
Students Advice:

Please find below some comments we have collected from students who attended the program last year.

“Either as exchanges or as normally enrolled, the presence of international students is significant. By the way, even Portuguese people enjoy hanging out with foreigners and it is very easy to relate with them. Group working helps socializing a lot and the fact that courses are very demanding means that you will spend most of your time at University in the reading rooms. No way you will not be able to socialize in an environment like this. The University also organizes social events at the beginning of the year and in the Portuguese course you will meet a lot of international students.

Portugal will surprise you. The weather is amazing (even though it rained a lot last year), everything is dirt cheap the food is very good, people are friendly and the city has much to offer.”

Andrea

“ The courses organization is simple and the workload well distributed. Moreover, there is no need to enrol in additional courses since the double degree program is already structured with mandatory courses.

Regarding further aspects, the campus is well structured and it offers all the services such as copy shop, bars and restaurants, microwaves, gardens and a church too. It is extremely easy to get in touch with people and to share ideas with different cultures, since Nova counts 50% of international students, in particular from Germany and Italy.

There are several initiatives implemented by Nova such as concerts and cultural events where it is possible to meet people but also to enjoy the Portuguese culture. A Portuguese course is offered by Nova and it is helpful to start to familiarize with the language, however I suggest engaging in learning Portuguese using other alternatives, such as tandem or private classes.

The quality of life is pretty good and living in Lisbon is an amazing and unforgettable experience that I would advice to everybody. Nova Masters are top ranked in financial times and the whole environment is stimulating and inspiring in terms of both a personal and professional growth.”

Antonella

“**Possibility to choose your profile.** As soon as I came into the university I’ve met a lot of people from the normal master and from cems really motivated in deciding the course they would like to attend. This is due to the fact there are some mandatory majors but then you have the possibility to decide which one is more interesting for you (even if it’s not directly linked with your path). For us, as double degree, you have to assess each syllabus and ask to the department if you can substitute one of them, as I did in my case, and if it’s feasible, the offices from both university will be very helpful in changing the plan. I believe this is one of the things that is useful to understand: what you really would like to do.

- **Online platform to share documents, news, forum.** The courses are more or less structured as same as in Luiss (lessons are 2 for 1 and a half hour per week or 3 consecutive hours) and are usually attended by 50 people (which also depend from the major or elective tenor of the course). I found very useful the online platform, Moodle, which they use to share information, update documents or assignments that you have to submit, create forums to form groups and ask for information. It is very practical and helpful for you to organize your work.

- **Availability of instruments (Bloomberg, library).** The library is enough equipped and you can easily rent book that you will need for your courses. I don’t want to say that the Library of Luiss is not efficient but having a good library close to the place where you study makes the difference. It also gives 4 Bloomberg platform where you can access to financial information, this is very useful especially for finance students.

- **Availability of places to study (room for groupworks).** Despite sometimes not being silent, there are a lot of slots available for studying. There are 3 rooms where you can organize

groupworks, and three computer rooms plus, only for master students, there is a huge area (called Salão Nobre) and a lounge area. Furthermore, the university is open 24 hours per day and on the weekend. - **Availability of graders, office hours.** Professors and graders are always available to meet during the office hours and for more practical stuffs you can also refer to the graders, to which you can always ask for clarifications (since you are assessed very often). Graders are usually a connection to understand what the professor want and how does it want, therefore is a good source to exploit.

- **Weekly work.** The work is on a weekly basis, you are often assessed through quiz, group assignments and individual assignment. You will not have enough time to study between the end of the courses and the final exam, therefore I suggest you to organize it very well and to take advantage of all your instruments to be prepared for the exam (office hours, other assignments, do quiz on yourself, keep studying along the courses).

- **Lots of practical work and contact with companies.** The learning approach is usually organized through case studies. This gives you the opportunity to have a more practical approach and to be in contact with many different opinions. There are a lot of occasions to be in contact with the job world (workshops, presentations in front of the company, guest speakers, seminars). - **Clubs.** The university has a lot of clubs with many different interests and you can join them (sometimes after a selection process) or even create a new one, this is a very good opportunity to enlarge your knowledge and network. This is a very important word and it will become very usual in your experience.

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