

LIUC Università Carlo Cattaneo is one of the youngest Universities in Italy. Set up by the Industrial Association of the Province of Varese, it was officially founded by decree of the Ministry of Universities and Technological and Scientific Research on 31st October 1991. LIUC has three faculties, Law, Economics and Engineering; since 1991 it has run a degree course in Business Administration, and since 1994 a diploma course (the so-called short degree) in Logistics and Production Engineering. The teaching program is interdisciplinary with courses linking economic and technological areas of study to give a global vision of the company, its functions and problems. This means that in the degree course in Business Administration, attention is paid to the economic, organizational and strategic significance of technological change and the university diploma course in Engineering looks at management methods and business administration. This represents an innovative approach within the Italian academic tradition.

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