



# Student Exchange Program

International Student Services

## Exchange Final Report

### Student Information

Faculty at UVic Social Sciences  
Major/Minor Economics/Business  
Host University Bocconi University  
Host Country Italy  
Dates of Exchange September 2018-January 2019

### Overall Exchange Experience

Please Rate your Overall Exchange Experience

1	2	3	4	5
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What was the most rewarding part of your exchange experience? Please outline any highlights.

The most rewarding part of my exchange was meeting people from all over the world. Bocconi did a good job of organizing events for the exchange students to meet people, and it paid off.

What was the greatest challenge during your exchange?

### Travel

Cost of air travel \$3000

Cost of ground transportation (ex. monthly bus pass) Bus pass was 22 euro per month

Did host university representatives meet you at the airport? No

Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? Yes

## Orientation

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival?

Yes, they have a big conference on everything to expect at Bocconi.

How easy was it to find the info you needed to know upon arrival?

It was easy to get information, as the international desk at Bocconi answered promptly.

What assistance did you receive from your host institution upon arrival?

We received assistance with finding our way around campus, exam rules and how to register, and there were events set up for the exchange students to meet each other.

## Accommodation

Is on-campus accommodation available? Yes

If yes, did you live on campus? No

Would you recommend this to future students? \_\_\_\_\_

If you lived off-campus, how did you find housing?

Housing was nice off campus; however, it is very expensive in Milan. It is also very hard to find housing off campus.

Approximately how much money would you budget per month for living, including accommodation and meals?

I budgeted 1500 euro a month for food and living.

## Language Programs

Is there a language program available either before or during the semester?

Yes

Is there an additional cost for the language training?

Yes

## Academics

Was it possible for you to get all the courses that you wanted?

Yes

Please describe the course registration process

Registration occurs in August and lasts for a week. All classes are first come, first serve. They have an add drop period in early September. A full course load is five courses.

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university

The instruction at Bocconi was very professional. They are quite strict, and you must be prepared for each class otherwise it is difficult to follow.

What do you feel is the greatest academic benefit you have gained personally from your exchange?

At Bocconi, a lot of the work was hands on, so I feel that I have gained knowledge of how to properly apply my skills I have learnt at school to different projects.

## Personal and Cultural Connections

How easy was it to adjust to the local culture? What (if any) cultural differences did you find particularly challenging? What parts of the culture did you most appreciate?

It was quite easy to adjust to the culture. The cultural differences I noticed were that they are louder, not as friendly, everything is laid-back and everyone and everything is usually late. The part of the culture I found the most challenging was how laid back it was, as it is not what we are used to. The part of the culture I most appreciated were the way they had their meals, as they were a huge social gathering.

What kinds of cultural, athletic and social activities were available for students at your host institution?

Bocconi had an ESN group that hosted many different events for exchange students. They threw many parties, had trips, and different athletic events for us all to meet each other and hangout.