



## NOTICE TO AWARD DOUBLE DEGREE EXCHANGE PLACES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SECOND CYCLE/MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT – FORLÌ CAMPUS

The following positions are available for the Double Degree Programme for the academic year 2025/26 at the partner universities indicated below:

- **ICN Business School:** 8 positions
- **Neoma Business School:** 6 positions
- **Máster Universitario en Economía Social (Cooperativas y Entidades no Lucrativas)** – University of Valencia (Valencia, Spain): 4 positions (only for students of the Master's Degree programme "Management dell'Economia Sociale": please see the Italian version of the notice for further information)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### What is a Double Degree Programme?

It is a specific programme that enables students to spend their second year in one of the partner institutions, obtain the ECTS established in the Double Degree bilateral agreement (as better specified below) and be awarded a master's degree by both the University of Bologna and the partner University.

IMPORTANT! Double degree exchange students at ICN Business School e Neoma Business School will have to discuss the final thesis at the University of Bologna, according to the information below.

- **ICN Business school double degree students have to:**
  - o Complete their first year at the University of Bologna before starting the exchange period at the partner university;
  - o Complete the activities at ICN Business School for a total amount of **50 credits within September 2026**. The study plan at ICN Business School includes exams and internship; on the other hand, the master thesis is excluded because it has to be prepared and discussed at the University of Bologna. Students who do not complete the 50 ECTS credits at ICN Business School by the deadline of September 2026, will lose the possibility to gain ICN master's degree title of study;
  - o Ask for the recognition of the activities completed at the partner University;
  - o Prepare and discuss the Master's final thesis at the University of Bologna according to the procedures and deadlines of the University of Bologna to obtain UniBo title of study;
  - o After obtaining UniBo title of study, ask to the partner University to issue its final degree certificate.
- **Neoma Business School double degree students have to:**
  - o Complete their first year at the University of Bologna before starting the exchange period at the partner university;
  - o Complete the activities at Neoma Business School. The study plan includes the **dissertation** that has to be prepared at Neoma BS but it has to be discussed also at the University of Bologna too to obtain UniBo final degree. After completing the ECTS at Neoma BS, the partner University will release its title of study;
  - o Ask for the recognition of the activities completed at the partner University

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- Discuss the final thesis at the University of Bologna, according to the procedures and deadlines of the University of Bologna to obtain Unibo title of study.

The study plans of each partner university are published in the degree programme website, section “Programme” → “The opportunities offered by an international degree programme”.

Students selected to participate in the Double Degree Programme will benefit from:

- the **full academic acknowledgement** of the activities successfully completed during the exchange period according to the Double Degree Programme Agreement. The activities will be acknowledged by the *Transcript of Records* provided by the host institution according to the *European Credit Transfer System*. The *Transcript of Records* is an official document issued by the host institution at the end of the programme, indicating the activities successfully completed during the exchange along with the relevant credits and marks obtained by the student;
- the exemption from tuition fees at the host university (but not at the University of origin), with the exception of possible graduation fees required by the host university;
- the same services and facilities the host institution offers to its own students.

### **General admission requirements**

To apply for the Double Degree Programme 2025/26 students must:

1. **be enrolled in the first year of one of the second-cycle degree programmes of the Department of Management – Forlì Campus for the a.y., 2024/25** (LM Business Administration and Sustainability, LM Economia e Management; LM Economia e Commercio; LM Management dell’Economia Sociale)

The Double Degree programme with the University of Valencia - Máster Universitario en Economía Social (Cooperativas y Entidades no Lucrativas) - is reserved to students enrolled in the first year of the second-cycle degree course in Management of Social Economy (Management dell’Economia Sociale).

2. **meet the following language proficiency requirements:**

- a- as far as ICN Business School is concerned, during the exchange period it is possible to study in English and/or French; therefore, it is necessary to demonstrate a minimum level of **language proficiency in English and/or French (at B2 level or higher)**. It is not compulsory to demonstrate language proficiency in both languages, though this may favourably affect the evaluation of students’ application by the Examining Board;
- b- as far as Neoma Business School is concerned, it is required to demonstrate a minimum level of **language proficiency in English (B2 level or higher)** and possibly in French (not compulsory); It is not compulsory to demonstrate language proficiency in both languages, though this may favourably affect the evaluation of students’ application by the Examining Board;
- c- as far as Valencia University is concerned, the exchange programme requires to demonstrate a minimum level of **language proficiency in Spanish (A2 level or higher)**.

The assessment of language proficiency is compulsory. Students failing to provide evidence of the above-described language proficiency will not be considered eligible to participate in the exchange programme and they will be excluded from the evaluating procedure.

Students’ language proficiency will be assessed according to the procedures established in the Erasmus+ Call for applications (for study purposes).



Please note that the hosting institution during the application procedure may ask to submit specific language certificates in order to complete the enrolment. For example, for 2024/25 Neoma required a language certificate: IELTS 6.5 or equivalent (TOEFL, TOEIC or DUOLINGO), but requirements may be changed each year.

**3. pass all first-year exams and obtain all the relevant credits before starting the exchange programme.**

This is to be considered as a binding condition failing which students lose their right to participate in the programme. A winner candidate who has not completed his/her first-year exams before the beginning of the learning activities at the partner university cannot participate in the programme and he/she will automatically lose his/her right to participate in the programme.

These candidates may possibly participate in an Erasmus+ for study purposes programme with the same university (upon approval of the partner university) but they cannot obtain the Double Degree title.

For the above-mentioned reasons it is crucial to check carefully the starting date of the learning activities at the partner university.

NOTE: According to this requirement, if candidates have completed a very small number of credits at the end of the first semester, the application may be considered as not eligible.

ATTENTION! Exchange students who won the exchange with ICN Business School, enrolled in the Master's degree programme in Economics and Management in Italian also have to anticipate the International Strategy and Management (C.I.): Marketing Analytics laboratory exam in the first year in order to meet the requirement since the partner University requires the completion of 60 cfu before departure while the study plan provides for 57 credits in the first year.

**4. pay the tuition fees for the academic year 2025/26 at the University of Bologna according to the established deadlines.**

**Scholarships:**

Student mobility is funded by Erasmus+ scholarships according to the terms and conditions established in the Erasmus+ Call for Applications.

Scholarships are not meant to cover all the expenses, but are to be intended as a *contribution* towards the major expenses related to the stay (and therefore as an incentive to promote international mobility).

**PLEASE NOTE: if the study plan includes an internship (as at ICN BS), it will not be possible to receive the Erasmus grant for the period of the internship if it is carried out in ITALY or outside EU. If you already received the grant for the entire period, you will have to reimburse eventual funds received.**

If for any reason the Erasmus exchange is interrupted (either for the internship in Italy, or for the achievement of the maximum number of months or the end of the Erasmus period), students can continue the exchange as double degree students for the achievement of the double degree (although they can no longer benefit from Erasmus status and funding).



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### **Application:**

Students must apply according to the procedures and deadlines indicated in the Erasmus for study call for applications. For further information, please refer to the following webpage: <http://www.unibo.it/en/international/Studying-abroad/General-information-on-Erasmus/Participation-methods>  
Students can apply for a maximum of three positions (Double degree and/or Erasmus+ programmes).

### **Selection Criteria:**

The evaluation criteria are equivalent to the ones specified in the Erasmus+ call for application for study purposes available at the following webpage :<http://www.unibo.it/en/international/Studying-abroad/General-information-on-Erasmus/Participation-methods>

### **What to do after the selection procedure**

After the publication of the ranking, the Erasmus+ scholarship winners have to accept their position according to the procedures and deadlines established in the Erasmus+ call for application for study purposes: <http://www.unibo.it/en/international/Studying-abroad/General-information-on-Erasmus/Participation-methods>

After having accepted the position, candidates must:

- follow the instruction indicated in the Erasmus Call for Applications concerning the scholarship award;
- **fulfil the *application procedures of the foreign institution*** (providing the *application form*, language certificates and other supporting documents required). **NOTE:** It is under student's responsibility to collect all necessary information to fulfil successfully the application procedures and meet the deadlines established by the partner institution, failing which students may lose their right to be accepted by the partner university, regardless being considered eligible by the University of Bologna. **In any case, the partner University is responsible of the final decision about the admission to the double degree programme.**

### ***Treatment of personal data***

The information about the treatment of the personal data received when applying are published at <https://www.unibo.it/en/university/privacy-policy-and-legal-notes/privacy-policy/information-for-students>.

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