

Italy? Milan? Bocconi? Once we heard these three words, before being asked to describe what we thought about and expected from them, right at the very second we had already unconsciously pictured something culturally beautiful, fashionably grand, and sophisticatedly educated. After one year full of experiences has passed, we have come to the conclusion that the reality is lying exactly at the same spot as the expectation...



The International Student Desk (ISD) is the one who takes care of all the international students at Bocconi. From organizing the warm welcoming party to helping you do the Permit of Stay in Italy, they will make sure that your stay with Bocconi is memorable smooth and pleasant. We chose to stay in a private apartment near the university. However, a lot of students chose to stay at the university's accommodation (Arcobaleno) to avoid having problems when dealing with finding it themselves.

Academic life at Bocconi is not very different from the one at Thammasat. There are a lot of economics and management courses for us to choose and in most of them students can choose to take either partial exams or one final exam at the end of the course. Exam duration here lasts approximately one to two hours and most of us found it unfamiliar at first since we were all used to the minimum three hour long exam. However, it did not take us long to adapt ourselves to fit into the new system.

As it seems, there is much more to life abroad in Italy than just those happenings in the classrooms. Greens, ochres, pinks, blues, even greys that shine – that is Italy. Palazzo, Fiat, Espresso, and the pasta of course are main features everywhere in Italy. Though there are not much to do that is exclusively unique from its neighboring European countries, but there definitely is too much to see. For longer than 2000 years, Italy has accumulated its decencies and cultures that would take more than a lifetime to explore.



You may wake up a bit late in the morning but there is no rush, really. Nothing worth skipping a nice cup of Italian coffee. After you have finished your Cappuccino at a local bar, then your day has just officially begun. Whether it is



a boring morning at school or a tiring tidying up the apartment, an extra long lunch with friends will surely guarantee you a pleasant break. In the evening, it is just so typical to go to a bar having apperativo just to prepare yourself for a long night that is about to come.

One big advantage of Milan is that it is the center of all transportations. You can catch a train or a flight to almost anywhere in Europe for a reasonable price. Either it is a 2 hour regional train to Switzerland or a night train to Austria, you could conveniently be anywhere in Europe in no time. By spending a year at Bocconi, you are just guaranteed a wonderful time not just in Milan, but in the entire European continent.



Grazie mille (Thanks a million) BBA for all the brilliant experiences.

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