

Meeting with Phd students

PhD in Economics and Finance

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Meeting agenda

- First-year assessment
- Second-year assessment (?)
- Organization and communication
- Next deadlines
- Travel and research funds
- Elections for representatives

First-year assessment

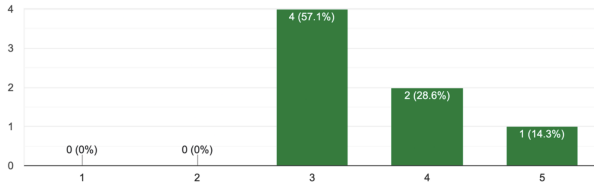
First-year courses

- Mathematical methods (60 hours)
- Microeconomics (60 hours)
- Macroeconomics (60 hours)
- Econometrics (60 hours)
- Finance (60 hours)

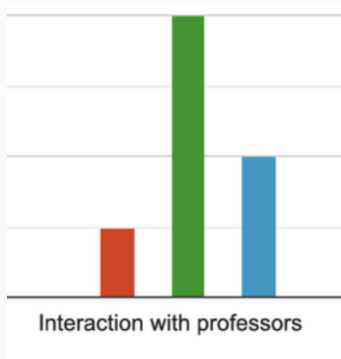
Room for improvement, I

How would you rate the overall experience as a 1st year PhD student?

7 responses



Room for improvement, II



Participation in the department's activities

- DEF Seminars Committee:
Giacomo Caserta
- Noemi Pace Seminars Committee:
Simone De Vito
- ViPs Program:
Any volunteer?

ViPs Program

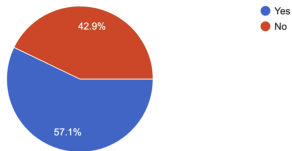
- ViPs courses are intended for all PhD students, as well as for interested researchers and professors of the Department.
- Courses taught by visiting professors are **compulsory** for all students in their **second** and **third year**.
- PhD students are strongly encouraged to discuss research questions and hold **meetings** with the Visiting Professors.
- Short-term visitors will be available for around **two weeks**, while long-term visitors will stay for approximately **four weeks**.

Reading groups

- Macroeconomics
- Microeconometrics
- Microeconomics
- Philosophy of Economics
- Quantitative Finance and Financial Econometrics
- Topics in Political Economy and Labour Economics

Room for improvement, III

Did you find it problematic that some courses were shared with the Master in Economics?
7 responses



- 1 Rational choice and uncertainty (20 hours)
New Assistant Professor
- 2 Contract theory and mechanism design (20 hours)
Eloisa Campioni
- 3 Game theory (20 hours)
Juha Tolvanen
(joint with the Master in Economics)

- 1 Growth theory and optimal saving (20 hours)
Paolo Varraso
(joint with the Master in Economics)
- 2 New Keynesian Economics (20 hours)
Andrey Alexandrov
(joint with the Master in Economics)
- 3 Government and public policies (20 hours)
Gaetano Bloise

Second-year assessment

Second-year courses

- Students are required to enroll in elective courses for at least **120 hours** (equivalent to **20 credits**).
- These elective courses should be completed by the end of the second academic year or, with a valid justification, no later than the end of the third year.
- Students can also earn credits through participation in **reading groups**.
- Additionally, some elective courses can be attended at both **IEEF** and **LUISS**.
- Second-year courses will be taught contingent upon the enrollment of at least **three PhD students**.

Research period abroad

- According to current **University** and **Ministry** guidelines, each PhD student is expected to spend at least **three months abroad** at a foreign academic or research institution.
- We are actively **advocating for extended funding** beyond the current three-month limit.
- You may use your annual **research funds** to help cover travel and accommodation expenses.
- Plan ahead and discuss with your Advisor to identify suitable institutions and periods for your visit.

Website

- Description of **courses** and time **schedule**.
- Presentation of **seminars**, **conferences** and **workshops**.
- A simplified **timeline**.
- Explicit **rules** to complete the PhD program.
- A repository of all **forms** with a short description of procedures.

Deadlines

Deadlines (first year)

By mid-March of the first year:

Submission of the plan of study for the second year

By the end of the first-year:

Completion of first-year mandatory courses

Choice of an Advisor and, if needed, a co-Advisor

Deadlines (second year)

By mid-June of the second year:

Submission of a research project

By mid-September of the second year:

Submission of the annual report on activities and research progress

By the end of the second year:

Completion of the second-year elective courses

Presentation of the research project at the annual PhD Forum

Funds

Travel and research funds

- Each PhD student is entitled to €1,634 in research funds for the academic year.
- Historically, not all students are fully utilizing their allocated funds.
- Any funds not used or reserved by the end of the academic year will be redistributed on a pro-rata basis.
- The scholarship is increased by 50% during visiting periods abroad to other academic institutions.

Elections

Elections for representatives

- Elections will be held for PhD student representatives.
- The two current representatives, **Federico Roscioli** and **Alessandro Pezzuto**, have completed their mandates.
- **Andrea Mastroeni** is the new representative.
- Another representative should be elected soon.

Competition

(Some of) our competitors

- PhD in Economics (University of Bologna)
- PhD in Economics (University of Naples)
- PhD in Economics (Bocconi University)
- PhD in Economics (University of Turin)