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

Introduction
Does the use of mobile phones influence economic growth?
Can improving access to clean drinking water increase enrolment in primary education?
And what has a country's age structure to do with its economic performance?
With a broad theoretical basis in international economics and development, supplemented with strong analytical skills, you will investigate poverty, inequality and development-related issues in the low and middle income countries of the Global South.

The programme is unique in that it hosts the Database Developing World, one of the largest existing databases for developing countries.

It offers students the possibility to engage in ground-breaking research on a broad range of development-oriented topics, using advanced knowledge instruments and applying novel visualization techniques.

Why should you choose International Economics and Development in Nijmegen?
• Focus on the problems and potential of the Global South
• Strong comparative and empirical orientation
• Staff members are involved in applied research, experimental research and theoretically oriented research
• Academic developments are incorporated in teaching, and you will actively participate in research
• Professors and students interact in small groups

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, including two specialisation relevant electives (30 ECs)
• Master's thesis (18 ECs)

Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Economics.

Jorien Visser, MSc
Assistant teacher at Nijmegen School of Management & alumna of International Economics and Development

'I have learned the importance of micro-determinants of poverty and I was surprised by the major role of experimental economics in looking at poverty and inequality problems. Due to the Master’s, I am better at untangling all the different perspectives and forming an opinion about the value of these perspectives, when following a discussion about e.g. development aid.'

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*You can follow an elective course from other Master’s programmes.
Changing perspective

In this Master’s specialisation you will be trained to think independently and with an open mind. You develop a unique perspective on contemporary issues relevant for developing countries and will be exposed to the most recent academic and practical developments in the field. With the state-of-the-art theoretical and practical knowledge you obtain and the advanced research techniques you learn to work with, you will be able to 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 political science, psychology and sociology, which will allow you to approach contemporary issues in International Economics and Development with a richer toolkit. 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.

Career prospects

Scientific and societal relevance go hand in hand in this programme. With the analytical attitude, strong empirical skills and broad knowledge you obtain of problems and solutions in the International Economics & Development field, 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 well qualified for PhD positions at universities and research institutes.

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, statistics and econometrics, micro- and macro-economics, etc. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/ied.

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/ied.

After reading all the information, we hope you are interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation International Economics and Development 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.

More information

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Dr Jeroen Smits
Associate professor Inequality & Development and head of Global Data Lab

‘There is great need for economists with a broad perspective on development related issues, with in-depth understanding of determinants of poverty, inequality and economic growth, with the ability to use advanced research methods and data visualisation techniques, and the motivation to contribute to the solution of challenges mankind is currently facing. IED is designed to help you become such an economist.’