

Please describe your experiences and comment on the following:

- 1. Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.**

Strategic Analysis of Italian Business

- Class hours: 48
- Description: The course “Strategic Analysis of Italian Business” aims to give students an overview of the most important Made in Italy industries, specifically focusing on family businesses and their competitive choices.
- Course Format: The learning experience includes face-to-face lectures, case discussions, and group projects. Academic professors and company managers will also give lectures throughout the semester.
- Assignments:
 - Group project (70%) - Analysis of an Italian family business company in one of the Made in Italy Industries (history, structure, growth, organization, strategy...)
 - Written Exam (30%)

Behavioural Economics of Management and Organizations:

- Class Hours: 48
- Description: The course provides an introduction to the behavioral approach to decision making processes within organizations.
- Course Format: The course involves ordinary lectures, in class pen and paper experiments and exercises, and weekly assignments.
- Assignments:
 - Group Essay (60%): 1500 to 2000 words on a topic of our choice
 - Presentation on the topic of the essay (20%)
 - Participation (20%)

Planning and Control:

- Class Hours: 48
- Description: This course aims to prepare students to effectively and efficiently manage the activities that take place during the Planning and Managerial Control Process
- Course Format: The course is organized in the form of workshops with exercises and case studies that complement the more traditional theory class.
- Assignments:
 - The final grade will be based upon the results of 3 tests:
 - 0-8 points for Test 1
 - 0-12 points for Test 2
 - 0-12 points for Test 3.

Organization and Information Systems:

- Class Hours: 48

- Description: The course aims to provide students with a solid foundation in business organization and the management of operating systems within the context of Organization 4.0.
- Course Format: The course is structured as a mix between lectures on fundamental organizational concepts and practical activities, including case study discussions, exercises, and additional readings.
- Assignments:
 - Written Exam (20%)
 - Teamwork (20%)
 - Participation (20%)

Global and Green Supply Chain Management:

- Class Hours: 24
- Description: The course aims to enable students to analyze management strategies for global supply chains to make them more efficient and sustainable. Specifically, it examines the management of international supply chains, sustainability in logistics processes, digitalization for supply chain visibility, and the adoption of circular economy and green logistics strategies.
- Course Format: Learning will happen through a combination of frontal lectures, group work on case studies and industrial problems and guest speakers challenging students about the managerial problems related to the topics of the module.
- Assignments:
 - Assignments (80%): One or more assignments analyzing real supply chain cases and proposing solutions for efficiency and sustainability.
 - Final Presentation (20%): In-class presentation of the assignments and key findings.

Job Market Orientation:

- Class Hours: 24
- Description: The course will provide students with the ability and techniques required to enter the job market with effective strategy
- Course Format: Learning will take place through workshops, lectures, assignments, and group work.
- Assignments:
 - Class exercises
 - Final Assignment (100%)

2. The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.).

The winter term at LIUC starts on February 12th and ends on June 20th.

The orientation session and activities took place from February 12th to the 14th.

Classes began on February 18th and will end on June 11th; all classes must be submitted to the university by March 1st.

Exams will begin after the final day of classes and will continue until June 20th, certain classes also offer the option of taking the exam in a pre-session in May, or at a later date in July if needed.

The winter semester at LIUC includes two breaks, the first being the Easter break, during which the university is closed from April 18th to the 21st. The second break is the winter reading week, which takes place from April 26th to May 4th.

3. Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.

Orientation activities:

- Welcome presentation.
- Ice Breaking activity: In groups of about 7 students, we participated in a treasure hunt around the city of Castellanza.
- Welcome Aperitivo: Dinner and drinks at the campus bar.
- Italian Breakfast: Croissant and coffee at the residence hall
- Language course presentation: presentation of the Business English course and certification
- University Learning Management System Presentation: presentation of the e-corsi and Segretaria online platforms
- Italian Language course presentation
- International dinner: Each student prepared a traditional meal of their country and shared it at a dinner.

Registration and Course Selection:

- The list of courses offered in the Winter semester was sent by email from LIUC in November.
- The courses chosen must be submitted to uOttawa for approval, and then sent to LIUC by the end of January. LIUC allows students to mix courses from both the Master's and Bachelor's levels, making it likely that there will be overlaps between courses. Therefore, these courses can be changed upon arrival since the timetables were not yet completed prior to the time of submission.
- Classes began on February 18th. Students were given the chance to attend classes they were interested in and decide if they want to enroll in them before submitting the final list of courses.
- The final list of courses chosen must be sent to LIUC by March 1st, they must also be approved by uOttawa prior to submission.

Social Activities:

- While they are not organized by the host institution, certain local students organized some social activities including student nights at the Elemento and Secret bars, a day trip to Milan, and a day trip to Verona.

4. Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).

Airplane Ticket to Italy:

- \$840 (Detroit Airport to Milan Malpensa Airport, with a 4-hour layover in Frankfurt, Germany)

E-Sim for iPhone:

- \$17 for 10GB of data.
- Monthly plans are also available if needed (20 euros a month for 5GB of data)

Single Room in Residence Hall:

- 5000 euros
- Half of the cost must be paid prior to arrival; the remaining amount can be paid during the stay abroad.

Vacation/travel costs:

- 100-150 euros per trip as long as they are booked in advance.
- This cost includes tickets to and from the destination and accommodations.
- We usually stay in a Hostel while traveling to keep the cost of the trip low, but other accommodations such as B and Bs and Hotels are also available for a slightly higher price.

Regional Travel:

- 4 euros for a train ticket to nearby cities (Milan, Lake Como...)
- 1.50 euros to take the shuttle to the train station from the university.
- All other city buses are 2.60 euros per trip.

Groceries:

- 40-50 euros every 3-4 days

Meals:

- 7-15 euros for a take-out meal (pizza or pasta), depending on the quality of the restaurant.

Residence Permit:

- 102 euros to send the application.

- 16 euros to obtain the Italian duty stamp.

5. Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).

Visa:

- Deadline: Before arrival
- Documents required:
 - Proof of Canadian Residence (Driver's License)
 - Application Form
 - Passport Pictures
 - Passport (both a photocopy and the original document)
 - Flight Ticket to Italy (flight itinerary)
 - Proof of lodging in Italy
 - Proof of enrollment
 - Document of educational history (transcript)
 - Proof of financial means (last 3 months bank statement)
 - Travel medical insurance policy.
 - Prepaid envelope to have the passport returned.
- For the National Study Visa, all documents can be sent by mail to the Consulate General of Italy in Toronto. The Passport including the Visa will be returned once approved. Mine took three weeks to be returned.

Course selection:

- Deadline: End of January, however these courses can be changed until March 1st.
- The list of courses offered for the winter semester was sent by LIUC in November.
- The learning agreement form can be downloaded from the Pre-Departure Workshop on Brightspace.
- Fill out the learning agreement form with courses that you would like to take while abroad. These courses must be approved by both uOttawa and LIUC.

Housing deposit:

- 2500 euros to be paid to the university by February 12th.
- The remaining 2500 euros can be paid at any time during the semester.

Residence permit:

- Must be completed as soon as possible upon arrival.
- Cost: 120 euros
- Documents required:
 - Scan of each page of the passport (including Visa)
 - Housing contract
 - Bank Statement
 - Health Insurance

- Proof of enrollment
- Italian duty Stamp
- Residence permit "kit" obtained from the post office.
- Students must go to the Post Office to request the “Kit”, the international office will help with filling out the forms in the kit since they are in Italian. All of the documents needed, including the original passport, can then be brought back to the post office and they will schedule an appointment at the police station to complete fingerprint scans.

Italian Tax Code

- Must be completed by March 31st.
- Documents Required:
 - Scan of each page of the passport
 - Completed Tax Code Application form (can be downloaded online at the link provided by the university)
- The application form and Passport can be sent to the email provided by the university, and the tax code is returned within a few days.

6. Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.

Address: Piazza Pietro Soldini, 5, 21053 Castellanza VA

Description:

- University Residence
- Single superior room - includes private bathroom. Kitchen available on each floor of the building, containing a few induction cooktops and a microwave.

Cost: 5000 euros for the semester

7. Other comments or recommendations.

I would recommend bringing all documents required for the residence permit with you, as there is no simple way to print the documents at the university.

I would also recommend starting the Visa application process as early as possible. For the winter semester, it can take longer to receive the Visa. This is because in order to apply for it, you need to obtain the proof of enrollment and the proof of lodging from LIUC, which is not received until the end of November, making it impossible to apply for the Visa until December, which is a very busy time for the Consulate General of Italy. To make sure that the Visa is received before the start of the exchange, it is best to apply as soon as possible to beat the peak season.

Finally, many products in Canada (vitamins, groceries, health/beauty products) are not available in Italy, so if there is something you really need, make sure to bring it with you.

8. Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience..

So far, my exchange at LIUC has been amazing. My class schedule can be very busy since most classes are four hours long, but with so many interesting cities and countries in close proximity we have been able to take trips nearly every weekend. Some areas in Italy we have had the chance to experience include Rome, Lake Como, and Verona, which were each gave us very different and interesting experiences. We have also been able to take trips to Malaga, Spain; Prague, Czechia; and Lugano, Switzerland; which has allowed us to learn more about different cultures while living in Europe. There is a large number of international students at LIUC, making it very easy to meet other students from different countries and learn about the best places to stay and eat while visiting them. So far, the highlight of my exchange was getting to experience Milan Fashion Week. This was an amazing opportunity and was one of my life goals, making it an unforgettable experience.