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future.**
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For graduates who want to work in
**economic, social, and organizational
contexts** with a focus on the common good.

Trains professionals capable of combining critical
thinking and action.

- Duration: **2 years**
- Location: **Loppiano International Campus (FI)**
- Degrees awarded: **Licentiate and Master's Degree**
- Language of instruction: **Italian**
- Focus: **sustainability, civil economy,
organizations, and human development**

**Academic
program**

Academic Year
2026-2027

PHILOSOPHY
**ECONOMY OF
COMMUNION**
ENVIRONMENT

Licentiate
Master's Degree

Why Study at Sophia

TRANSDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

At Sophia, you learn to think relationally, integrating philosophy, the humanities, and theology.

An approach that helps students understand the complexity of the contemporary world and develop and integrate diverse skills.

TRANSVERSAL SKILLS

The educational programs develop transferable skills applicable in academic, professional, and organizational settings.

They prepare individuals capable of leading processes and contributing to sustainable change, generating a positive impact on society

DOUBLE DEGREE, MORE OPPORTUNITIES

The programs allow students to earn a dual academic degree—both ecclesiastical and state-recognized—in collaboration with the University of Perugia.

They provide access to: Master's degrees, doctoral programs, professional licensure as a psychologist, and eligibility to teach.

QUALITY OF ACADEMIC LIFE

An international campus the heart of Tuscany, with in its teaching center in Florence, where students can enjoy a personalized learning experience with direct interaction with faculty (1 to 5).

An international network of academic and professional partners fosters academic, personal, and relational growth.



PHILOSOPHY ECONOMY OF COMMUNION ENVIRONMENT

Licentiate
Master's Degree

The Licentiate in Philosophy, Economy of Communion, and Environment at Sophia University Institute is a degree program that trains professionals capable of navigating economic, social, and organizational processes in all their complexity.

The program integrates philosophy, economics, and sustainability, developing advanced skills in analysis, design, and leadership. Philosophy forms the foundation of the program: not as isolated theoretical knowledge, but as a critical tool for interpreting economic models, assessing their ethical implications, and contributing to their evolution. A distinctive feature is the focus on Economics of Communion and the civil economy, which makes this program unique in the academic landscape and strongly focused on the themes of sustainability and the common good.

30 ECTS
*language
internship
thesis*

30 ECTS
*Faculty
Philosophy*

9 ECTS
Elective

120 ECTS
2 years

27 ECTS
*Area
Economics*

12 ECTS
*Theological-
Anthropological
Area*

12 ECTS
*Area
Psychology*

Download
the complete
curriculum



Classes are held at the international campus in Loppiano (FI), in an environment that integrates study, academic life, and direct interaction with faculty members.



MARGARET KARRAM

Vice Chancellor
and President of the
Focolare Movement

"The new academic program, always open to the future, is designed for young people, who navigate the various areas of life with their great challenges and questions. [...] Sophia was created for you and walks with you. The knowledge you will find here is open to dialogue, collaboration, and peace."



STEFANO ZAMAGNI

Economist

"At Sophia, culture is not simply a form of applied knowledge based on specialized fields, but a precise response to the quest for meaning and value that arises from society."



MASSIMILIANO MARIANELLI

Rector of the University
of Perugia

"As μέθεξις (méthexis), as bridges, Sophia invites us to realize this authentically human vocation through thoughts, actions, and above all, deeds."



LAWRENCE CHONG

Group CEO of Consulus

"Sophia's academic mission to creatively shape a new generation of economic leaders of the 'common ground' is the solution we need today, as we witness the greatest attack on shared values and on value itself, due to a severe deficit of trust among current leaders."

INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION

DUAL DEGREE AWARDED

The Sophia University Institute is an academic institution established by the Dicastery for Culture and Education of the Catholic Church that awards the academic degree of Licentiate in Philosophy, Economy of Communion, and Environment.

Thanks to a partnership with the University of Perugia, it is possible to earn a dual academic degree, allowing students to a state-recognized degree in addition to the ecclesiastical one: earn the Master's Degree in Philosophy, Economy of Communion, and Environment (Class LM-78 in the Italian university system).

LANGUAGE OF COURSE

Italian

TEACHING CAMPUS

Loppiano (FI)

ANNUAL TUITION

€2,500, to be paid in two equal installments at the beginning of each semester

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor's degree in Philosophy or equivalent qualifications (subject to credit verification)
- For non-native speakers: Italian
- language proficiency at the B1 level

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

For non-European applicants: October 31, 2026.
For European applicants: December 18, 2026

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Skills

Throughout the program, you will acquire advanced skills to operate in complex contexts:

- critical analysis of economic, social, and cultural phenomena planning in the social, economic, environmental, sustainability, and human development fields
- management of organizational and relational dynamics
- exercising leadership in complex contexts

After graduation

ANOTHER FUTURE BEGINS HERE

Professional Fields

The program prepares students to work in:

- companies and organizations, particularly in the fields of sustainability and organizational development
- agencies and projects related to ecology, territorial development, and social innovation
- public institutions and third-sector organizations consulting, training, and organizational development
- research centers and academic institutions
- In addition, the program qualifies graduates for teaching positions, in accordance with current regulations

Continuation of studies

- Access to national and international doctoral programs
- Advanced academic programs in interdisciplinary fields

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SCIENZE SOCIALI UMANE
E DELLA FORMAZIONE

The academic programs offered by the Sophia University Institute are carried out in collaboration with the Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education at the University of Perugia.