Financial Economics

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

Introduction
The spectacular growth of international capital markets is creating great opportunities. But it also entails major challenges for financial decision-makers and regulators of financial markets and financial institutions, as the latest financial crisis has shown. This specialisation takes a close look at the working of different financial markets. Topics considered are bubbles and crashes in financial markets, exchange rate policies, financial innovations, and regulatory measures that aim to minimise the risks that market participants take. The focus is on the application of theoretical concepts in real-world situations. The scope is broad in the sense that courses include 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 sociological and psychological explanations of financial phenomena as bubbles, under- and over-performance of share prices, crashes and crises.

Why should you choose Financial Economics in Nijmegen?
• Broad perspective on financial economics, including behavioural, institutional and cultural aspects
• Excellent reputation in the Netherlands and abroad
• 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
• International and experienced staff with strong networks and links to many academics and organisations

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) with:
• Two courses on research methods and economics as a science (12 EC)
• Five specialisation courses (30 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (18 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Economics.
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. In addition you will acquire a broad 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.

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) macroeconomics, finance and banking, etc. Research methods should include an introduction into econometrics. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/fe.

In case your education background does not grant you direct admission to the Master’s programme, then you can enrol in a one-year pre-Master’s programme. For more information, please visit: www.ru.nl/pre-masters/economics.

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. We will consider EU/EEA applications until 1 July and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?
You can start your application by creating a request for enrolment in Studielink via: www.studielink.nl. The remaining steps depend on your previous education. For more information on the application procedure, be sure to visit: www.ru.nl/masters/fe.

After reading all the information, we hope you are interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation Financial Economics at Radboud University and that we may welcome you in Nijmegen soon. If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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