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DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM BETWEEN POLITECNICO DI MILANO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO (UIC) BUSINESS SCHOOL - 2027 COHORT *GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING STUDENTS*

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Polimi – UIC BS Double Degree

This document describes the Double Degree Program between Politecnico di Milano (Polimi) and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), for what pertains the MSc Degree in Management Engineering.

The agreement was established with the UIC Business School. Students taking part in this programme will earn a **Master of Science Degree in Finance or Supply Chain and Operation Management** from UIC and a **Master of Science Degree in Management Engineering** from Polimi.

This document is also conceived as a guideline to compile your «combined» study plan; in order to earn two degrees, **students need to meet the curriculum requirements at both institutions.**

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UIC Degree Requirements

Students will earn credits for UIC enrolling in courses @Polimi and @UIC.

On the contrary to what happens in the Industrial Engineering Program, there are **no US credits** assigned to the final thesis.

For the UIC Degree students must earn a total of 32 US credits, as follows:

MS in **Finance**:

- **12 US** credit hours of required courses must be earned at UIC by completing **three 500-level** courses selected based on the equivalencies established by the two partners.
- **20 US** credit hours of electives from a list of approved courses (both from UIC and POLIMI). A maximum of **8 US credits** (for what pertains UIC) may be earned outside of the Finance field.

MS in **Supply Chain and Operations Management**:

- **16 US** credit hours of required courses must be earned by completing **four 500-level** courses, taken in Milan or Chicago, and selected based on the equivalencies established by the two partners and (for what pertains UIC) on the course offerings available in the semester of enrollment at UIC.
- **16 US** credit hours from a list of approved courses, with at least 12 credit hours of Supply Chain and Operations electives. A maximum of **4 US credit hours** (for what pertains UIC) can be from related areas. No more than two **400-level courses** may be used toward degree requirements.

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DD Program Structure

The UIC Program always starts in **Spring**. The first semester of enrollment is in **Milan**. The students then spend the second semester in **Chicago**. During their enrollment in the program students will pay UIC tuition. Polimi tuition will be waived, but during the second year of their Polimi MSc degree.

In year 2, after the Fall semester at UIC, students are offered two options:

- Return to Milan
- Stay another semester in Chicago to complete the degree requirements and work on their Polimi final thesis. As they will be enrolled in classes just for one course, the tuition at UIC will be significantly lower than the previous semester.

YEAR	1	1	2	2
SEMESTER	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
STUDENT LOCATION	Milan	Milan	Chicago	Milan or Chicago
ENROLLMENT	Polimi	UIC	UIC	Polimi/UIC
TUITION DUE TO	Polimi	Polimi + UIC	UIC	(UIC)

IMPORTANT

Tuition @UIC is worth:
 about \$ 11.500 in semester 1
 about \$ 13.500 in semester 2
 about \$ 8.500 in semester 3 (optional)

Polimi Tuition waiver (2 semesters) will be applied during **II year of MSc degree**

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First semester Study Plan (Finance Track)

In the first semester of the DD programme, students must take @Polimi up to 4 courses, within a list approved by UIC.

Polimi Course approved by UIC – Spring 2026	Type	UIC Equivalency
096078 Accounting, Finance & Control (a)	Elective (1/5)	ACTG 501 Financial Accounting I
096088 Operations Management (a)	Elective (2/5)	IDS 532 Introduction to Operations Management
097387 Financial Econometrics (b)	Elective (3/5)	FIN 594 Special Topics in Finance
057029 Financing Complex Projects (b)	Elective (4/5)	FIN 551 Financial Decision Making I

(a) Mandatory requirement for Polimi

(b) Polimi Core Major Elective or Polimi Major Elective

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First semester Study Plan (Supply Chain Track)

In the first semester of the DD programme, students must take @Polimi up to 4 courses, within a list approved by UIC.

Polimi Course approved by UIC – Spring 2026	Type	UIC Equivalency
096089 Logistics Management (a)	Elective (1/4)	IDS 544 Global Sourcing and Logistics
096088 Operations Management (a)	Required (1/4)	IDS 532 Introduction to Operations Management
054697 Quality Data Analysis (a) or 097323 Quality Management	Elective (2/4)	IDS 571 Statistical Quality Control and Assurance
096078 Accounting, Finance & Control (a)	Elective (3/4)	ACTG 506 Management Accounting (c)
052795 Strategy & Marketing (a)	Elective (3/4)	IDS 518 Electronic Marketing (c)

- (a) Mandatory requirement for Polimi
- (b) Supply chain and operations electives
- (c) Other Electives

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Fall registration &
Free Mover
application

In late **Spring**, once the Fall UIC schedule is posted, Polimi students will register for the courses they will be attending at UIC.

- Students will meet their academic advisor to prepare the **learning agreement**, the document that will state the correspondence between UIC and POLIMI courses
- Students will access the POLIMI online system and apply to study abroad as **FREE MOVER** student (for courses). They will also upload their learning agreement – a document that can be changed later.

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Third Semester

Upon completion of the mandatory semester at UIC, students may do the following:

- **Remain another semester at UIC**, to complete the degree requirements and work on their **Polimi** thesis, as well as developing a network. By US law, only students who spend **a year** in the US may apply for a visa to work in the US (**OPT**).

- **Return to Milan** and work to complete their course requirements to graduate from Polimi.

Depending on what the student chooses, the structure of the two semesters in Chicago changes slightly. This happens because the Business School does not provide for a final thesis paper in its curricular structure; however, to grant students the opportunity to stay for an additional semester (and apply for the OPT) UIC has provided a pool of professors for the students that decide to remain to work on their thesis.

Either way – to graduate from Polimi – **ALL STUDENTS**

- Need to complete their Polimi course and credit requirements
- Must complete at least 120 credits, of which **60 (only courses) MUST be earned at Polimi**. They will transfer the credits earned at UIC and take the remaining courses/credits upon their return. This includes defending a thesis with a Polimi supervisor.

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Admission Requirements

If you are interested in applying to this program for **Spring 2027**

Check whether you meet the admission requirements:

- 24/30 GPA Minimum (Bachelor degree) – GPA must be maintained throughout the program
- BSc degree completed by the beginning of the programme (October)
- Level of English Proficiency

MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENTS	TOEFL iBT	IELTS	PTE Academic	TOEFL rPT
OVERALL SCORE	80	6.5	54	60
LISTENING	17	6	47	17
WRITING	21	6	56	21
READING	19	6	51	19
SPEAKING	20	6	53	

Apply through the UIC portal, WHEN instructed by the Polimi Programme Coordinator, AFTER Polimi pre-selection – usually October/November

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What's next

Learn about the Programme and the overall student experience:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/uicpolimi>

Visit the [webpage](#) in the section dedicated to the Programme on the Management Engineering Course of Study website

Let us know you are interested in the Programme, so we can send you relevant information on the 2027 edition - [FORM](#)

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Thank you for the attention