Overview
Princeton’s exchange agreement with Bocconi University gives students concentrating or planning on concentrating in Economics the opportunity to study at one of the foremost economics and finance universities in Europe. Previous study of Italian is desirable, but not required for this exchange. Bocconi offers a wide range of courses in English (more than 90 each semester), and an intensive crash course in Italian for three weeks before the beginning of each semester.

Students can select from a range of courses that have been pre-approved for departmental credit by the Economics Department and may request approval for other courses of interest.

Bocconi University
Bocconi University, founded in 1902, is a small, selective institution that offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees and specializes in economics, finance, business, and management. It is the leading university in business and economics in Italy and has an international reputation in these areas. The undergraduate population numbers a little above 7,000, of which almost 1,000 are international students from all over the world.

The Bocconi offers five bachelor’s degree programs, including a bachelor of International Economics, Management, and Finance taught entirely in English.

The Setting
Milan is the financial and economic capital of Italy, and the financial district and the Stock Exchange are not far from the Bocconi. The city is also known as a hub for fashion, cuisine, and sports. It is located in the north-west of the country, and all of Europe as well as the rest of Italy are easily accessible. The Alps and the Ligurian Riviera are both only a couple of hours away.

Academic Program
A full course load for Princeton students consists of four to five courses at Bocconi. It is expected that students will attend the Crash Course in Italian and the orientation before the start of the semester. The Economics Department has identified a number of courses that are pre-approved for departmental credit. Please see the OIP website for a list of these courses.

Please note that, while these courses are pre-approved, students will still need to get approval for their full course list to ensure that they do not take multiple versions of the same course at Bocconi or at Princeton/Bocconi. Students with the requisite Italian language skills are expected to take the majority of their
courses in Italian. *Please note that students must receive a minimum grade of 22 (equivalent to a grade of C) in their courses at Bocconi to have them recognized for Princeton credit.

**Student Life**
Bocconi offers numerous cultural, sporting, and discussion-oriented activities organized directly or in collaboration with the city. These are special occasions for students to enrich their knowledge, discuss issues regarding current events, and cultivate new interests.

**Housing**
Arcobaleno Residence (Via Fratelli Fraschini 3, Milano) is mainly dedicated to international students and students living in Milano for short-term periods. It is located 30 minutes by tram from Bocconi and offers single rooms (furnished with bed, wardrobe, and desk) in double-occupancy apartments. Each apartment is furnished with shared bathroom, a small room with microwave and refrigerator, small terrace, air conditioning, phone and internet connection. Community kitchens are available on the floor, and there is also a laundry room and TV lounge. A cleaning service and clean linens are provided once a week. Electricity and heating is included in the monthly rent. No guests are allowed between midnight and 7 a.m. Reception is open 24 hours a day.

**Application Process**
In order to apply to Bocconi, the appropriate study abroad adviser from Princeton must review your qualifications and nominate you for the program. By March 14 for the fall and October 13 for the spring, please complete the following steps in order to be nominated:

- Make an appointment to see Mell Bolen, director of the Study Abroad Program, to discuss your interest in Bocconi
- Complete Part I of the Study Abroad Approval Process.

Students nominated for the exchange will be given a username and password to access an online Bocconi enrollment form. To apply, the following materials should be submitted to the OIP:

- Statement outlining the reasons for applying to the exchange,
- Official Princeton transcript,
- Letter of recommendation,
- Resume

In addition, you must submit Part 2 of the Princeton Study Abroad approval form, due **November 1** for the spring and **May 1** for the fall or academic year. The approval form requires upperclass students to secure the approval of their departmental representative for departmental courses and independent work that they plan to undertake as part of the departmental program. Elective courses are approved by the Office of International Programs. The Princeton approval form is available at http://www.princeton.edu/oip.sap.process/academicyear/forms/approval.