Overview

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 2.75
Language of Instruction: English; Italian
Academic Calendar:
Semester 1: September– December
Semester 2: February – July

Through an agreement between the University of Bocconi in Milan and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly at Bocconi for a semester or a year. Students study alongside Bocconi students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by Bocconi and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS business or communications students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis. CALS students pay their current Cornell tuition with no additional fees. Housing, food, visa, travel, health insurance, books, and other personal expenses are paid separately.

- More than 950 exchange students go to Bocconi each year
- It is ranked in the top 20 business school programs in Europe and number 1 for value for money
- Bocconi offers a buddy system to help new exchange students quickly settle in
- SDA Bocconi is the University’s business school. Its MBA program has recently been ranked among the global top 40 by the Financial Times’ Global MBA Rankings 2009
- ‘Chi passa tra iLeoni non si laurea all Bocconi” is a University saying which means that those who pass between the center of the two lions will not graduate.

Areas of Study

Key areas of study relevant to CALS majors:

- Applied Economics and Management: Accounting; Finance; International Business; International Finance; Management
- Communications: Marketing; E-commerce; Media and Consumption; International Marketing; Entertainment Industries; International Relations; Intercultural Studies

Student Reports

What do other CALS students have to say about studying at Adelaide? Links to student reports can be found on the main Exchange Partner webpage. Be sure to check them out!

Teaching Methods

Lecture
A lecture is a broad introduction to a subject, where one lecturer speaks to a large group of students (20-200). Sometimes there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session, which normally lasts for 1 hour and 45 minutes, including a 15 minute break. The lecturer will offer suggestions for further reading.

Seminar/Tutorial
A seminar or tutorial is an interactive, in-depth discussion of the subject dealt with in the preceding lecture. A member of the teaching staff meets with a small group of students (between 10 and 30), offering the opportunity to ask questions that cannot be dealt with during a lecture. Sometimes one or more students will give an oral presentation to the group, the aim of which is to practice and
acquire confidence, assertiveness, style, etc., as well as knowledge about the topic discussed. Students are expected to actively contribute to these discussions.

Practical Assignments
During lectures and seminars you will mostly be discussing the theoretical side of things, but you will also be expected to develop (research) skills. You will get practical assignments, in which you can practice your skills and apply the theories you have learned about during lectures and seminars.

Assessments & Grading
Courses may be assessed in various ways, such as written examinations, oral examinations, and papers, as well as a combination of these. The examinations and papers are intended to assess the student’s comprehension of the subject discussed. At the end of each semester there will be an examination period, but examinations and papers during the semester will all count towards your final grade.

Classes
Minimum course load for exchange students is 30 ECTS (15 Cornell credit hours) and maximum course load of 36 credits per semester. You must earn at least a 21/30 grade (which is equivalent to a Cornell “C”) at Bocconi to earn credit.

Accommodation
Bocconi is a city university located in downtown Milan and consequently the university dorms are located in the university area and managed by the ISU Bocconi Office. The university offers exchange students who are staying in Milan for a shot period (between one semester to one academic year) housing which can be applied for through their website. Alternatively you may prefer to stay in private housing or an apartment, if so the university has agreements with some local hotels to allow students to stay at a discount price whilst looking for an apartment.

The University of Bocconi offers many opportunities to International Students to get involved with the student run activities. The IS@B (International Students @ Bocconi) is a student’s association recognized by Bocconi University. It gathers all its international students and strives to make their experience in Milan the best possible by organizing events, sport tournaments, trips and publishing a monthly magazine. Trips in the past have included Rome, Turin and in addition, the association organizes events and student nights such as Hollywood or Glam night.

Bocconi is in the fashion capital of the world, Milan, and therefore there are many fashion themed events available to students. Milan Fashion Week runs at the end of February to the beginning of March with many major celebrities venturing to Milan to check out the shows.

Bocconi’s students actively participate at and host different official national and international tournaments in athletics, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s volleyball, water polo, sailing and other individual sports such as golf, swimming, skiing, snowboarding and skeet shooting. The pelican is Bocconi’s official sport mascot.

Bocconi houses many student run publications, including ‘Tra i Leoni,’ (between the lions), named so because of the two lions which stand at the entrance to the building on campus where the magazine is published.

Health Insurance
In Italy, the National Health care System is provided by a public health care service (ASL). Only foreign citizens with a residence permit (permit of stay) may apply for the service. EU students are required to have the European Health Card (if already effective) or similar private insurance policies with international validity to benefit from a health service cover. Be aware that it does NOT replace normal travel insurance. The insurance coverage is required for medical treatment and hospitalization. In order to get the VISA/Residence permit non-EU students must show evidence of a certified medical insurance cover (it is recommended to have a copy certified by the Italian Consulate or Embassy).

Student Visa
After you have been accepted to Bocconi University you must obtain a VISA. This process includes visiting the Italian Consulate in person. Students not having citizenship or residency in EU countries must apply for a VISA at the Italian consulate at their home country. Be sure to ask for a multiple entry Schengen VISA if you are visiting other European countries of the Schengen area.
You must apply for and obtain your visa PRIOR to your arrival in Italy. We suggest that you begin your visa application process as soon as possible since the consulate generally takes time to grant your visa. Upon arrival in Italy, non EU students will be required to apply for a Residency Permit (permesso di soggiorno) within 8 days from the arrival. This university will assist you with this process once you arrive. Please make sure you have ALL the required documentation prior to going to the Italian Consulate/Embassy to make your Visa request.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.