

International Exchange Program In Economics With the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

The University of Bozen-Bolzano was founded in 1997 as a free state-recognized Italian university. This university is located in a bilingual region of Italy. This explains its two names: Bozen in German and Bolzano in Italian. Historically the region has shifted back and forth between Austria and Italy: the contemporary consequence of such rich background is a truly European university. Throughout the university, the courses are offered in three languages: German, Italian and English (and in some department in an old local language named Ladin). Economists, do not fear! English is the main language of your discipline in Europe and the School of Economics and Management, with whom we established the exchange, offers practically all its courses in English. However, if you wish, you will have the opportunity to take other courses or language courses in another European language.

The School of Economics and Management offers various graduate and undergraduate programs. Students can choose classes from three different bachelors of science courses of study. This mean that, in addition of purely economics courses, courses in math for economists, management, agricultural economics and other social science are also offered. The standard undergraduate economics courses offered at Bolzano have syllabi that are very similar to our courses making use of similar textbooks. Finding the equivalencies to transfer Bolzano's credits into U-W credits will be very straightforward. The faculty is international, with professors and guest speakers from all over Europe. The classes are small allowing good students-teacher contacts. Through the European Erasmus program, exchange students from all over Europe take classes in Bolzano. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other European students.

Bolzano is located in a very scenic region of Italy, South Tyrol, within a few miles from the Austrian Tyrol. The stunning mountains of this area, the Dolomites, provide great skiing and hiking activities. Spectacular Lake Garda is just one hour by car. The city of Bolzano is an interesting old European city with narrow cobblestone streets and ancient churches. From there you are not far from Venice, Innsbruck, or even Munich etc... Trains are a very efficient and a cheap mean of transportation in Europe. You can easily visit the rest of Italy and beyond!

To apply to the exchange, a student needs to be an economics major, have completed Econ 300 and 301, and be in good standing – the department will select the candidates. Like most UW exchange programs, students will pay UW tuition and be responsible for travel and other expenses. For details on studying abroad (scholarship availability, credit transfer etc.), look at the International Program and Exchanges website <http://ipe.washington.edu/> . US students do not have to go for the whole year, they may choose one semester only. To learn more about the Bolzano School of Economics and Management, check the following website: <http://www.unibz.it/economics/index.html?LanguageID=EN>. For further questions, contact Economics Advising <econadv@u.washington.edu> or stop by the Economics Advising Office in Condon 413.