



Semester Exchange in the Netherlands Information Sheet Maastricht University School of Business and Economics



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 500 exchange students from its 150 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.

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 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

Language of instruction

English

Housing

UM Guesthouse

All exchange students are offered a room at the university guesthouse. There are 350 rooms for 1 or 2 occupants and 45 master rooms/studios. All of the buildings are located in the vicinity of the campus and are easily accessible by bike or on foot. Prices vary depending on room preference and availability. Housing is not guaranteed.



Exchange students have to reserve a room via the on-line reservation system of the <http://www.unimaas.nl/guesthouseum/>. On this site students will find more information on the specific rooms available. Students who want a room outside the Guesthouse are advised to start looking well in advance, since it is very hard to find a room on the private market (note: these rooms are not furnished!)

How to find housing on your own?

Maastricht University started a new housing platform called “HousingAnywhere”. The main concept of this new platform is that outgoing students sublet their room for a short period of time to incoming students. This website is free to use and it operates on a full student-to-student basis. The platform is available via www.HousingAnywhere.com or via www.MaastrichtHousing.com where you can also find other housing opportunities.

Please note that the International Relations Office at SBE **cannot** and will not interfere on your behalf in case of legal disputes.

Semester dates 2011/2012

FALL SEMESTER

01 September 2011:

Compulsory Introduction day

05 September: start classes

24 - 28 October: exams period 1

19 - 23 December: exams period 2

09 - 13 January: re-sits period 1

16 – 27 January: skills period 3 (not compulsory)

SPRING SEMESTER

02 February 2012:

Compulsory Introduction day

06 February: start classes

02 - 05 April: exams period 4

10 – 13 April: re-sits period 2 (part fall semester)

04 – 08 June: exams period 5

11 - 15 June: re-sits period 4

18 – 29 June: skills period 6 (not compulsory)

09 - 13 July: re-sits period 5

Course registration

	Starts	Ends
Period 1	01 June 2011	15 July 2011
Period 2	01 June 2011	08 September 2011
Skills 3	01 June 2011	13 November 2011
Period 4	31 October 2011	27 November 2011
Period 5	31 October 2011	19 February 2012
Skills 6	31 October 2011	22 April 2012



Application deadlines 2011/2012

FALL SEMESTER

15 May 2011: on-line application as exchange student
01 June – 15 July 2011: on-line course registration block 1

SPRING SEMESTER

15 October 2011: on-line application as exchange student
On-line course registration block 4: to be announced

Cost estimate

Accommodation: Starting at €300 per month
Food / meals: Food (no meal plans available): Students can prepare meals in the fully equipped, shared kitchens in the University 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 €45 per week.

restaurants: €9 and up

Local transportation: bus ticket €1,60-2,40
For more information please check <http://www.veolia-transport.nl>
second hand bike €45 – 70

Academic expenses: about €50 -70 per block
Other administrative fees: No fees to be paid at UM

Residence permit/visa

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

Members of the EU, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, and the USA.

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/web/show/id=920324/langid=42>



website

Courses:

<http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Faculties/SBE/TargetGroup/ProspectiveStudents/ExchangeProgramme1/IncomingStudents/Registration/CoursesCourseRegistration.htm>

General: <http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/show/id=105402/langid=42>

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/visas-and-permits/long-stay-visa/nuffic-certificate-for-chinese-students-1/application-procedure>

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