

# Bocconi



## EXPERIENCE REPORT

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# UNIVERSITY



## ONBOARDING

The Bocconi University organizes a few onboarding meetings for exchange students before the semester officially starts, which is a very great opportunity to get to know people and maybe even make friends. Furthermore they also host an Italian crash course for all the exchange students. Unfortunately I wasn't able to participate, as I was still writing exams in St. Gallen but I heard from other exchange students that it was quite useful.



## ONLINE SCHOOL (COVID-19)

Unfortunately I was only in Milan for a few weeks before the COVID-19 broke out in the city. After that I never returned to my apartment and took all classes online via Blackboard. The professors recorded the lectures and uploaded the exercise solutions. I also took all my exams online so I had a very different Bocconi experience then usual and didn't get to experience the University life which results in my report being very superficial. Nevertheless I had an amazing time during the three weeks I actually got to study there and enjoyed the Bocconi university vibe a lot.



## 30065 ECONOMICS – MODULE 1 (MICROECONOMICS) [7ECTS]

*ACCREDITED AS 4ECTS MICROECONOMICS II & 3ECTS ELECTIVES*

The course is a basic introductory course for Microeconomics but as there are three lectures a week the course content goes way further than the introductory Microeconomics course at the University of St. Gallen. However, this was the last time that this course was allowed to be accredited for Microeconomics II. The final exam was very fair and could be solved if one understood all the class problems. The recommended exercise book was not relevant for the exam.



## 3006 ECONOMICS – MODULE 2 (MACROECONOMICS) [8 ECTS]

*ACCREDITED AS 4ECTS MACROECONOMICS II & 4ECTS ELECTIVES*

This course is a little more extensive than the 30065 and thus the exam was also more difficult as there were no multiple choice but only open questions which was a little bit difficult as the exam had to be taken online. This course focuses a lot on understanding the bigger picture of macroeconomics and dives deep on the aspect of the IS-LM Model. The exam therefore also focuses exclusively on understanding why and where curves move and not on solving exercises with a calculator.



## INTRODUCTION TO MANAGEMENT CONSULTING (6 ECTS)

*ACCREDITED AS 6ECTS SKILLS*

I really recommend taking this class, the professor is very motivated and engaged and it is overall very interesting and not only theoretical as we did a lot of simulations. The basis of the course is to deliver an actual consulting case solved in a group. As we did everything online and my group was spread all across the globe and was not being very reliable I decided to sit the non-attending exam. This means I had a written exam on two books instead which in the end turned out to be very interesting and easy.

# EXTRACURRICULAR



## APARTMENT

Living in Milan is more expensive compared to St. Gallen and it's very hard to find a renovated and new apartment as most of the apartments in the city are pretty old and small. I would recommend looking for apartments already a few months in advance. I found my apartment on the website *Spotathome* which was very convenient as it works similarly to Airbnb and you can make short term contracts, so you don't have to worry about finding someone new for the room when you leave. My apartment was located directly next to Bocconi and costed me around 900 Euros per month. If you want to live in the city center, this is approximately the monthly rent you have to account for.



## CODICE FISCALE

As soon as you arrive in Milan, I would immediately go to the *Agenzia delle Entrate* to get your *Codice Fiscale* which you will need for your flat contract as well as many other things such as a gym membership or your metro card. Plan up to 3-4 hours as they are often not very organized and don't forget to take a copy of your passport!



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

To get around Milan I'd recommend getting a public transport card as soon as you arrive in Milan. You can easily do it at Milano Centrale where there is a little office right before you enter the Metro Station. Next to the office there is a photo booth where you can take your picture (obligatory for the card) and then get your card in a few minutes. The monthly fee is around 25 Euros.



## GYM

Bocconi has a little Gym that doesn't cost a lot however it is also not very well equipped. If you are interested in going to the gym, I would highly recommend the *Virgin Active*. It is a chain of gyms with many locations all over Milan that you can all use. I went to the Virgin Active in Corso Como and had an amazing experience.



## Restaurants & Bars

There are many very delicious restaurants and cool bars, some of my favorites are:

- Canteen (Mexican food)
- El Carnicero / El Porteño (meat)
- Langosteria (Italian, fish)
- Il Salumaio di Montnapoleone (Italian)
- IYO Experience (sushi)
- Lù Bar (brunch, aperitivo)
- Ceresio 7 (rooftop bar)
- Miscusi (pizza, pasta)
- Soulgreen (healthy food)
- Dim Sum (Chinese food)