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. 2024/25

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. 2024/2025. 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 Master’s Degree in Accounting, Finance and Business Consulting (curricula Accounting, control and corporate finance and Banking and finance) 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 Accounting, Finance and Business Consulting – curriculum Accounting, control and corporate finance (enrolled at the first year);
- Accounting, Finance and Business Consulting – 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 (at least 3 cfu in micro and 3 cfu in macro or 12 cfu in micro + macroeconomics) during the bachelor’s course in Economics (TrEC at the University of Padova) or equivalent degree:
   - Microeconomics
   - Macroeconomics

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.
   - Organizations, Markets and Competitions (accounting)
   - Financial and Insurance Economics (banking)

b) having passed the examinations indicated below (or equivalent exams) with an outcome equal to or above 26/30 (at least 6 cfu) during the bachelor’s course in Economics (TrEC at the University of Padova) or equivalent degree:
   - Econometrics or
   - Statistics

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.
   - Financial Mathematics and Statistics (accounting)
   - Econometrics for Credit and Market Risk (banking)

c) having passed the examinations indicated below (or equivalent exams) with an outcome equal to at least 26/30 (at least 6 cfu) during the bachelor’s course in Economics (TrEC at the University of Padova) or equivalent degree:
   - Teoria della Finanza e Finanza Aziendale or
   - Accounting for Decision Making or
   - Metodologie e Determinazioni Quantitative d’Azienda or
   - Management Accounting and Control Systems

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.
   - Corporate Governance: Design and Mechanism (accounting)
   - Entrepreneurial Finance and Business Plan (accounting)
   - Corporate Reporting and Group Accounting (accounting and banking).
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 and an English language certificate, which will be verified during individual interviews with the candidates and in the application phase.

Art. 5 - Procedure for submitting the application
Interested students must apply within 29th November 2023, h.12.00 pm using the form present on Moodle SESP - DSEA, under the section “Student Area - International Mobility 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) 20/100 weighted average grades/GPA related to the exams declared for the admission a.y. 2023-24;
b) 80/100 score given by the Commission during the interview.

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 December 2023 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 2024.

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 communicated to the admitted candidates by the office.

Enrolment in a dual degree course precludes simultaneous enrolment in another higher education course.

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. Fees have to be paid both to UNIPD and ZSB. Feed to be paid at ZSB are around 20,000 US dollar.

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

- a one-time scholarship of 6,000 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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