# Rotterdam School of Management Erasmus University



#### THE RSM EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE OFFERS YOU

- Top-class professors in RSM's globally oriented faculty
- A curriculum taught entirely in English
- Global classmates representing 40 up to 80 nationalities
- A lively and close-knit student body
- Exchange Ambassadors
- Appealing guest speakers from the corporate world
- A stimulating and interactive learning environment

Website

www.rsm.nl/rsm-for-your-exchange/

RSM & corporate movie www.rsm.nl/about-rsm/

RSM campus video https://www.rsm.nl/about-rsm/ourcampus/

### ACCREDITATIONS, RANKING AND NETWORKS

RSM consistently achieves a competitive position in national and international rankings. RSM is ranked amongst Europe's top tier business schools and is one of Europe's top 10 research facilities. The School is one of a select group of schools worldwide 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. The school has extensive connections with the corporate world with Deloitte, Eastman and Shell Netherlands BV among our corporate partners.











### **EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO**

- Accommodation either on or off campus; Rotterdam is an ideal location an international corporate hub at the commercial heart of Europe.
  - https://www.eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters/student-life/housing-international-students.
- RSM Career Services department, the link to local and international companies for all RSM students. Its range of services are internship or career focused. <a href="https://www.rsm.nl/career-services">www.rsm.nl/career-services</a>
- Language courses, including Dutch for beginners offered by the Language and Training Centre: www.eur.nl/ltc
- Cultural activities, organised by Studium Generale: www.eur.nl/english/sgerasmus
- Erasmus Student Network Rotterdam (ESN-Rotterdam); to enhance academic and social experiences for international students in Rotterdam, providing a wide range of social activities like city trips, sporting activities, musical and cultural events. <a href="https://www.esn-rotterdam.nl/">www.esn-rotterdam.nl/</a>
- the largest and most professionally run student-led organisation of its kind in Europe, the Study Association RSM (STAR); with more than 6,500 members. It organises a wide range of events, including the largest on-campus recruitment event in the Netherlands, conferences, special guest lectures, parties and social drinks. www.rsmstar.nl



	Bachelor Exchange Programme	Master Exchange Programme
Calendar type	Trimester system	Block system
Introduction	Mandatory; usually in the week before	Mandatory; usually in the week before
	classes start	classes start
Fall exchange	Trimester 1	Block 1 + Block 2
Start classes	T1: Beginning of September	Early September or late October
End of classes	Late December	Late October or late December
(including exams)		
Spring exchange	Trimester 2 and Trimester 3	Block 3, Block 4 and Block 5
	Or just one of the two	or a combination of 2 blocks consecutively
		or 1 block only (= short exchange)
Start classes	T2: Beginning of January	B3: Late January
	T3: Beginning of April	B4: Mid-March
		B5: Mid-May
End of classes	T2: Late March	B3: Mid-March
(including exams)	T3: Late June	B4: Mid-May
		B5: Late June
Re-sits	All re-sits take place in July	After each block re-sits are offered but not
		directly after the exams. 1 ½ to 2 months
		after is the average.
Class size	Workshop groups may vary in size	50 - 60 students
	between 16 and 60 students. Plenary	
	lectures are attended by a large number of	
	students.	
Class profile	Average age 20-21 and in the last or	Average age 24; 31% of students have an
	penultimate year of undergraduate	international background. Most students
	business studies. Many work in part-time	have some relevant working experience
	jobs or summer internships. Around 60%	through internships, business projects or
	of the total class comes from an	part-time management jobs.
	international background, and around 41%	Graduate, MSc and MBA students from
	of the total in the class are female.	RSM's partner schools.
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# LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Language of instruction: All courses are taught in English.

1 ECTS is equal to 28 student working hours including class hours, self-study, preparation exams, reading or writing papers.

Exams are taken at the end of each course. Assessments are based on written or take-home exams, progress reports, in-class presentations, group performance and essays.

# **BACHELOR EXCHANGE**

The full-time workload is 20 ECTS per trimester, equivalent to 560 study hours. The minimum workload for bachelor exchange students is 15 ECTS per trimester, and the maximum is 30 ECTS. This is non-negotiable.

# MASTER EXCHANGE

Fall workload: Incoming students are expected to complete at least 20 ECTS (minimum 10 ECTS each block). The core courses are 3, 4, 5 or 6 ECTS each.

Spring workload: Incoming students take either three or four master elective courses, each worth 6 ECTS. Students are expected to complete at least 18 ECTS during the spring and participate in courses in both blocks. Depending on the home school's requirements students can also choose to join the International Consultancy Project, which is worth 12.5 ECTS

Short exchange: for short exchange participants (students who only join us for one block), the minimum workload in fall and in spring is 12 ECTS.

Students are expected to stay at RSM until they have completed their final exams. It is not possible to arrange scheduled exams or re-sits on other dates, times or places, nor to make special arrangements with teaching staff. All exchange students must attend the compulsory introduction programme in fall and spring. In autumn, this takes place in the week prior to the start of the Bachelor Exchange Programme. In spring it takes place, during the first week of Trimester 2.

#### CURRICULUM BACHELOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Bachelor exchange students can choose courses from the curriculum of the Bachelor of Science in International Business Administration (BScIBA).

In Trimester 1, exchange students can also participate in **one** minor lasting for 10 weeks with a workload of 15 ECTS. Minors offered at RSM can be found here: <a href="https://www.rsm.nl/bachelor/rsm-minors/">www.rsm.nl/bachelor/rsm-minors/</a>.

Course manuals can be found on the Current Students webpage: <a href="http://www.rsm.nl/information-for/current-students/bachelor-iba/">http://www.rsm.nl/information-for/current-students/bachelor-iba/</a>.

# International business: the Dutch way

This course has been specially designed for exchange students to introduce them to the Dutch business environment and its economic and cultural settings. Economic analyses are examined and discussed in the context of European and Dutch cultures. Special attention is given to recent developments in large international companies located in the Netherlands. Students will become familiar with several Dutch companies, each showing a different aspect of doing international business in the Netherlands, and will work on an assignment for each one. There are two types of mandatory assignments in this course; small assignments to prepare for company visits and two large assignments in the form of business challenges, linked to guest lectures from two large Dutch companies. This course is offered in spring only.

#### Courses at other faculties

Next to the courses at RSM, students will have the option to select a course from one of the other schools at Erasmus University (school of Economics and Medicine excluded). The link to the course offer per school will be mentioned on the Course Registration Form which will be send to the selected student(s).

#### CURRICULUM MASTER EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Incoming students join the master programme core courses during the autumn term. In spring, they will choose from the selection of master electives. All courses come from the curricula of our range of specialized master programmes. Specializations include: Accounting and Financial Management, Business Information Management, Strategic Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management, Management of Innovation, Marketing Management, Organisational Change & Consulting, Strategic Management, Supply Chain Management, Finance and Investments and Global Business & Sustainability. Students are welcome to participate in courses from other master programmes if times and schedules permit this: <a href="https://courses.eur.nl/#/#RSM">https://courses.eur.nl/#/#RSM</a>

# International Consultancy Project (optional in both autumn and spring)

Exchange students are encouraged to participate in our challenging and exciting International Consultancy Project, a 4 month real-life consultancy project carried out in teams for real businesses or organisations presenting real challenges.

Students are expected to respond professionally to a real-world management problem and work together in a multidisciplinary and culturally heterogeneous group. Teams consist of four or five students of different nationalities assigned on the basis of their background and preferences, and the project's requirements and are supervised by coaches from RSM and the organisation involved. These consultancy projects give students first-hand experience of working in multicultural teams. There are extra language requirements for taking part in the International Consultancy Project: TOEFL: overall minimum: 95+, minimum per sub-score: 23; or IELTS: overall minimum: 6.5, minimum per sub-score: 6.5. Students whose entire study programmes are taught in English and native English speakers are exempt from these requirements.



#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BACHELOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

To take part in an exchange with RSM, students must:

Be in the third-year of their bachelor studies

Be nominated by one of our partner schools before the deadlines as shown below

Have good English-language skills, with a (iBT) TOEFL score of 90+, or an IELTS score of 6.5; level B2.2 (Common European Framework) or written proof of a comparable level of English. Native English speakers and students whose entire study programmes are taught in English are exempt, proof needs to be provided. In all statements the level needs to be mentioned.

Submit their application before the deadlines shown below

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS MASTER EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

To take part in an exchange with RSM, students must:

be a student of a MSc programme, or be studying at (post)graduate level

be nominated by a partner school before the deadlines

Have good English-language skills, with a TOEFL (iBT) score of 95+, an IELTS score of 6.5; TOEIC 800-850 (all 4 components), level B2.2 (Common European Framework of References for Languages) or written proof of a comparable level of English. Non-native English speakers whose existing study programmes are taught in English are exempt, proof needs to be provided. In all statements the level needs to be mentioned.

Submit their application before the deadlines shown below

NOTE: other language requirements apply to participants in the International Consultancy Project (ICP). Please see the section about course workload and examinations.



	Bachelor Exchange Programme	Master Exchange Programme	
Nomination deadline	Fall term: 1 May		
	Spring term: 1 October		
Application deadline			
After nomination	ter nomination About a month prior to the student's application deadline, nominated s		
receive a Welcome Email which contains instructions f		ains instructions for the online application	
	including information about visa and residence permit (if applicable), according		
	calendar and other relevant information t	o help them prepare.	
Required documents to			
be sent digitally	1 digital passport size photo (.jpg)     Copy/scan of personal details page of passport     Copy/scan of a recent official transcript (or academic report) showing grades, from		
first year to the latest results Proof of proficiency in English  Students will receive a confirmation email upon receipt of their appl			
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Visa/Residence permit			
visa/Residence permit	The International Office will check whether a student needs to apply for a visa and/or residence permit. If it applies to a student, the student will be informed and directed to		
	follow all instructions as mentioned on our webpage:		
	http://www.rsm.nl/rsm-for-your-exchange/master-exchange/practical-information-		
	need-to-know/visa-immigration/		
Visa requirements are subject to change. For the latest informa		For the latest information:	
	https://www.nuffic.nl/en/#tab-visa-requirements		
	At least two more emails will follow. One including detailed information about the		
	courses; time tables and course application. The other with more detailed information		
	on the introduction, arrival in the Netherlands, the buddy programme etc.; also referred		
	to as the Final Information Email.		

#### **GRADING**

The Dutch grading system uses grades 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 the best. Grades are generally given to one decimal place. Grades with a 0.4 or lower will be rounded down, and grades with a 0.5 or more will be rounded up.

Transcripts from students in our exchange programmes will show grades to one decimal place. See also: <a href="www.rsm.nl/rsm-for-your-exchange/bachelor-exchange/programme-overview/grading-scale/">www.rsm.nl/rsm-for-your-exchange/bachelor-exchange/programme-overview/grading-scale/</a>.

### **COST OF LIVING**

The estimated costs for a period of 4 months are € 4,500. These costs include visa and/or residence permit (if applicable), living expenses, health insurance (mandatory), books, readers. However, personal spending patterns vary and this indication is intended only as a rough guide.



#### THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Your first point of contact for new students exchange agreements and is the hub of communication for RSM's network of more than 160 business schools around the world. Each year the International Office at RSM facilitates around 600 students to take part in the bachelor and master exchange programmes.

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#### EMERGENCY NUMBER OF ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM

In case of major emergencies (life threatening situations) affecting our in- and/or outgoing students, students or partner schools can dial (+31) 640847882. This number is not be confused with the local emergency numbers(s).