Notre Dame Law School- Bocconi University
2013-2014 Student Exchange
Basic Questions and Answers

1. How many students will be able to participate?

The Notre Dame Law School-Bocconi University student exchange program will allow up to four NDLS students to study at Bocconi University in Milan, Italy, in the 2013-2014 academic year.

2. How will the students be selected?

Interested students should submit the following to Anne Hamilton, by email at Hamilton.4@nd.edu, and no later than Friday, March 22: (a) a personal statement of no more than one page that explains why you are interested in going to Bocconi and how you anticipate it contributing to your academic and professional development; (b) a transcript of all of your courses and grades at NDLS to date; and (c) the name of one NDLS faculty member who is willing to recommend your participation in the exchange program. A selection will be made from among the interested students based on an assessment of the suitability of the program to the student’s professional and educational goals and capacities.

3. Can 3Ls go too?

Both 2Ls and 3Ls can participate. Third-year students must be able to demonstrate that they have satisfied all of their graduation requirements (other than the total credits needed) before going, or that they will be able to satisfy their remaining requirements in the second semester of their 3L year if they seek to go in the fall 2013 semester. 3L students who choose to be at Bocconi in the spring 2014 semester should be aware that their courses and exams in Italy will not end in time for them to receive their degrees at the May 2014 Notre Dame commencement. Although they can, at their own expense, return from Milan to participate in the Commencement ceremonies, they will not formally receive their degrees until August 2014, which could prevent those students from sitting for bar exams in the summer of 2014.

4. Can I go for a whole year or only for a semester?

A single-semester exchange is preferred but in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons we can consider a student request to attend for an entire year.

5. Do I have to know Italian?

No. A large number of Bocconi courses are offered in English. For students who are interested, Bocconi also offers a separate crash course in Italian prior to the start of each semester. See the Bocconi Fact Sheet for more information.

6. What kinds of courses would I be able to take at Bocconi?

See the Bocconi Fact sheet for information about the curriculum and available courses. Each ND student’s program of study at Bocconi will need to be approved in advance by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The Bocconi exchange program is intended to be of particular benefit to those students who have a strong interest in international, comparative, and foreign law studies.
7. *Would my Bocconi grades count at Notre Dame?*

Credits earned at Bocconi will transfer to Notre Dame and will count toward your degree requirements, but any grades earned in Bocconi courses will not count in a student’s overall GPA calculation at Notre Dame.

8. *How does tuition work?*

Participating students will continue to pay their regular tuition to Notre Dame; no tuition will be due to Bocconi.

9. *Is student housing available in Milan?*

Yes. See the Bocconi University Fact Sheet for more information.

10. *How much does it cost to live in Milan?*

See the Bocconi University Fact Sheet for information regarding housing and living expenses in Milan.

11. *Is there financial aid available?*

The financial aid that is available to you in South Bend will also be available to you while you are in Milan, but your available student loan amounts will be adjusted upwards to account for travel expenses and cost of living differences.

12. *Are there any scholarships associated with the program?*

There is no scholarship funding available to support participation in the exchange program.

For any further questions, please contact Anne C. Hamilton at Hamilton.4@nd.edu, or Associate Dean Lloyd Mayer at lmayer@nd.edu.