

Master of Science in Business Economics

2024-2025

Become a **business
economics** expert
in just one year!



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As an international student, you will have a great time in Antwerp. You meet people from all over the world during the many events that are hosted by the university. This allows you to become part of a diverse but tight-knit group.

Haroon, USA



In brief

Ready to level up your skills in business and economics, right in the heart of Europe? With this one-year Master's degree (60 ECTS), you'll be out making a tangible impact on society before you know it. With this Master's programme, you'll dive deep into cutting-edge methodologies and practical cases, as you explore the most pressing economic issues that businesses are facing today. You'll learn to tackle these challenges with a critical and sustainable mindset. At UAntwerp, you'll become part of an inclusive, dynamic university, that is highly-ranked and has multiple accreditations. By choosing from the 8 majors and the many electives, you can lay the foundations for your future!

In detail

In this Master's programme, you have a lot of **freedom to shape your curriculum**, by choosing a major according to your interests and career aspirations.

You can choose

from the following domains:

- **Accounting**
- **Data Science**
- **Digital Organisation**
- **Finance**
- **Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship**
- **International Business**
- **Marketing**
- **Strategy and Organisation**



The interaction with our academic staff and fellow students, inside and outside the classroom, pushes you to get the most out of your studies.

Nathalie Dens,
Programme director

Besides a major and electives, you also take up four compulsory courses that will improve your ability to recognise and resolve business economics issues.

- **Ethical and Sustainable Business**
- **International Consulting Project**
- **Leadership Development**
- **Strategic Management**

Finally, you will be expected to complete a Master's Thesis Portfolio, which includes a course in Research Methods and a Master's Thesis. This showcases your extensive understanding of the foundations, structures and methodologies that underpin the Business Economics curriculum.

The faculty's AACSB, EQUIS and EFMD programme accreditations illustrate our high-quality teaching and research, placing us among a select group of global leaders in business education. UAntwerp is the only Flemish university that is mentioned in the Financial Times European Business Schools Ranking 2022, being ranked 92nd. The Master of Business Economics placed 87th in the FT Masters in Management Ranking 2023, and obtained an impressive 6th place worldwide in terms of value for money.

Double degree with Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

With this Double Degree programme, you get the opportunity to acquire two Master's degrees in business and economics in two years' time at two top-quality Belgian universities. You also benefit from different teaching styles, get the chance to do a full semester of internship and develop your leadership skills with professional coaches.

In short, a double degree is the ideal stepping stone, as employers favour graduates who are open-minded, used to working in multicultural teams and not afraid to face global challenges head on.

Innovative business city

As a student in Antwerp, you find yourself in the only Belgian city that made it onto the **Financial Times's list of most innovative business cities in Europe**. In 2022, Antwerp was selected by the Financial Times as one of the top 10 growth cities in the world for economic potential. And for good reason. The city is home to Europe's second biggest port, the global diamond trade, a large chemical and oil cluster, thriving fashion industry, plenty of start-ups and incubators, and much more. Plus, you are only 45 minutes away from Brussels, the headquarters of the European Union and NATO. Because of its central location, you can easily travel from Antwerp to other European cities like Amsterdam, Paris or Berlin.



Programme structure

Deciding to **study abroad** is an important decision. So if there is one thing we can guarantee, it's that you won't just be a number at the Faculty of Business and Economics. Our professors and academic staff are happy to help you with any questions you may have. We promise to do everything we can to make you feel right at home in our international classroom.

In addition to a thorough theoretical foundation, ample attention is paid to providing opportunities for applying the theory to specific cases or situations. For example, the course Ethical and Sustainable Business includes a business game, in Banking you take part in a banking game and in the course on Machine Learning, you participate in a data science challenge. Guest speakers and alumni are invited to share their practical-professional expertise. Many of our professors play important roles within companies, boards or international advisory organisations and bring business practice and policy advice closer to students.



Your Master's degree in Business Economics will kickstart your (international) career, as you will have obtained indispensable and highly valuable skills. At the end of the year, you will be able to:

- a efficiently operate in **multicultural** and **international** teams;
- b communicate effectively and persuasively at an **academic level** to professional audiences;
- c **identify** the aspects of ethics and sustainability in business operations within a globalising world, integrating them into a conceptual framework;
- d **chart the interaction** between global societal change and the functioning of organisations, and assess their impact on business decisions;
- e **define the concepts** of specific domains of business administration at an advanced level, and describe the newest developments within these domains
- f utilise your **analytical insights** and methodological training to conduct scientific research and evaluate the results, using them as a foundation for proposing solutions for complex problems.

Curriculum

Compulsory courses	ECTS credits 15
Ethical and Sustainable Business	3
International Consulting Project	3
Leadership Development	3
Strategic Management	6

1 (compulsory) Major	ECTS credits 18
To choose from	
Major Accounting	
Major Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	
Major Digital Organisation	
Major Finance	
Major Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship	
Major Marketing	
Major Organisation, Strategy and International Business	
Major Transport and Logistics	



My study abroad experience at the University of Antwerp has transformed me into a competitive player in the job market with an international mindset.

Cansu, Turkey

Choose	ECTS credits 12
— From the different majors (including the chosen major)	
— From the Master in Applied Economic Sciences: Economic Policy	
— From the offer of summer schools, winter schools and blended intensive programs of Antwerp Summer Winter University, the faculty of Business & Economics or a partner institution (after approval and selection)	
— At a foreign university in the framework of exchange	
— From a selection of courses from the YUFE Student Journey (after approval)	
— Previously obtained credits from a Master's programme offered by the faculty of Business and Economics (upon request submitted through the Helpdesk)	

From the list below

	ECTS credits
— Transport Law	3
— Internship Project	6
— Internship	3
— Sustainability Management	6

Master's thesis portfolio**ECTS credits 15**

Master's thesis	12
Research Methods in Business Economics	3

Total**ECTS credit 60**

Job opportunities

Career development

If you choose to study Business Economics at the University of Antwerp, you will be **fully prepared** to take your first steps towards the job market. During your studies, you will be in frequent contact with the business world through guest lectures, corporate visits, job fairs and a career development track. Students and alumni get **unlimited access** to the Career Center, our go-to platform for vacancies, internships and career-related events in hundreds of national and international companies.

Meet our alumni

After you complete the Master of Business Economics, tons of exciting job opportunities will be waiting for you. You'll have **your pick of positions** in the consultancy, audit, banking and insurance sectors, or at industrial and commercial organisations.

Some of our alumni are consultants, business developers, auditors, and managers at prestigious organisations like Johnson & Johnson, PwC, Deloitte, Atlas Copco and Accenture. Others are doing groundbreaking research at a top university. Or, if you're bitten by the entrepreneurial bug, you can even start your own company.

Over the past decade, **89% of our graduates** have found jobs within 6 months after obtaining their degree. Thanks to them, our university obtained a 168th place in the Times Higher Global University Employability Ranking 2022.

Our Business Economics alumni are working in **39 different countries**, such as Vietnam, China, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Australia and Canada. Each of them making their own mark on the world.



Antwerp is a city that is very easy to like. You'll find a busy nightlife, a historical center, plenty of museums,... There is something for everyone.

Michel, Germany

Orientation year

On average, we see that 1 in 3 international students stay in Belgium to work after obtaining a degree.

As of 2021, non-European students in Belgium can make use of the orientation year. This gives them 12 months to find work or start a company in Belgium, after their studies.



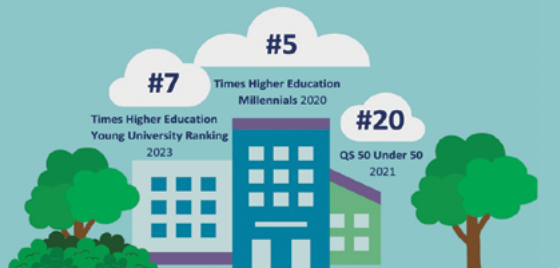
Why choose UAntwerp

Our university is located in the **city of Antwerp**, in the heart of Belgium and Europe. The port of Antwerp is one of the biggest in the world. Antwerp is not just an ancient medieval and baroque city, full of history. It is also a bustling metropolis with a vibrant social scene, impressive architecture and cultural contrasts. Over 170 nationalities live here, more than in New York! This cosmopolitan vibe is also reflected at the University of Antwerp.

First-rate research and education make the University of Antwerp a wonderful place to study and to work. We foster the nexus between research and education. Internationalisation is key to our mission. It is no coincidence that the University of Antwerp is a partner in a highly promising European University Network, the Young Universities for the Future of Europe www.YUFE.eu.

As home away from home to over **20,000 students**, the University of Antwerp prides itself on operating on a human scale. Our faculty and staff will welcome you into top-notch infrastructure on one of our four campuses. While you're here you are also invited to enjoy our vibrant cultural programme, sports facilities and many student services.

The University of Antwerp scores extremely well in Young University Rankings



Testimonial

When I first arrived in Antwerp, in the Central Station, I remember feeling like I was in Harry Potter. The aesthetic of the building is magical. To then get from the station to the campus, is a mere ten minute walk. Five minutes even if you're running... if you're late for class for instance.

What I like about Antwerp, it that the city is very walkable and bikeable. In my hometown, we don't really have a bicycle culture but here, everybody bikes everywhere. And due to the city's central location, it can be a gateway for you to explore different countries in Europe. You're only a train ride away to Amsterdam, Cologne, Paris, London, and so on. I also love that, whenever the weather is nice, you can see the 'Antwerpenaars' having a beer or eating fries in one of the many bars or restaurants. It's like a celebration as soon as the sun comes out.

As I mentioned, the campus is located in the heart of the city. It is made up of medieval-looking buildings with a classical architecture that was kept throughout the years. However, as soon as you go inside, the buildings are surprisingly modern.

In the beginning of the year, the University of Antwerp organizes a Welcome Week for international students. This allows you to get to know fellow-students from all different parts of the world. That week is where I met my friends, who have actually stayed my friends this whole time.

If I can give one final tip, don't be scared of the language. Everybody here speaks fluent English and since it's such an international city, you're not even going to miss the food from home. You can easily find it here. So don't worry too much, just be prepared to have a great time.

Natalia, Mexico



Admission criteria

If you have a **university level** Bachelor's degree in Business Economics, Master's degree in Business Administration or equivalent, you are eligible to start the programme. This degree should be an academic programme. You should have a thorough command of intermediate micro- and macro-economics, quantitative research methods, mathematics, statistics, financial and management accounting, finance, marketing and management.

A number of academic degrees obtained in Belgium or the Netherlands give direct access to the Master. Consult the website for a full overview:

www.uantwerpen.be/business-economics



As an international student, you will never be just a number at our faculty. We take great pride in our personal approach. We will do everything we can to fulfil our mission, and that is shaping diamonds.

Prof. Koen Vandembemt,
Dean

Since the programme is taught in English, candidates with a prior degree issued outside Belgium, the Netherlands or Luxembourg are required to demonstrate their proficiency in English. They can do so:

By submitting a **language certificate** showing their TOEFL, IELTS or ITACE results (the level required can be checked on: www.uantwerpen.be/admission). Students with prior degrees from the United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are exempt from providing a language certificate.

Please note that the Board of Admission may still ask for additional proof of proficiency in English.

A GMAT/GRE test result is to be included in the application. You should obtain an overall GMAT score of 600 + 49 on quantitative part or higher. Alternatively, a GRE can be submitted with a minimum score of 160 on quantitative reasoning + 152 on verbal reasoning.

Students are exempt from submitting a **GMAT/GRE** test result if they have obtained their (business) economics degree at one of the **following institutions**:

- A Belgian university
- A university ranked in the global top 400 in the most recent edition of THE or QS World Ranking
- One of the faculty's exchange partners
- A university with an AACSB, EFMD or EQUIS accreditation

If you do not belong to the category above, but have an academic degree with a (limited) economic or management component, you might have the possibility to start the Master of Business Economics through a **preparatory programme**. Depending on the size of the assigned preparatory programme, you can combine this with your Master's programme. The Board of Admission will determine your eligibility and your individual preparatory programme based on your diploma(s).

Students who are still completing their Bachelor's degree are also encouraged to apply. Applicants that are enrolled in their final year should, instead of the degree, submit a copy of an original and signed letter from their college or university confirming that they are expected to complete the programme at the end of the current academic year.

Please consult the website of the Master of Business Economics for the latest version of the study programme and eligibility criteria.

Application procedure

If you have a Bachelor's or Master's degree from a higher education institution in Belgium, the Netherlands or Luxembourg and you are not required to have a visa, you can apply via a simplified online form on our website.

Candidates who do not fulfil this condition or who need a student visa must submit an online application through the **Mobility Online** tool. Applications for the academic year 2024-2025 can be started in Mobility Online as from 9 November 2023 onwards.

Application deadlines

To submit an application through Mobility Online

For non-EEA * nationals and for students who need a visa: **before 1 March 2024**

For EEA nationals: **before 1 June 2024**

Enrolment deadline

4 October 2024

Enrolments start on 1 July 2024.

The academic year 2024-2025 starts on Monday 23 September 2024.

* EEA = European Economic Area

Member states:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden

ECTS credits

The University of Antwerp applies the '**European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System**' (ECTS) to all its degree programmes.

A full-time one-year study programme amounts to **60 ECTS credits** (30 ECTS credits per semester), which implies a student workload of about 1500 to 1800 hours. One ECTS credit stands for 25 to 30 hours of work including contact hours, preparatory work, study and assessment.



Quick facts

Level

Master

Language

English

Credits

60 ECTS credits

Number of years

1

Tuition fee per year *

EUR 1092.10 for EEA nationals

EUR 5800 for non-EEA nationals

Campus

Stadscampus

Faculty

Business and Economics

More information

[www.uantwerpen.be/
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