RESEARCH PROGRAMME (3 years of studies and research after Magisterial Degree)

PhD programme in Applied Economics and Managerial Decisions

The Department of Economics Statistics and Finance in cooperation with the twin Department of Business and Juridical Sciences has activated the Doctoral School in Economics and Business, that offers a three years PhD programme in Applied Economics and Managerial Decisions.


Applicants of any nationality and age can submit their application for the selection procedure provided that they have a university degree in the subjects of economics, statistics, finance, business administration and financial mathematics that has any of the following requirements: 1. a four years Degree granted by an Italian University; 2. a Specialised Degree or Magisterial university Degree granted by an Italian University; 3. an international academic qualifications granted by an accredited university, and declared suitable for admission to a PhD programme.

The admission procedures are based on the candidate's evaluation of qualifications and research project, written and oral examinations. Candidates should specify in as much detail as possible their proposed research project. Admission to Doctoral programme obliges PhD students to full time attendance of the PhD programme. The admission procedures for reserved positions are based on the evaluation of qualifications and oral examination.

PhD students must regularly attend courses and carry out all research and study activities assigned to them by the Academic Board of the PhD programme which, at the end of each academic year, must submit a report on the courses and research activities carried out.

During the first year the research student is expected to attend and pass the examinations related to the advanced courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Mathematics, Statistics, Econometrics, Firm Theory, Research Methodology. The knowledge of the English language is an obligation that students must fulfil to participate to didactics and research activities.

During the second year of the PhD programme, the activities are divided according to the two main fields of specialization of the PhD programme: Applied economics and Managerial Decisions. The courses and seminars related to the first field are Labour Economics, Game theory, Industrial Economics, Monetary Economics, and Econometrics; while those related to the second field are Strategic Management, Marketing, Finance, Financial Markets, and Firm Organization and Management. During the second year is also required to develop an intermediate research report, in a form of a scientific article, that can constitute part of the final thesis dissertation.

During the third year the activities of the research student are dedicated to the preparation and writing of the final research thesis to be defended in front of an appointed Committee.

The research student is intent to develop competencies on theoretical and applied economics, statistics, finance and business. These competencies may be used in various jobs, university and research departments, private firms, financial institutions, and non-profit organizations.

The title of PhD (“Dottore di Ricerca”) is awarded by the Rector of the University of Calabria, once the course is over following a public discussion, in front of a Committee appointed by the Rector, of a research thesis which will contribute to the improvement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of research.