



## 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
- Enthusiastic international staff and teaching faculty
- A stimulating and interactive learning environment
- Recruitment events throughout the year

## Websites

[RSM Master Exchange](#) – Academic year 2024-25

[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

- Support in finding [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).

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The academic year is divided into 5 blocks of 7-8 weeks.

Fall: September – December: Block 1 (early Sept - end Oct) and Block 2 (end Oct – mid-Dec)

Spring: Block 3 (early Feb-mid-March), Block 4 (end March-early May), Block 5 (mid-May – end June)

In general, exams are scheduled at the end or, the week after each block of classes. Re-sits, however, take place in early January (block 1), mid-March (block 2), early May (block 3), end of June (block 4), end of July (block 5)

## LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

<b>Teaching Language</b>	English
<b>Duration</b>	Students can participate in either 1 or both blocks in the fall term and 1, 2 or 3 blocks in the spring term. Students are expected to complete their entire exchange programme at RSM including final exams. Neither exemptions nor special arrangements with teaching staff can be made to schedule exams or re-sits on other dates, times, or places.
<b>Introduction</b>	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 important programme information and it is THE day to meet all fellow students.
<b>Workload</b>	Courses are valued with European Credits (EC, formerly ECTS). At RSM, 1 EC represents 28 student working hours which include in-class hours, self-study, group work, reading/writing papers, exam preparation. The minimum workload for 1 block is 12 EC, for 2 blocks 18 EC and for 3 blocks 20 EC. The minimum workload for the full fall term (2 blocks) is 20 EC.
<b>Examinations</b>	Assessments are based on written or take-home exams, progress reports, in-class presentations, group performance and essays. Within the Master programmes People, Organisations & Change and Finance & Investments, courses are evidence-based knowledge courses where students obtain a pass or fail, instead of a numeric grade.
<b>Grading</b>	The Dutch grading system uses grades 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 the highest. Grades are generally rounded to 1 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: <a href="#">RSM grading scale</a>
<b>Class profile</b>	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:

<b>Courses at RSM</b>	<p>Courses of the following specialized <a href="#">Master Programmes</a> are open to exchange students: Accounting and Financial Management, Business Information Management, Finance &amp; Investments, Global Business &amp; Sustainability, People, Organisations &amp; Change, Management of Innovation, Marketing Management, Supply Chain Management, Strategic Entrepreneurship and Strategic Management. Students can participate in a combination of courses from different master programmes if timetables do not collapse. An exception is the People, Organisations &amp; Change master programme. If students want to participate in courses from this master programme, they are required to take all the courses in a block from this master programme. Therefore, these cannot be combined with courses from other master programmes.</p> <p>For course manuals, please see: <a href="#">Course Catalogue</a>.</p> <p><i>Note: MBA students from our MSc partner schools cannot enroll in MBA courses. The MBA exchange programme maintains its own network of partner schools.</i></p>
<b>International Consultancy Project</b>	<p>The cornerstone of the Master Exchange Programme is the International Consultancy Project (<a href="#">ICP</a>). The ICP has a workload of 12.5 EC.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Open to</b> 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.</p>

## 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 iBT 80+ (minimum subscore of 18 for reading & listening, and 20 for speaking and 21 for writing). IELTS 6.5 (minimum subscore of 6.0 for reading, listening, speaking, and writing). TOEIC 800+ (listening & reading) AND 320+ (speaking & writing). CEFR level B2. Cambridge FCE/CAE/CPE/BEC Higher 170 (minimum subscore of 170 for reading, listening, speaking & writing). Or another English language certificate of a comparable level. No statements from universities are accepted anymore.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed RSM online application</li> <li>• 1 digital passport size photo (jpg file)</li> <li>• Scan of personal details page of passport</li> <li>• Scan of a recent official transcript (or academic report) showing grades, from the first year to the latest results</li> <li>• Proof of proficiency in English</li> </ul>
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 Exchange 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: <a href="#">Immigration</a> Visa requirements are subject to change. Always check: <a href="#">Visa</a>

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, health/3d party insurance (mandatory), books, meals & drinks. However, all costs depend on a student's personal spending pattern and therefore costs may vary.
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## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTNERS

Online Nomination	By email, RSM Exchange Office will send its partner schools instructions on how to nominate their students in our online system.
Nomination deadlines for partner schools	Fall: May 1 Spring: October 1
Application deadlines for students	Fall: May 15 Spring: October 15

## THE EXCHANGE OFFICE

Your first point of contact and the hub of communication for RSM's network of more than 175 business schools around the world.

Contact for exchange students: [exchange@rsm.nl](mailto:exchange@rsm.nl)

Contact for partner schools:

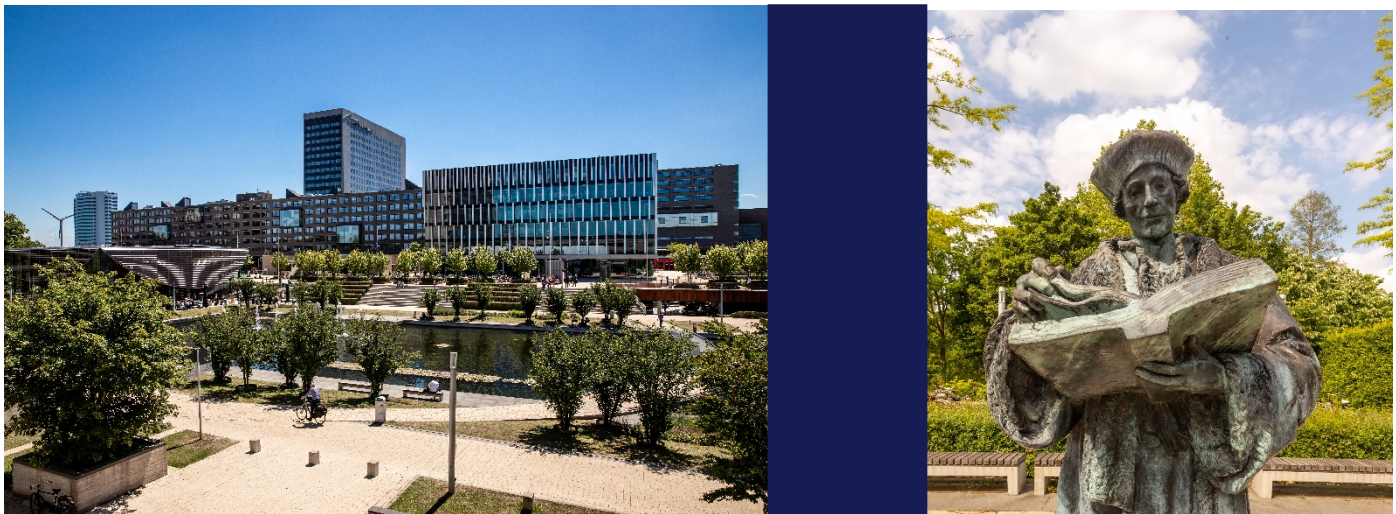
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## EMERGENCY NUMBER OF ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM

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 / 2024 – 2025\*

At Rotterdam School of Management (RSM) we welcome international students in our BSc, MSc and MBA 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, People Organisations & Change, Strategic Entrepreneurship, Management of Innovation, Marketing Management, Strategic Management, 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, exam preparation etc.)

### Autumn:

Block 1: September 2 – October 18, 2024 (exam week: October 21-26), (resit week January 6 -11, 2025);

Block 2: October 28 – December 13, 2024 (exam week December 16-21), (resit week March 17-22, 2025).

### Spring:

Block 3: February 3 – March 14, 2025 (exam week: March 17-22 / resit week May 5-10, 2025);

Block 4: March 24 – May 2, 2025 (exam week May 5-10), (resit week June 23-28, 2025);

Block 5: May 12 – June 20, 2025 (exam week June 23-28), (resit week July 21-26, 2025).

### 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, start-ups, consultancy 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.

#### For more information on MSc Short Exchange Programmes:

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Website: [RSM for your Master exchange](#)

## MBA Short Exchange Programmes / 2024

MBA exchange students can take part in the RSM full-time MBA short exchange programme. For short-term programmes students have the following options:

- A three-week Advanced Course with a workload of 4EC. Students can choose one course of the following selection: Advanced Finance, Advanced Marketing, Advanced Strategy, Advanced Supply Chain Management or Advanced Sustainability. Students should have completed a core course at their home university in order to attend one of these advanced courses.
- A choice of three elective courses from a list of approximately 30 courses. Students are free to choose any electives in the portfolio that we offer for our full-time MBA programme students. Course offering, as well as the tentative schedule, will be published by May 2024. Students can design their own schedule by choosing courses via an online bidding system\* at the beginning of June. Depending on their selection, students could spend as little as one month and up to three months in Rotterdam.

Previous years' courses included Leadership, Sustainability, Strategic Finance and Value Creation, Consulting, Entrepreneurship, Negotiations, Private Equity, Financial Engineering, Innovation Management and New Marketing, Strategy in the Digital Age.

*\*Spots for elective courses are limited, students need to engage in a bidding process to secure a spot. Exchange students have the same status / bidding rights as RSM MBA students. Further information on the bidding process will be published with the schedule.*

#### Autumn 2024:

Advanced Courses: September (exams / assignment deadlines in following weeks)

Electives: Between September 04 and December 11 (depending on choice of electives)

#### Class profile:

The RSM full-time MBA programme is a post-experience programme. The average age of RSM full-time MBA students is 30 with seven years of working experience. The average age of RSM's Executive part-time MBA students (who may also participate in some electives) is 35 with eleven years of working experience.

### Course format:

RSM's MBA courses are a mix of lectures from RSM faculty and visiting faculty using mostly case studies. Guest speakers are also regularly invited. Students can expect to be involved in group-based work; presentations; and in-class discussions. Class sizes vary between eight and forty students. Class participation and attendance are reflected in the students' final grades.

Students should plan to attend all courses in-person. That said, in case RSM is unable to deliver in-person classes due to Dutch government corona-related restrictions, students should be prepared to switch to an online or hybrid class format.

### For more information on MBA Short Exchange Programmes:

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