



Maastricht University (UM):

Maastricht is one of the oldest and most attractive cities in the Netherlands. Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (SBE) has been awarded three prestigious accreditations, resulting in the Triple Crown accreditation. 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.

Location:

Maastricht, Netherlands

AUS Requirements/Eligibility:

1. Sophomores encouraged to apply; must have at least 60 credits by program start date; seniors may not go in last semester.
2. Must not be in graduating semester (last semester).
3. Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
4. Should be SBA Major/Minor.

AUS Placement Availability and Likelihood:

Please be aware that spaces in this program may be limited, and the number of spaces available for AUS placements will vary from semester to semester. That means that sometimes, access to these spaces will be competitive based on your cumulative GPA, Essay, Reference Letters, and other considerations. AUS International Exchange Office (IXO) will try to accommodate your first choice placements wherever possible, but you should always list several programs in your application, in case space is not available in your first choice university.

Length of Stay:

One or two semesters.

Courses at the Host:

At UM, you can register *for no more than four courses per semester*.

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.

The **academic calendar** at UM is divided into two semesters, a fall and a spring semester. Each semester is comprised out of three different course periods. Periods 1, 2 are the two regular course periods and 3 compose the fall semester. Course periods 4, 5 and 6 compose the spring semester. The academic year at SBE runs from the beginning of September until the end of August (the year after).

Fall Semester

period 1 and 2: during which you can take a maximum of two regular courses and a minimum of one regular course (most general courses are worth 6,5 ECTS)
period 3: during which you can take one skills training (worth 4 ECTS) - period 3 is not compulsory for exchange students and 4 ECTS credits will not transfer back to AUS.

Spring Semester

period 4 and 5: during which you can take a maximum of two regular courses and a minimum of one regular course (most general courses are worth 6,5 ECTS)
period 6: during which you can take one skills training (worth 4 ECTS) - period 6 is not compulsory for exchange students and 4 ECTS credits will not transfer back to AUS.

The maximum workload at SBE is two regular business

courses per regular course period and one skills training per skills training period. And all regular courses require 182 hours of study, of which 42 hours need to be considered as contact hours. This means that on average a student is expected to spend 26 hours of study per week per course. Taking two business courses, you will be expected to spend 52 hours of study per week. Adding a third course would just not be feasible.

Taking an extra regular course during period 1 or 2 is not allowed at SBE due to their education system and the high workload. Scheduling-wise it is impossible to add an extra course since all their courses have a 100% attendance requirement, which already makes it quite difficult for their scheduling office to schedule two courses without overlap in time schedules.

You register for your courses via [Student Portal](#) before the deadlines. As long as you register for courses during the registration period - and before the deadline-participation is guaranteed; there is no limit to the number of participants per course. If you have specific questions regarding course contents, please contact the coordinator of that course. The coordinators' names and e-mail addresses are mentioned in the [course database](#).

Language of instruction:
English

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
- Bachelor of Science in Econometrics & Operations Research
- Master of Science in Business Research
- Master of Science in in Econometrics and Operations Research
- Master of Science in Economic Studies (previously International Economic Studies)
- Master of Science in Economic and Financial Research
- Master of Science in Financial Economics (Asset Pricing, Banking, Financial Analysis)
- Master of Science in Global Supply Chain Management and change
- Master of Science in Human Decision Science
- Master of Science in Information & Network Economics
- Master of Science in International Executive
- Master of Finance and Control
- Master of Science in Management of Learning
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Public Policy and Human Development
- Master of Science in International Business.

SBA: UM's School of Business and Economics is AACSB-accredited. *Taking courses outside their School of Business and Economics is not allowed.* For

more information about business courses: <http://code.unimaas.nl/>

AUS Course Approval:

Upon getting the placement from IXO, students should plan on working on their AUS Course Permission Form and get their classes approved by the department's designated approver for the courses that will be taken abroad. Upon approval, students would be provided with the grades required to transfer credits. Students must achieve the minimum grade as indicated on the form to receive course credit (requirements for credit transfer vary by program).

Each study abroad case is subject to approval.

Program Fees and Costs:

Exchange students pay AUS tuition fees for the full course load (12-16 credits) in addition to AUS Student Activities fees. Any additional costs including housing, lab fees, meal plans, books and insurance will be paid directly to the host university.

AUS Financial Grants and Scholarships:

AUS students on grants/scholarships must obtain approval from the Office of Financial Grants and Scholarships before starting a semester abroad at a host university. In cases where the AUS student pays tuition directly to AUS for study abroad, the student will continue to use their AUS grants and AUS-funded scholarships for that semester abroad. These students should speak with the Financial Grants and Scholarship Manager for more information scholarship@aus.edu.

AUS Sponsored Students:

Students sponsored by external organizations that are in partnership with the AUS Sponsorship Liaison Office will be responsible for asking permission with their sponsor. A Letter to the Sponsor is available from the International Exchange Office.

Please contact ixo@aus.edu.

Housing/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 reservation system at www.Maastrichthousing.com.
- **How to find housing?**
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: local, outgoing students sublet their room for a short period of time to incoming students. 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.

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> See <http://www.vfsglobal.com/netherlands/uae/> for complete information on Visa application process.

Health Insurance:

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their stay abroad. They can either purchase on their own or from a health care provider in Netherlands.

Study Abroad Experience

Seham's Semester at UM



Seham Nasser at UM (Third from the Left)

Seham Nasser, a Finance student, studied abroad for a semester at Maastricht University in Spring 2016.

Nasser said, "I took four major electives, two finance courses and two management courses. I also attended two widely celebrated events in the Netherlands, such as The Carnival and King's Day. The exchange office there arranged cultural and social trips, which I attended as well. Moreover, I was part of a non-profit organization that taught refugees how to speak English."

When asked about Nasser's experience, she said, "My expectations were met as I experienced the typical Dutch life riding my bike everywhere. Maastricht is very international and many exchange students go there. Even though the university's curriculum and teaching methods took time for me to adapt to, I gained different insights and methods of learning."

I wanted a different experience in my life. I wanted to do live and explore places that were completely different to what I was already used to. At first, I did not know what to expect, but then as I gradually adapted to the culture and my surroundings I was able to engage in different opportunities and build my network of people."

Nasser advised, "Do not hesitate to try new adventures, explore what's around you, and learn about the culture of the country you study abroad in. If you already made it this far, you might as well go the full distance and make this journey real. If I could sum up this entire experience in just one sentence I would say, studying abroad taught me how to step outside my comfort zone."



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