

UCLM PhD PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

- Guide for prospective 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 target is training new PhD holders in these research fields in order to contribute to the R&D system in Castilla – La Mancha, Spain and other countries.

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	Public Accounting Industrial Organization Economic Development, technological change and growth Economic History Environmental 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	Entrepreneurship Human Resources Strategies Competence Corporate social responsibility Business management
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

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

- ✓ Business Administration
- ✓ Economic Analysis and Finance
- ✓ Spanish and International Economics, Econometrics and Economic History
- ✓ Political Economy and Public Economics, Statistics for Economics and Business and Economic Policy

In *DEcoAde* website you will find a list of staff members in abovementioned departments who offer their research and supervisory expertise: <http://dee.doctorado.uclm.es/seccion.aspx?s=profesorado>

1. ADMISSION

1.1. Applicants' profile

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

As for *DecoAde* programme, the recommended entry profile for applicants is featured by holding an official Spanish undergraduate degree (or equivalent) and an official – preferably, research oriented - **Spanish 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 training 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 committee¹ of the *DEcoAde* PhD Programme under the following specific admission criteria:

1. Academic record in graduate and undergraduate education.
2. Candidate's PhD research project engagement in *DEcoAde*'s specific research lines (form A.11 here: <http://eid.uclm.es/impresos/>). Preferably, Candidate's PhD research project should be agreed with a *DecoAde* supervisor who will support his/her application and volunteer as his/her supervisor. In *DEcoAde* website you will find a list of staff members who offer their research expertise: <http://dee.doctorado.uclm.es/seccion.aspx?s=profesorado>. Applicants should contact prospective supervisors sharing their own research interests.
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, research projects).
6. Other criteria (such as academic conferences attendance, professional experience, etc.).

Non-Spanish speaking candidates may also be requested to prove a good level of Spanish and English language. Please also 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/>

¹ This admission may include a requirement of specific training courses, which will be subjects from an official Master's degree. The applicant will have to take this training courses during the first year of the development of his or her PhD dissertation or, if the student were part-time basis, during the first two years. The applicants will be informed of the decision of the Academic Committee by e-mail, and, in case of acceptance, they will have to proceed with the completion of enrolment procedures in any of the UCLM Academic Administration Units.

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](#).

2. ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

2.1. Calendar:

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

<http://eid.uclm.es/en/procedures/admission/>

2.2. Admission and Enrolment Procedures:

Please pay attention to instructions in EID web-site: <http://eid.uclm.es/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: <http://blog.uclm.es/eid/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 on-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 that will be supported by the tutor and the supervisor (and co-supervisors). 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: (<http://eid.uclm.es/procedimientos/procedimiento-documentoyplan/>)
- B. Preparation and submission of results 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. **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 being submitted by compendium of publications. Please be aware of the common and basic guidelines to the doctoral programs of UCLM by EID in the UCLM: <http://eid.uclm.es/en/procedures/procedimiento-tesisporarticulos/> AND take also into account that the *DEcoAde* Academic Committee, within the EID basic framework, has adopted its own guidelines (see *DEcoAde* website: <http://dee.doctorado.uclm.es>).

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

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 (<http://eid.uclm.es/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: <http://eid.uclm.es/en/>

DecoAde PhD Programme blog (under construction): <https://blog.uclm.es/dr-dee/>

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