In the Bachelor's programme in Economics, you will become an expert in global economic developments and you will learn how to analyse, understand, and, when possible, influence these developments. In the programme you will deal with questions such as:

- What is the secret to German car brands' success?
- How damaging might a Greek bankruptcy have been for world trade?
- What determines consumer behaviour and confidence?

‘Economics is everywhere: from a pint in the pub to the news on television’
Economics does not only involve numbers; psychology, sociology, and ethics also play a role. Therefore, we, in Nijmegen, also look at social issues such as income inequality, the causes of a crisis, and the impact of culture on the economy. You will look at financial choices and decisions that organisations make, and the national and internationals rules that have to be taken into account while making those decisions.

The study programme

The Bachelor’s programme Economics is a three-year programme. During the first two years, you will take courses at Radboud University to gain knowledge on all aspects of economics. In the third year, you will have the opportunity to study abroad for 6 months, giving you a chance to gain more international experience in practice. You will be actively involved in the programme through lectures, tutorials and projects. Besides courses that are linked Economics directly, courses that provide you with academic skills are also included. An example is Methods of Research and Intervention, where you will learn you how to conduct research.

The first year of your studies

The first year of Economics lays the foundation for the rest of your studies. You will learn all the basics of the global marketplace.

The first-year courses are:
- Introduction to Economics and Business
- Methods of Research and Intervention
- Academic Skills
- Statistics
- Mathematics in Economics and Business
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Methods and Integration: Money, Banking and Financial Markets
- International Business Ethics
- Accounting

For a more elaborate description of the courses visit www.ru.nl/bachelors/economics.


You will be allowed to study the track International Economics and Business if you have studied the first year of Economics and obtained a positive Binding Study Advice. In addition, you will be required to obtain a combined average grade of at least 7 out of 10 for the courses ‘Introduction to Economics and Business’, ‘Academic Skills’ and ‘Methods and Integration: Money, Banking and Financial Markets’.

The second and third year of your studies

During the second year of the programme, you will delve further into the various relevant topics in the field of economics. Different aspects of economics will be explained more elaborately, and you already get a little taste of some of the Master’s programmes.

In the third year of the track International Economics and Business, the academic year starts with a semester abroad at one of our partner universities. In the other tracks, studying abroad is optional. In this semester, you have the freedom to compose your own programme. You may want to take up a different discipline or specialise further in economics-related topics. Your proposed foreign university programme has to be approved by the examination board. In the second semester of your third year, you will take three more courses. Besides that, you will write your Bachelor’s thesis, during which you will independently and creatively apply the knowledge, insights, and skills you have acquired to a relevant scientific research topic of your choice. An overview of the programme structure and its tracks can be found in the table on the bottom-left of this page.
A combination of theory and research
Apart from theory, you will also learn how to conduct research. The knowledge gained in the theoretical and academic courses will eventually be combined in the different project courses you take throughout your studies. In these courses, you will conduct actual research on a specific theme.

Does this programme suit you?
In order to start the programme, there are some educational requirements. You are allowed to start in the programme if you are in the possession of:
- A Dutch VWO-diploma, all profiles. Mathematics A or B is required in the case of the Culture and Society profile.
- An HBO-propaedeutics exam, with mathematics A or B and economics at VWO-level.

Why study Economics at Radboud University?
Nijmegen School of Management (NSM) offers excellent study facilities. In addition to rooms for silent study or group discussions, there are many computers to prepare presentations and to work on assignments. These can be found in the faculty’s library, which is equipped with all the necessary study materials. Free wireless internet is available throughout the campus, providing you with the opportunity to study outside and to enjoy nice weather during the summer at the same time.

Our campus is the greenest in the Netherlands. It offers all university facilities, such as lecture rooms, student organisations, a large central library, restaurants and cafés, the university hospital, research facilities, the Student Chaplaincy, a book shop and a modern sports centre all located on one square kilometre.

As a member of the Radboud Sports Centre, you can choose from seventy different sports for just over a hundred euros per year! For those who want to learn Dutch or another language, our university language centre, Radboud in’to Languages, has a wide range of options.

Student life
Study association ESV is the study association for both the Dutch and the English track of Economics. The association has approximately seven hundred members and organises formal and informal activities, such as lectures, company visits, study trips, drinks, parties, and sports activities. As a member, you can join all those activities, and you receive a discount on your study books. Furthermore, Nijmegen offers many sports clubs and student associations you can join, to meet new people and get the most out of your student years. Also, Nijmegen is the city with the highest number of terraces per inhabitant of all of the cities in the Netherlands, and has loads of shops, restaurants and bars.

Costs of studying
Along with student life comes a student budget. You should take into account an average monthly budget of about €900. The exact budget depends on factors such as the rent of your dorm and your personal lifestyle. The average monthly budget breaks down to:
- room rental: € 400
- food and living expenses: € 150
- tuition fee: € 170
- study books and literature: € 50
- insurances: € 90
- contingencies (travel expenses, phone bill, etc.): € 60

This budget applies to students from the EU and EEA countries (including Switzerland), who face the legal tuition fee of € 2,006.

James Kille from the UK
Student International Economics and Business
‘Economics and business are at the core of many day-to-day decisions and processes. Gaining a broad understanding of the field allows you to make more informed decisions. I chose Economics because I enjoy working in a diverse international environment, and the mix of interesting and challenging courses throughout the year constantly keeps you absorbed and engaged in the study. The skill set gained through this study provides a solid set of transferable skills that will allow you to excel at whatever career path you choose. Also, I have learnt to look at situations and problems from a range of varying viewpoints, and now when I see headlines, I understand the economic reasoning and decision process behind them. The classes in Economics are not that large, so you enjoy close contact with your fellow students which provides a great work environment and a pleasant, friendly environment.’
**After your Bachelor’s**

Most students obtain their Bachelor’s of Science degree after three years. You can immediately start working in the field of economics, but most students decide to enroll in one of the Master’s programmes at Radboud University.

**Continue with your Master’s**

The Bachelor’s programme in Economics prepares you for the Master’s programme in Economics, and in case you choose to specialise in International Economics and Business, you also have access to the Master’s programme in Business Administration. Admission to these Master’s programmes is guaranteed after completing the Bachelor’s programme. The seven Economics specialisations are: Accounting and Control; Corporate Finance and Control; Financial Economics; Economics, Behaviour and Policy; International Economics and Business; International Economics and Development; International Political Economy. The Business Administration specialisations that International Economics and Business students have access to are: International Management; Strategic Management; Marketing; Innovation and Entrepreneurship. These specialisations and programmes consist of full-time intensive education, fully in English. You will delve into various theories and methods by writing papers, delivering presentations and commenting on research results and policy documents. The skills and knowledge you will gain during your Master’s studies are useful during your future career. Intense interaction takes place between you, fellow students and your lecturer during your studies, and in particular between you and your thesis supervisor. By completing the Master’s programme, you will earn a Master of Science (MSc) degree.

**Future employment**

Graduates find employment all over the world, at financial institutions, in business and commerce or at non-profit organisations and governments. Depending on your Master’s specialisation, you will work in different fields within Economics or Business. Alumni are working as financial consultants, business economists or managers within the government. It is also possible to start an academic career at the university; many graduates combine research and work at an organisation.

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“Nijmegen is the best you can get: it feels like a village where everyone is friendly. I like that, because it provided me with a gradual change from high school to university. The city felt like home pretty soon. It did not take long for me to find good accommodation. I chose to study International Economics and Business because of its international dimension. In the past three years, I worked with Lithuanian, Russian and Hungarian students for example. When we work together, they have another point of view, which broadens my way of looking at the case. Due to the small scale of the study, you are not anonymous. The teachers know your name and pay attention to everyone. During my semester abroad, I went to Yogyakarta, Indonesia. This experience broadened my mindset and on top of that I learned some basic Indonesian!”

**Visit us!**

You can visit the university during the following activities:

- Open days, where all of Radboud University’s Bachelor’s programmes are presented. The next open day will take place on 25 March 2017.
- Study try-outs, which give you the opportunity to try the programmes for a day. A current student will take you to a lecture and a seminar (depending on the schedule) and he or she will guide you around our campus.
- Individual meeting, to discuss admission requirements and application procedures. You can combine a study try-out with an individual meeting, or plan an individual meeting only.

You can register for these activities at www.ru.nl/bachelor/voorlichting.

**Additional and contact information**

Visit www.ru.nl/bachelors/economics for an extensive description of this bachelor’s programme.

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