

UCLM PhD PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

- Guide for candidates and first year students -

0. Introduction:

The PhD in Economics and Business in *Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha* (hereinafter, *DEcoAde*) comprises PhD studies in Economics, Finance, Business Administration and quantitative related methods. Our **research lines** are as follows:

Research lines	Brief description	
Economics and Quantitative Methods	Microeconomics Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics International Economics Labour Economics Public Economics Political Economy Corporate taxation Fiscal federalism	Public Accounting Industrial Organization Economic Development, technological change and growth Economic History Environmental Economics Energy Economics Mathematic, Statistics and Econometric methods
Finance	Asset pricing Financial risk management Derivatives Term structure of Interest rates	Micro-structure of financial markets Empirical finance Corporate finance
Strategic Management	Competitive and corporative strategies Innovation strategies Knowledge management Internationalization strategies Cooperation, networks and clusters Intellectual capital Leadership Circular Economy	Entrepreneurship Human Resources Strategies Competence Corporate social responsibility and Corporate Ethics Corporate Management Managing firms in Tourism industry
Strategic Marketing	Markets segmentation Markets orientation Environmental strategy Consumer environmental behaviour Demand analysis and estimation Market research Relationship Marketing Brand value	Social Media Marketing Trading and e-commerce Tourism Marketing International Marketing Marketing and technology Digital marketing Neuro-marketing Smart marketing

DEcoAde PhD Programme is related to the International Doctoral School (hereinafter, EID) at Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha (<https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/>), which is aimed to organize transversal PhD teaching and learning activities UCLM. It is offered in all UCLM campuses: Albacete, Toledo, Talavera de la Reina, Cuenca and Ciudad Real. Our instructors belong to all UCLM departments related with Economics and Business.

In [DEcoAde website](#) (see Section “Profesorado”) you will find a list of staff members in abovementioned departments who offer their research and supervisory expertise.

1. ADMISSION

1.1. Applicants' profile

General rules to access PhD programmes in UCLM are displayed at EID web-site: <https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/procedures/admission/>

As for *DecoAde* programme, the recommended entry profile for applicants is featured by holding an official undergraduate degree (or equivalent) and an official – preferably, research oriented - **master's degree (or equivalent programme) in fields related to either Economics or Business Administration**. The applicant should have obtained, at least, 300 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits in total in undergraduate and graduate studies.

Two additional profiles are also considered, subject to supplementary training¹ and availability of positions:

- Professionally oriented economics or business administration graduates
- Other graduates in related fields to Economics and business, *ie.* Social Sciences.

Students should also be proficient in English (and certify B1 or higher level) as it will contribute to a better academic performance in research and learning activities during the Phd training.

1.2. Admission criteria

Applicants complying with general access criteria (see RD 99/2011) will be assessed by the academic committee of the DEcoAde PhD Programme under the following specific admission criteria:

1. Academic records/marks in graduate and undergraduate education.
2. The qualify and adequacy of the [candidate's research proposal](#). Preferably, it will be supported by a *DecoAde* supervisor who will volunteer as his/her supervisor. In [DEcoAde website](#) (see Section "Profesorado") you will find a list of staff members potentially available² to supervise theses and their contact details.
3. High level of command in quantitative methods applied to Social Sciences.
4. Level of English (B1 or higher).
5. Previous research activities (academic publications, conferences, research projects, , etc).
6. Other criteria (such as professional experience, academic awards).

Please consider the next information if you apply with a foreign title without recognition in Spain: <http://eid.uclm.es/en/procedures/access-foreigntitle-without-recognition-in-spain/>

In addition, the Academic Committee may suggest candidates to hold a personal interview.

IMPORTANT: our PhD programme exclusively offers PhD training. Admission and enrolment in the programme do not entail neither any employment relationship with UCLM nor funding for accepted applicants. Information about calls for grants and other types of funding will be published at the [EID's website](#).

¹ This admission may be conditioned to taking part in specific training courses for candidates who do not meet the priority profile. Applicants will be informed of the decision concerning supplementary training by e-mail in case of acceptance in the programme. The training consist on diverse subjects from official Master's degree(s) at UCLM.

² There is a maximum number of students to be supervised at the same time by each professor. Therefore not all professors in the list might be available.

2. ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

2.1. Calendar:

Pre-admission and enrolment periods are publicized every year in IED web-site:

<https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/procedures/admission/>

2.2. Admission and Enrolment Procedures:

Please pay attention to instructions in EID web-site: <https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/procedures/admission/>

2.3. Public prices:

PhD students file the enrolment of academic supervision as student of the *Universidad de Castilla - La Mancha* every academic course, up to the defence of the thesis. Public prices are publicized on yearly basis:

<https://blog.uclm.es/eid/normativa/tarifas-academicas/> .

2.4. Available places:

The *DEcoAde* PhD programme offers 30 new places every academic year all throughout the UCLM, across the different campuses: 18 for full –time students and 12 are for part-time ones.

3. UPON ADMISSION IN DECOADE PhD PROGRAMME

3.1. First steps

Once admitted it is advisable for students to get familiarised with the first documental stages and procedures related the research plan, the evaluation via RAPI on-line platform, among others

<http://eid.uclm.es/en/phd-students/>

3.2. Training & Research

The training process entails different types of activities, sometimes organized by the Academic Committee, as well as research activities under the supervisors' advice, together with the elaboration of the PhD dissertation itself. The content and duration of the PhD training period will be explained in detail in the model of Documentary Commitment and in the activities that will be documented in the RAPI ion-line platform. There are several types of training activities:

- A. **Research Plan:** during the first academic year enrolled in the programme, all PhD student will submit a research plan, pre-approved by the tutor and supervisor(s). The plan will explicitly describe the topic of the dissertation, the objectives, the essential bibliographic references, the material means to be deployed, the research methodology to be appointed, the timing schedule for the development of the research, the expected outcomes and, if appropriate, a mobility plan. The research plan will be uploaded to RAPI on-line platform: (<https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/procedures/procedure-documentandplan/>)
- B. Presenting results of the dissertation in seminars within the UCLM (from the 2nd year onwards).
- C. Presenting communications in national and international academic conferences, workshops and similar events (from the 2nd or 3rd year onwards).
- D. Research visits in other universities or research centres, either in Spain or abroad (this is only compulsory for PhD candidates opting for an international degree).
- E. Publications: they are not compulsory except for dissertations submitted by compendium of

- F. **PHD DISSERTATION:** it consists on an original piece of research about an issue related with the research lines in the PhD programme. The academic committee may as well authorise dissertations as compendium of publications. Pay attention to the common and basic guidelines to the doctoral programs of UCLM <https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/procedures/procedimiento-tesisporarticulos/> and the ones at *DEcoAde* website: <https://www.uclm.es/estudios/doctorados/economia-empresa> (see *procedimientos específicos del programa*).

PhD students will inform about the activities labelled as A to E in the document of activities in the RAPI on-line platform (<https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/procedures/procedure-documentandplan/>). Examining boards will be given access to RAPI platform when evaluating the PhD dissertation (activity F).

Every year the Academic Committee will verify advancements in each PhD student research plan and assess them either positively or negatively. Should the assessment be negative, the committee will motivate its decision and the PhD student will be assessed again after 6 months. A second negative assessment will cause the PhD student's exclusion from the programme.

It is also advisable for students to consider the possibility of opting to an International PhD degree (<https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/procedures/procedure-internationaldoctor/>) or to submit his/her dissertation by compendium of publications (see above).

3.3. Duration of the training period

The maximum duration of the training period defers among PhD students enrolled full-time and part-time:

Full-time students: 3 years

Part-time students: 5 years

In both cases, the Academic Committee may authorise one extension of 1 year in full-time students and 2 years in part-time students, with one additional extra year regardless full- or part-time enrolment. Legal maximum training periods would therefore be as follows:

5 years for full-time students

8 years for part-time students

4. HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION? Useful links

UCLM International Doctoral School: <https://blog.uclm.es/eid/en/>

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