About Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University

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Accreditations
RSM is accredited by all three international, independent accreditation committees, as well as regional and independent accreditation bodies.

- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB International) since 1998
- European Foundation for Management Development (EQUIS) since 1998
- Association of MBAs (AMBA) since 1996
- Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO) since 2007

Rankings
RSM consistently achieves a competitive position in the international media rankings.

1st on Sustainability – Europe Business Week
2nd on Faculty Research Beyond Grey Pinstripes
4th on International Mobility Financial Times
7th on Diversity Business Week

Networks
RSM is a member of the Partnership in International Management (PIM).

MBA Office
The MBA Office is the first meeting point for MBA exchange participants. Students are welcome for information, assistance, and ideas. The Exchange Programme is run from the fulltime MBA office. Services offered to exchange students:

- Assistance with visa/residence permit application
- Organization of introduction programme
- General information regarding FT programme
- Full access to Career Services
- Active student association with many clubs

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Programme Manager Fulltime MBA

Application

Nomination Deadlines
No nomination deadlines but schools need to keep visa and housing issues in mind. Ideally by 15 May 2014

Admission Requirements
- Students should be selected for the programme by one of our exchange partners
- Students should have the status: MBA level student
- Students are required a minimum of 3 years relevant full-time work experience

Required documents directly after nomination
- Personal Information Form for MBA exchange

Nominated exchange students will receive the official letter of acceptance after we have received and assessed these documents.

Other required documents
- Accommodation request form
- Student ID Card application form
- Course Registration form

Additional for students who need a visa
This information is subject to change; always check http://www.ind.nl/en/Residence-Wizard

- Proof that you can support yourself financially with a minimum of €1500 net per month
- Legalized copy of birth certificate in the original language and translated in English
- Copy of your personal details page of your valid passport
- Proof of health insurance

Visa application is a time-consuming process; upon acceptance as an incoming exchange participant, students are recommended to start immediately with the visa preparations with the help of our Registrar Office. If the student does not secure a visa by the first day of the term, his/her enrollment could be subject to withdrawal.

Academic Calendar 2014

Fall period:  18 August 2014 – 4 December 2014

Orientation Day will be scheduled in September, this is recommended to attend, kindly note that the date will be confirmed once the schedule is known.

Study Programme

Courses
A full (fall) term is 5 electives. This gives a total of 15 ECTS. Each course has 21 class hours. There is usually an exam at the end of the course, for which 4 hours could be added for an in-class exam. Students will take electives with the full-time MBA; it is also possible to take courses with the Executive MBA. The Executive MBA format is every other weekend (Friday evening and Saturdays)

In The Netherlands nearly everyone speaks English, which makes it a very easy to live and travel in this country.
**Learning expectations**

**Language of Instruction**
All courses are taught in English.

**Class Format, Participation and Attendance**
The classes are a mix of (guest) lectures, case studies, class discussions, group-based work, papers, and discussion groups. Class size varies between 30 and 40 students. Class participation and attendance affect final grades. The MBA programme is a post-experience programme; average age of students is 30 years. The Executive MBA programme averages 34 years.

Courses are offered in different disciplines and there are approximately 30 courses to choose from. Course listings are posted on an internal site around June.

Last years courses included the following: Leadership, Strategic Finance and Value Creation, Consulting, Elective, Brand Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Negotiations, Private Equity, Financial Engineering, Innovation Management, Corporate Social Responsibility and E-Marketing. For more information please contact Eva Lejeune (mba-exchange@rsm.nl).

**Grading:**
Individual courses will be assigned a final grade using the ECTS grading scale:

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<td>Following 30% (very good)</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>Lowest 10% (pass)</td>
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<td>Students who have not met the course requirements</td>
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Transcripts are compiled by the Registrar’s Office and sent via express mail to the school once all outstanding debts have been cleared.

**Accommodation**
Visiting exchange students participating in the full time MBA programme can make use of our dedicated housing office to find you accommodation.

All apartments are fully furnished and located at attractive locations nearby the centre of Rotterdam and the university. The rent varies from €550 up to approximately €1200 a month depending on the location, size and type of the accommodation.

Nominated exchange students will receive detailed information and assistance from the housing office.

**Language Courses**
The language courses are organised by the University’s Language and Training Centre (www.eur.nl/ltc).

This centre offers language courses in English, Spanish, German, French, Italian, Dutch, Japanese, Russian and Chinese. These do not count towards your required elective courses.

**Visa and residence permit application**

**Visa**
The Registrar’s Office assists students who need a visa to enter the Netherlands. Students are informed about the procedures individually and only need to submit the right documents to the office, which will start up the accelerated application process on your behalf. Students can pick up their visa at the Dutch embassy or consulate in their home countries.

**Costs of Living**
To have a reasonable living standard in the Netherlands, students should have an income of approximately €1500 per month.
Below is a rough estimate of the monthly expenses when participating in the exchange programme for a period of 4 months. Please keep in mind that personal spending patterns vary, and so does this indication.

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<td>Housing</td>
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<td>700 Euro</td>
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<td>Health insurance</td>
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All exchange students are required to have health insurance whilst in The Netherlands, however, there is no ‘school’ insurance.

**Student Services**
The Erasmus University has many facilities to offer: central library, campus sports building, on-campus bank, several restaurants, a hairdresser, bookstore and gift shop. Within the RSM building is a café, desktop and laptop computer labs and group breakout rooms.

The RSM MBA programme has a very active student association with many student clubs. Nominated exchange students will receive access to the Student Association’s internal site. Exchange students are encouraged to actively participate in the various clubs.

Visiting students participating in the full time MBA have full access to the RSM Careers Services, on-campus recruitment, career library and resources, alumni database. Also exchange students will become full RSM alumni upon successful completion of their exchange.

**Exchange partners – MBA level**
Typically the RSM MBA Programme has an average of 20 visiting exchange students. The international network of RSM Erasmus University comprises more than 40 partner MBA universities and business schools. Please find some of them listed below:

**EUROPE**
- SDA Bocconi School of Management, Italy
- IESE Business School, Spain
- Manchester Business School, UK
- Duke University, the Fuqua School of Business
- University of Chicago, Booth School of Business
- University of Pennsylvania, the Wharton School

**USA**
- University of British Columbia, Sauder School of Business
- York University, Schulich School of Business

**CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA**
- INCAE, Costa Rica

**OCEANIA**
- University of Melbourne, Australia
- China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), China