

BGL

Everything you need to know

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1. Introduction to the Program

1.1 Main Objectives

The Bachelor in Global Law aims to train future legal professionals with interdisciplinary competence and a global outlook. Its main objectives are to:

- Provide a solid grounding in civil and common law systems;
- Combine legal studies with economics, management, and finance;
- Develop the ability to analyze and advise in diverse international contexts;
- Strengthen digital, linguistic, and communication skills essential for global careers;
- Encourage active learning through clinics, moot courts, and internships.

1.2 Why Choose This Program

Choose Global Law if you want to:

- Study law from a truly international perspective, entirely in English;
- Build a versatile and modern legal profile suited for both public and private organizations;
- Gain exposure to comparative and transnational issues shaping today's global legal order;
- Prepare for international career paths or further graduate studies (JD, LL.M, MA, MSc);
- Learn in a dynamic environment that blends academic rigor and practical experience.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

2. STUDY PLAN

The Bachelor of Global Law is a three-year degree that blends both civil and common law traditions with economic and international perspectives. The course offers a solid legal foundation within the first two years of the syllabus, and then presents you with the opportunity to specialise in the final year, choosing between a global or domestic track.

2.1 First year

1° SEMESTER

- General Jurisprudence – 9 ECTS
- Critical Thinking – 1 ECTS
- Introduction to Private Law – Module 1 (*Civil Law*) – 9 ECTS
- Introduction to Private Law – Module 2 (*Common Law*) – 9 ECTS

2° SEMESTER

- Transnational Constitutional Law – Module 1 (*European Legal Systems*) – 10 ECTS
- Transnational Constitutional Law – Module 2 (*Anglo-American Legal Systems*) – 8 ECTS
- Historical Foundations of Law – Module 1 (*Civil Law*) – 6 ECTS
- Historical Foundations of Law – Module 2 (*Common Law*) – 6 ECTS



2.2 Second year

1° SEMESTER

- European Union Law – 9 ECTS
- Management of International Organizations – 6 ECTS
- Labour and Social Law – 6 ECTS
- International Law – 9 ECTS
- Legal Tech – 3 ECTS

2° SEMESTER

- Quantitative Methods (*Preparatory Course*)
- Global Administrative Law – 8 ECTS
- Microeconomics **or** Public Finance – 6 ECTS
- Criminal Law – 10 ECTS
- EU Language – 4 ECTS

2.3 Third year

In the third year, students shape their professional identity by choosing between two academic paths:

- **Personalized Global Jurist Track** (For those who want the full international degree) - designed for students aiming at international careers in law, diplomacy, business, or global governance. It combines comparative, transnational, and policy-oriented courses with practical experiences.
- **Domestic Lawyers Track** (For those who want to remain in Italy) - intended for students planning to continue their studies in the Integrated Master of Arts in Law (CLMG) at Bocconi. It deepens knowledge of Italian law through courses facilitated in Italian.

PERSONALISED GLOBAL JURIST TRACK

1° SEMESTER

- Quantitative Analysis for Global Jurists - 6 ECTS
- Business and Corporate Law - 10 ECTS
- Global Civil Justice **or** Criminal Procedure - 6 ECTS
- Economic Analysis of Law **or** International Political Affairs - 6 ECTS
- Administrative Environmental Law and Climate Change **or** Gender Law and Women's Rights - 6 ECTS

2° SEMESTER

- Regulatory Law **or** Global Finance - 6 ECTS
- Fundamentals of IT and IP Law **or** Sports Law - 6 ECTS
- Legal Clinic **or** Internship - 6 ECTS
- Professional Skills Seminars (*Global Diplomacy, Democracy Lab, Cultural Aspects of International Negotiations*) - 6 ECTS
- Final Work - 3 ECTS

DOMESTIC LAWYERS TRACK

1° SEMESTER

- Quantitative Analysis for Global Jurists - 6 ECTS
- Business and Corporate Law - 10 ECTS
- Criminal Procedure - 6 ECTS
- Disciplina giuridica del bilancio - 6 ECTS
- Diritto commerciale (corso progredito) - 6 ECTS

2° SEMESTER

- Regulatory Law **or** Global Finance - 6 ECTS
- Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis - 6 ECTS
- Diritto Privato - 6 ECTS
- Diritto Tributario - 6 ECTS
- Final Work - 3 ECTS

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS



The program offers one-semester study opportunities at prestigious partner universities worldwide, including: Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France), King's College London (UK), The George Washington University (US), The Chinese University of Hong Kong (China), and Monash University (Australia).



CAREER PATHWAYS

Graduates of the Bocconi Global Law program gain access to a wide range of international career opportunities across the legal, corporate, and institutional sectors.

N.B. Due to the fact that this bachelor has only been recently introduced at Bocconi University we have not been able to collect data directly from the course graduates as the first class is yet to finish its third year. All data provided have been taken by looking into job market demands and statistics related to graduates with similar qualifications to the BGL one from different universities around the world.

4.1 Employment by sector

- International and cross-border law firms: 45–55%
- Corporate legal departments (multinationals, scale-ups): 20–25%
- Alternative Legal Service Providers (ALSP / LPO): 10–15%
- Public administration and regulatory authorities: 5–10%
- International organizations and NGOs: 5–8%
- Strategic consulting and Big Four firms: 5–8%

Main practice areas

Cross-border M&A and capital markets, international arbitration and litigation, privacy and data protection, trade and sanctions, compliance and ESG, intellectual property and technology law, multijurisdictional contracting.



CAREER PATHWAYS

4.2 Key Recruiters and Institutional Partners

International Law Firms

Allen & Overy, Clifford Chance, DLA Piper, Hogan Lovells, Linklaters, BonelliErede, Chiomenti, Freshfields, Legance, Dentons, Deloitte Legal, PwC Tax & Legal Services, Pirola Pennuto Zei & Associati.

Corporations and Financial Institutions

Deutsche Bank, Intesa Sanpaolo, ENEL, ENI, Telecom Italia, KPMG, EY, Accenture.

International and Public Institutions

European Union institutions and agencies, United Nations bodies, NGOs, and international think tanks.

Consulting and Advisory Firms

McKinsey & Company, Bain & Company, Deloitte, EY Advisory, KPMG Advisory, PwC Strategy&, C2Partners.



CAREER PATHWAYS

4.3 Exemplar Qualification Pathways

United Kingdom

Graduates can qualify as solicitors through the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE). Specialized postgraduate programs in arbitration, intellectual property, or technology law strengthen professional profiles.

United States

Students may pursue a 2+1 pathway (two years at Bocconi + one-year LLM in the US) and sit for the New York Bar Exam, a common route for international transactional or corporate law careers.

Italy

Graduates can convert their degree into the Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza to access the Italian Bar, judiciary, or notarial professions.

4.4 Alternative Career Routes

The program also prepares graduates for analytical and strategic roles outside the legal profession, such as:

- Compliance and risk management
- Data protection and privacy governance
- Corporate governance and sustainability
- Strategic and legal consulting
- Public affairs and international relations

Internships and postgraduate specialization foster access to global, cross-disciplinary careers.



CAREER PATHWAYS

4.5 Advanced Studies and Specializations

- 1) Master in Economics and Management for Government Organizations (Bocconi)
- 2) Double Degree in Risk Strategy (Politecnico di Milano and Bocconi)
- 3) LLM programs in Corporate, IP, or Arbitration Law (UK / US)
- 4) PhD in Law or Economics for academic or research careers

Entry-Level Professional Roles

Graduates typically enter the job market through roles such as: Legal Analyst, Compliance Officer, Data Protection Assistant, Policy Assistant, Legal Operations Manager, ESG Analyst, Consulting Analyst, Arbitration Assistant, Corporate Paralegal, Public Affairs Officer.

Employment opportunities span international law firms, consulting companies, multinational corporations, banks, NGOs, and public institutions.



STUDY METHOD

There is no single “correct” study method, it depends on the course, the professor, and most importantly on how YOU. However, while it's recommended that new students experiment themselves to find the most adept method for their personal needs, there are a few principles which may be useful to keep in mind when studying.

Understand before you memorize

Before highlighting or taking notes, focus on understanding the logic behind each concept.

In legal courses, try to grasp the reasoning behind rules; in economic courses, focus on understanding the underlying models.

Build your own system

Experiment with different techniques — active reading, concise summaries, oral repetition, flashcards — but only use what truly helps you understand, not just rewrite the textbook.

Engage with others

Discussing topics with classmates helps consolidate knowledge and reveal gaps in understanding.

A small study group, or even explaining a topic to someone else, can often be more effective than hours of passive reading.



STUDENT CHECKLIST

Within the First Month

- In your freetime, familiarise yourself with the two Bocconi online platforms: yoU@B and Blackboard.
- Explore the library, student services (B in Touch), and cafés on campus. Aim to find where you can create different environments for studying, relaxing, and socialising.
- Create a realistic weekly schedule that balances lectures, study time, and personal life; you don't want to leave things to the last minute, find that balance!

Within the First Semester

- Learn how exams really work: formats, useful tips, and past questions (upon availability as some professors don't share past exams).
- Explore and try to take part in a student event or association to engage with university life.
- Prepare a draft version of your CV (Can be done with the assistance of Bocconi's online platform) .
- If you prefer to study with peers, start looking out for a potential study group, this could range from being peers from your class to that of other courses, where you can work together without distraction.

And most importantly, learn to pace yourself, a common saying by one of the authors is that you should run at your own pace, because if not, you will fall. Bocconi is a marathon, don't drain yourself out with a short sprint!



USEFUL LINKS

- [BGL Study Plan](#) :
- [BGL Regulations 2025–2026](#)
- Bocconi Career Services
- [BGL Program Structure and Organization](#)
- [University Regulations](#)
- [Exchange Program – Law](#)



MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Global Law wasn't exactly what I expected at first, but it's definitely exceeded my expectations. It's such a well-rounded, interdisciplinary degree with really engaging modules that, even when they get a bit tedious, still manage to stay interesting. I initially chose this program with uncertainty because I wasn't completely sure what career path I wanted to take, but, funny enough, it's one of the best choices I could've ever made. The degree keeps many doors open, allowing you to pursue a master's degree like, but are not limited to: Economics, Politics, Sustainability, or Law. Finally, the class sizes. In my cohort of BGL 28' we're only 88 students, so there's a small community of like-minded peers all in the same boat as you, whom you can actually get to know, and collaborate with, without feeling lost in a crowd and being overwhelmed. - Alexander M



MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Studying Global law in bocconi means giving yourself the opportunity to explore all different areas of law while still giving yourself some time to better understand them and what career path and topic interest you the most and which career path is more suited for you and, if you are like me, also the feeling of not being restricted in just one place due to your degree national abilitation. We do not have big manuals to study like law school students do as we focus more on concepts and see them in light of the different legal systems or international laws around the world but nonetheless the course requires commitment and for you to put into it your best effort. We are usually small classes made of less than 100 people so finding someone to chat with or prepare an exam with is not difficult at all, you will likely know everyone's name before the winter session even starts. What I really suggest you do is not to isolate yourself and think that university is only about attending lessons and studying to prepare for the exams. We have a lot of group work to do and above all there is nothing more therapeutic than going to have a break with your friends in between classes or, even better, after an exam. - Ludovica



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