Accounting and Control

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

Introduction
Accounting & Control aims at providing you with knowledge, attitudes and skills helping you to become a professional in the domains of controllership and accountancy. To that end, this specialisation provides students with state-of-the-art knowledge in the scientific (sub)disciplines of accounting information systems, management accounting and control, financial accounting and governance, and corporate finance. Through practically relevant research questions, you are confronted with a variety of methodologies and methods, ranging from quantitative to qualitative. In the various core courses, papers are selected that address issues of practical relevance and that are published in leading scientific journals. Topics include financial reporting, performance management, control and trust in organisations and networks, organisational and societal impact of accounting and control, accounting for sustainability, integrated reporting, accountability and ethics, risk management, and the role of financial professionals in current society.

Why should you choose Accounting and Control (A&C) in Nijmegen?
- Focus on A&C as social and organisational practices
- Strong visibility of professionals (controllers, accountants and auditors) in the programme, including guest lectures
- Interdisciplinary perspective on accounting and control
- Combination of real-life case studies and scientific papers
- Both quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Knowledgeable, passionate and accessible staff
- Close links with research programme of Accounting staff

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.

Programme

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Suzanne Boelens, MSc
Alumna of the specialisation
Accounting and Control

‘This specialisation also pays attention to the management structure of organisations, a feature I like. It offers insights into people’s motivation for the choices they make within organisations, using this to analyse how to ensure that the right choices are being made.’

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Changing perspective

- Receiving training to think independently and with an open mind
- Assessing the practical relevance of academic research in your professional field
- Broad perspective on contemporary issues in Accounting and Control

You will participate in a Master's programme that will expose you to state-of-the-art developments in the field of Accounting and Control. By acquiring insights from academic papers and advanced research techniques, you will be able to continuously assess the relevance 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 accounting and control with an open mind. You will be trained to think independently and critically about the way in which you can apply accounting and control in your professional field and you will develop skills that will make a difference in the global labour market.

Career prospects

This specialisation provides you with the knowledge and skills required to become a professional in the domains of auditing (accountancy), accounting and control (controllership) and/or financial managers in private or public organisations. As a graduate in Accounting and Control you will be working as a professional for large and medium sized companies, consultancy firms, government and other not-for-profit organisations in the area of financial and management accounting and control. You can also decide to start a trajectory to become a Chartered Accountant after finishing this specialisation.

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, (management) accounting, financial reporting, etc. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/ac.

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/ac.

After reading all the information, we hope you are interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation Accounting 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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Dr Reinald Minnaar
Assistant professor Business Economics

'The Master's Accounting and Control challenges our students to reflect critically on accounting as a social and organizational practice. More broadly, it discusses the societal relevance and impact of accounting. Scientific papers and real-life cases are discussed in small groups. It thereby goes beyond the technicalities of accounting and control.'