International Economics & Development

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

Introduction
This specialisation offers you the opportunity to follow a state-of-the-art curriculum in International Economics with a strong empirical and analytical focus on the low and middle income countries of the Global South. Hosting one of the largest databases for developing countries in the world, we offer you a unique possibility to analyse poverty, inequality, and economic development in these countries in an international context. Using recent theoretical insights and modern empirical methods, you will be actively involved in comparative research on issues in developing countries such as the impact of globalisation on economic growth, corruption, the education of children, child labour and women’s empowerment.

Why should you choose International Economics & Development in Nijmegen?
• A broad perspective on issues pertaining to low and middle income countries
• Strong comparative and empirical orientation
• One of the world’s largest micro-level databases for developing countries
• Small group teaching and close contact with professors and their research
• Excellent reputation in the Netherlands and abroad

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Five specialisation courses (30 ECs)
• Two elective courses (12 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (18 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc).

Nikie Knoben
The Netherlands
Alumna International Economics & Development

‘This study does not focus on one specific part of economics, but gives a much broader view. Empirical research is combined with theoretical frameworks and related to current issues in economics and development, making it really interesting and up-to-date. This is great preparation for future jobs.’

Charan van Krevel
The Netherlands
Alumnus International Economics & Development

‘Close contact with professors, teachers and researchers created a lively environment in which I didn’t learn only from textbooks and lectures, but perhaps even more from debates and other thought provoking discussions.’
**Programme**

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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, international economics, policy & public finance, etc. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit [www.ru.nl/masters/economics/admission](http://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](http://www.studielink.nl).
International students can apply via: [www.ru.nl/masters/application](http://www.ru.nl/masters/application).

**Best traditional university**
Radboud University is the best traditional university in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the 2016 edition of the Dutch university information guide 'Keuzegids Universiteiten'.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation International Economics & Development at Radboud University? Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!

**Career prospects**
With the analytical attitude, strong empirical skills and broad knowledge of problems and solutions in International Economics & Development, you will be well prepared for a career in international organisations (World Bank, UN), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), development-oriented consultancy firms, and national governments. You will also be qualified for PhD positions at universities and research institutes.

**Changing perspective**
- Trained to think independently and with an open mind
- Working with the latest techniques in empirical research
- Broad perspective on contemporary issues relevant for developing countries

You will participate in a Master's programme that will expose you to the most recent academic and practical developments in the field of International Economics & Development. By acquiring the necessary state-of-the-art knowledge and research techniques in empirical research, you will be able to continuously assess the relevance of academic research for developing countries. 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 International Economics & Development with an open mind. You will be trained to think independently and critically about the way in which you can apply economic insights and methods in your professional field and you will develop skills that will make a difference for your position in the global labour market.

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**More information**

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