Financial Economics

A specialisation of the Master’s programme in Economics
Nijmegen School of Management

Introduction
The developments in global international capital markets entail major challenges for financial decision-makers and regulators of financial markets. This specialisation provides you with the latest knowledge on asset pricing, risk management, international finance, monetary policy, and financial regulation. The focus is on the application of theoretical concepts in real-world situations, including recent developments in behavioural finance and institutional and cultural biases. This focus is unique in the Netherlands, equipping you with conventional approaches in finance as well as with a sound understanding of less conventional behaviour of financial markets, including bubbles, crashes and crises.

Why should you choose Financial Economics in Nijmegen?
- A broad perspective on financial economics, including behavioural, institutional and cultural aspects
- An excellent reputation in the Netherlands and abroad
- A focus on methods and state-of-the-art applied research
- Small group teaching and close contact with professors
- Good career prospects anywhere in the world

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
- Six specialisation courses (36 ECs)
- One elective course (6 ECs)
- Master’s thesis (18 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc).

Robbert Olthuis
The Netherlands
Alumnus Financial Economics

‘I have no regrets regarding my choice. I learned how to apply a diversity of theories to real cases in financial economics and to be critical towards them. This critical attitude and the ability to be able to look at a case from different perspectives are really going to benefit me in my future career.’

Pascal van de Loo
The Netherlands
Alumnus Financial Economics

‘Financial economics offers a challenging environment where you are required to push yourself to find solutions. Although the study is theoretical, it is not only about replicating ideas. On the contrary! You are rewarded and inspired to be innovative and creative.’

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Admission requirements
You are required to have a Bachelor’s degree in Economics or a closely-related discipline from a research university with a sufficient number of courses on research methods, corporate finance, monetary theory, banking, etc. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/economics/admission.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application. If you apply after these dates, we will still consider your application and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?
Your application procedure depends on your previous education.
Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl.
International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application.

Changing perspective
• Trained to think independently and with an open mind
• Working with the newest techniques in applied research
• Broad perspective on contemporary issues in financial economics

You will participate in a Master's programme that will expose you to the most recent academic and practical developments in the field of Financial Economics. By acquiring much needed state-of-the-art research techniques in applied research, you will be able to continuously assess the relevance of academic research for your profession. But you will also acquire a broader perspective. Our programme includes relevant knowledge from related disciplines such as Psychology and Sociology, which will allow you to approach contemporary issues in financial economics with an open mind. You will be trained to think independently and critically about the way in which you can apply economics in your professional field and you will develop skills that will make a difference in the highly competitive global labour market.

Career prospects
The specialisation Financial Economics aims to provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills for a career in commercial banks, investment banks, venture capital funds, hedge funds, financial exchanges, and in finance ministries or other governmental or non-governmental bodies of financial market oversight. A Master’s in Financial Economics also enables you to have a career in multinational enterprises or large national companies, where national and international economic developments and financial markets play an important role.

More information

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