

ECONOMICS Nova SBE and **LUISS**

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The information here applies to DD students for these academic years: **2026/2027**

This information applies to Work Project defenses presented in: **2028**

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THIS IS A FOUR-SEMESTER PROGRAM

Both Nova SBE and LUISS students spend the **1st year in LUISS and 2nd year in Nova SBE**

Number of slots	3 from Nova SBE from Management or Economics	3 from LUISS from Management or Economics
Selection	Nova SBE interviews and selects its own students	LUISS interviews and selects its own students

Degree awarded at Nova SBE: MSc's in Economics

Degree awarded at LUISS: MSc's in Economics and Finance

Language of Instruction at Partner School **English**

STUDY PLAN

ECONOMICS at NOVA SBE + ECONOMICS at LUISS

YEAR 1 @ LUISS	SEM	ECTS	COURSE/ELEMENT @ NOVA SBE	ECTS
Mathematical Methods for Economics	1	8	Do at LUISS	
Central Banking	1	6	Do at LUISS	
Games and Networks	1	8	Do at LUISS	
Macroeconomic Analysis	2	8	Do at LUISS Waives Nova SBE mandatory course Macroeconomic Analysis	
Microeconomic Analysis	1	8	Do at LUISS Waives Nova SBE mandatory course Microeconomic Analysis	
Market Law and Regulation	2	6	Do at LUISS	
Advanced Corporate Finance	2	8	Do at LUISS	
Econometric Theory	2	8	Do at LUISS Waives Nova SBE mandatory course Econometrics	
Other Activities (tbc)	1-2	4	Valid only for LUISS, will not be transferred to Nova SBE	
Total year I		64		
YEAR 2 @ NOVA SBE		ECTS	COURSE/ELEMENT @ LUISS	ECTS
Asset Management (3.5 ECTS) + Merger, Acquisitions & Restructuring (3.5 ECTS)		7	Will waive Advanced Public Economics	6
Mastering Your Career +		2 +	Other Activities	4
Modules (1 ECTS each):		2		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and Business • Sustainability 				
Microeconometrics or Macroeconometrics		7	Core Abroad	6
Numerical Methods for Economics and Finance (3.5 ECTS) + Financial Modeling (3.5 ECTS) + Elective (3.5 ECTS)*		10.5	Together will waive Machine Learning (6 ECTS) + Elective Abroad 1 (6 ECTS) at LUISS	12
Macroeconomics of Financial Markets Elective(s)		3.5 7	Together will waive Advanced Financial Economics (6 ECTS) + Elective Abroad 2 (6 ECTS) at LUISS	12
Work Project		30	Thesis	16
Total year II		69	Total year II	56
Total for Nova SBE degree**		129		

*Quantitative elective in Economics to be chosen among: Public Finance, Derivatives, Future and Options, Private Equity, Real Estate Finance, Sustainable Finance, Data Curation, Data Visualization.

**To be awarded the Nova SBE degree, students must complete a minimum of 90 ECTS. Therefore, some courses taken at LUISS can be accredited towards the Nova SBE master's degree to reach that minimum.

WORK PROJECT / THESIS

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	YOUR "WORK PROJECT" AT NOVA SBE	YOUR "THESIS" AT LUISS
TYPE OF PROJECT	Directed Research – individual work only (you have a topic and advisor)	
NUMBER OF PAGES	min. 40 max. 80	min. 40 max. 80
CREDIT EARNED	30 ECTS	Management: 18 ECTS Finance & Economics: 16 ECTS
BOTH NOVA SBE AND LUISS STUDENTS	Develop the project (1 topic) in the 2 nd year, with one advisor from Nova SBE and one advisor from LUISS, incorporating the feedback from both advisors	
DELIVER THE FINAL DOCUMENT	at Nova SBE according to Nova's calendar	at LUISS around 3 weeks before the defense session
	The document must be submitted to both schools – each submission will follow each schools' guidelines.	
YOU WILL HAVE TWO DEFENSES	You will defend your thesis at Nova SBE in September AND at LUISS in one of the two sessions: October/November, or March/April Defenses at Nova SBE are online.	