

ROTTERDAM SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT ERASMUS UNIVERSITY

FACTSHEET MBA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2015



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Accreditations, ranking and networks

RSM consistently achieves a competitive position in national and international rankings. In the Financial Times 2013 meta-ranking (which incorporates all four FT rankings) RSM is 10th in Europe. RSM's MBA programme is ranked by the Financial Times 12th in Europe and 33rd globally. The School is one of a select group of schools with 'triple crown' accreditation from EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA. RSM is a member of CEMS, the global alliance in management education and PIM, the Partnership in International Management.



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MBA Office

The MBA Office is the first point of contact for exchange participants in the RSM MBA programme. Students are welcome for information, assistance, and ideas. The Exchange Programme is run from the MBA Office, which is also responsible for the day to day operations of the RSM MBA programmes.

Services for exchange students include:

- assistance with visa and residence permit application
- introduction programme
- general information about RSM's fulltime and programme
- full access to our Career Development Centre
- full access to the RSM active alumni network
- active student association



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We also welcome students at bachelor and master level to our international programmes:

Bachelor Exchange Programme: www.rsm.nl/rsm-for-your-exchange/bachelor-exchange

Master Exchange Programme: www.rsm.nl/rsm-for-your-exchange/master-exchange

Application

Admission requirements:

To take part in an exchange with RSM in the MBA programme, each student must:

- be nominated by a partner school before deadline as shown below
- have the status: MBA level student
- must have a minimum of three years relevant full-time work experience

Nomination deadline (by email):

Autumn term only: 15 May

Required documents to be sent digitally:

- Personal Information Form for MBA exchange

- Copy/scan of personal details page of passport
- Curriculum Vitae

Nominated exchange students will receive the official letter of acceptance after we have received and assessed these documents.

Students who need a visa/residence permit must also provide:

This information is subject to change; always check <https://ind.nl/en/individuals/residence-wizard/study>

- proof that you can support yourself financially with a minimum of €1500 net per month
- certified copy of birth certificate in the original language and translated into English. (needed for the City Hall registration in case you stay for more than 90 days)
- copy of your personal details page of your valid passport
- proof of health insurance

Visa application is a time-consuming process; upon acceptance as an incoming exchange participant, students are recommended to start immediately with the visa preparations with the support from our Registrar's Office. If the student does not secure a visa by the first day of class, his/her enrollment can be withdrawn.

Academic Calendar 2015

Autumn period: 17 August 2015 – 4 December 2015

We recommend attending the orientation day. The exact date will be confirmed once the schedule is known.

Courses:

Incoming students take elective courses during the autumn term. A full term course load consists of 5 electives, providing a total of 15 ECTS. 1 ECTS is the equivalent of 28 hours. Students take electives from the full time MBA and it is also possible to take courses with the Executive MBA. The Executive MBA classes take place on every other weekend, Friday evening and Saturdays.

Minimum amount of courses allowed to take: 3 courses

Maximum amount of courses allowed to take: 6 courses

Short exchange:

Within the MBA exchange, it is possible to do a short exchange. Minimum course requirement is 3 courses, which gives 9 ECTS in total. Depending on student's choice of courses and schedule, it can be as short as 3 weeks. However, it is very likely that you will need to submit final take-home assignments after this period. This is always done on-line. For more information about tentative schedule, please contact the MBA office via mba-exchange@rsm.nl.

Learning Expectations

Language of Instruction:

All courses are taught in English.

Class profile:

The MBA programme is a post-experience programme, average age of students is 29 years with average 6 years work experience. The Executive MBA programme averages 34 years with average 9 years of work experience.

Class format, participation and attendance:

RSM's MBA classes are a mix of lectures from RSM faculty and visiting faculty, mostly case studies, guest speakers, group-based work, presentations from fellow students, and in-class discussion. Class size varies between 30 and 40 students. Class participation and attendance are reflected in the students' final grades.

Courses are offered in different disciplines and there are approximately 20-25 courses to choose from. Course listings as well as the tentative schedule are posted on an internal site by May. Course selection is done from end of May via a bidding system.

Previous years' courses included:

Leadership, Sustainability, Strategic Finance and Value Creation, Consulting, Brand Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Negotiations, Private Equity, Financial Engineering, Innovation Management, Corporate Social Responsibility and E-Marketing.

For more information please contact Eva Lejeune (mba-exchange@rsm.nl).

Grading:

Individual courses will be assigned a final grade using the ECTS grading scale:

4	First top 10%	Exceptional to excellent (high pass)
3.5	Following 25%	Outstanding to very good
3	Following 30%	Good
2.5	Following 25%	Acceptable
2	Lowest 10%	Low Pass (credit)
F	Students who have not met the course requirements	Fail

Transcripts are compiled by the Registrar's Office and sent to the school once all outstanding balances have been cleared.

Accommodation

Visiting exchange students participating in the full time MBA programme can make use of our dedicated housing office to find you accommodation.

All apartments are fully furnished and located at attractive locations nearby the center of Rotterdam and the university. The rent varies from €600 up to approximately €1200 a month depending on the location, size and type of the accommodation.

Exchange students will receive detailed information and assistance from the housing office.

Language Courses

The language courses are organised by the University's Language and Training Centre www.eur.nl/ltc. This centre offers language courses in English, Spanish, German, French, Italian, Dutch, Japanese, Russian and Chinese. These do not count towards your required elective courses.

In The Netherlands nearly everyone speaks English, which makes it a very easy to live and travel in this country.

Visa and Residence Permit Application

The Registrar's Office assists students who need a visa to study in the Netherlands. Students are informed about the procedures individually and only need to submit the right documents to the office, which will start up the accelerated application process on your behalf. Students can pick up their visa at the Dutch embassy or consulate in their home countries.

Visa application is a time-consuming process; upon acceptance as an incoming exchange participant, students are recommended to start immediately with the visa preparations with the help of our Registrar's Office. If the student does not secure a visa by the first day of the term, his/her enrollment could be subject to withdrawal.

Costs of Living

To have a reasonable living standard in the Netherlands, students should have an income of approximately €1500 per month.

Below is a rough estimate of the monthly expenses when participating in the exchange programme for a period of four months. Please keep in mind that personal spending patterns vary, and so does this indication.

Housing	€650
Food	€350
Miscellaneous	€650
Health insurance	€150

All exchange students are required to have health insurance whilst in the Netherlands; however, there is no 'school' insurance and incoming exchange students can choose their own insurance provider.

Student Services

Erasmus University offers many facilities such as: central library, sports facilities, restaurants, bookstore, supermarket, computer labs, group breakout rooms and a charging point for e-bikes.

The RSM MBA programme has a very active Student Association with many student clubs. Exchange students will have access to the Student Association's intranet. Exchange students are encouraged to actively participate in the various clubs.

Visiting students participating in the fulltime MBA have full access to RSM Career Development Centre, on-campus recruitment, career library and resources and the alumni database. Even better: exchange students become members of the RSM alumni network upon successful completion of their exchange at the MBA programme.

Exchange Partners – MBA level

The RSM MBA programme has an average of 20 visiting exchange students each year. The international network of RSM comprises more than 40 partner MBA universities and business schools world-wide.