International 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, and 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 50 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 through 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.

www.uva.nl/international

A city of dynamic possibilities

Characterised by a critical, creative and international atmosphere, the UvA has a long tradition of openness 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.

iamsterdam.com
The UvA in numbers

- Established in 1632
- 65 Bachelor’s programmes
- 134 Master’s programmes
- 10 postgraduate programmes
- 32,165 students
- Over 90 nationalities
- 405 promotions
- 8,713 scientific publications
- LERU Member, a network of renowned European research universities
- Universitas 21 member, a network of 21 comprehensive research universities
- Ranked 92 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (EU) (2011)
- Ranked 63 in the QS World Universities Ranking (2011)

Selection of FEB

- Academia de Studii Economice Bucuresti
- Athens School of Economics and Business
- BI Norwegian School of Management
- Bilkent University
- Chulalongkorn University
- Copenhagen Business School
- Fundação Getulio Vargas - EBAPE/EAESP/EESP
- Fudan University
- Hong Kong University
- Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
- Indian Institute of Management Calcutta/Lucknow/Bangalore
- Institute de Politique Sociales: Science Po, Paris
- KU Leuven
- Leuven University
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.

The QS world University Rankings (2011) placed the FEB in the top 50 for the disciplines Economics & Econometrics and Accountancy & Finance, which ranked 44th and 45th respectively.

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.

‘Studying at the FEB has been a rewarding experience; the lecturers are always highly qualified in their field and have different and challenging teaching methods. The diversity in cultural and academic background among students and lecturers is the feature I found most exciting about my experience. Besides the academic excellence of the UvA, I also considered the location. I’ve always believed Amsterdam has a very unique personality. A city with such an interesting historic background must be a nice place to live. After living here, I can honestly say it has exceeded my expectations in so many ways; the multicultural atmosphere, the landscapes, but most of all, the people have made my time in Amsterdam the most enjoyable adventure of my life.’

partner universities

- Lund University
- Nanyang Technological University
- National ChengChi University
- Peking University
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- Tecnológico de Monterrey
- Tsinghua University
- Universidad del Pacifico
- Universidad Torcuato di Tella
- Università Bocconi
- Universitat Pompeu Fabre
- Université de Lausanne
- University of Vienna
- University of Warwick
- Vietnam Banking University
  Ho Chi Minh City
- Warsaw School of Economics
## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

[www.uva.nl/ecb-programmes](http://www.uva.nl/ecb-programmes)
**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.
Detailed information about the proficiency tests can be found under the Master's programme of your interest on [www.uva.nl/ecb-programmes](http://www.uva.nl/ecb-programmes). Listed under ‘Application and admission’, then ‘Entry requirements’.
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 envious 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.

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**Programme structure 2012-2013**

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More information about the content of courses: [www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl](http://www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl)
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 and 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)
'The knowledge I gained from the Master’s programme gave me a solid theoretical foundation for my current job.'

Qibai Chen

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-en

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 field 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 two more courses, as well as two 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.
SPOTLIGHT  Prof. 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
Financial Analyst
Investment Advisor
Financial Director
Chief Financial Officer
Organisational Advisor
Policy Officer
Remuneration Consultant
Strategic Planner
Stock Analyst
Securitisation Specialist
Credit Analyst
Acquisition Analyst

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 specialisation concentrates on the workings of financial and economics management of organisations and the use of financial tools by companies and investors.

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.

NAME  Stanley Hau
COUNTRY  The Netherlands
STUDENT IN  Business Economics

‘The UvA has a very dynamic and international environment that encourages me to go beyond my limits. The Master’s in Business Economics gave me the opportunity to learn the different aspects within the business economics field. The professors also have work experience in their specific fields and make the curriculum even more interesting by using real business situations and dilemmas as reference material. Besides the programme, I also served a year on the Sefa board, the study association for Economics and Business Studies. As a board member, I developed leadership skills, team play, time management and strategic thinking which I can use later on for my starting position.’
Programme structure 2012-2013

Finance

- Five core courses
  - Valuation
  - Financial Markets
  - Applied Econometrics
  - Empirical Methods in Finance
  - Thesis seminar Finance
- Four restricted electives: www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl

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Organisation Economics

- Eight core courses
  - Incentives and Performance Measurement
  - Power and Authority in Organisations
  - Applied Econometrics
  - Markets and Organisations
  - Behavioural Economics
  - Experimental Economics
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Research Seminar Organisation Economics
- One elective: www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl

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Real Estate Finance

- Four core courses
  - Real Estate Valuation and Investments
  - Real Estate Markets and Analysis
  - Real Estate Finance and Portfolio Management
  - Empirical Methods in Finance
- Two electives: www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl

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Master’s Thesis

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- Organisation Economics
- Real Estate Finance

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SPOTLIGHT  Prof. 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)

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As a graduate of the Master’s programme in Business Studies, you will be able to analyse complex organisational issues and produce practical solutions.

You will gain not only thorough knowledge of specialist business literature, but also the ability to apply it in practice. Business Studies encourages you to take a multidisciplinary approach to organisational issues in context.

The programme has a strong international focus and includes both theoretical and more practice-oriented courses. The tracks are designed to introduce you to the theory and to develop your skills successfully by conducting your own research project.

Curriculum
The study programme offers five 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. In the third block, you will formulate a thesis research question and work on the research methodology.

In this block, academic skills will be developed to accomplish the necessary career opportunities for your Master’s thesis, which is to be written during the second semester. Simultaneously, you will be challenged to extend your expertise by following two elective courses, allowing you to customise your programme for a perfect fit.

Career prospects
A Master’s degree in Business Studies opens up a wide range of interesting career opportunities. Graduates are ideally suited for positions that use business analysis and reflection to strategically and operationally enhance the functioning, improvement and renewal of commercial and non-commercial organisations.

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

I have recently completed an internship at Philips Consumer Lifestyle and I believe my education at the UvA provided me with a solid foundation to help me secure the internship. I definitely made the right choice in opting for a Master’s at the UvA and I would highly recommend this programme to anyone.

NAME: Karina Binol
COUNTRY: Indonesia
STUDENT IN: 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 The Body Shop, one of the international brands owned by the L’Oréal group. Brandstorm is integrated in the education and examination of the branding course in the Master’s programme in Business Studies. Twenty-three teams of students will compete in the ‘Amsterdam finals’, and our local winner will move on to the Benelux finals in Brussels on 27 April, and hopefully afterwards to the international finals in Paris.

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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 to explore the topics, research and issues associated with this discipline.

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

Econometrics tracks emphasise quantitative techniques for microeconomic and macroeconomic 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 field 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, maple 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. Many 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.

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-en

SPOTLIGHT
Prof. 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 5-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

Trader
Supply Chain Manager
Customer Intelligence Specialist
Development Engineer
Quantitative Modeler at top Management Consultant
Statistical Analyst
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Supply Chain Manager
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Quantitative Modeler
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, which will have 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. This edition, competitive teams of over 30 universities have tried to analyse information about the effect of smoking tobacco on the birth weight of new born babies. Among all of the excellent solutions submitted by participating teams, this year’s jury voted the University of Copenhagen 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
- Caput Derivatives
- Microeconometrics

More information about the content of courses: www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl
‘The professors have a lot of knowledge and are always open to in-depth questions, during lectures as well as after.’ Ramin Kader

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-en

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 in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics. After obtaining a broad understanding of today’s basics, tracks are offered in the following six fields:

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

These tracks all combine economic theory with economic tools used for practical implementation. The specific balance of theory vs. application depends on the track you choose.

Curriculum
You will gain a solid grasp of basic economics by attending the mandatory core courses. At the start of the first semester, you will choose your specialisation or track and enroll in the first three track-specific courses. In the second semester, you specialise further by attending the last two track-specific courses. At the same time, you will prepare for your thesis that you will complete in the last part of the second semester.

Career prospects
Graduates of the Master’s programme in Economics have skills that will enable them to work in a variety of occupations. They can work in the Ministries of Finance, Economic Affairs and Social Affairs, government agencies such as the Netherlands Competition Authority, the Dutch Central Bank, various private banks and international organisations such as the IMF, OECD and World Bank, as well as in organisations in Eastern Europe and Asia.

‘In my opinion, the FEB really stands out in practical support: finding relevant internships, work and creating a network. Besides having leading professors in their academic field, they often have good connections within the business world and are willing to help you find an internship, which could lead to a kick-start of your career. Throughout the year, career fairs at the UvA create opportunities to form a network and visit different companies. There is a wide range of opportunities available after completing the Economics programme. Many of my fellow students are already finding jobs in various sectors. Also, having the UvA on your resume is a good thing as it is a well-established university with an excellent reputation in the business world.’
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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
- Granted the Excellence in Refereeing Award by the American Economic Review in 2009
- 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
‘My visit was useful –not only for improving my job market paper, but also for getting to know some of the experts in the field in person.’

Bernd Schwaab

Tinbergen Institute Master of Philosophy in Economics (research)

Title: Master of Science (MSc)
Duration: 2 years
Credits: 120 ECTS credits
Language of instruction: English
Programme director: Dr Adriaan Soetevent

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 3-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 combine 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 three tracks: 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 (see assessment by international peer review committee). The Finance track is sponsored by the Duisenberg School of Finance. The three tracks have the same structure, institutions and regulations.

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 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.

Facts & Figures

- Inflow: 50% with a Master’s degree and 50% with a Bachelor’s degree
- Citizenship: 40% EEA countries (excl. the Netherlands), 35% non-EEA and 15% Dutch.
- Average duration until final examination: just over 24 months (duration of the programme is two years)
- Outflow of graduates into a PhD track: > 90%.

Programme features
- Courses taught by lecturers from UvA, VU and EUR
- Guest lectures and seminars by top international scholars
- Excellent preparation for PhD research in economics and finance
- International student body
- Excellent atmosphere and collaboration among students
- Scholarships awarded by Tinbergen Institute based on merit

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. TI’s PhD alumni 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.
Very soon after starting my PhD, I learned that most research fellows at TI have a large network. Fortunately, they do not hesitate to use these contacts to help their students. My supervisors helped me arrange a visit to the University of Chicago. My visit was useful –not only for improving my job market paper, but also for getting to know some of the experts in the field in person. Back at TI, several professors ran me through mock job interviews. A presentation of my job market paper under stress conditions also helped. Finally, TI supports its students by maintaining a job market website, and by funding the trip to the US.
Master in International Finance

Title: Master of Science (MSc)
Duration: 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
Credits: 65 ECTS credits
Language of instruction: English
Programme director: Dr Stefan Arping
www.abs.uva.nl/msc-mif-en

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. 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 2012-2013*

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
- Fixed Income
- Advanced Financial Econometrics
- Real Estate Finance
- Advanced Asset Management
- Computational Finance in MATLAB
- Competitive Strategy (elective MBA programme)
- Operations & Supply Chain Management (elective MBA programme)
- HRM (elective MBA programme)

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‘Amsterdam is a very vibrant and lively city to live in, with many opportunities for personal and professional development - especially from an expats point of view.’ Rajesh Dash

NAME: Rajesh Dash
COUNTRY: India
STUDENT IN: International Finance

‘The Amsterdam Business School has very good professors and staff. This is necessary for a rigorous course, especially those related to advanced finance topics. The courses have been very challenging and interesting so far. The methodology used in exams and assignments is in line with reputable institutes offering similar courses.

Amsterdam is a very vibrant and lively city to live in, with many opportunities for personal and professional development - especially from an expats point of view. Most of the continents are very well represented in the courses. The students are motivated, resulting in some very lively interaction. Considering the number of students, I’ve become friends with many of them and think they are a great addition to my life.’
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: accounting, finance, marketing, information systems management, human resource management, economics and quantitative analysis.

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 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 good interviewing techniques. MBA students have been very successful after their graduation. Most students (85%) found a job within three months after their graduation, while the other 15% found a job within six months after they graduated. The average post-MBA salary has increased by 32% compared to pre-MBA levels.
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* Please check back at www.abs.uva.nl/msc-mba-en for updates.
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/EEA students and those wishing to take an MIF or MBA, different tariffs apply:

www.uva.nl/ecb-programmes

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 2013, a second scholarship will be introduced for 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 on the FEB website listed under ‘Application and admission’, then ‘Entry requirements’ at:

www.uva.nl/ecb-programmes

English-speaking students who have earned their academic degree in the following countries are exempted from the English testing requirements:

- Australia
- Canada
- Ireland
- New Zealand
- United Kingdom
- United States

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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, the international offices at the graduate schools 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

Housing

As in many major European cities, the demand for reasonably priced housing in Amsterdam is high. The UvA is an integral part of the city and does not have a separate campus. To assist first-year international students in finding appropriate accommodation, the UVA has a number of agreements with housing corporations throughout the city. However, space is limited. After you have been admitted to the UvA, you can also apply for student housing through the faculty’s international offices. Refer to: www.uva.nl/housing

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

Learn more about health insurance in the Netherlands at: www.uva.nl/insurance

Living expenses

During your stay in Amsterdam, you can expect to spend between €950 and €1,300 per month on living expenses. This includes rent, but not tuition fees. Costs are roughly as follows:

- accommodation: €375 - €600 per month
- general living expenses: €400 - €500 per month
- insurance: €50 - €100 per month
- books: €80 - €100 per month
- public transport: €70 - €100 per month

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‘Soon after starting with my BSc. at the FEB, I started looking for an apartment in Amsterdam. I consider myself lucky in finding one very quickly. Fortunately, International Office provides housing for international students. Normally it’s quite hard to find suitable housing. I have a room of about 30 square meters, some 10 minutes away from the faculty by bike. I really like being at the faculty. The many good facilities, cafés and bars make it a very comfortable place in Amsterdam. The UvA provides some good after-college services. There is a modern and versatile sports centre where you can enjoy almost every discipline for a very reasonable price. A cultural activities centre offers artistic workshops, such as stand-up comedy, photography and painting and is a very inspiring place, bursting with creativity. Almost all faculties and facilities are located near Amsterdam city centre, and are easily accessible by bike. So learn to ride one and you’ll be everywhere in no time!’
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
Services and facilities

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.

www.english.uva.nl/sic

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.

www.uba.uva.nl/en

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.

www.isn-amsterdam.nl

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.crea.uva.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. For a more detailed look at all the UvA has to offer, visit:
www.studeren.uva.nl/facilities
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