro-Mediterranean Studies

Management (in **English**)

- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- International Management
- Luxury, Fashion and Made in Italy

Marketing

- Marketing Analytics & Data Science (in **English**)
- Marketing Analytics & Data Science
- Marketing Strategy, Management and Communication (in **English**)
- Marketing Strategy, Management and Communication

Strategic Management

- Strategic Management & Consulting
- Strategic Management & Consulting (in **English**)
- Technology Strategy (held in **English**)
- Sustainability & Circular Economy (in **English**)

LUISS EDUCATIONAL MODELS

Undergraduate School Educational Model – Engaged Learning

An experiential and interactive education split into six phases:

1. **Acquisition** - The professor imparts knowledge that restructures the student's conceptual framework.
2. **Investigation** - The student independently investigates the topics covered.
3. **Discussion** - Discussion with peers and faculty stimulates critical thinking.
4. **Collaboration** - Teamwork generates shared results and cooperative learning.
5. **Practice** - Knowledge is applied to real contexts.
6. **Production** - The student develops original ideas and produces content.

The aim is to provide not only theoretical knowledge, but a transferable and lasting learning method, capable of adapting to new and changing issues.

For those enrolling in bachelor's degree programs from the 2025-2026 academic year, a compulsory midterm exam will be introduced. **Students can decline the midterm grade and choose to take the entire test in the exam session, but it will no longer be possible to decline a grade obtained in a final exam. [Click here and find out more!](#)**

Graduate School Educational Model – SMART

An education approach to tackle the challenges of the future is split into five distinctive factors, which define its pedagogical framework and educational efficacy:

1. **Student-Centricity** - Customisable education programs built around the specific needs of the student.
2. **Multidisciplinarity** - Integration of expertise from different areas of knowledge.

3. **Academic Rigor** - Solid theoretical preparation with advanced teaching methods.
4. **Readiness** - Focus on the practical application of skills in the world of work.
5. **Tech-Enhancement** - Targeted use of digital technologies to enhance learning.

Graduate School students must actively participate in at least 70% of the lectures. A lecture attendance tracking system is in place. Those who do not reach this threshold are considered noncompliant. The student evaluation system adopted by the Graduate School consists of continuous assessment, designed to monitor progressive learning during the semester, where assessments count for 1/3 of the final grade, and a final exam which counts for 2/3 of the final grade. Continuous assessment is mandatory and ongoing evaluations cannot be refused. For those enrolling in master's degree programs in their first year in the 2025/2026 academic year, **it will not be possible to decline continuous assessment or exam results.**
[Click here to find out more!](#)

Examination Periods

Exams are held after the teaching period and can be oral, written, or a combination of both.

Undergraduate and Graduate courses offer two exam opportunities at the end of each teaching semester (**three** in case of Law courses).

Every semester, exam dates are published around one month after classes start.

Final Exams

Exams can only be taken on the official dates.
Exchange students will take their exams under the same conditions as regular students.

Proctored Exams

Luiss cannot offer proctored Exams.

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

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Transcripts of records will be sent digitally to Partner Institutions according to the following timeline:

Fall Semester:

- Late January (for students who complete all exams by Christmas holidays)
- Early March (for all other students)

Spring Semester: Mid-July

Grading System

30 e lode	= excellent
29-30	= very good
27-28	= good
24-26	= satisfactory
18-23	= sufficient
< 18	= fail

Individual courses are graded on a scale of 18 to 30/30. Exceptional performances may be awarded 30 cum laude (30 e lode).

The minimum passing grade is 18. **Grades below 18 are considered a failure and will not be recorded.**

Grades below 18 will not appear and cannot appear on the transcript of records, as such grades do not exist in Italy.
Exceptions cannot be made.

ACCOMMODATION

Housing for Erasmus and Exchange Students

Luiss University, through its Accommodation Office, assists incoming Erasmus and Exchange students in their search for accommodation during their stay in Rome.

The following accommodation arrangements are available:

- **Luiss halls of residence** (run directly by the University) and **affiliated halls of residence** (run by a private institution with an agreement with the University).
To apply for accommodation at one of the halls of residence, students are required to **apply through an automated online booking system**. The system will process applications in chronological order contingent upon the availability of the desired accommodation.
- **Private rooms and apartments**
Luiss University has signed agreements with some online property rental platforms and local real estate agencies for the selection of private apartments to share with other students.

As spots are limited, accommodation is not guaranteed.

Applying for Luiss and Affiliated Halls of Residence

Incoming students must apply online until all accommodation is booked. Different click days will be arranged according to the semester of mobility.

To participate in the online booking process, students are required to register **in advance**, via the link that will be published on the Accommodation Office [webpage](#).

Please note that additional “click days” might be added based on further availability, and that the dates above might be subject to change. It is therefore crucial to check the latest updates and procedures on the dedicated [webpage](#).

Contact for Housing

Accommodation Office (*Residenze e Collegi*)
T: +39 06 8522 5971
residenze-collegi@luiss.it

Fees

Erasmus students and students under a Bilateral Exchange Agreement are not required to pay any tuition fees.
These students are admitted on a no-tuition fee basis.

Facilities for Exchange Students:

- Free Italian language courses
- Free shuttle bus connecting the different campuses
- Free medical service and emergency medical assistance
- Cultural activities including conferences, cinema, theatre, literature, and music
- Luiss e-mail account
- Access to the wireless network
- Computer and printing facilities
- Orientation services and tutoring
- A specialized library, also accessible online
- University canteens and cafés
- University radio
- Sport clubs
- Luiss Loft
- Language Café



VISA AND INSURANCE

Health Insurance

Non-EU students must hold a health insurance policy to obtain a study Visa and, once in Italy, to apply for a residence permit. The health insurance must cover the entire residence permit duration. To be valid:

- It must cover any case of accident and hospital treatment in Italy and in the Schengen Area.
- It must cover the entire duration of your stay in Italy.
- It must have a minimum coverage of 30.000.
- It must guarantee the policy-holder's return to their own country in case of serious illness.
- It must be translated into English or Italian.

Please visit [the dedicated webpage](#) for more detail.

EU students must bring their **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** which entitles the holder to get necessary treatments at the same cost as an Italian citizen.

It does not necessarily guarantee free services and is not an alternative to travel insurance (it does not cover private healthcare, return flights or lost/stolen properties).

For more information, please visit: [European Health Insurance Card - European Commission](#).

An insurance covering **third part liability** is strongly recommended for all exchange students.

Visa Application

Students holding a citizenship from a country that is *not* part of the **European Union (EU)**, the **European Economic Area (EEA)**, the **Schengen Area**, or **Switzerland** should apply for a **Study Visa** as soon as they receive the letter of acceptance from Luiss University. Guidance can be found [on this webpage](#) – in “**Before the Arrival**” section.

Residence Permit

Within 8 days of arrival in Italy, students coming from a country that is *not* part of the **European Union (EU)**, the **European Economic**

Area (EEA), the Schengen Area, or Switzerland are required to apply for their **residence permit**. Guidance can be found [on this webpage](#) – in **After the Arrival** section.

Cost of Living
(average prices in Rome)

Housing: from €400 to €1200 per month
Textbooks: € 100-200 per semester
Transportation:
 €1.50 for a single ticket (valid for 100 mins)
 €35 monthly card
 €250 for an annual pass
Leisure activities: €200-250 per month
Groceries: €200-300 per month
University Canteen: €7-9 per meal
Espresso Coffee: €1.50



RESOURCES ON ROME AND ITALY

Living in Rome

<https://www.luiss.it/esperienze-allestero/studenti-incoming/erasmus-bilateral-exchange/living-in-rome>
<https://www.turismoroma.it/en/romalive>
<https://www.romeing.it/>
<https://sovraintendenzaroma.it/>

Italy

<https://www.italia.it/en>
