

NOVA School of Business and Economics: Master in Finance

In 2017 I started a Master Program in Finance at NOVA School of Business and Economics. In a few words, I'll try to share with you how this experience has been so far. In case you are interested in joining NOVA, I will be also happy to answer your questions or direct you to the person in charge, so don't hesitate in contacting me by email at dianagato@hotmail.fr.

About the Masters in Finance...

Ranked 19th best Masters in Finance in the world in 2017 by the Financial Times, the International Masters in Finance at NOVA is a carefully-designed program that has been devised to develop a sound knowledge base and essential analytical, problem-solving competencies in the financial area. Students will benefit throughout the program of their choice from first-hand contact with financial institutions, have the chance to test themselves by working on real-world cases, and take the final step towards embarking on a demanding and successful executive career in corporate finance or investment banking.

The program in Finance includes 1 academic year + 1 semester where you must perform a work project. This first year is quite demanding but also rewarding: you learn matters such as Corporate Finance, Investments, Empirical Methods and Financial Modelling. Additionally, one can take electives that are courses from other Masters such as Economics or Management so that you end up with a complete master where you learn to do the things that you like. Some courses are Financial Reporting, Corporate Governance, Strategy Consulting, MatLab, Big Data Analysis, Leadership, Brand Development, Asset Management, Private Equity, Doing Business with China, Mergers & Acquisitions, and so on. Some of this are trimestral others will occur during a complete semester. Regarding assessment, it varies from class to class: final exams can go from 40% to 70% of your final grade. Moreover, you'll spend a great part of your time on assignments submitted in groups and individual quizzes.

For more information visit: <http://masters.novasbe.unl.pt/masters-programs/masters-in-finance/the-program>

About NOVA SBE ...

NOVA has a practical approach designed to equip students with the necessary theoretical knowledge and hands-on skills for a successful career in the world of finance. Moreover, there is high employability, with 100% graduates placed 6 months after graduation. Professional placement includes the major financial centres worldwide, such as London, Madrid, São Paulo and New York.

Regarding the environment, the cultural emersion is quite evident – German, Italian, Chinese, Deutsch, and of course, Portuguese - so you can expect a friendly and sunny atmosphere, both from professors and colleagues. Staff is also very helpful ☺ There are a lot of juvenile organisations where you get to put in practice the matters you have been learning. Diversity, empowerment and hard-work are in my opinion some of NOVA characteristics that allow this university to be in the top of tops. Next year, NOVA is actually moving from Campolide to Carcavelos. The new campus is at 2 minutes from the beach. What a pity, isn't it?



About Lisbon...

Set over sprawling hills and close to beautiful sandy beaches, Lisbon is Western Europe's oldest city, and it is the largest city in Portugal. A thriving center for culture and commerce, Lisbon is often flaunted as one of the world's most livable cities. Lisbon is a historical city full of stories to tell, where the sun shines 290 days a year and the temperature rarely drops below 15°C. A city where you feel safe wandering around day or night, where the cuisine is dedicated to creating over a thousand ways to cook the beloved bacalhau (salted cod), and where you'll find hotels and restaurants to suit every taste, budget and requirement. Lisbon, besides being a city full of authenticity it is also the place that receives hi-tech innovation – have you been in WebSummit? Lisbon is famous for its hospitality and the family-like way it welcomes visitors and of course, for its football and Fado.

Lisbon can be a very affordable city, but due to its popularity, prices have been increasing, namely when considering rental prices. Regarding eating options, Lisbon is still one of the best values in Europe. There are restaurants where you can eat at under €20 for two people and leave completely full. There are places that will cheat you, especially in the more touristy areas.

Concerning transportation, Lisbon has fantastic public transport. There are buses, subways, trams, taxis, and services such as Uber but this city is also a city very walkable. The monthly pass for all public transportation is around 27 euros for students.

Portugal's capital is bursting with culture and great places to eat, stay and party and it's considered one of the cheapest destination in western Europe.

Application Process

Applications will open February 1st, 2018 and will close May 1st, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. (GMT. Greenwich Mean Time) Double Degree applications close on March 20th. In addition to the required application form, Double Degree applicants will also need to fill in this supplement. Double Degree interviews will take place between 9th and 27th of April.

You have 4 steps to complete: online application, interview (only in special cases), decision and enrollment. For more information consult: <http://masters.novasbe.unl.pt/masters-programs/masters-in-finance/application-fees/application>

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