Economic Geography

A specialisation of the Master's programme in Human Geography
Nijmegen School of Management

Introduction
The world economy has become more globalised, more integrated and more competitive. In this Master's specialisation you will study the relations between business activities and spatial development in view of a globalising, and increasingly networked world economy. To do so, you will be introduced to mainstream and alternative perspectives on business location, networking and urban and regional development. This is followed by in-depth courses on city-marketing and relational geography, and by research activities focusing on local-global links of businesses, governments and other organisations.

Why should you choose Economic Geography in Nijmegen?
• Broad introduction in location theories, networking approaches and territorial development concepts
• Interdisciplinary orientation: close collaboration with urban and development studies
• Training in analytical approaches to study local-global interaction

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Three specialisation courses (18 ECs)
• Two elective courses (12 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (24 ECs) and a course in which you prepare your Master’s thesis research (6 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Human Geography.

Wessel de Gouw
Alumnus specialisation Economic Geography

‘The specialisation focuses both on regional economic developments and marketing in the global economy with respect to networks of knowledge and provides compressive insight into the spatially varying economic conditions. I especially appreciated the high-level courses and debates within a small-scale and informal atmosphere.’

Lars Paardekooper
Alumnus specialisation Economic Geography

‘What appeals to me about the Economic Geography Master’s is the small-scale setting of the programme with lots of personal guidance and attention of both teachers and fellow students. Moreover, the interactive teaching method ensures a better understanding of the central concepts and theories.’
Admission requirements
The requirements for admission include either a Bachelor’s degree in Human Geography, one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Management, one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Social Sciences or another relevant Bachelor’s degree. For more information please contact the study advisor.

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. Dutch students can apply until 1 September.

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.

The best Human Geography Master’s programme
Radboud University offers the best Human Geography Master’s programme in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the Dutch magazine ‘Elsevier’ special edition ‘Best Studies’.

Career prospects
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Changing perspective
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