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WHAT IS THE STUDY PROGRAMME REPORT?

What is the Study Programme Report?

The Study Programme Report provides updated information which is important for the purposes of Quality Assurance and is published annually by the University of Bologna.

The main aspects of the teaching programme are described in detail, with a view to assuring the principle of transparency and promoting self-assessment and continuous improvement processes.

The document provides a concrete overview of the features and results of the Study Programme for students, families, employers and so on.

For example, regarding the current issue of employment, it describes the learning outcomes and career opportunities; it also includes statistics on the percentage of employed graduates (D.4. Employment situation).

The document is organised into five sections and a glossary:

A. Presentation and prospects

Key information on the Study Programme, including the expected learning outcomes, career opportunities and further studies.

B. Teaching and Learning

The updated course structure diagram with the full titles and listings of the course units and the latest published lecture timetable.

C. Resources and services

The list of teaching staff and their relative curricula, the offices (secretariats), services (work placements) and infrastructures (libraries, laboratories) available to students.

D. The Study Programme in Figures

Key data shows how many students are enrolled, how many have been assigned additional learning requirements, how many drop out after the first year, how many graduate in line with the programme schedule, the opinions of attending and graduating students on the teaching programmes and information concerning graduate employment.

E. Find out more: the quality of your Study Programme

How the quality system applied to your Study Programme works. The quality system of your Study Programme is a set of processes and responsibilities adopted to guarantee the quality of all Study Programmes at the University of Bologna.

NOTES:

- Reports are available for all Study Programmes for which it is possible to enrol in the first year in academic year 2012/2013: the
 information and data provided is as updated as possible.
- Sections A, B and C provide data for the academic year 2012/2013.
- Section D presents data regarding the Study Programmes in the last three academic years.
- The information and data were taken from the University databases and the reports published by the Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna and AlmaLaurea, and are updated to **15 June 2012**.

A. PRESENTATION AND PROSPECTS

This section presents the key information concerning the Study Programme, including the expected learning outcomes, career opportunities and further studies, updated to the academic year 2013/2014.

A.1. PRESENTATION

This paragraph provides information on the specific learning outcomes of the Study Programme and the curriculum.

The 2nd cycle degree programme in Financial Markets and Institutions provides graduates with the skills to apply knowledge of mathematics, statistics, economics and business to the financial field, to the analysis of financial scenarios, the typical decision-making models of markets and brokering and the management processes inherent to corporate finance (funding, investments and access to capital markets).

The study programme focuses on the strong integration of economics and business, touching also on specialist international legal studies and paying particular attention to corporate banking. This approach requires a great deal of cross-disciplinary study and develops students' aptitude for the creative use of economic and business methods and quantitative techniques, allowing them to quickly adapt to fast-changing, innovative environments that are typical of the financial systems of industrialised countries. For this purpose, the study programme firstly provides the essential skills in mathematics, computing, statistics, economics and law, then moves on to business economics methods: studies cover both innovative and conventional corporate banking services provided by Italian banking groups and large international investment banks, and more generally their management. Special focus will be given to the regulation and control of intermediaries and financial markets, and the governance of listed companies. Internships in brokering firms or the finance departments of medium-large businesses are possible during the study programme, which ends with the production of an original written dissertation, demonstrating the students' judgement skills and developed under the supervision of a faculty professor.

A.2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This paragraph provides information on the knowledge required for admission to the Study Programme.

To profitably attend the 2nd cycle degree programme in Financial Markets and Institutions, students shall possess in-depth knowledge of business finance, brokering management and real estate market operations, as well as sound knowledge of financial mathematics, econometrics, private law and commercial law.

- 1. A 1st cycle degree in one of the following classes, or other suitable qualification obtained abroad: ex Italian Ministerial Decree no. 270/04: L-18 (Economic and Business Management Sciences), L-33 (Economic Sciences), L36 (Political Sciences and International Relations), L-41 (Statistics),
- ex- Italian Ministerial Decree no. 509/99: classes 15 (Political Sciences and International Relations), 17 (Economic and Business Management Sciences), 28 (Economic Sciences), 37 (Statistical Sciences),
- Previous four-year degree programme system: any degree which complies with the requirements laid down in point 2.
- 2. The following minimum number of CFU among the scientific-disciplinary fields listed:
 - 1. SECS-P/01, SECS-P/02, SECS-P/03, SECS-P/05, SECS-P/06: 16 CFU
 - 2. MAT/01,MAT/02, MAT/03, MAT/04, MAT/05, MAT/06, MAT/08, MAT/09, INF/01,SECS-S/01, SECS-S/03, SECS-S/06: 16 CFU
 - 3. SECS-P/07,SECS-P/08, SECS-P/09, SECS-P/10, SECS-P/11: 16 CFU
 - 4. IUS/01,IUS/04, IUS/09: 16 CFU.

If the requirements laid down in points 1 and 2 above are not met, admission to the 2nd Cycle Degree Programme is subject to a preliminary assessment by a Commission to ascertain the required skills and competencies through an interview.

The Commission, appointed by the Degree Programme Board, will establish a calendar for the interviews in September, which will be published on the university Portal. If the Commission considers the level of the graduate's knowledge and skills to be satisfactory, the student will be allowed to sit the access test to the 2nd cycle degree programme in Financial Markets and Institutions.

Admission to the 2nd cycle degree programme is subject to the passing of a test to verify the students' personal academic preparation. The 2nd cycle degree programme in Financial Markets and Institutions may set a fixed number of places according to the available resources. The number of admitted students and the selection methods are published annually in the relative call for applications. Personal academic preparation will be assessed during the admission test (programme with fixed number of students), which will be delivered in the manner indicated in the call for applications. Students scoring at least the minimum set score indicated in the call for applications will be deemed to have passed this test.

A.3. LEARNING OUTCOMES

This paragraph provides information on the knowledge and skills students will have acquired by the end of the Programme.

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

2nd cycle graduates:

- will know the main foundations of financial theory and understand the structure, history and evolution of modern financial systems;
- will possess a legal and economic background in the regulation and function of financial markets and brokers;
- will be able to understand the main theories underlying the establishment of financial structures and corporate governance;
- will know the main business assessment methods and main extraordinary financial operations used to create profit for shareholders.

The aforementioned knowledge and understanding are gained through participation in lectures, practical exercises, seminars, guided self-study and individual study, in particular of legal, economic and business subjects.

Learning outcomes are assessed mainly through written and oral exams.

APPLYING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

2nd cycle graduates:

- will possess the mathematical and econometric tools for the statistical analysis of financial markets and the financial tools exchanged in these markets (derivatives);
- will be able to study some aspects of investment bank operations in depth (organisation and operating techniques) and specific issues concerning credit intermediaries, including the assessment of creditworthiness by modern banks, the functions and organisation of cooperative credit and

central banks, the relationship between banking and ICT;

- will be able to work in groups, research set topics and have a sound working knowledge of the subjects studied.

The ability to apply the above knowledge and understanding will be developed through the critical study of texts proposed for self-study, stimulated by classroom activities, the research of case studies and applications presented by the professors, practical exercised set in mathematical, statistics, economics and business course units, the internship (where chosen) and the preparation of the final examination.

The tests (written and oral exams, reports, exercises) imply the execution of specific tasks which aim to demonstrate the student's command of tools, methods and critical autonomy. During the internship, students will be assessed through a report presented by the students and the company tutor.

MAKING JUDGEMENTS

2nd cycle graduates:

- will be able to analyse the economic framework, considering the causes and symptoms of economic globalisation from the point of view of financial markets;
- will understand the main issues and problems of working in national and international financial markets.

Judgement skills are developed in particular through practical exercises, seminars and the production of written assignments above all in the mathematics, statistics, computing, economics, business and law course units, during the internship and the activities carried out in preparation for the final dissertation.

Judgement skills are assessed through the students' ability to work autonomously as well as in groups during the activities assigned in preparation for the final examination and during the internship.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

2nd cycle graduates:

- will have sound knowledge of a foreign language and strong command of specialist, economics language.

Communication skills are developed in particular during the learning activities which require the production of reports and written documents as well as their oral presentation. Communication skills are also acquired through the production and presentation of the final dissertation, and during the internship when chosen.

Knowledge of the English language is consolidated during the English language course unit required in the study programme and assessed in the relative exam.

LEARNING SKILLS

2nd cycle graduates:

- will be able to apply the learning methods and analysis tools developed to further study and improve their own knowledge;
- will be able to identify the most appropriate tools and learning paths to develop their own cultural and specific knowledge and professional skills.

Learning skills are acquired throughout the study period, particularly concerning self-study, the production of individual projects and activities implemented in preparation of the final dissertation.

Learning skills are assessed continuously during the learning activities which require the presentation of autonomously researched data, also assessing the self-learning skills developed during the activities in preparation for the final examination.

A.4. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This paragraph provides information on the occupational profile, functions and fields of employment available to graduates of this Programme.

Graduates may fill the following professional roles and relative functions in the listed fields of employment: Financial analyst:

Functions:

- manages the finance department of companies, aiming to identify the best possible opportunities for investment;
- monitors company equity and financial assets, including the use of cash liquidity;
- gathers information for financial statements and estimates financial securities (stocks and other bonds);
- liaises with credit institutes;
- chooses the asset allocation (composition of securities portfolio) and timing (entry and exit from markets), for companies with particularly high liquidity.

Career opportunities:

- corporate finance sectors
- businesses, public and private organisations
- banking groups (relative to their own activities, corporate banking, asset management, merchant and investment banking)
- financial systems regulation and control bodies, accessed through public competition (Consob, Banca d'Italia, Isvap, Covip).

A.5. OPINION OF SOCIAL PARTNERS AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

This paragraph describes the outcome of the consultation with the representative employment and trade organisations.

This information is not available in English at this time.

A.6. FURTHER STUDIES

It gives access to third cycle studies (Dottorato di ricerca/Scuole di specializzazione) and master universitario di secondo livello.

B. TEACHING AND LEARNING

This section describes the updated course structure diagram (for academic year 2013/2014), with the full titles and listings of the course units and the latest published lecture timetable.

B.1. COURSE STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

The link takes you to the Study Programme course structure diagrams. You can also access to each course unit content.

• Study plan: all course units in the programme

B.2. CALENDAR AND LECTURE TIMETABLE

The links take you to the teaching calendar (exam session and final examination session) and the lecture timetable (in Italian).

- Lecture timetable
- Exam sessions
- Final examination sessions

C. RESOURCES AND SERVICES

This section provides a list of teaching staff and their relative curricula and and description of the services available to students for the academic year 2013/2014.

C.1. TEACHERS

The paragraph lists the lecturers who teach in the Study Programme: from here you can access the personal web pages of each one (in Italian). Information updated to 28 May 2013 (in Italian).

Permanent teaching staff:

Bajo, Emanuele Lambertini, Francesco Palmucci, Fabrizio Stefanelli, Maria Alessandra Bigelli, Marco Lusignani, Giuseppe Parisi, Francesco Torluccio, Giuseppe Burani, Nadia Manasse, Paolo Luciano Zanigni, Massimiliano Pastorello, Sergio Cenni, Stefano Adalberto Ritelli, Daniele Fiorentini, Gianluca Mengoli, Stefano Romagnoli, Silvia Lamandini, Marco Negri, Vera Spelta, Dario

Contract teaching staff:

Arfé, Antonio Cavazza, Atos Cavazzuti, Filippo Grilli, Valentina

C.2. STUDENT SERVICES: OFFICES

Pacei, Silvia

C.2.1. FUTURE STUDENTS

The link take you to the webpage which provides specific information about the offices and the services for the future students (in italian).

• Future students

C.2.2. ENROLLED STUDENTS

The link take you to the webpage which provides specific information about the offices and the services for the enrolled students (in italian).

Enrolled students

C.2.3. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The links take you to the reference Work Placement and International Relations office for the Study Programme, where available.

• International students

C.2.4. GRADUATES

• Graduates

D. THE STUDY PROGRAMME IN FIGURES

Information on students' starting their university careers, how many students are in line with the regular programme, opinions of students and graduates on the teaching programmes and information concerning graduate employment.

This section provides the data of the last academic years for the Study Programme (SP) and a comparison with similar Study Programmes. The University of Bologna has divided its Study Programmes into four groups:

- BIOMEDICAL group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Pharmacy, Biotechnology and Sport Science; Medicine; Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine
- SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Engineering and Architecture; Sciences
- SOCIAL SCIENCES group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Economics, Management, and Statistics; Law, Political Sciences
- HUMANITIES group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Heritage; Foreign Languages and Literatures, Interpreting and Translation; Psychology and Education

The section presents the results of the Study Programme for the last three academic years.

Main data shows how many students enrolled, the number of students assigned OFA, how many drop out after the first year, how many graduate in line with the programme schedule, the opinions of attending and graduating students on the teaching programmes and information concerning graduate employment. The information and data presented in this section, updated to 28 May 2013, were taken from University databases and AlmaLaurea.

Study Programmes may be subject to degree programme system modifications from one academic year to the next, and the data provided in this section may refer to a programme with a slightly different system to the one currently running (such as programme title, course structure diagram and list of lecturers). However, indicatively the data presents the general trend of the Study Programme over the past three years.

Most of the Study Programmes running at the University of Bologna have been reformed in compliance with DM 270/04, most of them from the academic year 2008/2009. For this reason for the previous academic years for some information, as opinion of the graduates and employment situation, are provided in the reports of those Programmes, on the paragraph D.5. refers to the Study Programmes as they were presented prior to the reform.

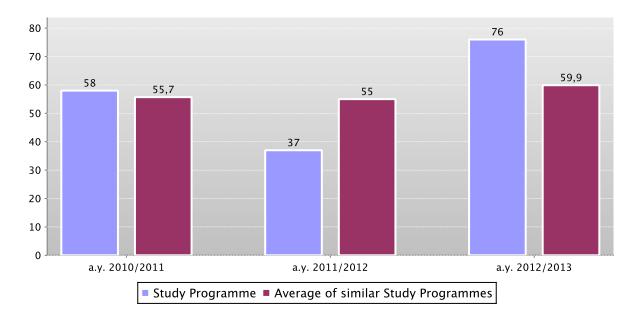
D.1. STUDENTS STARTING THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS

Characteristics of incoming students at the beginning of their study. Tables and graphs provide information on number of enrolled students (new careers), focusing on the characteristics of students and results of any entrance tests.

D.1.1. ENROLMENTS

The **graph** and the **table** show the number of new careers of the Study Programme compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group), for the indicated academic years.

New careers



| | a.y. 201 | 0/2011 | a.y. 201 | 1/2012 | a.y. 201 | 2/2013 |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| | New careers | Total N. enrolled students | New careers | Total N. enrolled students | New careers | Total N. enrolled students |
| Study Programme | 58 | 109 | 37 | 103 | 76 | 134 |
| Average of similar Study Programmes | 55,7 | 69,6 | 55 | 66,9 | 59,9 | 67,5 |

D.1.2. ADDITIONAL DATA ON STUDENTS' STARTING THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS

D.1.2.1. CANDIDATES REGISTERED FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM

The number of students sitting the entrance exam for the Study Programme. Concerns the programmes with restricted access. The methods of managing the call for applications and the list of candidates, including the methods for filling any unclaimed places, may vary from year to year.

The **table** shows the number of places available for the study programme, the number of candidates enrolling for the exam, the number sitting the exam and the percentage of students sitting the exam compared to the number of places available.

For all programmes with restricted access, candidates are required to sit an entrance exam and there are a limited number of places available. The entrance exam is a test which is used to draw up a graded list of candidates; students may enrol in the programme according to their place in the list. The methods of managing the call for applications and the list of candidates, including the methods for filling any unclaimed places, may vary from year to year. The test may be specific to a Degree Programme or may be part of a single exam covering several programmes from the same university or from other universities (during the registration the students should indicate their first choice).

The following definitions apply:

Available places = the number of places laid down in the call for applications to the Study Programme, or determined by subsequent legal provisions; these exclude any additional places reserved according to special provisions of the programme (e.g. for international study programmes, they do not include places for foreign students selected from other universities; for all programmes with restricted access regulated nationally, these do not include the places reserved for transferring students).

Number of candidates for the exam = number of students registered for the exam indicating the study programme as their first choice;

Number of participants in the exam = number of students participating in the exam indicating the study programme as their first choice;

Number of participants in the exam for every available place = number of students participating in the exam who indicated the study programme as their first choice as a ratio of the number of places available on the programme.

| | Number of places available (a) | Candidates registered for the exam | Candidates sitting the exam (b) | Number of candidates sitting the exam per place available (b/a) |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| a.y. 2010/2011 | 100 | 110 | 99 | 1 |
| a.y. 2011/2012 | 100 | 101 | 93 | 0,9 |
| a.y. 2012/2013 | 100 | 155 | 147 | 1,5 |

D.1.2.2. INCOMING STUDENTS

Geographic origin, type of 1st cycle degree, age and gender of students.

The data shows a homogeneus group of students (cohort) which started together their academic career.

Students which have passed to an other Study Programme, transferred from an other university, or registered to a 2nd degree are not included.

The **tables** show the number, geographic origin, gender, age, type and grade of 1st cycle degree of students enrolling in the degree programme.

The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group), for the indicated academic years.

| | | | Geographic origin | | | | | | Gender | | Average age of new career students | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| | | New careers | Students coming from the province of the Study Programme site | Students coming from other provinces where Unibo has a site | Students coming from other provinces of Emilia Romagna region | Students coming from other Italian regions | Students coming from abroad | Not available | M | F | 22 or less | 23 - 24 | 25 or more |
| | Study Programme | 58 | 46,6% | 12,1% | 1,7% | 39,7% | | | 65,5% | 34,5% | 32,8% | 56,9% | 10,3% |
| Students 2010/2011 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 55,7 | 28,7% | 17,0% | 6,2% | 43,2% | 4,8% | 0,1% | 41,9% | 58,1% | 37,6% | 40,9% | 21,5% |
| | Study Programme | 37 | 40,5% | 18,9% | 5,4% | 32,4% | 2,7% | | 51,4% | 48,6% | 48,6% | 37,8% | 13,5% |
| Students 2011/2012 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 55 | 26,8% | 16,1% | 5,5% | 44,3% | 7,3% | | 41,5% | 58,5% | 35,8% | 39,8% | 24,4% |
| | Study Programme | 76 | 31,6% | 18,4% | 3,9% | 43,4% | 2,6% | | 59,2% | 40,8% | 42,1% | 40,8% | 17,1% |
| Students 2012/2013 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 60 | 24,9% | 16,1% | 5,7% | 45,0% | 8,1% | 0,3% | 42,0% | 58,0% | 38,2% | 39,1% | 22,6% |

| | | First Cycle Degree: University of previous studies | | First Cycle Degree: more frequent class | | First Cycle Degree: grade | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--|-------------------|--|---------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | University of Bologna | Other Italian Universities | Foreign University | Other not defined | Class code and name | % of students | First Cycle Degree grade between 66 and 90 | First Cycle Degree grade between 91 and 100 | First Cycle Degree grade between 101 and 105 | First Cycle Degree grade between 106 and 110 | First Cycle Degree grade 110 and honors | First Cycle Degree grade not available |
| | Study Programme | 87,9% | 10,3% | | 1,7% | 28 SCIENZE ECONOMICHE | 62,1% | 44,8% | 32,8% | 10,3% | 1,7% | 8,6% | 1,7% |
| Students 2010/2011 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 71,4% | 22,7% | 4,8% | 1,2% | 17 SCIENZE DELL'ECONOMIA E DELLA GESTIONE AZIENDALE | 31,0% | 19,1% | 28,3% | 17,6% | 15,7% | 16,8% | 2,4% |
| Students | Study Programme | 70,3% | 27,0% | 2,7% | | L-18 SCIENZE DELL'ECONOMIA E DELLA GESTIONE AZIENDALE | 32,4% | 21,6% | 37,8% | 21,6% | 16,2% | 2,7% | |
| 2011/2012 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 63,0% | 27,5% | 6,4% | 3,1% | L-18 SCIENZE DELL'ECONOMIA E DELLA GESTIONE AZIENDALE | 14,6% | 18,6% | 29,4% | 19,6% | 14,7% | 13,8% | 4,1% |
| | Study Programme | 86,8% | 11,8% | 1,3% | | L-33 SCIENZE ECONOMICHE | 48,7% | 34,2% | 36,8% | 7,9% | 11,8% | 9,2% | |
| Students 2012/2013 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 62,2% | 24,9% | 6,4% | 6,5% | L-18 SCIENZE DELL'ECONOMIA E DELLA GESTIONE AZIENDALE | 23,3% | 17,6% | 31,4% | 16,1% | 16,5% | 11,7% | 6,7% |

D.2. REGULARITY OF STUDIES

Insight into the regularity with which the students pass their exams. The graphs and the tables provide information on the number of students who leave the programme between the first and second year and the number of regular graduates, focusing on the number of credits obtained at the end of the first year, on the exams passed and average grade achieved for each course unit.

D.2.1. STUDENTS LEAVING THE PROGRAMME BETWEEN YEARS 1 AND 2

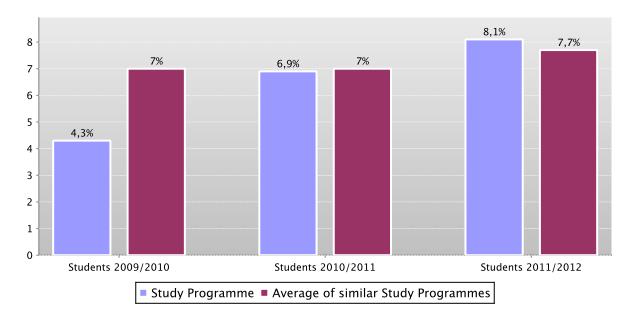
Here the number of students leaving the Study Programme is shown.

The **graph** shows the percentage of students who leave the programme after the first year compared to the average of similar Study Programmes (belonging to the same group).

The **table** shows the registered students (new careers), the percentage of students leaving the programme who pass to a different Study Programme in the same university, transfer to another university or withdraw from studies as well as the enrolled repeating students and those enrolled in the second year.

The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group), for students registered (new careers) in the indicated academic years.

Percentage of withdrawals between years 1 and 2



| | | New careers | % withdrawals | % passages and transfers | % repeating students | Students enrolled in the second year |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Study Programme | 23 | 4,3% | 0,0% | 0,0% | 22 |
| Students 2009/2010 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 48,6 | 7,0% | 1,3% | 0,1% | 44,6 |
| | Study Programme | 58 | 6,9% | 1,7% | 0,0% | 53 |
| Students 2010/2011 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 55,7 | 7,0% | 1,2% | 0,5% | 50,9 |
| | Study Programme | 37 | 8,1% | 0,0% | 0,0% | 34 |
| Students 2011/2012 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 55 | 7,7% | 1,0% | 0,1% | 50,2 |

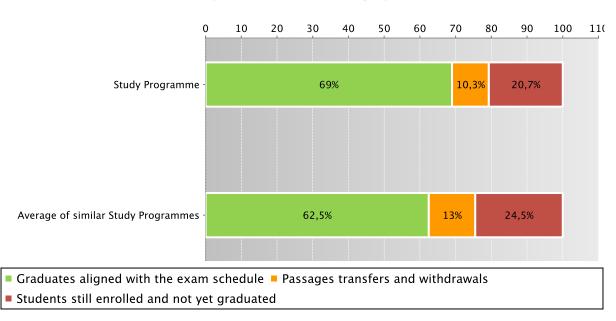
D.2.2. REGULAR GRADUATES

Here you will find information on regular graduates, on how many students, at the end of the regular programme duration, left the programme and how many are still enrolled but not aligned to the exam schedule.

The **graph** and the **table** show the situation concerning the registered students (new careers) for the indicated academic year, at the end of the regular duration of the Study Programme, highlighting the percentage of regular graduates, the number of students still enrolled (not aligned to the exam schedule and repeating students), students who have left the programme (including passages, transfers and withdrawals).

The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group), for students enrolled in the indicated accademic year.

Situation of students 2010/2011 at the end of regular duration of the study programme



| | | New careers | Regular graduates | | Passages transfers and withdrawals | | Students still enrolled and not yet graduated | |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|---|-------|
| | | | N. | % | N. | % | N. | % |
| | Study Programme | 83 | 51 | 61,4% | 4 | 4,8% | 28 | 33,7% |
| Students 2008/2009 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 55,4 | 29,5 | 53,2% | 7,4 | 13,3% | 18,4 | 33,3% |
| | Study Programme | 23 | 17 | 73,9% | 1 | 4,3% | 5 | 21,7% |
| Students 2009/2010 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 48,6 | 27,5 | 56,6% | 6,4 | 13,1% | 14,7 | 30,3% |
| | Study Programme | 58 | 40 | 69,0% | 6 | 10,3% | 12 | 20,7% |
| Students 2010/2011 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 55,7 | 34,9 | 62,5% | 7,3 | 13,0% | 13,6 | 24,5% |

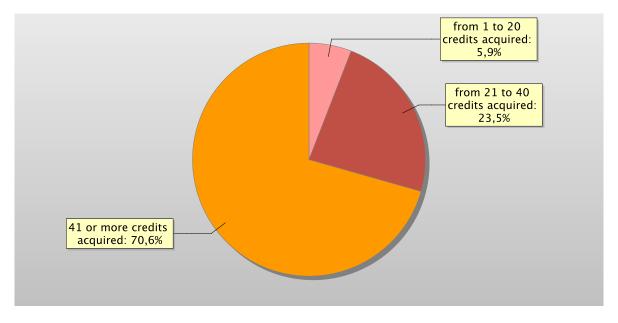
D.2.3. ADDITIONAL DATA ON REGULARITY OF STUDIES

D.2.3.1. CREDITS OBTAINED BY STUDENTS IN THE 1ST YEAR

This offers an insight into how regularly students pass their exams.

The **graph** shows the distribution of the students according to the number of credits obtained at the end of the first year. In addition, the **table** shows the number of students registered at the second year and average credits obtained during the first year. The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (wich belong to the same group), for students registered in the indicated academic years.

Distribution of the students in 2011/2012 according to the number of credits obtained at the end of the first year*



| | | | | % studer | nts with * | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Students enrolled in the 2nd year | 0 credits acquired | from 1 to 20 credits acquired | from 21 to 40 credits acquired | 41 or more credits acquired | Average credits per student |
| | Study Programme | 22 | 4,5% | | 77,3% | 18,2% | 32,3 |
| Students 2009/2010 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 44,6 | 3,5% | 11,2% | 32,5% | 52,8% | 40,8 |
| | Study Programme | 53 | 3,8% | 1,9% | 28,3% | 66,0% | 44 |
| Students 2010/2011 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 50,9 | 2,6% | 8,7% | 30,0% | 58,7% | 42,7 |
| | Study Programme | 34 | | 5,9% | 23,5% | 70,6% | 44,2 |
| Students 2011/2012 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 50,2 | 2,8% | 7,9% | 27,4% | 61,9% | 44,2 |

^{*}Note: by convention, credits are considered to be obtained by students by 31st October of the year following the year of enrolment.

D.2.3.2. EXAMS PASSED AND AVERAGE GRADE

The **table** shows number of exams passed and average grade achieved for each course unit in the calendar year 2011. Marks for the exams passed are expressed out of thirty.

The data refers to the course unit code and therefore includes the various branches of the programme divided into channels or subgroups, divided by letter.

It considers all subjects for which a grade is assigned, and therefore excludes all those to which a pass/fail score is allocated.

The data concerning previous programmes is given in a separate section.

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Finanza, intermediari e mercati (code 0901)

| | N. of exams passed | Average grade * |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| 11404 MATEMATICA ATTUARIALE | 2 13 | 28,3 |
| | | |
| 23690 ECONOMIA DELLA REGOLAMENTAZIONE | 7 | 25,7 |
| 23693 GESTIONE DEI RISCHI FINANZIARI | 44 | 23,7 |
| 24318 FINANZA STRAORDINARIA | 41 | 28,5 |
| 29251 DIRITTO DEI CONTRATTI INTERNAZIONALI | 16 | 28,8 |
| 29252 ANALISI ECONOMICA DEI CONTRATTI | 4 | İ |
| 29265 ECONOMIA DELLA CONCORRENZA | 5 | |
| 29310 DIRITTO E REGOLAZIONE DEGLI INTERMEDIARI FINANZIARI (C.I.) LM | 1 | |
| 31105 STORIA DELL'INDUSTRIA E DELLA FINANZA | 1 | |
| 32315 ECONOMIA DELLA BANCA (C.I.) | 1 | |
| 32380 MODELLI E METODI PER LA GESTIONE DEI RISCHI FINANZIARI (C.I.) | 8 | 25,4 |

| | passed | 4e * |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| | N. of exams passed | Average grade * |
| 32381 BANCA E TECNOLOGIA (C.I.) | 1 | |
| 32384 TEORIA DELL'INTERMEDIAZIONE FINANZIARIA (C.I.) | 2 | |
| 32423 MACROECONOMIA AVANZATA | 1 | |
| 32569 DIRITTO DELLE SOCIETÀ QUOTATE E DEI MERCATI FINANZIARI (C.I) | 1 | |
| 37155 METODI STATISTICI PER I MERCATI FINANZIARI | 5 | |
| 37210 MODELLI MATEMATICI PER LA FINANZA 1 | 28 | 27,8 |
| 37211 MODELLI MATEMATICI PER LA FINANZA 2 | 47 | 24,9 |
| 37212 ECONOMIA DELLA BANCA | 38 | 28 |
| 37218 ECONOMIA DEI MERCATI MOBILIARI INTERNAZIONALI | 48 | 28,1 |
| 37219 REGOLAZIONE DEI MERCATI FINANZIARI | 34 | 28,5 |
| 37327 ANALISI DI BILANCIO E ANALISI DEI COSTI (C.I.) | 2 | |
| 37357 DIRITTO DEGLI INTERMEDIARI FINANZIARI E DELLE SOCIETÀ QUOTATE (C.I.) | 39 | 26,3 |
| 37835 FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS | 54 | 23,4 |
| 47649 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | 41 | 26,6 |
| 67109 STORIA DELL'INDUSTRIA E DELLA FINANZA | 19 | 29,1 |
| 68835 MATEMATICA ATTUARIALE 1 | 23 | 28,4 |
| 69062 METODI STATISTICI PER I MERCATI FINANZIARI | 55 | 27,4 |

^{*} Note: no average grade is given if the number of exams passed is less than or equal to 5.

D.3. OPINIONS OF GRADUATES AND ATTENDING STUDENTS

Opinions of graduates on the Study Programme.

Tables and graphs provide information on the number of graduates who expressed positive opinions on the Study Programme, focusing on opinions expressed by attending students on course units.

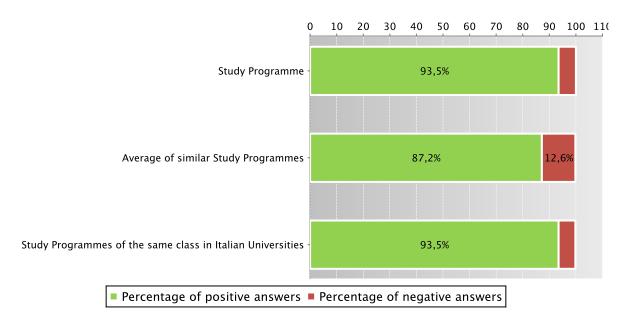
D.3.1. OPINION OF GRADUATES

The graph shows the percentage of graduates (AlmaLaurea survey) who responded positively to the question: "Are you generally satisfied with the Study Programme".

In addition, the **table** shows the percentage of students who answered "Yes, to the same programme at the university" to the question "Would you register again to the university?".

The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group), and the average of Study Programmes of the same class of other Italian universities for the graduates of the indicated years.

Graduates in 2012 who responded positively to the question: "Are you generally satisfied with this Study Programme?" Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Finanza, intermediari e mercati (code 0901)



Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Finanza, intermediari e mercati (code 0901)

| | | N. graduates | Completed Questionnaires | % of positive answers to the question: "Are you generally satisfied with this Study Programme?" | % of answers "yes to the same Programme in the same University" to the question "Would you register again to the University" |
|------|--|--------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| | Study Programme | 21 | 21 | 76,2% | 57,1% |
| 2010 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 24,3 | 22,7 | 88,8% | 73,3% |
| | Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities | 52 | 49 | 85,7% | 69,4% |
| | Study Programme | 54 | 53 | 92,5% | 81,1% |
| | Average of similar Study Programmes | 25,4 | 23,7 | 87,6% | 70,4% |
| 2011 | Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities | 238 | 227 | 91,6% | 76,2% |
| | Study Programme | 33 | 31 | 93,5% | 67,7% |
| | Average of similar Study Programmes | 24,4 | 23,2 | 87,2% | 67,4% |
| 2012 | Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities | 441 | 415 | 93,5% | 75,2% |

Symbols:

^(*) The opinions of the Study Programmes with less than 5 graduates are not shown. Further information on Graduates' Profile Report.

D.3.2 ADDITIONAL DATA ON OPINIONS OF STUDENTS

D.3.2.1. OPINION OF ATTENDING STUDENTS

The **graph** shows the percentage of attending students who responded positively to the question in the questionnaire: "Are you generally satisfied with this course unit?" in academic year 2011/2012.

The table also shows the number of completed questionnaires.

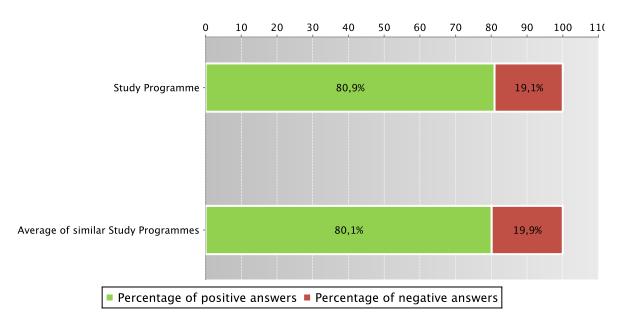
The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group), for the indicated academic years.

The data concerning the students' opinion refers to the opinions of those attending lessons, whether they are enrolled in the current programme or a Study Programme running under pre-reform regulations (under D.M. 509).

For the University of Bologna the survey and subsequently analysis of the opinions of students attending the course is cared by *Aform* - Quality Assurance Department and *Arag* - Support Planning and Evaluation Department. The overall results and the methods of collection and analysis are described in the document published online on the Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna (see the note in the glossary).

Students who responded positively to the question: "Are you generally satisfied with this course unit?" in academic year 2011/2012

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Finanza, intermediari e mercati (code 0901) and of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Finanza intermediari e mercati (code 0219)



Data of the Study Programme D.M. 270/04 Finanza, intermediari e mercati (code 0901) and of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Finanza intermediari e mercati (code 0219)

| | | Number of completed questionnaires | % of positive answers concerning the general satisfaction with the course unit – Question 19 |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| | Study Programme | 540 | 71,4% |
| a.y. 2009/2010 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 398,8 | 78,4% |
| | Study Programme | 442 | 75,7% |
| a.y. 2010/2011 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 371,4 | 78,7% |
| | Study Programme | 405 | 80,9% |
| a.y. 2011/2012 | Average of similar Study Programmes | 431,5 | 80,1% |

Symbols

^(*) When there is a small number of questionnaires, the percentage of positive opinions on overall satisfaction is not presented. Further information on Rapporto Opinione degli studenti frequentanti sulle attività didattiche (the content is in Italian).

D.4. ENTRY INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

Employment situation of graduates of the Study Programme.

Tables and graphs provide information on the employment situation of graduates one year after graduating.

D.4.1. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

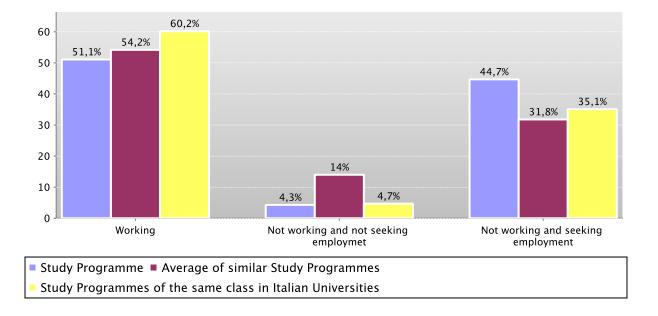
The paragraph shows the employment situation of graduates one year after graduating.

The data is taken from the AlmaLaurea reports on the employment situation of graduates.

The **graph** shows who is working, who is not working and is not seeking employment, who is not working but is seeking employment. In addition, the **table** shows the number of graduates interviewed, the number involved in internships and traineeships and the appropriateness of their degree to the job.

The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group) and the average of Study Programmes of the same class of other Italian universities for the graduates of the indicated years.

Employment situation of graduates in 2011 one year after graduating



| | | | Employment situation (1) | | | | Degree's appropriateness for the job (referred to the graduates who just work) (3) | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|
| | | N. graduates interviewed | Working | Not working and not seeking employmet | Not working and seeking employment | Not working, not seeking employment, but following a university programme/traineeship (2) | Effective / very effective | Quite effective |
| | Study Programme | 16 | 50,0% | 18,8% | 31,3% | | 62,5% | 37,5% |
| Graduation Year | Average of similar Study Programmes | 22 | 52,2% | 17,9% | 29,9% | 11,7% | 37,3% | 35,8% |
| 2010 | Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities | 43 | 55,8% | 9,3% | 34,9% | 2,3% | 50,0% | 41,7% |
| | Study Programme | 47 | 51,1% | 4,3% | 44,7% | | 47,8% | 39,1% |
| Graduation Year | Average of similar Study Programmes | 21,9 | 54,2% | 14,0% | 31,8% | 8,5% | 35,2% | 37,4% |
| 2011 | Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities | 211 | 60,2% | 4,7% | 35,1% | 2,8% | 46,3% | 35,8% |

Symbols:

(*) The opinions of the Study Programmes with less than 5 graduates are not shown.

Notes on the AlmaLaurea report on the employment situation of graduates

- (1) "Employment situation": the definition includes the number of employed graduates who declaring to carry out a paid work activity, provided that is not training activity (internship, traineeship, PhD degrees, specialization schools).
- (2) "Number of those who do not work, who are not seeking employment but who are following a university programme/traineeship": the definition includes those who are enrolled in traineeships, PhD degrees, specialisation schools, Italian "master universitari" (first and second level). The presentation of this data complies with article 2 of D.M. 544 of 31st October 2007, as later provided for in Management Decree no. 61 of 10th June 2008 (transparency requirements).
- (3) The evaluation of the appropriateness of the degree is obtained by a combination of the requirement of the relative qualification for the job held and the level of usage of the skills learned at university.

Further information on Graduates' Employment report.

See data of previous academic years - Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Finance and Banking (code 0219) paragraph D.5.4.1.

D.5. INFORMATION ON PRE-REFORM PROGRAMMES (DM 509/99)

D.5.1. STUDENTS STARTING THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS

Characteristics of incoming students at the beginning of their study. Tables and graphs provide information on number of enrolled students (new careers), focusing on the characteristics of students.

D.5.1.1. ENROLMENTS

Data of enrolments of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.1.1.

D.5.1.2. ADDITIONAL DATA ON STUDENTS' STARTING THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS

D.5.1.2.1. CANDIDATES REGISTERED FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM

Data of candidates registered for the entrance exam are shown in paragraph D.1.2.1.

D.5.1.2.2. INCOMING STUDENTS

Data of incoming students of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.1.2.2.

D.5.2. REGULARITY OF STUDIES

Insight into the regularity with which the students pass their exams.

Graphs and tables provide information on the number of students who leave the programme after the first year and the number of regular graduates, focusing on the number of credits obtained at the end of the first year, number of exams passed and the average grade achieved for each course unit.

D.5.2.1. STUDENTS LEAVING THE PROGRAMME BETWEEN YEARS 1 AND 2

Data of students leaving the Study Programme of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.2.1.

D.5.2.2. REGULAR GRADUATES

Data of regular graduates of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.2.2.

D.5.2.3. ADDITIONAL DATA ON REGULARITY OF STUDIES

D.5.2.3.1. CREDITS OBTAINED BY STUDENTS IN THE 1ST YEAR

Data of credits obtained by students in the 1st year of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.2.3.1.

D.5.2.3.2. EXAMS PASSED AND AVERAGE GRADE

Data of exams passed and average grade are shown in paragraph D.2.3.2.

D.5.3. OPINIONS OF ATTENDING STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

Opinions of graduates on the Study Programme.

Tables and graphs provide information on the number of graduates who expressed positive opinions on the Study Programme, focusing on opinions expressed by attending students on course units.

D.5.3.1. OPINION OF GRADUATES

Data of opinion of graduates are shown in paragraph D.3.1.

D.5.3.2 ADDITIONAL DATA ON OPINIONS OF STUDENTS

D.5.3.2.1. OPINION OF ATTENDING STUDENTS

Data of opinion of attending students of the last three academic years are shown in paragraph D.3.2.1.

D.5.4. ENTRY INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

Employment situation of graduates of the Study Programme.

Tables and graphs provide information on the employment situation of graduates one year after graduating.

D.5.4.1. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

The paragraph shows the employment situation of graduates one year after graduating.

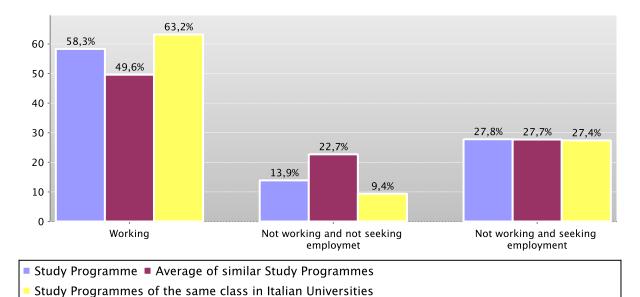
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The Study Programme data is compared with the average of similar Study Programmes (which belong to the same group) and the average of Study Programmes of the same class of other Italian universities for the graduates of the indicated years.

Employment situation of graduates in 2009 one year after graduating

Data of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Finance and Banking (code 0219)



Data of the Study Programme D.M. 509/99 Finance and Banking (code 0219)

| | | | | Employment situation (1) | | | Degree's appropriateness for the job (referred to the graduates who just work) (3) | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| | | N. graduates interviewed | Working | Not working and not seeking employmet | Not working and seeking employment | Not working, not seeking employment, but following a university programme/traineeship (2) | Effective / very effective | Quite effective |
| | Study Programme | 36 | 58,3% | 13,9% | 27,8% | | 33,3% | 42,9% |
| Graduation Year | Average of similar Study Programmes | 42,6 | 49,6% | 22,7% | 27,7% | 15,6% | 36,3% | 37,8% |
| 2009 | Study Programmes of the same class in Italian Universities | 223 | 63,2% | 9,4% | 27,4% | 3,6% | 51,4% | 31,2% |

Symbols:

Notes on the AlmaLaurea report on the employment situation of graduates

- (1) "Employment situation": the definition includes the number of employed graduates who declaring to carry out a paid work activity, provided that is not training activity (internship, traineeship, PhD degrees, specialization schools).
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- (3) The evaluation of the appropriateness of the degree is obtained by a combination of the requirement of the relative qualification for the job held and the level of usage of the skills learned at university.

Further information on Graduates' Employment report.

Go back to D.4.1. Employment situation

^(*) The opinions of the Study Programmes with less than 5 graduates are not shown.

E. FIND OUT MORE: THE QUALITY OF YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

The University of Bologna has identified its objectives as the personal, cultural and professional growth of students and the improvement of the quality of learning, also in relation to the needs of society (Strategic Plan 2010-2013).

Students, employers and society as a whole, have the right to effective learning for individual and intellectual growth, to develop critical sense and to prepare for the world of work.

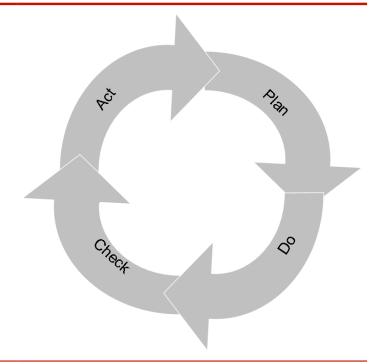
In the Statute and the Strategic Plan 2010-2013 the University of Bologna acknowledges its responsibility in guaranteeing the quality of its study programmes, and for this purpose adopts an "internal quality assurance system".

The Internal Quality Assurance system

The internal quality assurance system is a set of processes and responsibilities adopted to guarantee the quality of Study Programmes at the University of Bologna.

The guarantee of the quality of a Study Programme is the correspondence of the results achieved with the set objectives, in the following phases:

- Plan: defining the objectives
- Do: implementing the planned actions
- Check: checking that the objectives have been achieved
- Act: planning improvement action



This path responds to the expectations of students, guides teaching behaviour and provides indicators for the assessment of results. Self-assessment is based on the analysis of significant data (for example, the number of students graduating in line with the exam schedule, students' opinions and the employment rates of graduates) and highlights strengths and weaknesses in order to reflect on the achieved results, critically consider one's own working methods and take steps for the continual improvement of the Programme. This path involves all educational stakeholders, including students, in order to make use of the contributions of everyone with first-hand knowledge of the Study Programme. Improvement is therefore a day to day development, concerning all aspects of teaching: from the lesson timetable to the publication of on-line programmes, from classroom management to exam methods, and the actual design of the Programme.

This is what happens in each phase:

- Planning: the Study Programme is the result of a proposal from the teaching structures and approved by the Academic Bodies.
- Management: Schools, Departments and Study Programmes manage the activities required to ensure teaching. The activities are
 organised as follows:

| What we do | | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Professors | Study Programme | Schools | Departments | General Administration |
| Teaching calendar, lessons programme and exam schedules | | | X | | |
| Management of financial resources | | | X | X | |
| Classroom teaching | X | | | | |
| Management of classrooms and laboratories | | | X | X | |
| Libraries and study rooms | | | X | X | |
| Approval of individual study plans | | X | | | |
| Communication and information | | X | X | | Academic Affairs Division |
| Guidance service | | X | X | | Academic Affairs Division |
| Internships | | X | X | | Academic Affairs Division |
| Administrative services: Student Administration Office | | | | | Academic Affairs Division |
| Administration services: Degree programme office | | | X | | Academic Affairs Division |
| Study grants and loans ad honorem | | | | | Academic Affairs Division |
| Student mobility: university subsidies and programmes | | | | | International Relations Division |
| Mobility: study grants for dissertations abroad | | | х | | |
| Mobility: authorisations and recognitions | | х | | | |
| Other students support services | | X | X | | Х |

[•] Internal assessment: every Study Programme periodically assesses its own results, evaluating, for example, the number of enrolled students, the number of withdrawing students, student opinions etc.; in this way, the strengths and weaknesses, as well as any implemented improvement actions, are highlighted. This phase is organised as follows:

Evaluation Board.

| What we do | Who does what |
|---|---|
| Definition, gathering and publication of evaluation data According to the general guidelines of the University and national and international standards, are defined the tools through which should be evaluated the results (indicators). The survey data to be evaluate are published every year on the Report of the Study Program. | Academic Bodies |
| Self-Assessment The Schools and Study Programmes assess the effectiveness of the previously adopted solutions, analyse the progress of their learning activities and draw up proposals for improvement. | Schools and Study Programmes |
| Internal audit | |
| The results of the self-assessment process are reviewed in the following phases: | Quality Manager |
| Analysis: the University Quality Manager analyses the review documents, considering the ability to identify problems, propose solutions and the overall development of the internal quality assurance system. | Vice Rector for Teaching and Education Academic Bodies |
| • Review: The observations on the results obtained and the good practices adopted are examined together with the persons in charge of the Schools and Study Programmes in meetings organised by scientific-disciplinary field. The persons in charge receive the observations and inputs on the areas for development and the actions to be adopted in future to improve results. | |
| • Sharing: the conclusions of the review activities are submitted to the Academic Bodies and the University | |

• Improvement: on the basis of the results of the internal audit, the Schools and Study Programmes plan improvement activities, to ensure that the Study Programmes increasingly respond to the needs of society. The cycle then starts over again, with the definition of actions to be implemented, the results of which are in turn verified, in a continuous path that guarantees the quality of education.

F. GLOSSARY TERMS

Additional Learning Requirements

Students enrolling in the first year of a first cycle or single cycle degree and who, following the results of the entrance exams established for each study programme, do not possess the knowledge required for access to the programme, are assigned additional learning requirements (OFA).

The OFA are fulfilled by passing an assessment test defined by the programme.

The non-fulfilment of the requirements by the date set by the Academic Bodies and published on the University Portal will lead to the re-enrolment in the first year of the programme.

AlmaLaurea

AlmaLaurea is an innovative in-line database service of graduates' curriculum vitae (1,620,000 CVs, from 53 Italian universities as of 05/07/2012), which offers a link between graduates, universities and businesses.

Created in 1994 on the initiative of the Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna, managed by a consortium of Italian universities with the support of the Ministry of Education, University and Research, the purpose AlmaLaurea is to act as a point of contact between businesses and graduates, a reference within universities for anyone (students, businesses, etc...) working in the field of university studies, employment and the condition of young people at different levels.

Average of similar study programmes (belonging to the same group)

Average of the Study Programmes (which belong to the subject group)

Calculated average which refers to all study programmes of the same cycle which belong to the subject group.

There are four groups, composed as follows:

- BIOMEDICAL group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Pharmacy, Biotechnology and Sport Science; Medicine; Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine
- SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Engineering and Architecture; Sciences
- SOCIAL SCIENCES group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Economics, Management, and Statistics; Law, Political Sciences
- HUMANITIES group: Study Programmes of the Schools of Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Heritage; Foreign Languages and Literatures, Interpreting and Translation; Psychology and Education

CFU University Learning Credits

University Learning Credits (CFU) were introduced under Italian Ministerial Decree no. 509/99 to comply with European legislation, and are a measurement of the volume of learning, including individual study, required of students; generally 1 CFU corresponds to 25 hours of a student's "overall learning effort".

Class

Degree classes group together study programmes of the same level and with the same key learning outcomes and available learning activities for a given number of credits and in sectors which are identified as indispensable. The features of the classes are set nationally, by Ministerial Decree, and are therefore common to all universities.

Cohort

Cohort refers to a group of students enrolled in the same academic year.

Enrolment status

In terms of enrolment, students may be:

- Regularly enrolled: students enrolled for as many or fewer years than the legal duration of the study programme, who do not
 fall into any of the following categories;
- Not aligned with the exam schedule: students who, without having graduated, have enrolled in all the years of the study
 programme and which, for programmes with compulsory attendance, have obtained all attendance certificates;
- Repeating: students re-enrolling in the same year of a programme again. Starting from academic year 2009-2010, students who
 have not fulfilled the assigned additional learning requirements within the deadline have to enrol in the 1st year as repeating
 students.

Entrance exam

Enrolment in a study programme may be free access or restricted access.

For all programmes with restricted access, candidates are required to sit an entrance exam and there are a limited number of places available. The entrance exam is a test which is used to draw up a graded list of candidates; students may enrol in the programme according to their place in the list. The methods of managing the call for applications and the list of candidates, including the methods for filling any unclaimed places, may vary from year to year. The test may be specific to a Degree Programme or may be part of a single exam covering several programmes from the same university or from other universities (during the registration the students should indicate their first choice).

The following definitions apply:

Available places = the number of places laid down in the call for applications to the Study Programme, or determined by subsequent legal provisions; these exclude any additional places reserved according to special provisions of the programme (e.g. for international study programmes, they do not include places for foreign students selected from other universities; for all programmes with restricted access regulated nationally, these do not include the places reserved for transferring students).

Number of candidates for the exam = number of students registered for the exam indicating the study programme as their first choice;

Number of participants in the exam = number of students participating in the exam indicating the study programme as their first choice;

Number of participants in the exam for every available place = number of students participating in the exam who indicated the study programme as their first choice as a ratio of the number of places available on the programme.

First year enrolments

This includes all students enrolled in the first year, including those joining the study programme in its first year through transferrals, as well as those enrolled in the first year but not for the first time (e.g. repeating students).

New Careers

Students who start a new university career (excluding transfers) from year one in a second cycle programme.

Passages and transfers

Passage: when a student applies to move to a different study programme from the one enrolled in the previous year, within the same university.

Transfer: when a student transfers from a study programme in one university to any programme in another university.

Registered students

Students who begin a career in the Italian University System for the first time and who enrol in the first year (i.e. for whom no previous university careers are recorded) of a First Cycle (L509, L) or Single Cycle programme (LSCU, LMCU)

Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna

The Statistical Observatory was founded in 1997 in order to "provide the university governing bodies with a reliable and timely documentary and monitoring database aiming to promote decision-making processes and planning, particularly of learning activities and other services targeting the student population" (art.1 of the Founding and Operational Regulation). Following the disabling of the Statistical Observatory, as resolved by the Board of Governors on 14 December 2010, from the second semester of academic year 2010-11 the survey and subsequently analysis of the attending students opinion is cared for the University of Bologna by Academic Affairs Division - Quality Assurance Department and Control and Finance Division - Support Planning and Evaluation Department. The overall results and the methods of collection and analysis are described in the document published online on the Statistical Observatory of the University of Bologna.

University DataWarehouse

In information service for the managers of the University of Bologna organisational departments which gathers, integrates and reorganises data from various sources and makes it available for analysis and evaluation for the purposes of planning and decision-making.

Withdrawal

Suspension of studies by students who do not register in the next academic year, or who drop out from the degree programme.