International Political Economy

A specialisation of the Master’s programme in Political Science or Economics (you choose between one of the two tracks)

Introduction
Does the growing influence of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRICs) change the way the global political economy is governed? What are the political roots of global trade and finance? Why are the EU countries still struggling with the consequences of the European sovereign debt crisis? Answering these questions requires you to combine economics and political science. In this specialisation you will uncover the economic and political dimensions of global issues and power struggles behind policy choices. We challenge you to not only understand and explain ‘the world’, but to view and assess it from the perspectives of different stakeholders, while understanding the social and economic structures and institutions enabling or hindering them in pursuing their objectives.

Why should you choose International Political Economy in Nijmegen?
• Specialisation taught by economists and political scientists, which is unique in the Netherlands
• You can specialise in a theme of your interest
• Our international staff offers a wide range of expertise, is easily approachable and involve students in their research
• Stimulating, collegial, interactive setting of small groups
• Staff members have an extensive network, with links to international and non-governmental 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, including three specialisation relevant electives (30 ECs)
• Master’s thesis in economics or in political science (18 ECs) (combining is not allowed)
Upon graduation, depending on your programme, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc) in either Economics or Political Science (best programme Keuzegids 2018).

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Professor of International Economics

‘Many international economic issues, being it the euro or TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership), are highly influenced by political decisions. By teaching you the main concepts from both political science and economics we hope you are better prepared for a job in the field of international political economics.’
Changing perspective
International Political Economy at Radboud University teaches you to go beyond the surface of daily news and to disentangle deeper global structures of economic growth and the distribution of wealth and power that underlie today's problems of global economic governance. These problems can concern the position of developing countries as well as the causes and consequences of the credit crisis and the European sovereign debt crisis. We challenge you to not only understand and explain ‘the world’, but to view and assess it from the perspectives of different stakeholders. You are able to understand the social and economic structures and institutions enabling or hindering the different stakeholders in pursuing their objectives. You acquire knowledge of both economics and political sciences, which enables you to approach international topics from different perspectives.

Career prospects
Our alumni have positions as policy makers in businesses, international organisations, political parties, national ministries, market authorities, the European Parliament and the European Commission. They also work as consultants for profit and non-profit organisations and as researchers at think-tanks or universities. In addition alumni are employed by banks and other financial institutions and by the media. This is because our graduates have the competences required by employers, such as sound research and analytical skills, excellent written and oral communication skills, and experience in working in teams and working independently.

Admission requirements
To be admitted to IPE/Economics, you must have a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from a Dutch university, or an equivalent degree from a university outside the Netherlands. In addition, you are required to have at least 18 ECs of completed course work in Political Science, 6 EC of which in International Relations (second year or higher). To be admitted to IPE/Political Science, you must have a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from a Dutch university, or an equivalent degree from a university outside the Netherlands. In addition, you are required to have at least 18 ECs of completed course work in Economics, 6 EC of which in International Economics (second year or higher).
For both programmes you must also have sufficient proficiency in English.
In case your educational 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 details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/ipe.

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/ipe.

The best Political Science Master’s programme*
Radboud University offers the best Political Science Master’s programme in the Netherlands and is officially rated as a Top Programme. This is the conclusion of the 2018 edition of the Dutch information guide ‘Keuzegids Masters’ and the 2017 edition of the Dutch magazine ‘Elsevier’.
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