

# Bocconi University Exchange 2019-2020 Handbook

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# Program Information

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## Bocconi University

Bocconi University is the premier institution of business and economics in Italy. Founded in 1902, Bocconi is financially and politically independent. It has played an important role in the social and economic modernization of Italy. Several faculty members in Northwestern's Economics department received their degrees from Bocconi. Bocconi has 14,272 total students enrolled, 7,883 students enrolled in BSc programs, and 4,546 international students. The campus consists of several buildings, some of which are newly constructed.

Bocconi is located in Milan, which is known as the leading main engine of Italy's economy and home to the country's stock exchange, as well as a fashion capital. Milan is in northern Italy, and is the capital of its region, Lombardia. It is the second largest city in Italy (to Rome) and has a greater metro area population of over 3 million. The Bocconi campus is situated near Porta Ticinese, along the former city gate of Milan.

## Program Team

There are a number of different partners and players that make important contributions to your academic, cultural, and personal experience abroad.

At Northwestern, the team in the Global Learning Office (GLO) is available to support you before, during, and after your study abroad experience. GLO plays the following roles:

- **Liaison with Host University:** GLO works with the international office at your host university to pave the way for you to be successful. GLO collaborates with your host university to facilitate your nomination and application processes and to provide ongoing support.
- **Pre-Departure Orientation and Materials:** GLO provides you with important information about your program to help you prepare for your experience. This includes resources, such as this program handbook as well as online modules and in-person meetings related to health and safety, budgeting, travel, and academics.
- **Course Registration:** GLO will register students at Northwestern for the appropriate study abroad course(s) for their program; you will not register yourself for any Northwestern courses during your term(s) abroad.
- **Academic Credit:** GLO will receive and submit your transcript to the Registrar's Office, which will post general study abroad credits. Note: Please ensure you request original transcripts are sent to GLO.
- **In-Country Support:** Faculty and staff at your host university will provide support for you while abroad and should be your primary resource, but if you need additional assistance or would feel more comfortable speaking to GLO staff, please do not hesitate to contact your GLO adviser (see below).
- **Re-Integration Support:** Upon your return, GLO will provide you with resources to help transition back into campus life at Northwestern, as well as connect you to other study abroad returnees and program alumni.



### Catrina DeBord

#### Assistant Director, Operations & Development

Catrina has been in the field of international education for over 12 years and received her BA in International Relations, International Studies, and Italian from University of Wisconsin-Madison and her MS in Communication from Northwestern University. She studied abroad in France and Italy and has worked and traveled abroad in various locations throughout Europe, Asia, and North and South America. Before joining Northwestern, Catrina was the Associate Director of International Programs at Columbia College Chicago where she focused on centralizing and streamlining faculty-led programs and budgets running across six continents.

Catrina is a member of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, The Forum on Education Abroad, the Global Leadership League, the Northwestern Education Abroad Crisis Management Council, and the Association of Northwestern Women. She also actively volunteers with professional organizations, currently serving as the NAFSA Region V Chair Elect (2019-21), and previously serving as the NAFSA Region V Education Abroad Representative (2018-19), and the International Educators of Illinois (IEI) Study Abroad Representative (2015-17). When she isn't busy exploring Chicago neighborhoods with her husband and dog, Catrina loves to travel, learn about different perspectives and cultures, and taste foods from around the world.

Catrina is your **GLO Adviser** and primary point of contact for any questions you may have about your program, academics, preparing for study abroad, health and safety, or any other exchange-related matters, particularly **before your departure or after your return**.

### International Office at Exchange University

The staff at the International Office can provide you with information, support, and connections to student life at your host university. Their office is called the International Student Desk (ISD).

International Student Desk (ISD) Università Bocconi

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Website: [www.ir.unibocconi.eu/inexchange](http://www.ir.unibocconi.eu/inexchange)

The ISD office organizes a series of **social events** and **orientation activities** at the beginning of each semester to help students get used to the new environment:

- Creation of the [Bocconi Fact sheet](#), a very helpful quick guide for students
- Orientation meeting
- Permit of stay counseling service (for non-EU students)
- Welcome Desk
- University Tours and Milan Guided Tours
- Cross Culture Sessions and Leisure Activities

- Italian Language Courses- The ISD organizes optional courses in order to help exchange students get familiar with Italian.
  - Italian Language Crash Course: intensive course before Bocconi classes
  - Italian Language Follow-Up Course: scheduled throughout the semester. Levels from pre-elementary to intermediate. Attendance is mandatory: students enrolled in the Crash Course should arrive on campus by the starting date of the course. Further information at: [www.ir.unibocconi.eu/itacourse](http://www.ir.unibocconi.eu/itacourse).

### Program Participants

The Bocconi exchange is small and often there may only a few NU students participating at any given time. Because of this, you are strongly encouraged to connect with alums of the exchange which you can find listed on the GLO website here:

<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/connect-with-students/index.html>.

### Program Schedule

Program start dates may vary depending on in which orientation and arrival programming (such as language courses) you participate so check your letter of acceptance for your specific details.

Typical suggested arrival dates from Bocconi are:

- Fall semester- late August - early September arrival
- Spring Semester- late January - early February arrival

For advanced planning, you should reference the following:

- [Bocconi Academic calendar](#) for specific dates
- [Bocconi Fact Sheet](#) for more details by term and year related to exchange programming

### Academics

Refer to the **Academic Planning** section of the GLO website for more information about academic information, expectations, and policies:

<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/academic-planning/index.html>

In addition to familiarizing yourself with the information below, it is important that you take some time to learn about the academic culture of your host institution. Speak with past Northwestern students who have studied at your host university, as well as exchange students from your host university who are currently studying at Northwestern.

### Choosing Courses, Registration, and Enrollment Requirements

For the term(s) that you will be abroad, you will be enrolled at Northwestern in a placeholder course, which corresponds to your program. GLO will register you for your study abroad course(s), so please do not register yourself for any classes.

Students at Bocconi University may take classes in international economics, management, and finance. Northwestern students can take courses in either English or Italian, depending on their language fluency. Find course options in [Bocconi's Exchange Student Catalog](#).

Students must be enrolled and considered full-time students by the standards of both their host institution and by Northwestern (3 units of Northwestern credit per quarter). To be considered full-time at HU, students must enroll in the following minimum credits per term.

- Fall: 12 ECTS
- Winter/Spring: 22 ECTS
- Full Year: 36 ECTS (18 per term)

For more information about how these local credits will convert to Northwestern units of credit, visit the GLO website: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/academic-planning/registration-credit/exchange-credit-transfer.html>.

### Important Note: Bocconi courses for Exchange students

- Bocconi creates a selection of courses called the [COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH OFFERED TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS](#).
  - Be mindful of the tab titled “Classes” as this column indicates the **ONLY** class numbers which are open to exchange students in the given term. You will see specific class numbers listed here which correspond to class numbers you should seek out when searching in the live online [Bocconi course catalog](#).
- Course selection: carried out online before arrival with the possibility to change courses during the “add/drop period”, after classes have started
- Bocconi Course load: from minimum 2 up to maximum 5 courses per term (course carry varying credit loads)
- General rules: courses are assigned on a first-come-first- served basis. Bocconi cannot guarantee enrollment in any specific course. Undergraduate students can select undergraduate level courses from all Departments.
- Northwestern requires students to complete all exams prior to departure and return to the US.

### Transcripts and Credit

Following completion of your program, you will be issued a transcript from your exchange host institution, and eligible course credit will be transferred to Northwestern, as long as students follow all rules regarding course transferability and earn course grades of C (or equivalent in the local grading system) or above. Bocconi issues electronic transcripts which are emailed simultaneously to the student and the GLO advisor.

A “C” equivalent at Bocconi is a local grade of 21 and above.

For more information about credit transfer, visit these sections of the GLO website:

- Transfer Credit Rules: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/academic-planning/choosing-courses.html>
- Transfer Credit Process: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/return-home/credit-transfer/index.html>

### Accommodations

Student housing is offered by Bocconi and priority if given to exchange students (who meet the housing application deadlines), then is opened to the broader Bocconi student community. If you do not meet the noted deadlines you will need to secure your own private housing which can be challenging and expensive to do in Milan. Plus, the student housing is a great way to meet other students.

- University Housing: places are limited and assigned on a first- come-first-served basis. Carefully read the “How to apply” section available at [www.ir.unibocconi.eu/housingisd](http://www.ir.unibocconi.eu/housingisd). If interested, students are required to apply for housing during the online application for the exchange program. A security deposit is needed for the application to be processed.
- Private Housing: students are responsible for securing their own accommodation.

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# Italy

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Italian history and culture are both rich and complex. We encourage you to do some research about the history of your host country as well as general country information, including the political system, geography, the economy, population, culture, and current events. Your ability to take full advantage of your time abroad will be influenced by the amount of preparation and research you do before you go, so read as much as you can! Refer to the list of resources in the **Links & Recommended Reading** section.

## Fast Facts<sup>1</sup>

- Total Area: 301,340 sq km
- Population: 62,246,674 (July 2018 est.)
- Government type: parliamentary republic
- President: Sergio MATTARELLA (since 3 February 2015)
- Head of government: Prime Minister Giuseppe CONTE (since 1 June 2018); the prime minister's official title is President of the Council of Ministers
- GDP per capita: \$38,200 (2017 est.)
- GDP real growth rate: 1.5% (2017 est.)
- Religions: Christian 80% (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic with very small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Protestants), Muslim (about 800,000 to 1 million), atheist and agnostic 20%
- Major industries: tourism, machinery, iron and steel, chemicals, food processing, textiles, motor vehicles, clothing, footwear, ceramics
- Agriculture: fruits, vegetables, grapes, potatoes, sugar beets, soybeans, grain, olives; beef, dairy products; fish

## Language

Italian (official), German (parts of Trentino-Alto Adige region are predominantly German speaking), French (small French-speaking minority in Valle d'Aosta region), Slovene (Slovene-speaking minority in the Trieste-Gorizia area). You will also find that English is widely understood and spoken in many major cities.

## Transportation

There are many modes of transportation in Milan. Below is some basic information about how to get around in Milan and Italy, but also refer to the **Health, Safety, and Security** section for tips about safe travel.

- **Foot and bike.** Italians generally like to walk and bike a lot. You can easily walk to the grocery store and other sites of interest in the area.
- **Public Transportation.** Students can purchase public transportation passes that allow for unlimited use of local transportation. Monthly passes are 22 euro for students under 26 years of age.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/gm.html> (2019)



- **Taxis.** Taxis are plentiful and efficient, and many taxi drivers speak English. All taxis use meters, but rides can get expensive. Because public transportation is so good, it is seldom necessary to consider taxis as a transportation option.

### Getting To/From the Airport

You could take a taxi or various forms of public transportation to and from the airport. Reference the section above, use online navigation services, and make your transportation plans prior to arrival so that you are prepared. Be very careful with your belongings at the airport and when boarding a taxi or shuttle. Make sure your bags are in your possession at all times.

### Visas

Prior to their arrival in Italy, non-EU students must apply and obtain a multiple entry study visa. Students have to submit their application well in advance since it takes some time for the visa to be released.

#### Important Note: Italian visa appointments

Appointments at all Italian Consulates in the US fill up as the summer approaches, and because we are located in Evanston students are strongly encouraged to apply for visas in Chicago at the end of Spring quarter. Students should have followed instructions from GLO sent in March and April and should have secured visa appointments set for June (or over the summer, if students are staying in Chicago). Visa requirements vary by jurisdiction. Students who apply outside of the Chicago jurisdiction need to communicate visa needs to GLO well in advance of appointment times to ensure adequate review, material creation, and processing time for GLO to be able to assist you.

Students should reference the following recourses to determine what type of visa is needed, and the process required to enter, and study in, Italy.

- [Bocconi Student Visa](#) website
- [Chicago Consulate General of Italy](#)

Upon arrival in Italy, students will also need to apply for a Permit of stay within 8 working days. Bocconi will provide further instructions.

- [Bocconi Permit of Stay](#) website (not required until arrival in Italy)

### Money Matters

Refer to the GLO website, and the final page of this handbook, for the program cost information. Also reference the Money Matters section of the GLO website and the relevant modules in Canvas for information about billing, financial aid, and budgeting:

<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/money-matters/index.html>. If you have any questions about billing, financial aid, or scholarships, email Krista Bethel in Undergraduate Financial Aid at [krista@northwestern.edu](mailto:krista@northwestern.edu).

## Identity Abroad<sup>2</sup>

The sections below provide some basic information from Diversity Abroad. Also refer back to the Identity Abroad section of the GLO website for general guidance and resources:

<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/identity-diversity/index.html>.

Italy is the second most popular destination for U.S. study abroad students. More than 27,900 U.S. students participated in education abroad programs in Italy during the 2009-2010 academic year.

A boot-shaped peninsula that juts into the Mediterranean Sea, Italy, a G8 country, is renowned for its history, landscape, cuisine and culture. U.S. students are attracted to study abroad programs in Italy for a variety of reasons, including the study of its language, art history, and society. As with other visitors, students tend to find the social life of the Piazza, the cultural heritage sites, and the country's natural beauty appealing too.

Although Italy is generally considered a welcoming country, it is also somewhat conservative, often more so in the north. Ninety percent of Italians consider themselves Catholic, leading to conservative laws regarding homosexuality. Additionally, with the large increase in North African immigration into Italy, tensions between Italians and immigrant groups have heightened, culminating in race riots in the southern city of Rosnard. Roma gypsies are also occasionally the target of discrimination or worse.

### Gender Roles & Identity

In general, discrimination is not a major issue for women in Italy. Regardless, it is important to follow common-sense precautions and to heed the general safety measures as you would in Evanston.

### Race and Ethnicity

As explained by the Diversity Abroad Network, although Italians do not consider their country to be racist, U.S. perceptions appear to differ. Many U.S. travelers feel that Italy is not, by and large a racist country. However, in discussion boards online, Americans of color tend to have more mixed reviews, with some citing experiences when they encountered discrimination or hostility while others said that in their trips or years in Italy they did not encounter much racism. Still, racial tension does exist in Italy; race riots between Italians and North African immigrants in Naples, Sicily, occurred in 2010.

Southern Italy, where Sicily is, is considered more traditional and provincial than other parts of Italy. It also has a higher proportion of African immigrants than other parts of the country, as the agricultural sector is a dominant one in Southern Italy. Across Italy, there are tensions over increasing North African and Asian immigration. Most feel that the anti-immigrant sentiment is more nationalistic than racist in nature. And discrimination against and attacks on Roma, or gypsies, in Italy as elsewhere in Europe, remains a concern. However, U.S. students of color should not feel overly concerned about experiencing racial discrimination or hostility in Italy. Some notes to consider:

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<sup>2</sup> From the Diversity Abroad Network (2019): <http://www.diversitynetwork.org/>

- Students of color may be one of the few minority members within their program and thus work and live with individuals who have little understanding of African-American cultures and cannot provide what the students feels is adequate support.
- Commenters mention that discrimination in Italy tends to be more nationalistic than racist in nature. Some U.S. visitors to Italy have mentioned experiencing discrimination, but many report positive experiences and no such discrimination.
- Students may have difficulty finding certain ethnic beauty products found in the United States.

### Sexual Orientation and Identity

While there is widespread tolerance of homosexuality in Italy, the prominence of Catholicism in Italy has meant that homosexuality is treated as civil, but not criminal, deviance. There is formidable opposition to state recognition of any form of same-sex relationship, although a number of prominent provinces have passed resolutions in support of civil unions. Sicily and Lombardi issued resolutions that declared their opposition to official recognition of same-sex relationships. Despite the strength of conservative parties at the parliamentary level, Italy is billed as one of the top gay travel destinations in the world.

Although homosexual relationships are not illegal and anti-bias laws that protect homosexuals do exist, the Italian state recognizes no form of same-sex relationship. Some provinces in Italy are more gay-friendly than others. Sicily and Palermo both have measures in support of opposition to government recognition of same-sex relationships. Many establishments exist to serve visiting and local gay communities across Italy.

### Religion and Spirituality

Italy is predominantly Catholic. The second largest religious group in Italy is Muslim, numbering over a million followers, followed by Protestantism and Judaism. Despite the prominence of Islam in Italy, and over a millennium of history in the country, it has yet to receive official status as a recognized religion, whereas much smaller groups such as the Mormon Church of Latter-Day Saints and the Pentacostal Assemblies of God do have such recognition. Notes: Mosques and synagogues can be found in major metropolitan areas of Italy, such as Milan, Rome, Genoa, Tuscany, and elsewhere. Regardless of the status of the religion in Italy, U.S. students should feel comfortable practicing their faith there regardless of their denomination.

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# Health, Safety, and Security

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The sections below provide information about health and safety risks and resources in country. Refer back to the **Health & Safety** section of the GLO website and the modules in Canvas for more information about preparing for and responding to health, safety, and security concerns.

## Staying Healthy

Medical facilities are available but may be more limited outside urban areas. Public hospitals, though generally free of charge for emergency services, may not maintain the same standards as hospitals in the United States. GLO recommends that students utilize their GeoBlue insurance and resources to identify and schedule with GeoBlue network providers to ensure quality.

**Prescription Medications:** The Italian Ministry of Health sets rules defining who and how prescriptions and medications can be imported into Italy. However, the Ministry of Health website does not have information in English. According to the Ministry of Health, foreigners entering Italy are allowed to bring personal medications for the whole period of their stay but it is recommended that travelers also bring a copy of their prescription with them. Travelers should not bring excess supplies of prescription drugs into the country and cannot bring prescription drugs for other people.

Food and water are safe in most locations, but you should always wash your hands with soap and water before eating. If you are traveling out of Western Europe, be sure to do some research on food and water safety before you go.

## Safety and Security

In addition to the **Travel Safety** information outlined on the Global Learning and Global Safety and Security websites, you are advised to follow these precautions during your time abroad. Also refer to the U.S. Department of State Country Information Sheet for Italy for safety and security guidelines: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Italy.html>.

- **Crime:** Italy has a moderate rate of crime, especially for theft and economic crimes; violent crimes are rare. U.S. citizens should be aware of the following local circumstances:
  - Beware of pickpocketing, and bags being stolen when left unattended.
  - Tourists can be fined/detained for buying counterfeit goods (usually fashion accessories).
  - Do not leave bags unattended. Most reported thefts occur at crowded tourist sites, at airports, car rental agencies, on public buses, metros and trains, and at the major railway stations. Never leave baggage alone in a car, including in a closed trunk.
  - Be alert to criminal schemes. Organized groups of thieves and pick-pockets operate at major tourist destinations, in train stations, bars, and cafes.
- European governments have been taking action to guard against terrorist threats, but the possibility for terror activity throughout Europe remains. Students should keep their

phones on, charged, and loaded with airtime, so that they are reachable in case of emergency. Students are also advised to avoid large crowds or crowded places when possible and to exercise particular caution. In the event of heightened threat, students should return to (or remain at) a safe location, such as your host university or their accommodations, until further notice.

- Demonstrations may have an anti-U.S. character, especially in areas hosting U.S. military bases. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful have the potential to turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Take common sense precautions and follow news reports carefully. Also heed alerts about demonstrations, which will be sent to you via the U.S. Department of State through your STEP Registration.

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# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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## Packing

### ***Is there anything special that I need to pack for my program?***

Italy's climate is seasonal, similar to the Midwestern climate, although it does not get as hot and as humid in the summer, nor nearly as cold in the winter. The temperature does drop at night even in warm months so be sure to pack some layered clothing appropriate for evening climate. It tends to rain more in the winter, so we recommend that you include a light rain jacket in your luggage.

The voltage amounts used for electronic devices is different in the US and in Europe. Most transformers for computers and cell phones will show that they will work with various voltage, but you will still need a plug adapter. Consider purchasing at least one adapter before you leave or at the airport, so that you are prepared in transit (if you have connecting flights) or upon arrival. Electrical appliances with heating elements (hot pots, water heaters, hair dryers) must be products that have been tested for use in the specific country; despite this, often items purchased in the US and taken abroad do not work. Consider purchasing these items abroad or going without them for the duration of the program.

## Food & Water

### ***Can I drink the water?***

Yes. Tap water is safe in Italy. Most Italians drink carbonated water, so don't be shy in asking if you are not immediately offered flat water! You also will not get free water with your meal in restaurants. When you order water, it'll typically be bottled and/or carbonated.

### ***What is the local cuisine? Is it vegetarian friendly?***

In general, the food that is eaten in Italian restaurants includes a wide variety of vegetables, starches and meats, and can be vegetarian friendly. You will find many coffee shops, panini shops, various cafeterias and many other types of restaurants across town. In general, Milan is an international city, so you will also find a wide variety of ethnic cuisines, such as Chinese, Japanese, Turkish, and American.

## Money

### ***How much does the program cost?***

Refer to the program website for a breakdown of program costs.

### ***Are meals included in my Program Fee?***

No. All room and board costs are out-of-pocket costs for students. Only tuition, administrative expenses, and GeoBlue travel health insurance are included in the program fee billed by Northwestern.

### ***How much money should I plan to spend?***

Refer to the student budget on the GLO program website for an estimate of costs for room and board, books, local transportation, and personal expenses. The figures included in the budget represent averages reported by past students spent over the entire duration of the program.

Be aware that your student budget does not include personal travel, and traveling can quickly add up. Travel costs will depend upon the nature of your trips, but travel in most countries in the region, after airfare, is quite affordable.

### ***How much cash should I bring?***

For safety reasons, you are advised to bring no more than \$200 cash with you, plus a credit card and an ATM or debit card to use for purchases and to access additional funds. It is also recommended that you bring a second credit card in case of emergency. If you choose to bring more U.S. dollars, be sure to pack safely and monitor your belongings while traveling.

## Communications

### ***How do I get a cell phone that works abroad?***

You have a few options. First, you can use an international plan provided by your current carrier, though this can be expensive for a long stay. If your phone is unlocked, you can purchase a SIM. You can buy these at the airport, grocery store, post office, etc. Wi-Fi is regularly available at cafes, popular tourist destinations, and of course, on campus, to help you save data. You can also consider buying an inexpensive local phone. Ask returned students for their recommendations!

## Transportation & Travel

### ***Will I be picked up from the airport?***

No, you are responsible for arranging your own transportation.

### ***How will I get back to the airport for departure?***

See above in this handbook for the best way to travel between housing and the airport.

### ***How much free time do I have? What can I expect to do outside of class?***

This is up to you and how you organize your class schedule. There are a wide variety of places for you to explore in and around the city and country. Contact the Ambassadors for your program to get suggestions for things to do in your spare time:

<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/ambassador-program/student-ambassadors.html>

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# Links & Recommended Reading

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## Program & Country Information

- Bocconi University Exchange program page: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/explore-programs/europe/bocconi-university-exchange.html>
- Bocconi International Student Desk (ISD): <http://www.ir.unibocconi.eu/inexchange>
- Bocconi Fact Sheet: <https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/75b4da55-7569-4593-b870-e921084d9fe9/Bocconi+Fact+Sheet+2019-20.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=mtpt7j7>
- Bocconi Welcome Activities: [https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/bocconi/sitopubblico\\_en/navigation+tree/home/campus+and+services/services/international+relations/international+students/international+student+desk/during+your+stay/welcome+activities](https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/bocconi/sitopubblico_en/navigation+tree/home/campus+and+services/services/international+relations/international+students/international+student+desk/during+your+stay/welcome+activities)
- Bocconi Language Courses: [https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/Bocconi/SitoPubblico\\_EN/Navigation+Tree/Home/Campus+and+Services/Services/International+Relations/International+Students/International+Student+Desk/During+Your+Stay/Italian+Language+Courses/](https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/Bocconi/SitoPubblico_EN/Navigation+Tree/Home/Campus+and+Services/Services/International+Relations/International+Students/International+Student+Desk/During+Your+Stay/Italian+Language+Courses/)
- NU Student experiences and blogs: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/index.html>
- CIA World Factbook Italy: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/it.html>

## Milan

- Bocconi- Living in Milan: [https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/Bocconi/SitoPubblico\\_EN/Navigation+Tree/Home/Campus+and+Services/Services/International+Relations/International+Students/International+Student+Desk/Living+in+Milan/](https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/Bocconi/SitoPubblico_EN/Navigation+Tree/Home/Campus+and+Services/Services/International+Relations/International+Students/International+Student+Desk/Living+in+Milan/)
- Milan Tourism website: <https://www.turismo.milano.it/wps/portal/tur/en>
- Milan Museum Guide: <https://www.turismo.milano.it/wps/portal/tur/en>
- Milan Events: <https://www.turismo.milano.it/wps/portal/tur/en>
- Time Out Milan: <https://www.timeout.com/milan>
- Trip Advisor Things To Do in Milan: [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g187849-Activities-Milan\\_Lombardy.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g187849-Activities-Milan_Lombardy.html)

## Travel Information/Guides

- Navigating Milan Public Transportation: <https://www.italylogue.com/planning-a-trip/how-to-get-around-in-milan-milan-public-transportation-101/>
- Italia Rail: <https://www.italiarail.com/frecciarossa>
- Italo Train: <https://www.italotreno.it/en>
- Easyjet (low-cost airline): [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)
- Ryanair (low-cost airline): [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)
- Rail Europe (train travel in Europe): [www.raileurope.com/](http://www.raileurope.com/)

## Language

- <https://www.duolingo.com/course/it/en/Learn-Italian>



## Health & Safety

- World Health Organization: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/italy>
- US Department of State Country Guide for Italy:  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Italy.html>
- CDC: Health Information:  
[https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/extended\\_student/italy](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/extended_student/italy)
- GeoBlue Health Insurance: <https://www.geo-blue.com>
- Smart Traveler Enrollment Program: <https://step.state.gov/step/>

## 2019-2020 Program Cost Information Bocconi University Exchange (Milan, Italy)

<b>FEES CHARGED BY NORTHWESTERN</b>			
	<b>Fall 2019</b>	<b>Full Year 2019-20</b>	<b>Winter/ Spring 2020</b>
<b>Program Fee</b> Students are charged a program fee equivalent to the Northwestern University tuition rate. The program fee covers program expenses, including academic fees, program administration, and orientation (if applicable). It also includes GeoBlue Global Health Insurance, which is purchased by GLO on students' behalf for the full length of the program.	\$18,744 1 quarter of tuition	\$56,232 3 quarters of tuition	\$28,116 1.5 quarters of tuition
<b>Study Abroad Administrative Fee</b> Students are exempt from the Study Abroad Administrative Fee.	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL FEES CHARGED BY NORTHWESTERN</b>	<b>\$18,744</b>	<b>\$56,232</b>	<b>\$28,116</b>

<b>ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS</b>			
<b>International Airfare</b> Students are responsible for making arrangements to fly round-trip to their host city. International airfares vary greatly based on the point of departure, carrier, and type of ticket purchased as well as volatility of airline industry pricing. Students may choose to take advantage of frequent flyer or other airline awards available to them, which could significantly lower their travel costs.	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Room &amp; Board</b> Students are responsible for making their own accommodations arrangements, based on suggestions from GLO and the host institution (if applicable). Costs can vary by housing type. Housing and meal costs provided here represent expected averages.	\$8,000	\$17,000	\$9,000
<b>Visa Fees</b>	\$150	\$150	\$150
<b>Books &amp; Supplies</b>	\$200	\$400	\$200
<b>Local Transportation</b>	\$200	\$550	\$250
<b>Personal Expenses</b> Personal expenses vary based on individual spending habits and budgets. Figures represent student-reported averages and include incidentals and living expenses, such as clothing, toiletries, entertainment, and communication expenses. Students who plan to travel outside of their program location should estimate an additional \$500-\$2,000.	\$600	\$1,350	\$750
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$10,650</b>	<b>\$20,950</b>	<b>\$11,850</b>

<b>TOTAL STUDENT BUDGET (Fees + Estimated Additional Costs)</b>	<b>\$29,394</b>	<b>\$77,182</b>	<b>\$39,966</b>
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For more information about billing, finances, and financial aid for study abroad, please refer to the Money Matters resource page of the Global Learning website or contact Krista Buda Bethel ([krista@northwestern.edu](mailto:krista@northwestern.edu)) in the Financial Aid Office. Also refer to the Financial, Withdrawal & Cancellation Policies section of the Global Learning website for information about refunds in the case of withdrawal or dismissal.