Corporate Finance and Control

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

Introduction

Corporate Finance and Control (CFC) provides you with state-of-the-art scientific and practical knowledge in corporate finance, reporting and control, focusing on all important aspects of the financial management of a firm. The topics include advanced corporate reporting and governance, firm valuation and financing, the role of global financial markets, and risk management in an international environment. You will be confronted with practical business cases and the latest developments in the scientific discipline. This course allows you to not only understand a firm’s finances, but also to use this knowledge in managing a firm to strengthen and maximise enterprise wealth. The focus on topics integrating institutional and behavioural aspects of finance is unique to this specialisation, allowing you to gain a multidisciplinary perspective on a firm’s most important financial challenges, going beyond most classical study courses.

Why should you choose Corporate Finance and Control in Nijmegen?

• Multifaceted and multidisciplinary perspective on corporate finance, reporting and control, including institutional and behavioural aspects of finance, as a unique element in this course programme
• A focus on methods and state-of-the-art research
• Small group teaching and close contact with professors
• Approachable professors with research and business experience, combining theory with real-world challenges
• An excellent reputation in the Netherlands and abroad
• Studying in the atmosphere of a real student town

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.

Tomas Durlinger, MSc
Financial Consultant at KMPG
Alumnus of the specialisation Corporate Finance and Control

‘The most important thing I have learned is to be (extremely) critical. In order to give sound advice to organisations, you should be able to get a clear picture of how it is performing and what it needs to improve its performance. Of course, the economic skills come in play as well, but it all starts with well-developed academic skills, which will be developed during the Master’s.’

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Changing perspective

• Trained to think independently and with an open mind
• Working with the newest techniques and theories
• Broad perspective on contemporary issues

You will participate in a Master’s programme that will expose you to the most recent academic and practical developments in the field of Corporate Finance, Reporting and Control. By acquiring much needed state-of-the-art research techniques and theoretical frameworks, you will be able to continuously assess the relevance of results 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 multinational corporate finance with an open mind. You will be trained to think independently and critically about the way in which economics and finance can be applied 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 Corporate Finance and Control provides you with the necessary knowledge and skills to become a successful financial manager in large or small corporations. You will be well equipped for jobs such as corporate financial manager, financial controller, or consultant in financial accounting and corporate finance. But also jobs like financial analyst, investment manager, or general manager with a background in corporate finance and control are well within your reach.

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, accounting, financial reporting, 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/cfc.

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/cfc.

After reading all the information, we hope you are interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation Corporate Finance and Control 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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