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Dipartimento
di Scienze Aziendali

PhD

Management, Accounting and Finance (MAF)

About the Department of Management

Students

ca. 4,400

Faculty

17 Full professors

24 Associate professors

15 Assistant professors

8 post-doc

+ Phd Students



Since 2022 the Department of Management is ranked 6th among the 18 departments included in the prestigious list of the 'excellent departments' in the broad field of economic and statistical sciences.



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- Bachelor degree in Business Administration (ITA)
- Master Degree in Economia Aziendale, Direzione Amministrativa e Professione (EADAP) (ITA)
- Master Degree in Accounting, Governance and Accountability (AGS) ENG
- Master Degree in International Management and Marketing (IMM) ENG
- Master Degree in Management, Innovazione e Finanza (MIF) (ITA)
- Master Degree in Economics and Finance (E&F) (ENG) with the Department of Economics
- **PhD in Accounting, Management and Finance**



What is a doctoral degree?

- The most rigorous and advanced degree that a student can earn in any field of study.
- Demands three years (in Italy, in several places is longer) of intensive research.
- Needs a qualified supervisor that can guide research efforts undertaken.
- Requires the ability to contribute to a field through new data, solutions, theories, or analyses.
- The gate to the academic job.



Becoming a doctoral student

The Pros

- Can help you make significant contributions to your field of study.
- Develops advanced analytical and research skills.
- Opens up career opportunities in both academia and industry.
- Provides a high level of respect and recognition in your field.
- Allows traveling and networking at the global scale.

The cons

- Requires a significant time commitment.
- The academic job market is highly competitive.
- The process can be mentally and emotionally demanding.
- The publish or perish rule is becoming fierce.



What does a PhD student do?

- Hangs with an academic supervisor who is recognized as a field's expert.
- Reads literature. A lot of literature.
- Tries to come up with interesting, novel, original research questions.
- Collects data.
- Learns theory(ies) and method(s).
- Writes things, but most of these things are flushed.
- Attends group meetings.
- Goes to conferences, workshops, summer schools, etc. in cool places (fully funded).
- Creates a network of people that share a common interest for a topic.
- Tries to publish: fails miserably or celebrates avidly.
- Builds a REAL knowledge and a REAL expertise
- Has work, intellectual and life freedom.
- Has fun. A lot of fun.



Why choosing MAF

- MAF is aimed at students wishing to acquire an in-depth knowledge of theory and practice of management, accounting and finance in the context of increasing digitization and extensive use of big data.
- MAF provides a comprehensive education integrating theoretical knowledge with practical real-world applications of empirical and quantitative skills focused on the research for innovative responses to changes in the contemporary societal, business and organizational context.



Career opportunities

- Universities and other HEI: teaching and research.
- Consulting, management, or research positions in a variety of industries.
- Research in public and private institutions.
- Research-led start-ups



Available positions

5 regular PhD positions available

- 4 fully funded scholarships, ca. 1,400 euro monthly net salary
- one position with no scholarship
- a minimum of 6 months abroad is not mandatory but strongly recommended (for this period the scholarship is incremented 50%)

Application procedure

- form available from the UNIBG web page (link: <https://www.unibg.it/node/16597>)
- application window 17 May-17 June
- interview 3rd July at 14:00

Some innovative PhD positions available

- fully funded scholarships, ca. 1,400 euro monthly net salary
- implies collaboration with a company and a 6-18 months internship
- a minimum of 6 months abroad is not mandatory but strongly recommended (for this period the scholarship is incremented 50%)

Application procedure

- form available from the UNIBG web page
- application window early June - early July
- interview 29 July - 2 August



Structure

First year

Refining the topic, coming up with a research question, attending classes, choosing an advisor, starting the journey.

Second year

Start data collection and moving abroad for a research visit. Start writing the thesis but also articles. For innovative PhD programs staying at least 6 months in the firm that co-funds the scholarship. Attending conferences and start taking part to the academic debate in the area.

Third year

Finish the experience abroad. Developing the PhD thesis. Graduation.

Possibilities: Cotutelle with another PhD program abroad (with the opportunity of a double degree).



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