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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS DOUBLE DEGREE MASTERS' IN FINANCE

between

**The Department of Economics and Management (University of Padova) & the Zicklin School of Business
(Baruch College, City University of New York)**

a.y. 2021/2022

Art. 1 - Scope and objectives of the call

This call for application identifies the criteria underlying the selection of participants in the Double degree program at the Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College, City University of New York in a.y. 2021/2022.

This call sets the criteria in relation to the first phase of the selection process; the second step will entail a further verification and determination of the curricular requisites by the partner University.

Art. 2 - Aims of the call

This call allows enrolled students in the graduate Courses of Business Administration (curriculum Accounting and Finance, hereinafter referred to as BA_AF) and Economics and Finance (curriculum Banking and Finance, hereinafter referred to as MEF_BF) offered by the Department of Economics and Management, to pursue a Double degree offered by the University of Padova and the City University of New York.

Art. 3 - Number of places available at the partner University

The Zicklin School of Business is willing to host up to 45 students. The total number of participants in the program is determined by the sum of the participants coming from the Free University of Bolzano and the University of Padova.

Art. 4 - Requisites to access the selection process

Students enrolled at the University of Padova

- MSc in Business Administration – curriculum Accounting and Finance (enrolled at the first year);
- MSc in Economics and Finance – curriculum Banking and Finance (enrolled at the first year)

who are in possession of the pre-requisites mentioned below can take part in the selection process:

- a) having passed the examinations indicated below (or equivalent exams) with an outcome equal to / or above 25/30 during the bachelor's course in Economics (TrEC at the University of Padova) or equivalent degree.

The number of credits should at least be equal to those indicated below:

- Microeconomics - 10 ECTS
- Macroeconomics - 10 ECTS

Students who do not meet the requirements as specified in point a) may be admitted on a conditional basis, subject to passing and registering the exams mentioned below with an outcome equal to at least 25/30 within the respective graduate course in which the student is enrolled.

- International Macroeconomics - 10 ECTS (BA_AF);
- Advanced Macroeconomics - 10 ECTS (MEF_BF);

- b) having passed the examinations indicated below (or equivalent exams) with an outcome equal to / or above 26/30 during the bachelor's course in Economics (TrEC at the University of Padova) or equivalent degree.

The number of credits should at least be equal to those indicated below:

- Econometrics - 6 ECTS or
- Statistics - 10 ECTS

Students who do not meet the requirements as specified in point b) may be admitted on a conditional basis, subject to passing and registering the exams mentioned below with an outcome equal to at least 26/30 within the respective graduate course in which the student is enrolled.

- Statistics for Management - 9 ECTS (BA);
- Advanced Econometrics - 10 ECTS (MEF_BF);

- c) having passed the examinations indicated below (or equivalent exams) with an outcome equal to at least 26/30 during the bachelor's course in Economics (TrEC at the University of Padova) or equivalent degree.

The number of credits should at least be equal to those indicated below:

- Teoria della Finanza e Finanza Aziendale - 6 ECTS or
- Accounting for Decision Making - 6 ECTS or
- Metodologie e Determinazioni Quantitative d'Azienda - 6 ECTS

Students who do not meet the requirements as specified in point c) may be admitted on a conditional basis, subject to passing and registering one of the exams mentioned below with an outcome equal to at least 26/30 within the respective graduate course in which the student is enrolled.

- Advanced Financial Accounting and Risk and Performance Measurement - 16 ECTS (BA_AF);
- Advanced Corporate Finance - 9 ECTS (BA_AF);
- Advanced Corporate Finance and Accounting - 12 ECTS (MEF_BF).

The credits referred to previously in the letters a), b) and c) must be obtained during the bachelor's program should be within the 5 years preceding the expiry of this selection call.

Any cases that do not correspond to the criteria mentioned in a), b) and c) will be conditionally evaluated by the Commission as per art. 7.

- d) to possess at least B2 English level according to the Common European Framework of Reference. The partner University might ask for a superior level of English which will be verified during individual interviews with the candidates.

Art. 5 - Procedure for submitting the application

Interested students must apply within **01/12/2020, h.12.00 pm** using the form present on Moodle Economia, under the section "Servizi per gli Studenti - International Office".

The application must include the following self-declaration stating:

- the exams taken as per letters a), b) and c) of the section "Requisites to access the selection process" with indication of the relative credits as well as the marks obtained;
- knowledge of English language equivalent to B2 level or above (Common European Framework of Reference).

Art. 6 - Selection criteria

The selection is carried out according to the following criteria:

- a) score obtained in the admission test for the graduate course (20%);
- b) score given by the Commission during the interview (80%).

Art. 7 - Selection Commission

The selection Committee consists of the following members:

- professors appointed by the Department of Economics and Management "Marco Fanno"
- members appointed by the Zicklin School of Business

Art. 8 - Ranking

Candidates who are eligible can access the following evaluation step as carried out by ZSB autonomously.

The eligible candidates list will be published within January 2021 and sent by the Department of Economics and Management to the partner University.

The final list of admitted candidates will be announced at the end of selection process carried out by Baruch College, the results of which will be announced during the spring term 2021.

Art. 9 - Acceptance

Admitted candidates will have to confirm the acceptance writing an e-mail to the International Office of the Department of Economics and Management (international.economia@unipd.it), within the deadline that will be communicate to the winners by the office.

Art. 10 - University fees and financial support

Double degree students are expected to settle their financial duties with the University of Padova and the Zicklin School of Business within the due dates.

In order to financially support the students, there will be:

- a one-time scholarship of 6.600 Euros as a reimbursement of expenses the first 5 students in the ranking. In the case that less than 5 students are selected, the residual may be re-assigned among the students who are already assigned a place in the program;
- a monthly allowance for 12 months as per the call for applications issued by the International Relations Division of the University of Padova. The amount of the monthly allowance is subject to the University budget.

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