

## Semester Exchange at Maastricht University

### School of Business and Economics

#### Information Sheet



#### The city Maastricht



Maastricht gained international fame as the host of the European Summit 1991, where the treaty of Maastricht was adopted as the formal foundation of the European Union. Situated in the heart of Europe, the city is just a short distance away from Belgium, Germany and France. A city rich in history, Maastricht has a truly international flavor and as the charming provincial capital of Limburg, it is one of the oldest and most attractive cities in the Netherlands.

#### Maastricht University

Maastricht University is highly regarded in Europe for its unique teaching style and high-quality research. For several years now, a number of national surveys have ranked consistently Maastricht University, and more specifically, the Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (SBE) as the best in terms of education and research. Moreover, SBE has been awarded three prestigious accreditations, resulting in the so-called Triple Crown accreditation. Only 1% of the business schools worldwide have this Triple Crown, meaning that the school is amongst a very select

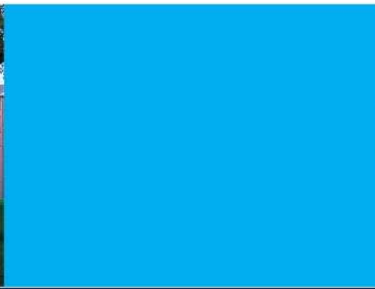


group of institutions such as INSEAD, Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School, London Business School and the exchange partners HEC Montreal, Queen's School of Business, the University of Waikato and EDHEC Lille/Nice.

It is a distinctly international institution with a student population consisting of over 66 nationalities. Of the total of 3750 bachelor and master students more than 1500 (40%) have a foreign background. Additionally, the School yearly welcomes about 400 exchange students from its 135 partner universities worldwide.

SBE creates a sound study environment by providing its students with modern and technical well-equipped study rooms and research facilities, a large selection of reference books, various work stations throughout the school as well as a central student services centre.

An active collaborative partnership with companies in the business community complements the opportunities available at Maastricht University.



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#### **Courses at Maastricht University**

Courses at Maastricht University are challenging and reflect real-life challenges faced in business today. Its unique problem-based learning model encourages students to work collaboratively to analyse cases, develop innovative approaches, and identify unique methods for seeking solutions.

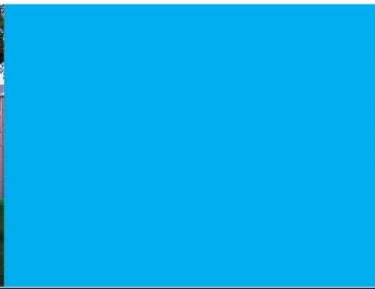
#### Study programmes:

Exchange students can select courses out of the following programmes:

- Bachelor of Science in International Business
- Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business Economics
  - International Economic Studies
  - Infonomics
  - International Business Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Econometrics & Operations Research
- Bachelor of Science in Fiscal Economics
- Master of Science in International Business
- Master of Science in Infonomics
- Master of Science in Economic and Financial Research
- Master of Science in Economic Studies (previously International Economic Studies)
- Master of Science in Fiscal Economics
- Master of Science in Global Supply Chain Management and Change
- Master of Science in Financial Economics
- Master of Science in Econometrics and Operations Research
- Master of Science in Management of Learning
- Master of Science in Business Research
- Master of Science in Human Decision Science

#### **Language of instruction**

English



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#### Housing

##### *UM Guesthouse*

Most exchange students end up staying at the UM Guesthouse. The buildings are located in the vicinity of the Faculties and are easily accessible by bike or on foot. Unfortunately SBE cannot guarantee that all students who apply for a room at the Guesthouse actually get a room. Applications are processed on a first-come-first-served basis, and we have no influence on that process.

Reserving a room at the UM Guesthouse is possible via the on-line reservation system at [www.Maastrichthousing.com](http://www.Maastrichthousing.com).

##### *How to find housing on your own?*

Of course exchange students are not obliged to get a room in the UM Guesthouse, even though it is the easiest option. Students can also find a room on the private market. Check the following websites for alternatives:

- [www.HousingAnywhere.com](http://www.HousingAnywhere.com): local, outgoing students sublet their room for a short period of time to incoming students.
- [www.Maastrichthousing.com](http://www.Maastrichthousing.com): acts as intermediary for the local housing corporations in the so-called "social" rent sector, and is also the portal for the UM Guesthouse.

*It may be good to realise that SBE's International Relations Office **cannot and will not** interfere on your behalf in case of legal disputes, whether with the UM Guesthouse, MaastrichtHousing, HousingAnywhere, Kamerburo, or private persons or landlords. If faced with legal problems you are advised to go to the student law agency ("Studenten Rechtsbureau"), which is an agency for all UM students, run by UM Law Students.*

#### Semester dates 2012/2013

##### FALL SEMESTER

###### **30 August 2012:**

Compulsory Introduction Day  
03 September: start classes  
22 - 26 October: exams period 1  
17 - 21 December: exams period 2  
07 - 11 January: re-sits period 1  
14 - 25 January: skills period 3 (not compulsory)

##### SPRING SEMESTER

###### **31 January 2013:**

Compulsory Introduction Day  
04 February: start classes  
02 - 05 April: exams period 4  
08 - 12 April: re-sits period 2 (part fall semester)  
03 - 07 June: exams period 5  
10 - 14 June: re-sits period 4  
17 - 28 June: skills period 6 (not compulsory)  
08 - 12 July: re-sits period 5



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#### Course registration

	Starts	Ends
Period 1	01 June 2012	15 July 2012
Period 2	01 June 2012	16 September 2012
Skills 3	01 June 2012	11 November 2012
Period 4	29 October 2012	25 November 2012
Period 5	29 October 2012	17 February 2013
Skills 6	29 October 2012	21 April 2013

#### Application deadlines 2012/2013

##### FALL SEMESTER

**15 May 2012:** on-line application as exchange student

01 June – 15 July 2012: on-line course registration block 1

##### SPRING SEMESTER

**15 October 2012:** on-line application as exchange student

29 October – 25 November 2012: on-line course registration block 4

#### Cost estimate

##### Accommodation:

Starting at approx. €350 per month (double room)

##### Food / meals:

Food (no meal plans available): Students can prepare meals in the fully equipped, shared kitchens in the UM Guesthouse.

The Maastricht University School of Business and Economics houses a cafeteria facility (MENSA). The MENSA offers a broad assortment of food and beverages at student-friendly prices.

Groceries: expect to pay approximately €50 per week.

Restaurants: €10 and up (main dish)

##### Local transportation:

Bus drive with OV-chip card:

- boarding rate: €0,83
- price per kilometer you travel in Maastricht: €0,149

For more information please check

<http://www.veolia-transport.nl> and <http://www.ov-chipkaart.nl/reizen/tarieven/kilometertarief/>

Second hand bike €60 – 80

##### Academic expenses:

About €80 - €90 per block

##### Other administrative fees:

No fees to be paid at UM



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#### Residence permit/visa

Nationals of the following countries do not need a visa to study in The Netherlands:

Members of the EU, EEA, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, South Korea, United States of America, Vatican City State.

A visa is necessary for nationals of all other countries when staying for more than three months.

All non-EU nationals need a residence permit for a stay of more than 3 months.

Please check the webpage of our Visa Office for more information:

<http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/visa>

#### Website

General:

<http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/sbe>

Courses:

<http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/sbe> → Prospective Students → Exchange Programme →

Incoming Students → Courses





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#### Nuffic certificate

Students with the Chinese nationality (excluding British National Overseas) are required to submit a Nuffic Certificate. This is a document issued by Nuffic (*Netherlands organization for international cooperation in higher education*) that provides an assessment of a student's English language proficiency and of the validity of the diplomas and degrees. Chinese students need this document in order to seek admission to a Dutch institution of higher education and to ensure that they are sufficiently qualified to pursue their studies and will benefit from their stay in the Netherlands. Chinese students who wish to enroll in an English-taught programme at a Dutch higher education institution are required to apply for a Nuffic Certificate (which was known as a Neso Certificate until 1 June 2010).

Please note that the registration for a "Nuffic Certificate" does NOT replace the regular application procedures of the Dutch universities and institutions of higher education.

The entire application procedure for the Nuffic Certificate is available on the Nuffic webpage via: <http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students> → How to prepare → Entry visas → Long stay visa → Nuffic Certificate for Chinese students → Application procedure

We strongly recommend students to register for the Nuffic Certificate at least four months prior to their intended departure for the Netherlands.