



UNIVERSITÀ
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Dipartimento
di **SCIENZE ECONOMICHE**

PhD in Economics and Finance

The program in short
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Why a PhD in Economics and Finance?

- The PhD degree is the highest level of university education
- A PhD in Economics and Finance trains students to become independent researchers in Economics and/or Finance
- A PhD graduate can undertake a career at the university or in any public/private company endowed with a research department

Why in Verona?

- The Department of Economics offers a stimulating young research environment in a lovely city
- We offer two dedicated curricula: Economics (ECO) and Mathematics and Data Analytics for Finance (MDAF)
- Students are endowed with personal research funds and have access to a dedicated room, equipped with computers and other facilities



Main features of the program

- Duration: Four years full time
 - At least four scholarships (gross amount: 16,000 euros per year)
 - Personal research funds (1,600 euros per year)
 - Extra research funds, e.g. for the purchase of equipment
 - Access to dedicated room and Department facilities
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- Two curricula (ECO and MDAF)
 - Training activities entirely carried out in English
 - First year of courses on general and specific topics
 - Interaction with PhD programs from nearby universities
 - Further courses offered by the PhD school
 - Personalized training and research path
 - Experience abroad of six-twelve months financially supported



Activities

First year

- Students attend advanced courses and give exams
- By the end of the year, students choose a field of specialization, identify one or two supervisor(s)
- At the end of the year, students prepare a summer paper (ECO track) or give an oral presentation (MDAF track)

Second year

- Students start working on their research and are encouraged to shape a personalized study curriculum based on their research interests
- Students present their work on a “PhD day” jointly organized with the Universities of Padua and Ca’ Foscari of Venice
- At the end of the year, students present an internal seminar within the Department



Activities

Third year

- Students mainly work on their research
- A study and research stay in a foreign university or research institution for a period of six-twelve months usually takes place in this period
- Students present their work on a “PhD day” jointly organized with the Free University of Bozen and the University of Trento
- At the end of the year, students present an internal seminar within the Department

Fourth year

- Students finalize their thesis, which must contain three chapters of original scientific production
- The thesis is evaluated by a pool of at least two external reviewers
- Final examinations usually take place between April and May of the year following the end of the program



Placement

- The PhD program was launched in 2021 and we do not have PhD graduates yet
- History is based on the former PhD program in “Economics and Management”: at the time of graduation, all our students were already having a job
 - About 70% got hired in a university
 - The remaining 30% got hired in public/private companies



Admission

- Admission is through competition. The call for applications opens in April/May
- Eligible candidates hold, or are about to hold, a master's degree in Economics or related fields
- The following material is required for an application:
 - i)* Certificate with final graduation mark or transcript with exam grades;
 - ii)* Curriculum Vitae;
 - iii)* Short original research proposal;
 - iv)* Two reference letters
- Shortlisted candidates are invited for an interview in June/July
- Activities start in October
- In a standard call ...
 - We receive more than 150 applications from around 30 countries (20% Italians)
 - We shortlist around 30 applicants



Need more information?

- Visit the PhD official webpage
<https://www.corsi.univr.it/?ent=cs&id=1008&lang=en>
- Contact the PhD Coordinator, Prof. Athena Picarelli
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- We look forward to hearing from you!