THE RSM MSC EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE OFFERS YOU

- Learning at one of Europe’s top 10 business schools
- A curriculum taught entirely in English
- Global classmates representing 80 nationalities
- A lively and close-knit student body
- Exchange Ambassadors (buddy system)
- Courses from our specialized Master programmes
- A stimulating and interactive learning environment
- Recruitment events throughout the year

Websites

- RSM Master Exchange – Academic year 2023-24
- About RSM – a force for positive change
- RSM campus – Woudestein campus
- Studying in Rotterdam - a corporate hub, close to the commercial heart of Europe

ACCREDITATIONS, RANKING AND NETWORKS

- **Accreditations:** EQUIS, AACSB, AMBA, place among the 1% of schools worldwide with Triple Crown accreditation
- **Rankings:** A consistent ranking amongst Europe’s top-ranked business schools
- **Networks:** Member of [CEMS](#), the global alliance in management education and [PIM](#), the Partnership in International Management
- **Partners:** Our partners, from both the educational and corporate worlds, are essential for bridging RSM’s research and education to real-life practice. Our partners help to bring theory into practice and ensure that the work that we do here at RSM remains relevant and allows us to create the positive impact we aim for in the world.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO

- **Accommodation** either on- or off-campus.
- **RSM Career Centre** the link to local and international companies for all RSM students. Its’ range of services are internship or career focused. The Career Centre furthermore offers a [Career Portal](#).
- **Language & Training Centre** for language courses, including Dutch for beginners
- **Studium Generale** for cultural activities
- **ESN-R, Erasmus Student Network Rotterdam**; to enhance academic and social experiences for international students in Rotterdam, providing a wide range of activities like city trips, sports, musical and cultural events.
- **STAR, the Study Association of RSM**; the largest in Europe with more than 6,500 members. It organises a wide range of events, including the largest on-campus recruitment event in the NL, STAR Management Week, and RSM STAR Case Competition.
- **Buddy-system:** every incoming student is assigned to an RSM student (exchange ambassador).

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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The academic year is divided into a block system, one block of courses lasts 7-8 weeks.

- **Fall:** September – December: Block 1 (end Aug-end Oct) and Block 2 (end Oct-mid Dec)
- **Spring:** Block 3 (end Jan-mid March), Block 4 (end March-begin May), Block 5 (begin May – end June)

See also: [Academic Calendar](#)

### LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

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#### Introduction

At the start of each full-term programme, introduction activities are being organized. Exchange students are strongly recommended to participate in order not to miss out on important programme information and it is THE day to meet all fellow students.

#### Workload

Courses are denominated in European Credits (EC). At RSM, one EC is equal to 28 student working hours including class hours, self-study, preparation exams, reading or writing papers. Minimum workload in Fall is 20 EC. In Spring, the minimum workload is 18 EC. Short exchange students do a minimum of 12 EC.

#### Examinations

In general, exams are scheduled at the end of the week or the week after each block of classes. Assessments are based on written or take-home exams, progress reports, in-class presentations, group performance and essays.

#### Grading

The Dutch grading system uses grades 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 the highest. Grades are generally given to one decimal place. Grades with a 0.4 or lower will be rounded down, and grades with a 0.5 or more will be rounded up. Transcripts from students in our exchange programmes will show grades to 1 decimal place. See also: [RSM grading scale](#)

#### Class profile

The master programmes are pre-experience programmes; average age of students is 22-25 years. Most students have some relevant working through internships, part-time management jobs, business projects or start-ups.

### CURRICULUM:

#### Courses at RSM

Courses of the following specialized [Master Programmes](#) are open to exchange students: Accounting and Financial Management, Business Information Management, Strategic Entrepreneurship, Management of Innovation, Marketing Management, Strategic Management, Supply Chain Management, Finance and Investments and Global Business & Sustainability.

Students can participate in a combination of courses from different master programmes if timetable do not collapse. For course manuals and timetables, please see: [Course Guide](#).

**Note:** MBA students from our MSc partner schools cannot enroll in MBA courses.

The MBA exchange programme maintains its own network of partner schools.

#### International Consultancy Project

The cornerstone of the Master Exchange Programme is the International Consultancy Project (ICP). The ICP has a workload of 12.5 EC.

In a team of 4-5 international students, all with different backgrounds, competences and skills, students work intensively on a consultancy project for 4 months. Both coaches from the university and company supervise the project and the aim is to respond professionally to a real-world management problem and to learn from working in multidisciplinary and culturally diverse groups.

**Open to** full term exchange students only. Because of its’ professional and intensive character, students are strongly advised not to take more than one course per block parallel to the ICP.

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## Admission Requirements

### Open to
- Students who are studying at our MSc/MBA partner schools and who are selected by their home university. Open to Master and MBA level students.

### English Requirement
- TOEFL 90+, IELTS 6.5; TOEIC 800+ (listening & reading) **and** 320+ (speaking & writing); level B2 (CEFR or written proof of a comparable level of English).

### English Exemption
- Non-native English speakers whose current study programmes is completely taught in English are exempted though proof needs to be provided. In all official statements, the current language level of the student needs to be mentioned.

### After Nomination at RSM
- About a month prior to the student’s application deadline, nominated students will receive a Welcome Email with instructions for the online application system, information about visa and residence permit (if applicable), accommodation, academic calendar, and other relevant information to help them prepare.

### Deadline Application
- It is the student’s own responsibility to submit the exchange application in time.
  - Fall: May 15
  - Spring: October 15

  Late applications will not be dealt with unless agreed upon with the partner school.

### Required Documents
- Completed RSM online application
- 1 digital passport size photo (jpg file)
- Scan of personal details page of passport
- Scan of a recent official transcript (or academic report) showing grades, from the first year to the latest results
- Proof of proficiency in English

### Information During and After the Application Process
- Students can check their status in the online application system. Upon approval of the application, students will receive at least consecutive 2 email messages:
  1. One with information on the course registration including specific information about the courses, timetables, etc.
  2. The other with more detailed information on the introduction, arrival in the Netherlands, the Exchange Ambassador Programme, which is also referred to as the ‘final Information email’.

  The Letter of Acceptance is sent to students through the online application system.

### Visa/Residence Permit
- The International Office will check whether a student needs to apply for a visa and/or residence permit. If applicable, the student will be informed and directed to all instructions as mentioned on our webpage: [Immigration](#)

  Visa requirements are subject to change. Always check: [Visa](#)

### Costs of Living
- The estimated costs for a period of 4 months are approximately € 5,000. These costs include visa and/or residence permit (if applicable), living expenses, healthV3d party insurance (mandatory), books, meals & drinks. However, all costs depend on a student’s personal spending pattern and therefore costs may vary.
### NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTNERS

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| Nomination deadlines for partner schools | Fall: May 1  
Spring: October 1 |
| Application deadlines for students | Fall: May 15  
Spring: October 1 |

### THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Your first point of contact for new student exchange agreements and the hub of communication for RSM’s network of more than 175 business schools around the world.

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### EMERGENCY NUMBER OF ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM

In case of major emergencies (life threatening situations) affecting our in- and/or outgoing students, students or partner schools can dial (+31)640847882. This number is not to be confused with the local emergency number(s), which is 112!
MSc Short Exchange Programmes / 2023-2024

At Rotterdam School of Management (RSM) we welcome international students in our MBA, MSc and BSc exchange programmes during a full autumn or spring semester. For (post)graduate students who cannot stay for a full exchange semester, RSM offers the option to participate in a short exchange (7-8 weeks) within the Master exchange programme.

The short exchange programme offers your students ample opportunity to participate in core (autumn) or elective (spring) courses from our specialized Master programmes which include: Accounting and Financial Management, Business Information Management, Finance & Investments, Global Business & Sustainability, Human Resource Management (only Spring), Strategic Entrepreneurship, Management of Innovation, Marketing Management, Strategic Management, and Supply Chain Management. See also our website: RSM Master Programmes

The short exchange programme entails one block of courses for a period of 7-8 weeks. Exams are scheduled one week right after the blocks. All courses are taught in English. In autumn, master core courses have a workload of 3 up to 6 EC* whereas in spring, the master electives have a workload of 6 EC* each.

* 1 EC represents 28 student working hours (in-class, self-study, group work, exam preparation etc.)

**Autumn (preliminary):**
Block 1: September 4 – October 20, 2023 (exam week: October 23-28), (resit week January 8 -13, 2024);

**Spring (preliminary):**
Block 3: February 5 – March 15, 2024 (exam week: March 18-23/resit week May 6-11, 2024);
Block 4: March 25 – May 3, 2024 (exam week May 6-11), (resit week June 24-29, 2024);
Block 5: May 13 – June 21, 2024 (exam week June 24-29), (resit week July 22-27, 2024).

**Class profile & workload:**
The MSc programmes at RSM are pre-experienced; the average age of students is 22-24 years. Most of our MSc students have some relevant work experience through internships, own start-up, business projects or part-time management jobs. For this reason, MBA students fit in quite easily in our master courses. MBA students, however, might take into account that master courses are more theory than practice based. Furthermore, global classmates representing 40 up to 80 nationalities participate in our RSM master programmes, therefore exchange students have lots of opportunities to connect and communicate with people from different regions in the world – an essential skill in international business. Finally, MBA students are always welcome to join social/career activities from our MBA classes.

**For more information on Short Exchange Programmes:**
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