



## **Degree Programmes**

This study placement is open to ABS and LHS (Psychology and Neuroscience) students.

Number of Places: 3

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

## **Application Process**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

**Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.**

## **The University**

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6211 LK Maastricht, Netherlands

Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience  
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Maastricht



## [University Website](#)

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The **School of Business and Economics** (SBE) is a high-level European school in the fields of Economics and International Business Administration. SBE provides high-quality education to students, conducts excellent research, and offers an international perspective in both education and research.

Founded in 1983, SBE is the youngest, fastest-growing economics and business faculty in the Netherlands. SBE is home to over 4200 students and 500 staff, around 40% of whom come from abroad.

Almost all bachelor and master's programmes are taught entirely in English, and virtually all bachelor's programmes include a compulsory semester abroad

SBE has an international network of nearly 130 exchange partners around the world, welcoming approximately 500 exchange students and sending 700 SBE students abroad each year

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,

SBE is within easy walking distance of the University Library and the Language Centre, as well as the main town square, the Vrijthof, in Maastricht's inner city. It

offers a range of facilities for students, both physical and virtual. The Study Store offers discount textbooks and distributes other study materials such as readers, manuals and course guides. Run by volunteer students, it is located at Tongersestraat 12. Mensa Academica Maastricht (MAM), the SBE cafeteria or 'Mensa', offers a broad range of food and drinks at student-friendly prices. In addition to all kinds of snacks, salads, drinks and cold meals, it offers two hot meals and a vegetarian option every day.

### **Surfyourself**

Surfyourself is an information site for prospective and new SBE students. Via this site you can submit questions about education, registration, facilities, student life and more. You will receive an answer within two working days.

### **EleUM**

The university-wide e-learning environment (EleUM) provides students with access to learning and information resources organized per course. It also serves as a communication platform where you can post messages to group members or on a public bulletin board. An EleUM app is also available for mobile devices.

### **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,

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.

**What it is like to study at**

**Location**

**Maastricht City**

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 flavour and as the charming provincial capital of Limburg, it is one of the oldest and most attractive cities in the Netherlands.



**Semester/key dates**

| FALL SEMESTER |   |
|---------------|---|
| August        | compulsory introduction days                        |
| September     | classes start                                       |
| October       | exams period 1                                      |
| December      | exams period 2                                      |
| January       | re-sits period 1 & skills period 3 (not compulsory) |

| SPRING SEMESTER             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| January:                    | Compulsory Introduction Days          |
| February:                   | classes start                         |
| March/April: exams period 4 | exams period 4                        |
| April:                      | re-sits period 2 (part fall semester) |
| June:                       | exams period 5                        |
| June:                       | re-sits period 4                      |
| June:                       | skills period 6 (not compulsory)      |
| July:                       | re-sits period 5                      |

**Academic Calendar**

## **Courses Available**

Exchange students can select courses out of the following programmes:

- Bachelor of Science in International Business
- Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business Economics
- Bachelor of Science in International Economic Studies
- Bachelor of Science in International Business Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Econometrics & Operations Research
- Bachelor of Science in Fiscal Economics

Module information for Psychology, link [here](#).

## **Language of instruction**

English

## **Living in the Netherlands**

- **Accommodation**

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.

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. There are several "Facebook-groups" (all with names that contain words like: Maastricht, flat, rent, room search) that are quite helpful. Just look out for them on FB.

SBE's International Relations Office cannot and will not interfere on your behalf in case of legal disputes, whether with the UM Guesthouse, MaastrichtHousing, Housing Anywhere, 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.

- **Cost estimate**

**Housing:** A room at the UM Guesthouse starts at € 14.05 per night for a single room (double rooms available as well approx. €350 per month (double room))

**Medical Insurance:** ± € 40 per month for the AON insurance. Please check the following website of Nuffic:

- On the website, Nuffic mentions two insurance companies: IPS-Lippmann and AON. Maastricht University advises students to choose AON, as we have had better experiences with this company in the past.

**Food/meals:**

- Groceries: expect to pay approximately € 60 per week.
- Meal plans are not 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.
- Restaurants: € 10 and up (main dish)

**Other administrative fees:** No fees to be paid at Maastricht University

**Books:** € 80 - € 90 per period

**Transportation:**

- Local transportation € 0,86 to get on the bus + € 0,15 per kilometer.  
Bus drive with OV-chip card: For more information please check:

[Website 1](#) - [Website 2](#)

- Second hand bike € 60 - € 80. Most students buy second hand bicycles; prices vary greatly. Although second hand bicycles are not easy to get, they can try one of these addresses in Maastricht:

- [Link 1](#)
- [Link 2](#)
- [Link 3](#)
- [Link 4](#)
- [Link 5](#)

**Sports:** UM sports card € 32.50 per 4 months.

**Total per year:** students should consider a monthly expense of around € 900 - €1000 (incl. Guesthouse costs, personal expenses, transportation, books etc.

#### **Next steps if you are successful**

1. After the deadline, our Study Abroad Team will assess your application.
2. If you are successful, we will send you a study abroad offer (via e-mail) and will give you some time to think about it. If we cannot offer you any of the three universities you applied for, we will be in touch with alternative options.
3. If you choose to accept the Study Abroad placement, you will be nominated by us to the partner university, after attending a compulsory face to face appointment with the study abroad coordinators.
4. Following the nomination (usually in the Spring), you will have to complete a registration process with the partner university to finalise your acceptance.
5. After you have completed the registration, the host university will send you an official acceptance letter (electronically or via post).
6. You will be informed by the host university about any other deadlines (course selection, accommodation etc.) so do keep an eye on your Aston e-mail.

## 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.

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