

# Fact Sheet

## Tilburg University, School of Economics and Management

### International Exchange Program 2011-2012

**Tilburg University** enjoys the reputation of being among Europe's best research universities in Business, Economics and Law.

The University holds the number 1 position as *'Best Specialist University in the Netherlands'* for already four consecutive years, with the programs in Economics, Econometrics, Accountancy, Fiscal Law and Law ranked # 1 and the Business program ranked # 2 (Elsevier's Higher Education Review 2010).

Our research in Economics ranks # 1 in Europe according to the latest research ranking of the European Economic Association and #3 in Europe according to the RePEc ranking "Top 10% Top level institutions" (May 2009). The excellence of the School's research in Business is confirmed by a # 3 position in Europe in the ranking of the School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas (February 2010). Our School of Law is ranked # 1 in Europe and # 15 worldwide by the Social Sciences Research Network.

The **School of Economics and Management** is with 5,000 students the largest and most international School of the university. Part of an excellent partner network of more than 90 top universities around the world, we greet over 180 exchange students per year and welcome around 250 international degree seeking students from over 65 countries into our programs. The School runs two successful Erasmus Mundus Master Courses. The teaching staff exists of more than 30% international professors.



The School is a member of the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) and accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, showing excellence in management education and indicating our commitment to quality and continuous improvement. Our MBA programs are accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA).

Tilburg is also a program partner of the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Institute.



#### Tilburg Campus life

Large enough to find plenty to do, but still small enough to run into people you know, Tilburg is an idyllic, modern, lively and cultural city. A true university city too; with a population of 25,000 students, every 1 out of 8 individuals is a student!

With our campus designed to be fast and easy to navigate, you will be able to stroll between the library and your lecture theatre or your favorite café in no time. Each of the university's 15 buildings are within walking distance from each other and set amidst landscaped gardens and open green spaces. The atmosphere is very welcoming and intimate, which will make you feel at home easily.



Scan the barcode on the left with your mobile for a video on studying in student city Tilburg or go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1sSth0aU2U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1sSth0aU2U), and the one on the right for info on studying in Holland or see [www.youtube.com/studyinholland](http://www.youtube.com/studyinholland).



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Management of existing agreements, new partnerships and initiatives, and the Exchange Office

## Bachelor and Master Exchange

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Selected and nominated by one of the School's exchange partners
2. In good academic standing
3. Proficiency in English; Tilburg University relies on its partner institutions to nominate students proficient in English (at least at comparable levels to TOEFL 550 (PBT)/80 (iBT), IELTS 6.0, or Common European Framework level B2).
4. For Bachelor exchange: successfully completed at least one year of economics or business studies. For Master exchange: successfully completed undergraduate economics or business program.

### Courses

The language of instruction = English.  
The course list for 2011-2012 will be updated during the summer and published on:

☞ [www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/courses](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/courses)

**Bachelor exchange** students have a broad choice of courses from our BSc programs in Business and Economics:

- Economics
- Economics and Business Economics
- Economics and Informatics
- Econometrics & Operations Research
- International Business Administration

### Special feature

Participate in our unique **International Entrepreneurship program** of 24 ECTS for exchange students and obtain a certificate!

Email the exchange coordinator if you would like to receive our brochure.

**Master exchange** students have a broad choice of courses from our 13 English-taught MSc programs, plus a number of courses in entrepreneurship:

- Accounting
- Econometrics & Mathematical Economics
- Economics
- Economics & Finance of Aging
- Finance
- Information Management
- International Management
- Marketing Management
- Marketing Research
- Operations Research & Mngmnt Science
- Quantitative Finance & Actuarial Science
- Strategic Management
- Supply Chain Management

### Instruction Methods

A mix of (guest) lectures to a larger number of students and interactive seminars, workshops and tutorials with in-depth discussions in groups of between 10 and 40 students.

### Course Load

- Fulltime workload for one semester = 30 ECTS
- Most courses are 6 ECTS (study load of 168 hours)
- Required workload for exchange students: min 24 – max 30 ECTS
- We need a written approval from your home university if you want to take less than 24 ECTS during your exchange
- Exception: Master exchange students who only stay 3 months during the second semester: required workload is min 12 ECTS – max 18 ECTS

### Assessment

Oral or written examinations (some courses have midterms as well), individual or group papers, essays, case studies, in-class presentations and other forms of coursework all count towards the final grade. At the end of each semester an examination period is scheduled.

### Grading

In the Dutch grading system, grades from 1 up to 10 are used. In general, grades with one decimal are issued; the lowest passing at Tilburg University is a 6.0.

Grade	Description	Anglo Saxon	ECTS
10.0 – 9.5 – 9.0 – 8.5	Excellent	A+	A
8.0 – 7.5	Very good	A/B+	B
7.0 – 6.5	Good	B/C+	C
6.0	Sufficient	C	D/E
5.0 – 5.5	Fail	D/F	FX
< 5.0	Fail	F	F

Conversion table as determined by Tilburg University in consultation with the Nuffic; June 2009

### Re-examination

Scheduled for both semesters in June/July 2012; exchange students are welcome to sit the re-examinations at Tilburg University.

Taking the re-examination at the home university is only possible under one of three special circumstances:

1. clash in academic schedule home/host university
2. personal medical reasons
3. family emergencies

And under the condition that:

- it can be arranged at exactly the same day and exactly the same time as at Tilburg University; and
- the home and host universities are willing and able to coordinate and supervise the exam.

### Language Courses

☞ [www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecentre](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecentre)

The on-campus Language Center offers regular semester courses (most **free of charge!**) to students who wish to improve their skills in Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese or Italian. In addition, tools for self-study are offered to anyone who wishes to improve their language skills.

### Erasmus Intensive Language Courses

☞ [http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/doc902\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/doc902_en.htm)

The Language Center organizes an Erasmus Intensive Language Course during the fall semester for students who come as exchange students under the Erasmus scheme. During the spring semester, Erasmus exchange students can participate in this course at another Dutch university.

### Tilburg University Summer School 2011

☞ [www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/summerschool](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/summerschool)

Students are invited to join the Tilburg University Summer School to get a taste of living and studying in Tilburg. A unique way of combining learning with fun & meeting students from all over the world! Including a course in International Entrepreneurship, especially recommended for Economics and Management students!

### Cost of Living

Living in Tilburg is relatively inexpensive compared to some other Dutch university cities. The monthly cost of living is approximately €800 per month. Below is a general overview of your cost of living in Tilburg per month. These estimated costs can vary per person and also depend on your lifestyle.

Monthly cost of living (estimate)	
Accommodation	€375/€475
Food	€250
Books and readers	€65
Health, liability, travel insurance	€38
<b>Total</b>	<b>€728/€ 838</b>

A second-hand bicycle and lock will cost you about €125 and a university sports card €100 (for one year).

### Services & Facilities

See ☞ [www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes)

#### Quick and efficient visa application

Dedicated immigration officers help you through every step of the process by dealing with your application on an individual basis, taking into account your personal situation.

#### Guaranteed housing

Housing in Tilburg is *guaranteed* for exchange students; monthly rent between €375 and €475.

#### Arrival Days & Welcome Week

Warm welcome for all international students, including pick-up service, meeting your exchange coordinator and buddy, info on class schedules and ICT facilities, guided tour around the campus and Tilburg, Administrative Affairs, official welcome by the mayor of Tilburg, buying your bicycle, fun and games to meet other students.

### Student Life

See ☞ [www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/studentlife](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/studentlife)

#### International student organizations

Tilburg University has 14 international student organizations catering to a variety of interests, for example the Erasmus Student Network (☞<http://esn-tilburg.nl/>). ESN takes care of the exchange buddy system and regularly organizes activities for all exchange students at Tilburg.

The study association for all students at the School of Economics and Management is Asset, see ☞ [www.asset-tilburg.nl](http://www.asset-tilburg.nl).

#### Excellent sports facilities

The state-of-the-art Sports Center offers a wide variety of sports and exercise facilities at all levels. The Centre has two large sports halls, two fitness rooms, a dedicated weight-training area, two squash courts and a sauna. The outdoor facilities include a semi-water-based hockey pitch, six tennis courts, a beach volleyball pitch and a multi-purpose pitch for hockey, tennis, korfbal etc. The Sports Center offers the opportunity to take part in over 45 sports, either individually or as a member of one of the sports associations.

#### High-tech University Library

☞ [www.tilburguniversity.edu/about-tilburg-university/library](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/about-tilburg-university/library)

Tilburg University's library is one of the most modern university libraries in Europe, and a popular place to study individually or in groups. The library maintains subscriptions to a wide range of journals in economics, econometrics, mathematics, business administration and information management. Download a podcast of an audio-tour through the library along the various facilities here:

☞ [http://video.uvt.nl/public/Lis/Library\\_Podcast\\_-\\_english.mp3](http://video.uvt.nl/public/Lis/Library_Podcast_-_english.mp3).










### Important dates

Nomination	Deadline
Fall 2011 or Full year	30 April 2011
Spring 2012	1 October 2011
<i>Nominations should be sent by email by the home institution to the responsible exchange coordinator. Late nominations can be sent in until May 15 at the latest.</i>	
Application	Deadline
Full year	31 May 2011
Fall 2011	31 May 2011
Spring 2012	31 October 2011
☞ <a href="http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure">www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure</a>	
Accommodation	Deadline
Full year	31 July 2011
Fall 2011	31 May 2011
Spring 2012	31 December 2011
Arrival Days	Dates
Fall 2011	18-19-20 August 2011
Spring 2012	14 January 2012
Welcome Week	Dates
Fall 2011	22-23-24-25-26 August 2011
Spring 2012	16-17-18-19-20 January 2012
Start of Classes	Dates (subject to change)
Fall 2011	29 August 2011
Spring 2012	23 January 2012
Exam Period	Dates (subject to change)
Fall 2011	5-16 December 2011/ 2-10 January 2012
Spring 2012	15 May – 10 June 2012
Re-exam Period	Dates (subject to change)
Fall 2011 and Spring 2012	June/July 2012



## Connect with us!

	Join the Talk of Tomorrow and show you are involved in society: ☎ <a href="http://www.talkoftomorrow.com">www.talkoftomorrow.com</a>
	Follow our Exchange Team & meet our students abroad on weblogs: ☎ <a href="http://tisem-exchange.blogspot.com">http://tisem-exchange.blogspot.com</a>
	Tilburg University manages a Facebook group for all incoming exchange students. Accepted exchange students are invited to join and meet & greet fellow exchange students early summer 2011  Like us at: ☎ <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Tilburg-School-of-Economics-and-Management-TiSEM">www.facebook.com &gt; Tilburg-School-of-Economics-and-Management-TiSEM</a>
	Preview your exchange destination on: ☎ <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/TilburgUniversity">www.youtube.com/user/TilburgUniversity</a>
	Get short, timely messages from the School of Economics and Management on: ☎ <a href="http://twitter.com/TiSEM_Info">http://twitter.com/TiSEM_Info</a>
 	Meet your Tilburg Exchange Coordinator through MSN ( <a href="mailto:TiSEM-exchange@hotmail.com">TiSEM-exchange@hotmail.com</a> ) or Skype (TiSEM-exchange)  <b>Monday &amp; Thursday</b> 10.00-11.00 am for Asia-Pacific 03.00-04.00 pm for Europe 04.00-05.00 pm for the Americas  (times above are Tilburg times – see <a href="http://www.timeanddate.com">www.timeanddate.com</a> for your local time)

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## Tilburg University invites you to join us!



Campus café 'Esplanade'



Sunny veranda of the 'Esplanade'



Outdoor team work



Library working space



Symposium study association



Class break



Your Exchange Coordinators Elena, Maaïke and Linda