

Erasmus
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International Bachelor Programmes

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Making Minds Matter



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About Erasmus School of Economics

Erasmus School of Economics is located in Rotterdam, a vibrant city known as a leading centre for business and logistics in Europe. For more than one hundred years, the school has offered high-quality education and produced influential research in the field of economics.

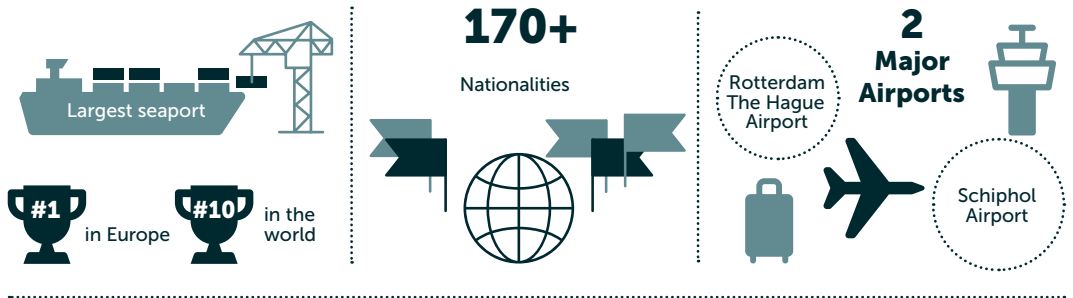
The school is proud to be the academic home of Jan Tinbergen, the first recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 1969. His legacy continues to inspire generations of students and researchers.

Graduates of Erasmus School of Economics are well-prepared for successful careers in business, government, and academia across the globe. Economists from Rotterdam are known for their effectiveness, ambition, dedication, and strong analytical skills.

At Erasmus School of Economics, students do not only study the challenges of today. They also explore innovative solutions for the problems of tomorrow. The academic programmes combine rigorous theory with practical relevance, encouraging students to think critically and act responsibly.

This brochure introduces the Bachelor's programmes offered by Erasmus School of Economics, including a wide range of specialisations. It also provides insight into the school's academic culture and approach to learning. We invite you to discover what makes studying economics in Rotterdam a unique and inspiring experience.

Rotterdam



Largest city in
The Netherlands

What our
students
say

'I expected that the IBEB programme would give me a solid skill set in the fields of mathematics and economics. My expectations were exceeded. During the first year we acquired competences that are crucial in today's fast changing world, such as communication, teamwork, research, and academic writing skills.'

Olga Oracz

International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics



'My favourite course is Mathematical Economics. In this course, we learn how to solve economic phenomena by using mathematics. For example, we were taught how to analyse auctions and derive your optimal bidding strategy. I found these topics interesting because the methods that were covered can be applied to our everyday life.'

Yassine Ben Haddou

International Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research



'During the first year, the programme initially takes you on the journey of a mathematician, building upon your algorithmic intuition and critical thinking. From the second year onwards, courses become increasingly applicable; the most exciting aspect is being able to use theoretical knowledge gathered to resolve real issues in following years.'

Bhavika Adapa

Double bachelor BSc² Econometrics and Economics



Education philosophy

Erasmus School of Economics strives to be the first choice for talented and ambitious students who are looking to build a strong foundation for a successful and inspiring career in economics or econometrics. To realise this goal, the school has defined three key ambitions for its educational programmes:

1. **Providing opportunities for ambitious students**

In addition to the standard curriculum, Erasmus School of Economics offers a wide range of development opportunities for students who are highly motivated and eager to challenge themselves. These include double degree programmes and honours classes designed to deepen academic knowledge and broaden perspectives.

2. **Achieving excellence in economics education**

The school is committed to delivering the highest quality of teaching in economics. It strongly believes that excellent research enhances the quality of education. Faculty members who are active in both research and teaching approach their courses from the perspective of economic science. Students are exposed to current research throughout their studies, ensuring a rich and rigorous academic experience.

3. **Embracing a global perspective**

Erasmus School of Economics recognises that its ambitions can only be fulfilled through a truly international approach. The school employs international teaching staff and welcomes both national and international students, creating a diverse and inclusive learning environment. A wide selection of bachelor and master programmes is offered in English, and students are encouraged to participate in international exchange programmes to further enrich their academic journey.international exchange programmes.

Expectations and support

Studying at Erasmus School of Economics offers more than just earning a degree. A positive attitude, strong work ethic, and motivation are essential. Like all universities in the Netherlands, Erasmus School of Economics applies the binding study advice (BSA). At our school, this means that students must obtain all 60 European Credits (EC) in their first academic year in order to continue to the second year.

To help you meet this requirement, we offer an active guidance programme designed to keep you on track and prevent delays. You will be paired with a senior student mentor and meet regularly in small groups to discuss your progress and address any study-related issues. In addition, you will have access to study advisors, counsellors, university psychologists, and other support services to help you succeed in your first year.

Erasmus School of Economics uses a block course system, allowing students to focus on a few courses at a time. Each block lasts eight weeks, with seven weeks of classes and one week for exams. If needed, re-sits are scheduled at the end of the academic year. A compensation rule is also in place to support students in reaching the 60 EC threshold, by allowing one insufficient grade per cluster to be compensated under specific conditions.

Economics and Business Economics



eur.nl/economics

The International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics is a dynamic three-year programme that explores globally relevant issues—from expanding markets to the impact of economic and geopolitical shocks.

You will develop strong analytical and problem-solving skills, while also work on your academic communication through writing, reading, presenting, and debating. You will learn to think critically like an economist in an international setting.

The classroom environment is globally oriented, with students and faculty bringing diverse perspectives to discussions, group work, and case studies. This international setting enriches your learning experience and prepares you to navigate complex economic challenges in a global context.

Please note: This programme has a Numerus Fixus, meaning there are limited places available. Make sure to apply before 15 January.

This programme offers you:

- A solid foundation in economics and business economics
- A balanced mix of theory and real-world application
- Innovative teaching methods and personal academic support
- An international classroom and opportunities to study abroad or complete an internship
- Excellent career prospects in economics, finance, policy, and beyond

Study Programme

Year one: Building the basics

In your first year, you will lay the foundation for your studies in economics and business economics. The academic year is divided into five blocks of eight weeks, with each block featuring two courses. You will explore key subjects such as microeconomics, macroeconomics, mathematics, marketing, accounting, and strategy.

Alongside your academic courses, you will participate in skills sessions led by student mentors. These sessions are designed to help you strengthen your ability to study at the university level, improve your writing and presentation skills, and build confidence in debating and academic communication.

Years two and three: Deepening Knowledge and Broadening Horizons

In your second year, you will deepen your understanding of the core subjects introduced in the first year and explore new areas such as international economics, finance, marketing, and the economics of the welfare state (pension systems). Courses combine theoretical knowledge with practical assignments in small groups, helping you apply what you learn to real-world challenges.

Your third year offers flexibility and choice. You will select a major and tailor your studies with electives or a minor. You may also choose to gain international experience through an exchange programme or apply your skills in a professional setting with an internship. You will take part in small-scale, discussion-based courses (up to 24 students) and gradually take on more group work and independent study. You will complete your programme with a bachelor thesis.

Course overview

Bachelor year 1				
block 1	Introduction to Mathematics	Accounting		Guidance
block 2	Microeconomics	Introduction to Data-analytics		
block 3	Macroeconomics	Applied Statistics 1		
block 4	Mathematics and Game Theory	Philosophy	Introduction to Behavioural Economics	Academic Skills
block 5	Organisation and Strategy			
Bachelor year 2				
block 1	Applied Microeconomics		Applied Statistics 2	
block 2	International Economics		Economics of the Welfare State	
block 3	Finance 1		History of Economic Thought	
block 4	Introduction to Econometrics		Empirical Marketing	
block 5	Intermediate Accounting		Research Project	
Bachelor year 3				
block 1	Minor/Study abroad/Internship			
block 2	Electives/Study abroad/Internship			
block 3	Major			
block 4				
block 5	Bachelor's Thesis			Career Skills

No rights can be derived from this overview.



Deadline
15 January



Start
September



Language
English



Degree
BSc Economics and
Business Economics

Econometrics and Operations Research



The International Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research is a three-year programme that teaches you how to use mathematics, statistics, and data to solve real-world problems. You will learn to build models that explain and predict complex situations—helping businesses, governments, and organisations make smarter decisions.

This programme prepares you to tackle questions such as:

- How will interest rates and stock prices change in the future?
- How can waiting times in healthcare be reduced?
- How can Big Data improve online advertising?
- How can public transport systems be optimised?

Rotterdam is the perfect place to study econometrics. It is a diverse, forward-thinking city known for innovation in logistics, science, and technology. It is also the birthplace of modern econometrics, home to the world-renowned Econometric Institute, co-founded by Nobel Prize winner Jan Tinbergen.

This programme offers you:

- A strong mix of theory, data science, and real-world application
- Personal academic support and small-scale teaching
- A challenging environment for ambitious students
- An international classroom and global outlook
- Access to a powerful academic and professional network

Study Programme

Year one: Building the basics

In your first year, you will take courses in mathematics, statistics, economics, and computer programming. You will learn how to build and apply models, and you will be introduced to operational research through real-world optimisation problems. Courses combine with tutorial groups of approximately 30 students.

Years two and three: Expanding and specialising

In your second year, you will take more advanced courses in mathematics, statistics, econometrics, and business economics. You will divide your time between theory and practice, working in small groups on assignments that apply your knowledge to real-world challenges.

In your third year, you will shape your own path. You can either take a minor (within or outside economics, such as law or psychology), study abroad at a partner university, or do an internship. In the second half of the year, you will choose one of four majors:

- Econometrics
- Analytics and Operations Research in Logistics
- Quantitative Finance
- Data Science for Econometrics

Your major includes two specialised courses, a seminar. You will complete your programme with a bachelor thesis.

Course overview

Bachelor year 1				
block 1	Introduction to Analysis	Introduction to Statistics	Guidance	
block 2	Microeconomics	Matrix Algebra		
block 3	Macroeconomics	Analysis		
block 4	Vector Calculus	Probability Theory	Introduction to Programming	
block 5	Statistics	Linear Optimisation	Mathematical Methods	
Bachelor year 2				
block 1	Combinatorial Optimisation	Introduction to Multivariate Statistics	Programming	
block 2	Mathematical Economics	Non-linear Optimisation	Markov Processes	
block 3	Finance	Econometrics 1	Simulation	
block 4	Marketing	Econometrics 2	Introductory Seminar Case Studies Econometrics and OR	Academic Skills
block 5	Time Series Analysis			
Bachelor year 3				
block 1	Minor/Study abroad/Internship			
block 2	Electives/Study abroad/Internship			
block 3	Major	Ethics in Econometrics		
block 4				Career Skills
block 5	Bachelor's Thesis			

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1 April/ 1 May



Start
September



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English



Degree
BSc Econometrics and
Operations Research

Double bachelor BSc² Econometrics and Economics



Erasmus School of Economics offers a unique opportunity for students who wish to combine their interest in economics with strong quantitative skills. In this programme, you will obtain two full degrees in four years:

- Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Econometrics and Operations Research
- Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Economics and Business Economics

The Econometrics part of the programme equips you with mathematical and statistical tools to analyse data and build models that solve real-world problems. The Economics part provides you with a deep understanding of economic systems, business dynamics, and policy challenges. You will explore topics such as inflation, valuation, marketing, risk, forecasting, optimisation, and scenario analysis.

This double bachelor is academically demanding. You will complete an average of 66 credits per year instead of the standard 60. To support your success, the programme offers personal attention and intensive academic guidance throughout.

Rotterdam is the ideal place to study Econometrics and Economics. It is a vibrant, multicultural city at the forefront of innovation in industry, logistics, science, culture, and architecture. It is also the birthplace of modern econometrics, founded at the renowned Econometric Institute in 1956 by Nobel laureate Jan Tinbergen.

Study Programme

Year one: Focus on econometrics

You will follow the full first year of the Bachelor in Econometrics and Operations Research. Courses include mathematics, statistics, economics, and computer programming. You will also be introduced to operational research and optimisation techniques. Courses combine lectures with tutorial groups of approximately 30 students.

Years two, three, and four: From foundation to double bachelor

In the second year, you will continue with both economic and econometric subjects. In the third year, you will choose your economics major. In the fourth year, you will focus on your econometrics major.

In your final year, you will also have the opportunity to choose a minor (a combination of electives), study abroad, or complete an internship. You will conclude the programme by writing a thesis.

Course overview

Bachelor year 1

block 1	Introduction to Analysis	Introduction to Statistics	Guidance
block 2	Matrix Algebra	Microeconomics	Academic Skills 1
block 3	Analysis	Macroeconomics	
block 4	Probability Theory	Introduction to Programming	Vector Calculus
block 5	Statistics	Linear Optimisation	Mathematical Methods

Bachelor year 2

block 1	Accounting	Introduction to Multivariate Statistics	Programming	
block 2	International Economics	Non-linear Optimisation		Academic Skills 2
block 3	Finance 1	Econometrics 1		
block 4	Introduction to Behavioural Economics	Empirical Marketing	Econometrics 2	
		Philosophy		
block 5	Organisation and Strategy	Intermediate Accounting		

Bachelor year 3

block 1	Applied Microeconomics	Combinatorial Optimisation		
block 2	Mathematical Economics	Markov Processes	Economics of the Welfare State	Economics and Business Economics Major
block 3	Simulation			
block 4	Introductory Seminar Case Studies			
block 5	Econometrics and Operations Research		Time Series Analysis	

Bachelor year 4

block 1	Minor/Study Abroad/Internship			
block 2	Electives/Study Abroad/Internship			
block 3	Econometrics Major	History of Economic Thought		
block 4				
block 5	Bachelor's Thesis			Career Skills

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1 April/ 1 May



Start

September



Language

English



Degrees

BSc Econometrics and Operations Research + BSc Economics and Business Economics

Double bachelor in Economics/Econometrics and Philosophy of Economics/ Econometrics

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 eur.nl/econometrics-philosophy

Erasmus School of Economics and Erasmus School of Philosophy offer a unique opportunity for students who want to combine analytical thinking with philosophical depth. In this programme, you will earn two full degrees in four years:

- Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Economics and Business Economics or Econometrics and Operations Research
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy of a Specific Discipline

The economics or econometrics part of the programme prepares you to analyse and solve complex issues in business and policy using economic theory or mathematical modelling. The philosophy part strengthens your skills in logical reasoning, ethical reflection, and academic writing, while deepening your understanding of the foundations of economics.

This combination enhances your employability and helps you stand out. A philosophical perspective allows you to ask sharper questions, develop creative solutions, and approach challenges with a broader mindset.

Study Programme

Year one: Focus on economics or econometrics

You will follow the full first year of either the International Bachelor in Economics and Business Economics or Econometrics and Operations Research.

Years two and three: Building a second foundation

Alongside your regular curriculum, you will take introductory philosophy courses. You are expected to complete 30 credits of philosophy courses per year, but you can decide how to divide this study load across the academic years. Lectures are typically held in the afternoon and evening.

Year four: Focus on Philosophy

Your final year consists solely of advanced philosophy courses, with lectures in the afternoon and evening. You will complete 60 credits, including a thesis guided by a faculty advisor. Depending on your chosen programme, please refer to the course overview for Economics and Business Economics on page 6 or Econometrics and Operations Research on page 8.

Course overview

Bachelor year 1

Economics page 6 or Econometrics page 8

Bachelor year 2

block 1 Enlightenment

block 2 Human Conditions

block 3 Theoretical Analytical Philosophy

block 3 Politics and Critique

Bachelor year 3

block 1 Moral Philosophy and Environmental Practice

block 2 Philosophy of Science

block 3 What can we know? Answers from antiquity to modern age

block 4 Philosophy of Art, Media and Technology

Bachelor year 4

block 1 Thesis Milestone Trajectory

block 2 Ethical Aspects of Economics

block 3 Philosophy of economics elective*

Thesis

block 4 Thesis

* see specific discipline courses on the website

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1 April/ 1 May



Start

September



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English



Degrees

BSc Economics/Econometrics + BA Philosophy of Economics/Econometrics

Make the most of your study

Study abroad

In the third or fourth year (BSc²) of your bachelor programme, you may choose to study abroad. Erasmus School of Economics has a broad and well-established global network of more than 100 partner universities, many of which are highly ranked in the field of economics and business economics. Several of these institutions are listed in the Top 100 of the 2024 Academic Ranking of World Universities by subject Economics.

Internship

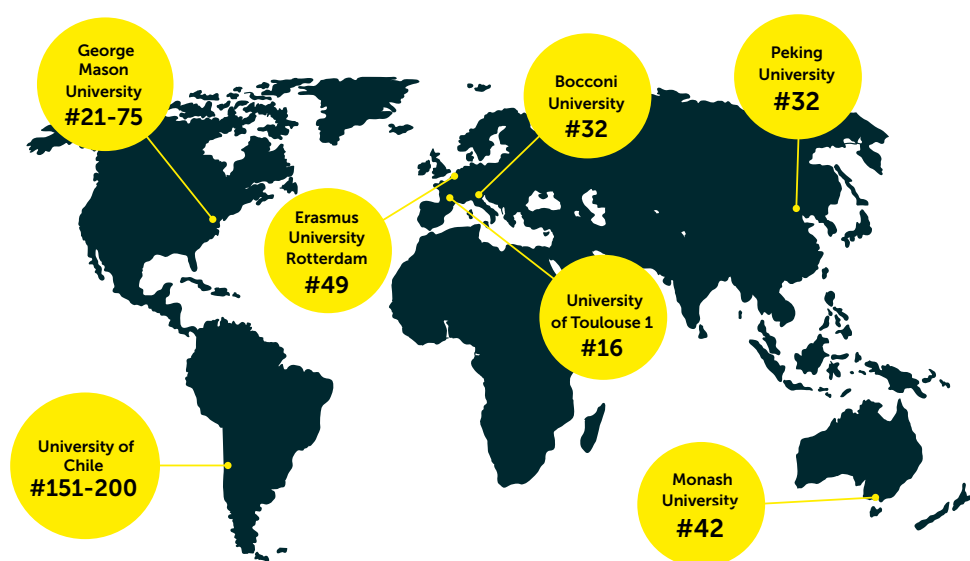
Alternatively, you may choose to complete an internship for academic credit. An internship lasts eight weeks and carries a study load of 12 EC. It allows you to apply the academic knowledge and skills acquired during your studies in a professional environment. The internship must have both academic relevance and an academic approach. You will receive practical supervision from the host organisation and academic supervision from Erasmus School of Economics. It is also possible to combine your internship with writing your bachelor thesis.

Bachelor Honours Class

The Bachelor Honours Class offers motivated students the opportunity to broaden their horizons, deepen their knowledge, and further develop their academic and professional skills. This extracurricular programme includes guest lectures by leading figures from science, business, and politics, and focuses on current economic issues. You will also enhance your writing, research, and presentation skills through various assignments.

Erasmus Recruitment Days

With more than 100 participating companies, the Erasmus Recruitment Days is the largest on-campus recruitment event in Europe. This annual event, held at Erasmus University Rotterdam, offers students a unique opportunity to connect with future employers and explore career possibilities.





Study associations

As an Economics or Econometrics student in Rotterdam you have every opportunity to enjoy an active student life. The city itself, along with a variety of student associations, offers a wide range of activities, in a social and a professional context.

Erasmus School of Economics proudly supports its study associations and strongly encourages you to become an active member.

Our official study associations for the bachelors programmes are:

Economic Faculty Association Rotterdam (EFR), established in 1963, is one of the largest and most active study associations in the Netherlands. It organises a variety of events, including international conferences, the Business Week and inspiring international lectures. Events for you to attend or even help organising. The activities are not only socially, professionally and culturally relevant to your studies – they offer you great fun at the same time.



FAECTOR is the thriving student association for aspiring econometricians. Activities include the Quantitative Finance Tour (visiting investment banks in London), and co-organizing the study project trips (for example in Canada, Brazil, South Korea, Taiwan), The National Econometrics Day. Smaller events include social gatherings, company visits, and sport tournaments. Currently, FAECTOR is the largest study association for Econometrics students in the world!



A full list of student and study associations at Erasmus University Rotterdam is available on eur.nl/en/education/study-rotterdam/student-life/student-organisations

What do
our alumni
say?

'In a constantly changing environment, I am applying the analytical skills which I acquired in studying Behavioural Economics. Principally, I gained an ability to understand complex problems quickly by breaking them down into smaller components.'

Johannes-Alexander Weis

Behavioural Economics

Data Scientist | Solution Engineer at Celonis SE



'One of my first projects was to build a model that determines how valuable each type of email that we send to customers is. To answer this question, I literally opened one of my textbooks to find an appropriate model I could build to estimate the effect of every email.'

Susanne Reijndorp

BSc in Econometrics and Operations

Research, Master programme in Business Analytics and Quantitative Marketing,

Research Data Scientist at bol.com

'Although my current job does not necessarily require econometric modelling, the analytical mindset and numeracy skills obtained during my studies have definitely helped me with data analyses I have had to perform.'

Christiaan Lensvelt

BSc in Econometrics and Operations

Research, Master programme in Quantitative Finance and Econometrics, Associate Consultant at Eden McCallum



Master programmes

Eager to continue your education? You are warmly invited to explore our one-year master programmes, which offer specialisations that align with the majors available in the bachelor programmes.

If you are considering a career in research, you may be interested in our two-year Research Master programmes at the Tinbergen Institute. These programmes provide a strong academic foundation and prepare you for further study or research-oriented roles. We offer:

MSc in Accounting, Auditing and Control

- Accounting and Auditing
- Accounting and Control
- Accounting and Finance

MSc in Economics and Business

- Behavioural Economics
- Data Science and Marketing Analytics
- Economics of Markets and Organisations
- Economics of Sustainability
- Financial Economics
- Health Economics
- International Economics
- Marketing
- Policy Economics
- Strategy Economics
- Urban, Port and Transport Economics

MSc in Econometrics and Management Science

- Analytics and Operations Research in Logistics
- Data Science for Econometrics
- Econometrics
- Quantitative Finance

Research Master in Business Data Science

Research Master in Economics

Career prospects

Your career opportunities will partly depend on the specialisation subjects you choose, but as an Economics or Econometrics graduate from Rotterdam, you will be well-positioned to follow the career path of your choice.

As an Economics graduate, you may find yourself working in banking, consultancy, tax consultancy, economic research, or at trade and multinational companies. You will also see many Rotterdam economists in more generalist roles at academic level. Examples include stock exchange analysts, entrepreneurs, tax inspectors, politicians, HR managers, sales and marketing managers, or scientific journalists.

As an Econometrics graduate from Rotterdam, you will discover that career doors open across a wide range of sectors. Investment banks, insurance companies, asset management firms, marketing research and consultancy agencies, multinationals, transport authorities, and government institutions all value the skills and expertise you bring.



Rotterdam

International students consider Rotterdam a great place to study. No doubt, you will too. Although your bachelor programme might be demanding, there is always room for extra-curricular and social activities.

Culture and Entertainment

Rotterdam offers a multitude of cultural events and entertainment throughout the year. Have you heard of the International Film Festival Rotterdam, North Sea Jazz or Museum Boijmans van Beuningen for example? Whether it is festivals and concerts or museums and cinemas that you like, you will definitely find something that appeals to you in Rotterdam.



Going out in the city

Go for a drink at the Witte de Withstraat, the Oude Haven and the Nieuwe Binnenweg or cross the Erasmus bridge to the Kop van Zuid. Relax on one of the many terraces and sip your cappuccino or beer while looking at the people passing by. Enjoy dancing? Clubbing in Rotterdam will prove to be an epic experience. Good to know: most students prefer Thursdays for their night on the town.

Kralingse Plas

Relax and soak up the sun in this great lakeside park. It's close to university and loved by students for a beautiful view of Rotterdam skyline and its sunsets.





Fenix Food Factory

A culinary hotspot in an old port warehouse in Katendrecht. A place for enjoying local food and drinks with your friends.

Shopping

Rotterdam features the latest and the best in music, fashion, books and dining, regardless of taste or budget. Lijnbaan, Koopgoot and Hoogstraat have a varied collection of shops, mainly the bigger commercial chains. For original boutiques and galleries take a look at the Oude and Nieuwe Binnenweg or the Pannekoekstraat in the centre of Rotterdam or visit the 'Zwaanshalskwartier' in Rotterdam North.



Outdoor and sports

Rotterdam is a popular host city for major sports events, such as the Rotterdam Marathon, the World Tennis Tournament and the CHIO horse riding event. If you enjoy outdoor activities, you can go biking, jogging or inline skating in one of the city parks, go sailing on the Rottemeren or visit Hoek van Holland beach!

Markthal Rotterdam

A city icon. The largest indoor market of the Netherlands. Shops, fresh food units, bars, restaurants and apartments are all based under an enormous arch, decorated with an impressive artwork.



Meet the
University



Campus

Erasmus University Rotterdam offers everything you need right on campus. Besides the obvious lecture rooms, the campus has a lot more to offer. Visit www.experience.eur.nl for a virtual tour!

Eureka!

As a student you can join a variety of associations. Study associations organise activities that are related to the bachelor programme. Student associations are of a more social nature and are a great way to meet students from other programmes. During the Erasmus University Rotterdam orientation week (Eurekaweek) you can familiarise yourself with these associations.



For focus and concentration

Attend lectures, prepare for exams or study with your fellow students in the Polak building or at the library.

Backbone

Read more about Erasmus School of Economics, our research, professors, students and alumni in our online magazine Backbone on eur.nl/en/ese/about-us/backbone-magazines

Staying fit

From fitness to basketball and from tennis to rugby, the Erasmus Sports Center has over 50 different sports to offer.



Dining

The Erasmus Food Plaza offers you many options for lunch or early dinner. Or visit the Erasmus Pavilion for a bite and some drinks with friends.

Facilities

Whether your bicycle has a flat tire, you are in desperate need of a haircut or you forgot to stop at the supermarket on the way to the campus. No worries, on campus you'll find a bike shop, hairdresser and mini supermarket to help you out.



Cultural life

Do you like exploring the cultural life of Rotterdam, do you enjoy participating in courses and workshops, or do you want to expand your knowledge in a range of current topics not necessarily related to your study? Make sure to check out the calendar of Studium Generale.

Meet us

With so many options to choose from, deciding what programme to choose and where to study can be a challenge. Our advice: compare programmes, visit open days and other events and talk to (former) students for some first-hand insights. To help you explore Erasmus School of Economics, here are several ways to learn more about us and our study programmes:

Join one of our webinars

We regularly organise webinars that focus on one or two topics. Each session includes a presentation by a staff member or a student, followed by a Q&A session. These webinars are a great way to meet us when you are unable to visit in person.

 eur.nl/en/ese/webinars

Chat with our students

Curious about what it is like to study and live in Rotterdam? Chat with one of our student ambassadors and get a first-hand account of their experiences.

 eur.nl/en/ese/chat-our-students

Meet your professor

Want to know more about our professors? Watch our "Meet your professor" videos on YouTube to learn about their research, ambitions, and personal stories.

 eur.nl/en/ese/about-us/meet-us/your-professor

Open days

Visit one of our Open Days to tour the Erasmus campus and attend information sessions about the university and specific study programmes. You can also join our "Student for a Day" programme to experience lectures and assignments.

 eur.nl/en/ese/bachelor-events

Campus tour

If you cannot attend an Open Day, you are welcome to book a guided campus tour.

 eur.nl/en/ese/education/campus-tour

Visit our campus from anywhere

Want to explore the Erasmus campus from home? Just open Google Maps, search for "Erasmus University Rotterdam," and take a virtual stroll using Street View to get a feel for the surroundings.

What our
students
say

'The programme is unique to me because it strikes the right balance between theory and application. It has a lot of theoretical economics-focused courses as well as more applied business subjects. This allows students to not only better understand but also use the knowledge gained.'

Caio Lafraia Brant

International Bachelor Economics and
Business Economics



'You need a good work ethic. I think all subjects are doable if you don't fall back to much. I wasn't especially good at maths in high school, but still passed all my classes by simply keeping up with the homework and paying attention during the lectures.'

Josien Demmers

International Bachelor Econometrics and
Operations Research

'A typical BSc2 student has a knack for mathematics, is a good student with good study skills, and a broad interest in society and economics. We are a very diverse group, from the different backgrounds in terms of culture and language to our different interests and goals. Yet all BSc2 students are ambitious, friendly, and interesting people, which creates a nice and stimulating environment and a real sense of community!'

Arthur Kuhlmann

Double bachelor BSc² Econometrics and
Economics



Application and admission

If you would like to apply for a bachelor's programme, be sure to submit your application on time. Each application is reviewed individually, and we will assess your academic background, mathematics level, and English proficiency to ensure you meet the entry requirements.

The International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics programme has a numerus fixus, meaning there is a limited number of places available.

Diplomas and Requirements

To qualify for admission, you need a Dutch vwo diploma or an equivalent international qualification. Your diploma must include mathematics at the appropriate level, depending on the programme.

Proof of English Proficiency

All programmes are taught in English, so you must demonstrate sufficient proficiency. Accepted tests include TOEFL iBT, Academic IELTS, or Cambridge certificates.

Bachelor

TOEFL iBT	80
Academic IELTS	6.0
Cambridge B2 First (FCE)	170
Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE)	170
Cambridge C2 Proficiency (CPE)	180

For full details on admissions requirements, minimum scores and exemptions, please visit:

eur.nl/en/ese/education/bachelor/admission-requirements

Application Deadlines

- 15 January – Numerus Fixus: International Business Economics and Economics (all applicants)
- 1 April – Non-EEA nationals
- 1 May – EEA nationals

See all details on our website.

eur.nl/en/ese/education/bachelor/application



Practical information

Tuition fees

For the academic year 2026-2027 tuition fees at Erasmus School of Economics are as follows:

BSc programmes	
EEA nationals	€ 2.695
Non EEA nationals	€ 13.500

eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters/registration/tuition-fee

Cost of living

Students living and studying in Rotterdam typically spend around €1,500 per month. This estimate includes housing, food, transportation, and other daily expenses.

Accommodation	€ 800 / 1.000
Insurance	€ 65
Books and study materials	€ 100
Daily expenses (food, drinks, transport, etc.)	€ 450

Scholarships

There are various funding opportunities available for students with a non-EEA nationality. You can find a full overview at eur.nl/en/ese/education/bachelor/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-grants.

Do keep in mind that scholarship deadlines require you to apply for the BSc programme earlier than the final application deadline.

Student support

Erasmus University Rotterdam offers assistance with:

- Visa and/ or residence permit
- Immigration
- Housing
- Insurance
- Welcome activities
- Finances

www.eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters

iBuddy programme

The iBuddy programme, organised by EFR and FAECTOR, supports new international students at Erasmus School of Economics.

- Connect with a senior student from your programme before arrival
- Ask questions about studying and student life in Rotterdam via email
- Join a free welcome event
- No costs, no obligations

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Useful websites

Studying in the Netherlands
www.studyinnl.org

Rotterdam city
en.rotterdam.info



Why Erasmus School of Economics

37% of the **Erasmus School of Economics**
student population is international, representing
96 different nationalities

Academic Ranking of World Universities 2024 - subject Economics



3.815

Bachelor enrolments
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Economics

Total
31.473

student enrolments
Erasmus University
Rotterdam



Total
6.576

student enrolments
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