Master’s Programmes in Economics and Business
As a metropolitan university with an excellent reputation for research, the University of Amsterdam (UvA) offers students a stimulating academic environment in one of the social and cultural capitals of Europe.

Cutting-edge research at the crossroads of culture and commerce
Your future starts with ambition: with the will, the drive and the desire to make your dreams come true. The University of Amsterdam (UvA) provides a challenging and creative academic environment in which to grow and develop at both a personal and an academic level. An environment in which you are free to be critical, and in which you are expected to participate, will automatically lead you to exploring changes in the professional field.

Research is one of the main pillars of the UvA. As a renowned research university, the new insights developed here are immediately integrated in the classroom. Our wide range of research programmes is characterised by a multidisciplinary approach and a focus on issues of societal relevance. Research results are translated into practical applications and solutions and made available for use in society. As such, ties between the UvA and the city and society are exceptionally strong.

These ties are further strengthened by UvA’s visible presence in the city of Amsterdam. Many of our faculties, including the Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB), as well as our research institutes, are based in the historic city centre. Our relationships with the surrounding business community are excellent. These networks offer a wealth of opportunities for exchanging knowledge and practical experience. In the economics and business curricula, we build many tangible links between theory and practice.

A comprehensive university naturally offers a wide range of options and therefore attracts a diverse range of students. More than a third of the students enrolled at the FEB come from non-Dutch backgrounds, and our English-language programmes consist of students from no less than 60 nationalities. Of course, Amsterdam itself is a quintessentially international city. The Netherlands, and Amsterdam especially, have long been known for their outward economic orientation and ambition to expand. Indeed, the Dutch East India Company is often cited as the world’s first multinational, and it was the city of Amsterdam that provided the largest share of capital for this commercial venture.

To this day, the city of Amsterdam invests heavily in international commerce. With its favourable business climate, many companies have chosen Amsterdam as their base of operations. It is hardly surprising that local demand for academically-trained economists and business professionals is high, and many of our students go on to find jobs here soon after graduating.

In short, to study here means to study at an academic institution with a long history. We put our experience at your disposal and help you to shape your future. Your voyage will take you through the very heart of Amsterdam, from its charming ring of canals to the ultramodern Zuidas business district. This brochure provides information about our full range of international Master’s programmes. We invite you to read it and, just maybe, find exactly the programme you are looking for. If you do, we hope to welcome you soon as a new student at our University.

Prof. H.G. van Dissel
Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business
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A tradition of excellence

The UvA enjoys a rich history, with roots tracing back to 1632 when its predecessor, the Athenaeum Illustre, was founded to train students in Trade and Philosophy. Until the nineteenth century, the school remained a small institution with no more than 250 students and eight professors. In 1877, the school was renamed the University of Amsterdam and granted the right to confer the highest academic degrees.

Study programmes for the modern world

Today, the UvA seeks to offer an inspiring international academic environment in which students and staff can develop their talents optimally. The UvA is one of Europe's major research universities, with some 30,000 students and 5,000 staff, currently offers around 300 study programmes, many of which are taught in English. The wide range of academic programmes allows students to tailor their studies to suit their personal ambitions and talents. Equally important, the UvA's international curriculum prepares students for a successful global career.

Cutting-edge research

Over time, the UvA has risen to international prominence as a research university, gaining an excellent reputation in both fundamental and socially relevant research and offering programmes in almost every field. It is a member of the League of European Research Universities and of Universitas 21, and maintains intensive contact with leading research universities around the world.

International classrooms

Recognising the value of bringing students and researchers together from around the world, the UvA continues to invest in and expand its international curriculum. Since many of its Master's programmes are already taught in English, the UvA is able to attract a large number of international students, researchers and staff. The entire academic community thus benefits from a global input and perspective.

A city of dynamic possibilities

Characterised by a critical, creative and international atmosphere, the UvA has a long tradition of open-mindedness and engagement with social issues, in keeping with the spirit of the city with which it is linked. The tolerant atmosphere found in Amsterdam provides an inviting setting for scientists, entrepreneurs and artists alike. Students benefit from the numerous Dutch and international firms, academic institutions and cultural organisations that make Amsterdam the commercial, social and artistic heart of the Netherlands, as well as a prestigious global centre.
The UvA in numbers

- Established in 1632
- 60 Bachelor’s programmes
- 134 Master’s programmes
- 11 postgraduate programmes
- 29,783 students
- Over 90 nationalities
- 449 promotions (2012)
- 9,223 scientific publications (2012)
- LERU Member, a network of 21 renowned European research universities
- Universitas 21 member, a network of 24 comprehensive research universities from 15 different countries.
- Ranked 83 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (EU) (2012)
- Ranked 58 in the QS World Universities Ranking (2013)

Selection of FEB

- BI Norwegian School of Management
- Copenhagen Business School
- EBS Universität für Wirtschaft und Recht
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Institut D’Études Politiques de Paris: Science PO
- KU Leuven
- Lund University
- McGill University
- Nanyang Technological University
- National University of Singapore
- New York University
- Nova School of Business and Economics
- Peking University
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- Tsinghua University
- Universidad Nacional de Mexico
- Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi
Faculty of Economics and Business

One faculty, two schools

The Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) was established in 1922 and currently has around 5,000 students. The FEB provides a high-level economics and business curriculum, offering a strong academic foundation for national and international undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students. The Bachelor’s programmes are taught at the College of Economics and Business. The Master’s programmes and research activities take place at the Amsterdam School of Economics (ASE) and the Amsterdam Business School (ABS). The Faculty has an excellent reputation both in the Netherlands and internationally.

An international focus

Internationalisation is a keyword at the FEB. The Master’s programmes reflect Amsterdam’s international, entrepreneurial, intellectual and socially responsible traditions. The staff, student body, degree programmes and research all have a strong international focus. The Faculty has also developed a worldwide network of academic partnerships, facilitating both a wide range of opportunities for our students and a global platform for the exchange of knowledge.

partner universities

- Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Université de Lausanne
- University of Auckland
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Ljubljana
- University of Melbourne
- University of Minnesota
- University of New South Wales
- University of Toronto
- University of Warwick
- Waseda University
- Yonsei University

I chose to study at the UvA because Amsterdam is such a vibrant and international city and the Faculty of Economics and Business is located in the centre of the city. Within the Master’s programme in Econometrics there is a lot of freedom. The main programme consists of four courses and by choosing electives you can specialise in Econometrics, Financial Econometrics or Mathematical Economics. Finally, there is also an option to take a ‘free track’ if you like courses from different specialisations. For now I have specialised in Mathematical Economics, but I might write my thesis in the field of Financial Econometrics. The content of the courses is of high quality and well taught. Because assignments are a big part of every course, you learn a lot by doing exercises. These assignments are generally challenging group assignments, which stimulate students to discuss the theoretical material in detail and eventually solve the puzzle.
At a glance

Amsterdam School of Economics

Characteristics

■ Responsible for all Master’s programmes in Economics
■ Strong focus on research
■ Internationally renowned teachers
■ Combines theory with research
■ English-taught programmes
■ Large international student body
■ Small scale and interactive classes
■ Located in the heart of Amsterdam
■ Excellent job opportunities
■ All programmes are NVAO accredited

International Master’s programmes

■ Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance
■ Econometrics
■ Economics
■ Tinbergen Institute Master of Philosophy in Economics (research)

www.ase.uva.nl

Amsterdam Business School

Characteristics

■ Responsible for all Master’s programmes in Business
■ Strong international perspective
■ International staff and researchers
■ English-taught programmes
■ Combines theory with practical experience
■ Small scale and interactive classes
■ Located in Amsterdam, one of Europe’s leading commercial centres
■ Close relationships with the business community
■ EQUIS Accredited by the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD)

International Master’s programmes

■ Accountancy & Control
■ Business Economics
■ Business Studies
■ The Amsterdam MBA
■ Master in International Finance

www.abs.uva.nl

Accreditation

All of our Master’s programmes have been positively assessed by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO). Upon completion of their Master’s programme, students receive an accredited and internationally recognised Master’s degree. For more information, please visit: www.nvao.net

The Amsterdam Business School has long held the unique EQUIS accreditation from the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), joining the ranks of around 100 elite schools, including the London Business School, INSEAD and IMD that have been awarded this accreditation worldwide.
### Requirements for International Master's Programmes in Economics and Business

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* FT = full-time / PT = part-time
** The GRE requirement for Actuarial Sciences and Mathematical Finance, and Econometrics is subject to change
*** Non-native English speakers must pass a proficiency test such as TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge International Examinations

For up to date information about admission requirements please check [www.uva.nl/feb-msc](http://www.uva.nl/feb-msc).
Accountancy and Control

During the Master’s programme in Accountancy and Control, you will learn to analyse, interpret and research the flows of financial information within and across organisations.

You will then be in a position to properly advise senior managers and other stakeholders. The insight you gain into the associated disciplines will help you to pursue a profession in accountancy, industry or business. The intensive, selective programme has an international focus in terms of its content, academic staff and student body, giving you access to an enviable range and depth of expertise during your education.

Curriculum
The programme consists of an Accountancy track and a Control track.

Career prospects
Accountancy and Control Master’s students learn to look at various types of organisations from a financial and an economic perspective, giving them valuable knowledge, understanding, professional experience and expertise.

Programme structure 2013-2014

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NAME Roxanna Sewdajal
COUNTRY Suriname
ALUMNA OF Accountancy & Control

‘Because of the fact that the UvA Master’s programme in Accountancy & Control is partly focused on control aspects, the theoretical knowledge I studied during the Master’s programme can be brought into practice in good order while fulfilling my current job. I started working for Alphatrans B.V. in Rotterdam-Botlek as a junior financial controller. Alphatrans is an international logistic company with its offices in Rotterdam-Botlek, the UK and Hungary.

I found out several aspects of the working world which are the same issues we handled during the Master’s programme, either in books or in exams. This leads to the conclusion that the Master’s programme can be linked to practice in a good way. I am quite fond of my current job and I’m of the opinion the reason why I am able to advance so successfully within my current job is because the UvA Master’s programme trains you to adapt to real life smoothly.’
SPOTLIGHT Brendan O’Dwyer, Ireland
Professor of Accounting

- Winner of the Emerald Publishers 2011 Impact of Research Award
- Winner of the 2009 Best European Research Paper in Sustainable Finance Award from the French Social Investment Forum
- Winner of Emerald Publisher’s 2007 Outstanding Special Issue Award for the 2006 special issue of Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal on NGO accountability
- Commendation in the 2010 Best Paper Awards in Public Management Review
- Associate editor of Accounting, Accountability and Auditing Journal
- Member of several editorial boards (amongst others): Auditing: A journal of Practice an Theory, Contemporary Accounting Research, European Accounting Review, International Journal of Accounting
- Obtained a degree as Doctor of Philosophy in Accounting at the University of Dundee
- Research interests: corporate sustainability accounting, auditing and accountability, non-governmental organisations (NGO accounting and accountability and accounting profession regulations)
‘Amsterdam is an attractive international city with a unique combination of Old World charm and a cosmopolitan vibe, offering a diverse selection of arts and culture. There is barely a language barrier here, because all Dutch people speak excellent English and take delight in helping multinational people to adapt to their new environment. Amsterdam is a gateway of Europe. It is simple and convenient to travel to and from Amsterdam and it also gives you a good view of European culture.’ Shu Zhang

Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance

Title: Master of Science (MSc)
Duration: 1 year
Credits: 60 ECTS credits
Language of instruction: English
Programme director: Prof. Rob Kaas

www.uva.nl/msc-actuarial-science

The Master’s programme in Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance (ASMF) is the only Master’s programme in the Netherlands that is completely dedicated to the actuarial profession.

It is a multidisciplinary programme that provides balanced and rigorous training in the financial and mathematical analysis of complex challenges in modern assurance. The programme focuses on mathematical model building in the various specialised fields of insurance: life insurance, non-life insurance and pension funds. You will learn about the latest international developments in the field, such as modern valuation and capital management techniques, longevity risk and Solvency II.

You will be taught not only by leading academics in the fields of actuarial science and mathematical finance, but also by several experts and practitioners working in the financial and insurance industries. This ensures that you will have access to the field’s most up-to-date techniques, practices and insights.

This programme will equip you with the essential modeling skills needed to either pursue a career in the industry or to conduct further research in a financial discipline. These skills are more important than ever before.

Curriculum
The programme is divided into two semesters, each consisting of two blocks of eight weeks plus one of four weeks. Students take five core courses in September to December and one more core course, as well as three elective courses, in January to July.

Career prospects
Graduates with a Master’s degree in Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance have excellent career prospects as an actuary or general risk manager. The Master’s programme also provides a good foundation for pursuing a PhD degree.

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SPOTLIGHT: Michel Vellekoop, The Netherlands
Professor of Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance

- PhD from Imperial College London
- Research interests: Life Insurance, Derivatives, Stochastic Processes
- Awarded a €500K grant from Netspar until 2014
- Winner of the SIGEST award of SIAM in 2006
- Director of Research at the Derivatives Technology Foundation
- Director of the Actuarial Science research programme within RESAM
- Published in (amongst others): Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Stochastics, Journal of Computational Finance, Mathematical Finance
If you would like to learn how organisations work, make investment decisions and motivate management and staff to create value, then the Master's programme in Business Economics is for you.

This programme gives you the tools and knowledge you need to work for a wide range of organisations in both the commercial and governmental sectors. It is a specialised programme for students with a background in business economics who want to focus on organisational and financing issues.

Curriculum
The Master's programme in Business Economics offers three specialisations, each with a clear professional profile. The Finance track offers an advanced and broad programme in finance. It provides a deep understanding in financial decision making and financial markets and allows for specialisation in either corporate finance or financial markets.

The Faculty of Economics and Business is one of the few economics faculties in Europe offering a specialisation in Organisation Economics. This specialisation examines the economic performance of organisations in broad terms, staff motivation, allocation of decision making powers, investment decisions, corporate governance and corporate functioning in various types of markets.

The Real Estate Finance specialisation is designed to provide insight and training in the financial and economics aspects of commercial real estate.

Career prospects
The Finance track opens up a wide range of career opportunities, for example, as an all-round financial analyst, an investment adviser at a merchant bank or perhaps eventually a financial director of a company.

The Real Estate Finance track is ideal for students seeking a career in the real estate industry and related finance.

The Organisation Economics track prepares students for management or research positions requiring a knowledge and understanding of economic perspectives with respect to organisations and strategy.

The University of Amsterdam’s dynamic and international environment encourages me to go beyond my limits. The Master’s in Business Economics, with the double specialisation in Finance and Organisation Economics, gave me the opportunity to learn different aspects within the field. I am currently working as an intern at Rabobank International after sending my resumé and motivation letter to their recruitment center. I wanted to do a thesis internship to combine my academic knowledge and to gain insight into the operations at a bank. Together with Rabobank, we formulated a research topic that is applicable to my thesis and will also benefit Rabobank. I hope to gain work experience in the finance field before applying for a job after my study. Combined with the leadership, team play and strategic thinking skills I’ve developed during my fulltime year on the board of study association Sefa, I have a solid preparation for my starting position.
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**SPOTLIGHT** Enrico Perotti, Italy

Professor of International Finance

- PhD obtained at MIT
- Research interests: corporate finance and governance, international finance, political economy, innovation
- Visiting appointments at London Business School, London School of Economics, Central European University
- Founder of the Amsterdam Center for International Finance (CIFRA)

- Publications:
  - **American Economic Review**
  - **Journal of Political Economy**
  - **Journal of Financial Economics**
  - **Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis**
  - **Journal of International Economics**
  - **Journal of Economics, Law and Organization**
  - **European Economic Review**
As a graduate of the Master’s programme in Business Studies, you will be able to analyse business issues and produce practical solutions in the complex and dynamic context of international management.

Business Studies encourages you to approach business issues from different perspectives. You will also be challenged to become a specialist by choosing one of the six specialisations:

- Strategy
- Marketing
- International Management
- Leadership and Management
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Entrepreneurship and Management in the Creative Industries

The programme has a strong international focus and includes both theoretical and more practice-oriented courses. Students appreciate the flexibility of the programme and the small-scale feeling within the tracks.

Curriculum

The study programme offers six areas of specialisation from which you will choose two tracks before the start of the programme. In the first block, you will get a theoretical introduction to the two tracks of your choice. By the end of this first block, you will choose a definitive track. You will then study the subjects more in-depth by attending two track-specific core courses in smaller tutorials. The first semester includes a series of guest lectures by top managers as an introduction in major business issues.

In the second semester you will train your research skills and work on your research project and master’s thesis. Simultaneously, you will be challenged to extend your expertise by following two more practice oriented elective courses, allowing you to customise your programme for a perfect fit.

Where do UvA graduates work?

- Database Marketeer at WE Europe
- Account Manager of applications at Oracle
- Advisor at Ernst & Young
- Product Marketeer at TomTom
- Talent Community Manager at ING Insurance
- Marketing Manager at Philips
- Junior Product Manager at L’Oreal
- Sales Executive at Denso Europe
- CEE Distributor Sales Operations at Nike
- Junior Marketing Associate at ABN AMRO Bank

‘My past year at the University of Amsterdam has been really stimulating, building a strong foundation for a successful professional career. I was keen on studying here as the University has an excellent reputation and an international outlook. The MSc in Business Studies is an academically intense programme which provides students with the necessary skills to enter a very competitive employment market. The course work is geared towards real life business cases and the subjects complement each other in a way that allows you to use your knowledge across courses. Additionally, I encountered some great professors who provided me with high quality insights in the field and research supervision. I gained a lot throughout this experience and I am now looking forward to start building on the skills I developed here. Looking back, it was a challenging year but living in such a great city as Amsterdam makes everything totally worthwhile.’

NAME: Oana Petru
COUNTRY: Romania
ALUMNA OF: Business Studies
The Amsterdam Business School and L’Oréal cooperate in L’Oréal Brandstorm competition

Brandstorm is an international marketing competition organised by L’Oréal since 1993, in which teams of students develop an innovative branding strategy and communication campaign for a new line of products within an existing L’Oréal brand. In the Netherlands, the University of Amsterdam is one of four universities to participate. On a global scale, more than 7,200 students from 230 universities in 45 countries use the skills and knowledge attained during their studies in the Brandstorm competition. This year, the focus of the project will be on L’Oréal Paris, the group’s multi-billion dollar flagship brand. Brandstorm is integrated in the education and examination of the branding course in the Master’s programme in Business Studies. Twenty-five teams of students will compete in the Amsterdam finals, and our local winner will move on to the Benelux finals, and hopefully afterwards to the international finals in Paris.

Programme Structure 2013-2014

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The multidisciplinary Master’s programme in Econometrics provides you with a balanced and rigorous training in the quantitative analysis of problems in economics and finance. Its varied and flexible structure means you can focus on the specific topics that interest you most. The programme will provide you with the skills, expertise and techniques required to apply robust statistical methods for exploring the topics, research and issues associated with this discipline.

**Curriculum**
Econometrics offers four tracks. You may choose one for your specialisation.

- The Econometrics track emphasises quantitative techniques for microeconometric and macroeconometric analysis.
- Financial Econometrics focuses on mathematical and statistical techniques and their application to financial models and time series.
- Mathematical Economics emphasises the mathematical modelling of economic and financial markets.

The free track provides a rigorous training without indicating a particular specialisation.

Each track offers electives and fieldwork courses from which you can choose. Combining this programme with a Mathematical MSc for a double degree is also possible. By the end of the Master’s programme, you will be able to apply advanced mathematical and statistical methods - using modern software packages such as Mathematica, E-Views, R, Matlab for the exploration and analysis of problems in economics and finance.

**International orientation**
Amsterdam is a very international city and the financial centre of the Netherlands. The Econometrics programme is comprised of about 20% international students.

**Career prospects**
Many graduates find employment in economic policy research departments or in the private and financial sector. A lot of them work for large international corporations. Salaries for econometricians are substantially higher than for economics graduates. The Master’s degree in Econometrics also provides an ideal background for the academic pursuit of a PhD in a top international programme.

**SPOTLIGHT Peter Boswijk, The Netherlands**
**Professor of Financial Econometrics**
- PhD obtained at the University of Amsterdam
- Research interests: Unit Roots and Cointegration, Financial Econometrics, Option Pricing, Volatility Modelling
- Awarded a five-year research grant from KNAW
- Fellow of the Tinbergen Institute
- Founding editor of The Econometrics Journal
- Visiting positions at University of California, Oxford, Aarhus and Trondheim

**Econometrics**
**Title:** Master of Science (MSc)
**Duration:** 1 year
**Credits:** 60 ECTS credits
**Language of instruction:** English
**Programme director:** Dr Kees Jan van Garderen

[www.uva.nl/msc-econometrics](http://www.uva.nl/msc-econometrics)
### Econometrics Game

Every year, the UvA hosts the Econometric Game, one of the most prestigious projects organised by the study association for Actuarial Science, Econometrics & Operational Research (VSAE) of the University of Amsterdam. Universities from around the world participate with a team of five students majoring in econometrics. They are given a case study that has to be resolved in three days. During the Econometrics Game Congress, held at the same time, interesting speakers shine their light on the case and the econometric methods necessary for solving it. A grand jury of qualified and independent professors assess the outcomes. In this edition, competitive teams of 30 universities have tried to analyse information about the effects of fiscal policy on economic growth. Among all of the excellent solutions submitted by participating teams, this year’s jury voted the University Carlos III from Madrid as winner.

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* Four core mandatory courses:
  - Advanced Econometrics 1
  - Advanced Econometrics 2
  - General Equilibrium Theory
  - Game Theory

** Electives in Econometrics
  - Non-linear Economic Dynamics
  - Bounded Rationality
  - Financial Econometrics
  - Stochastic Calculus
  - Derivatives
  - Microeconometrics

More information about the content of courses: [www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl](http://www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl).
The Master’s programme in Economics puts you in a position to become one of the creative and versatile economists today’s market needs. You will study both the effective framework and the tools needed to analyse a variety of economic issues.

All students start with common core courses at an advanced level in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics. Each student subsequently selects one of six specialisations:

- Behavioural Economics & Game Theory
- Industrial Organisation, Regulation and Competition Policy
- Development Economics
- International Economics & Globalisation
- Monetary Policy & Banking
- Public Economic Policy

All specialisations are characterised by a balanced mix of rigorous economic theory and practical applications.

Curriculum
You start with gaining a solid grasp of the economic fundamentals at an advanced level. Early in the first semester, you will choose your track of specialization, and subsequently enroll in the first three track-specific courses. In the second semester, you specialise further by attending the last two track-specific courses. The programme concludes with your master thesis, which you first prepare during the research seminar, and then complete under individual supervision.

Career prospects
Graduates of the Master’s programme in Economics have skills that enables them to work in a variety of organisations, including national ministries, regulating authorities, central banks, private banks, and international organisations such as the European Commission, the IMF, the OECD, the European Investment Bank, and the World Bank.

Economics
Title: Master of Science (MSc)
Duration: 1 year
Credits: 60 ECTS credits
Language of instruction: English
Programme director: Prof. Jeroen Hinloopen

www.uva.nl/msc-economics

‘The Master’s in Economics at the UvA is widely praised for its quantitative focus.’ Hala Naoum Nehme

‘The onset of the international financial crisis in 2007 forced me to acknowledge that my understanding of our global economic structure was insufficient. Therefore I decided to do a master in Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Business. Its attractiveness lays partly in the excellent reputation of its teachers and their well-developed research skills. I found it very important to acquire a deep mathematical education as the master’s in Economics at the UvA is widely praised for its quantitative focus. I specialised in International Economics and Globalisation, which is very much oriented on international trade and investment policy. Topics like economic growth, inequality and transnational income convergence are being studied intensively. No matter how complicated the study material is, the teachers are always ready to help the students. They don’t consider their profession merely as a job but as a welcome opportunity to be in contact with students.’

NAME Hala Naoum Nehme
COUNTRY The Netherlands
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**SPOTLIGHT: Theo Offerman, The Netherlands**

**Professor of Behavioural Game Theory**

- PhD obtained at the University of Amsterdam (cum laude)
- Academic interests: Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics and Game Theory
- Research topics: auctions, positive and negative reciprocity, public goods, strategic communication (cheap talk and signaling) and discrimination
- Visiting professor at New York University, University of Virginia, Humboldt University Berlin
- Since 2005 field coordinator of the Micro-Economics, Industrial Organization, and Public Finance courses at the Tinbergen Institute
- Since 2008 Chairman Priority Research Area Behavioral Economics at the University of Amsterdam
The Tinbergen Institute (TI) is the Research and Graduate School of the economics faculties of the UvA, Erasmus University in Rotterdam (EUR) and VU University in Amsterdam. It offers a Research Master’s in economics, econometrics and finance, connected to a three-year PhD programme. Students are carefully selected from a large pool of international applicants. Each year, a maximum of 40 students are admitted.

This Research Master’s will give you thorough preparation for PhD level research at one of the departments participating in Tinbergen Institute. During your time at TI, you will have the opportunity to work alongside a group of outstanding international students. You will also learn from our renowned lecturers and researchers from the three faculties. You will benefit from the expertise of guest lecturers from institutes and universities from around the globe who are leaders in their profession. All of these factors combines to help you develop and reinforce an interesting and valuable network for the future.

Curriculum
The Tinbergen Institute offers a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) programme with a focus on economics, econometrics and finance, all of them of an excellent international standard with regard to course content, quality of teaching, quality of student selection and student satisfaction.

In the first year, you will receive rigorous training in the core subjects and tools of economics: microeconomics, macroeconomics (with a possible module in finance), mathematics, statistics and econometrics. In the second year, you will specialise by doing fieldwork and MPhil thesis research. The following specialisations are available: Econometrics, Empirical Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Monetary and International Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Behavioural Economics, Public Policy and Finance.

The programme gives students ample opportunity to become acquainted with the wide variety of potential PhD thesis supervisors and research fields before they commit to a PhD thesis research position. The PhD programme takes three years and leads to a PhD degree in Economics.

Career prospects
TI’s course programme is tailored to the needs and abilities of students who aim for a career in academics or research. Almost all students who successfully completed the programme have transferred to a PhD position at one of the three economics departments participating in TI. PhD alumni of TI can be found at universities in the Netherlands and Europe, but also in the US, Australia and Asia. Many alumni found a research position outside academics, e.g. at national or international governmental institutions like the CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, The World Bank and IMF.
‘Studying at Tinbergen Institute has been a challenging and rewarding experience for me. The set-up of the coursework is ambitious and requires a high degree of involvement and devotion. The atmosphere at the Institute is extremely motivating and friendly, which makes digesting the (at times) difficult material covered during the lectures easier and more enjoyable. What I like most about the programme is that it gives students the opportunity to be taught by and to engage in research with some of the best researchers from various specialisations of economics, econometrics and finance. The range of possible research areas is large, which reflects the fact that students at TI can choose to do their PhD in any of the three top Dutch universities, each of which offers a distinct set of research directions.’
As a student in the Master’s programme in International Finance (MIF), you will be provided with a high quality, comprehensive training in the theoretical and practical aspects of international finance. Running successfully since 1996, the Master’s programme in International Finance is a world-class executive Master’s programme in finance aimed at ambitious professionals with at least two years of relevant work experience.

The programme caters to both finance professionals and general managers seeking to bring their careers to the next level by gaining an in-depth understanding of finance, financial markets, and the new financial architecture that is emerging in the wake of the crisis.

The Master in International Finance is a recognised CFA Programme partner and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association (CAIA) academic partner. While academically rigorous and challenging, the courses are highly practical in nature and provide students with business relevant insights into global financial markets, international corporate finance and treasury, valuation and value-based management, risk management, derivatives markets, asset management, banking and financial regulation, and global macroeconomic policy and financial architecture.

Curriculum
The curriculum consists of eight core courses, a minimum of three electives, the MIF Leadership Programme, and a Master’s thesis research project. The MIF Leadership Programme is an integral part of the MIF curriculum, consisting of a one-week international study trip and a workshop in financial ethics. We also offer a series of workshops devoted to career and job market skills.

Multi-disciplinary in nature, the programme promotes effective post-crisis leadership and fosters exchange across finance functions and disciplines. In addition, small-scale and highly interactive classes facilitate peer-to-peer discussions, intensive interaction with instructors, and the sharing of the latest insights from research with University of Amsterdam’s renowned finance faculty.

Career prospects
Graduates go on to work in areas requiring a thorough understanding of the complexities of international finance, such as asset management, corporate finance, project finance and treasury. Our personal career service helps students to make sound career choices and assists them in areas such as writing a cover letter, preparing a professional CV and proper interviewing techniques.
Programme structure 2013-2014*  

Eight regular core courses 32
- Advanced Corporate Finance & Valuation
- Investments
- Financial Econometrics
- International Financial Management
- M&A, Restructuring and Corporate Governance
- Financial Derivatives
- Risk Management & Financial Institutions
- Financial Modelling

Minimum of three electives 12
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- Advanced Valuation & Financial Analysis
- Advanced Financial Econometrics
- Real Estate Finance
- Advanced Asset Management
- Computational Finance in MATLAB

MIF Leadership programme 3

Finance Research Workshop (Master's thesis preparation) 3

Master's Thesis research programme 15

* Please check back at www.abs.uva.nl/mif for updates.
When I started working at one of the world’s biggest oil and gas companies, I realised I needed more knowledge in Business Administration to be successful and more effective for the company. Master’s programme in Business Administration fully meets my requirements because it provides extensive theoretical knowledge combined with a strong practical approach. The courses cover different areas of company life: starting with Corporate Strategy and Corporate Finance and covering such fields as Human Resource Management, Accounting and cost management as well as Operations and Supply Chain Management, Branding and Negotiations. All these courses are vital for a modern manager. A very good feature of the programme was that all courses were interconnected which gave us an idea of how activities in one area of a company performance, for instance, in the field of information system implementation might influence its performance in general and in other areas in particular.

The Amsterdam MBA will introduce you to the three R’s: rigour, relevance and reliability. As a multidisciplinary programme, an MBA must be taught with academic rigour. Practical issues differ across industries, geographies and time, and are crucial to your understanding of underlying theories.

We will make the theory relevant for you by linking it to practice, bringing the business world into the classroom and taking you out into the business world. Reliability is key to confidence in your knowledge, and understanding of its limitations. As a business manager, you need to be able to talk to various specialists in their own language, but also to know when to defer to their expertise.

**Curriculum**

The Amsterdam MBA is offered as a full-time one-year programme and a part-time two-year programme. All the primary business topics are taught in the core courses. By choosing four electives, the Amsterdam MBA can be tailored to your own business interests. The curriculum provides broad coverage of the main functional areas of management: strategy, executive process, corporate finance, accounting, international business, marketing, information systems, human resources, negotiations.

Our keen awareness of the importance of leadership competencies in professional development led to the establishment of our Amsterdam Leadership Programme®. Through this programme, we aim to give you the high-quality business and management training that will enable you to develop into an effective leader, a leader who conveys what our MBA stands for - an international orientation - and characterised by a strong understanding of the importance of a genuine personal approach.

**Career prospects**

Typically, graduates go on to careers in areas in which a thorough understanding of the complexities of international business is essential. Our personalised career service helps students to make sound career choices and assists them in areas such as writing a cover letter, preparing a professional CV and good interviewing techniques. MBA students have been very successful after their graduation. For our graduating classes of 2010 and 2011, most students (82%) found a job within three months after their graduation, while the other 18% found a job within six months after they graduated. Graduates’ average salaries increased by 24% compared to pre-MBA levels.
Programme structure 2013-2014*  Credits

Core courses 52.5
- Amsterdam Leadership Programme® (ALP)
- Integrity Workshop (part of ALP)
- Corporate Finance
- Competitive Strategy
- Corporate Strategy
- Financial Accounting
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Information Systems
- Marketing Strategy
- Operations & Supply Chain Management
- Quantitative Methods
- The Executive Process
- Valuation
- International Study Trip 3.5
  In 2013/2014, trip to Cape Town (South Africa)
- Internship (optional)
- In-Company Final Project 10

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- Branding
- Entrepreneurship
- Business & Sustainability
- Fundamentals of Negotiation
- Strategic Negotiations in Multi-Party Business Environments
- Strategic Performance Management
- Strategy Implementation
- Consumer Behaviour
- Advanced Valuation & Financial Analysis
- Financial Modelling
- Business Models
- Strategic Innovation
- Sustainable Finance
- International study trip to George Washington University (USA)
- International Strategy Simulation 5
- Internship (optional)
- In-Company Final Project 10

* Please check back at www.abs.uva.nl/mba for updates.

SPOTLIGHT  Alexander Rinnooy Kan, The Netherlands
Professor of Economics and Business
- Obtained a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Amsterdam
- Former crown-appointed member and chair of the Social Economic Council of the Netherlands
- Former rector magnificus at Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Honorary doctorate in Economics from the Free University Brussels
- Most influential man in the Netherlands in 2007, 2008 and 2009, 2nd place in 2010
- Visiting professor at Berkeley (California) and MIT (Boston)
Application and admission

Application
Application to one of the Master’s programmes is possible beginning in October through an online system. An application fee applies.

Tuition Fee
For students from the EU/EEA, the tuition fee for Master’s programmes is the same as for Dutch students. For non EU/EAA students and those wishing to take an MIF or MBA, different tariffs apply.

www.uva.nl/tuition

Scholarships
The UvA aims to attract the world’s brightest students to its international classrooms. Outstanding students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) can apply for two kinds of scholarships. One scholarship available to UvA students is the Amsterdam Merit Scholarship. In 2014, a second scholarship, the Amsterdam Excellence Scholarship (AES), will be introduced for exceptionally talented students.

www.uva.nl/scholarships
www.grantfinder.nl

English language proficiency
In an international environment, a sufficient mastery of the English language is critical for academic success. Non-native English speakers must pass one of the following tests:
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Cambridge International Examinations

Detailed information about the proficiency tests can be found under the Master’s programme of your interest listed under ‘Application and admission’, then ‘Entry requirements’.

www.uva.nl/feb-msc

Minimum scores for the English proficiency requirements

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As part of its approach to education, the UvA entrusts students with a high degree of individual responsibility, encouraging them to develop an independent and critical way of thinking.

Teaching

The UvA offers learning opportunities that combine the latest technology with solid educational practice. Students are exposed to diverse teaching methods such as:
- lectures
- working groups
- tutorials
- practical training
- fieldwork

Assessments are conducted in the form of examinations, research papers, presentations or a combination of all three. In addition, many study programmes incorporate computer-mediated learning tools in their courses. Most programmes are completed with a formal research thesis.

The academic year

The UvA academic year is divided into two semesters, each lasting 21 weeks. The academic year is scheduled as follows:
- First semester
  September to January
- Second semester
  February to July

Credit system

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a standardised credit system that allows for the efficient transfer of a student’s academic progress across different institutions within Europe, thus promoting greater mobility and flexibility for students. A full-time study for one academic year represents 60 credits, corresponding to 1,680 hours of study.

Grading system

The criteria and grading system used by the UvA is common to Dutch academic institutions, but may be different from those used in Europe and other parts of the world. The grading system is on a scale of 1-10 where a 6 is regarded as sufficient.
Coming to Amsterdam

The UvA helps students coming to Amsterdam in various ways, such as arranging visas, permits and housing. Please consider the practical matters described below when preparing for your stay.

Visas and permits

If you want to study in the Netherlands, you need to apply for residency. Depending on the country of which you are a citizen, you may need to apply for:

- an MVV (a long-term entry visa), before coming to the Netherlands and/or
- a residence permit (permission to live and study in the Netherlands)

Citizens of the EU/EEA or Switzerland are exempt from these requirements. For all other students, Student Services will submit the visa application on your behalf. For details on the documents required and an explanation of the procedure, see: www.uva.nl/visa.

Insurance

Every resident of the Netherlands is required to have health insurance, including international students. If your current health insurance will not cover your stay abroad, several options are available to you:

- apply for private student insurance
- apply for ‘basic’ Dutch health insurance (basisverzekering)
- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for EU citizens

www.uva.nl/insurance

Living expenses

During your stay in Amsterdam, you can expect to spend between €950 and €1,400 per month on living expenses. This includes rent, but not tuition fees. Costs are roughly as follows:

- Visa/Residence permit (if not EU national): €320, one-time fee
- accommodation: €375 - €600 per month
- general living expenses: €400 - €500 per month
- insurance: €40 - €100 per month
- books: €50 - €100 per month
- public transport: €70 - €100 per month

However, space is limited. After you have been admitted to the UvA, you can register for student housing through the admissions office.

www.uva.nl/housing

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ALUMNA OF  Business Economics

‘A Master’s programme is a must in today’s professional environment and for many it is a bridge between academic life and the start of a career. I found Amsterdam to be an ideal location to begin the process of this transition. Its international environment and opportunities in terms of training, extracurricular activities, networking and career opportunities at numerous multinationals headquartered here makes it a perfect departure platform for young professionals. On a practical level, the university offers a lot of support, from housing to IT facilities, to writing your thesis. Student counsellors and university staff are always there to support you, to smooth out the administrative process and provide guidance in terms of your academic progress. The city’s cultural and intellectual environment, combined with the academic support offered by the Business Economics Master’s leaves you with a wide array of exciting options for the next steps in your career. In Amsterdam, they are within reach.’
Working in the Netherlands

Depending on your nationality, you may need to apply for a work permit to work in the Netherlands during your study. There are two types of work permit:

- full-time (seasonal) work permit for the months of June, July and August
- part-time work permit for throughout the year, but no more than 10 hours per week

Please be aware that you cannot have both types of permit. Also, keep in mind that suitable part-time or temporary jobs can be hard to find, especially if you don’t speak Dutch. It is therefore strongly advised that you do not rely on such employment to cover your expenses.

After graduating from a Dutch university, non-EU students may choose to extend their stay for one year in order to look for work.

For more information about working in the Netherlands, see: www.uva.nl/work.
Supporting your success

The UvA provides the facilities to help students excel in their studies. These include a student information centre, libraries, modern study centres, doctors, dentists and counsellors, sports and cultural facilities, restaurants and more.

Service & Information Centre

The Service & Information Centre (SIC) is the general information centre of the UvA. It assists students with matters such as housing, visas, bank accounts, studying and student ID cards. The SIC also provides information about studying abroad.

University libraries

The UvA’s library facilities consist of the University Library and seven faculty libraries. The UvA maintains an extensive collection that includes some four million titles, plus a large collection of rare manuscripts, letters and maps.

International Student Network Amsterdam

The International Student Network Amsterdam (ISN-A) aims to help meet the social and cultural needs of international students studying at the UvA. It organises a variety of activities including movie nights, weekly gatherings, cultural excursions, an introductory programme and mentoring services.

Study associations

Most faculty departments have their own study associations. These associations advocate the protection and promotion of student interests, and organise such things as excursions, social activities and book discounts. They also play an important role in departmental and faculty committees. Study associations of the Faculty of Economics and Business are:

- Sefa - study association for Economics and Business
  www.sefa.nl
- VSAE - study association for Actuarial Science, Econometrics and Operational Research
  www.vsae.nl
- MAA - Marketing Association Amsterdam
  www.ma-amsterdam.nl
- FSA - Financial Study Association Amsterdam
  www.fsa.nl
- AIESEC - platform for youth leadership development
  www.aiesec.nl

CREA

CREA, the cultural organisation of the UvA and the Hogeschool van Amsterdam, University of Applied Sciences, organises courses and workshops in theatre, music, dance, literature, visual arts, radio, video, photography and multimedia. The CREA has its own café and theatre where around 100 performances and events are held each year.

www.isn-amsterdam.nl
Sport and fitness facilities
The Universum Sports Centre (USC) of the UvA offers fitness facilities and a wide range of fitness classes for students, covering everything from Aikido to swimming. The USC also has several gyms, a sauna, tanning beds and a sports café.
www.usc.uva.nl

Other services
At the UvA, state-of-the-art computer, research and study facilities are made available to support academic success, while university healthcare professionals support the health and well-being of our students.
www.uva.nl/facilities
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