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

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 Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business
  - 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 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

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!)

Semester Dates

Fall semester 2009/2010
Thursday 27 August 2009: Compulsory Introduction day
31 August: start classes
19 – 23 October: exams block 1
14 – 18 December: exams block 2
04 – 08 January: resits block 1

Spring semester 2009/2010
Thursday 28 January 2010: Compulsory Introduction day
01 February: start classes
29 March– 01 April: exams block 4
06-09 April: resits block 2
31 May–04 June: exams block 5
07-11 June: resits block 4
05-09 July: resits block 5

Course Registration Starts End
Block 1 01 June 2009 15 July 2009
Block 2 to be announced 13 September 2009
Skills 3 to be announced to be announced
Block 4 to be announced to be announced
Block 5 to be announced to be announced
Skills 6 to be announced to be announced

Application deadlines for 2009/2010

Fall semester 2009/2010
10 June 2009: on-line registration as exchange student
15 July 2009: on-line course registration block 1

Spring semester 2009/2010
16 October 2009: on-line registration as exchange student
on-line course registration block 4: 26 October – 22 November 2009
### Cost estimate

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<td>Accommodation</td>
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<td>Food / meals</td>
<td>Food (no meal plans available): Students can prepare meals in the fully equipped, shared kitchens in the University Guesthouse.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Groceries: expect to pay approximately €45 per week.</td>
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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, 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. The visa costs €250.

All non-EU nationals need a residence permit for a stay of more than 3 months. Students who are exempted from a visa have to pay €433; Students who have to obtain a visa first have to pay €188.

### Websites

Courses: [http://code.unimaas.nl/?Code=exchange](http://code.unimaas.nl/?Code=exchange)
General: [http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/SBE](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/SBE)