

Master of Science in Business Economics

2025-2026



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in just **one year!**



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In the beginning of the year, the University of Antwerp organises a Welcome Week for international degree 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.

Natalia, Mexico

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. During the 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, has multiple accreditations and is praised for its value for money. 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 the **freedom to shape your curriculum**, by choosing a major and electives according to your interests and career aspirations.

You can choose

from the following domains:

Accounting

Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

Digital Organisation

Finance

Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship

Organisation, Strategy and International Business

Marketing

Transport and Logistics



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 2023, being ranked 88th. The Master of Business Economics is placed 87th in the FT Masters in Management Ranking 2023, and has 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 by writing only one Master's thesis. 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.

If you would like to learn more, please visit the programme's **website**:

www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/programmes/all-programmes/business-economics/about-the-programme/double-degree/
or **contact** master.fbe@uantwerp.be.

Innovative business city

As a student in Antwerp, you find yourself in one of the most innovative business cities in Europe. The city was rewarded by the Financial Times for its business-friendliness, connectivity and 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 to 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



I worked on assignments with students from numerous countries worldwide. This allowed me to see different perspectives and improve my soft skills.

Arda, Turkey

Choose electives

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

— Sports Enterprise Law	3
— Internship Project	6
— Internship	3
— Sustainability Management	6
— International Corporate Governance	3

Master's thesis portfolio

ECTS credits 15

Master's thesis	12
Research Methods in Business Economics	3

Total

ECTS credits 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 complete Shape Your Career 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, 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. English is widely spoken in Antwerp, though if you learn Dutch during your stay here you will become a local in no time.

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

Hi, I'm Elisa and I'm from Germany! Here's a bit more about my experience as a student in Antwerp. The city is vibrant and multicultural, you can hear many different languages as you walk through the streets. You can get by completely with just English, but even your smallest Dutch effort will be rewarded.

Hard and soft skills

The courses at the University of Antwerp are interesting and the professors are committed to their teaching. After having attended a year there, you will have in-depth theoretical knowledge, as well as soft skills regarding group work and presentations.

'Terrasjes' culture

The cafes and bars in Antwerp are stellar, especially if the sun is out! They are led with love and offer a truly unique beer culture. Each type of beer is served in its own distinctive glass, making going out an experience. And the Belgians are always up for grabbing a bolleke, the typical Antwerp beer served in a round glass.

Antwerp is truly a diverse, LGBTQ-friendly, and welcoming place.

One last tip...

You can take the FlixBus or the train to Cologne, Paris, Brussels, Maastricht, Amsterdam, and many more, which makes your semester abroad even more international!

Elisa, Germany



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, the Netherlands or Luxembourg 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.

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, ITACE or Cambridge English test 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. Unless exempted, applicants should include a GMAT, GMAT Focus Edition or GRE test result in their application:

GMAT exam with a minimum score of 565 or higher and minimum score of 82 on quantitative reasoning.

GRE with a minimum score of 160 on quantitative reasoning and a minimum score of 152 on verbal reasoning.

Depending on where you obtained your Bachelor's degree, you may be exempt from submitting a GMAT/GRE test result. Please consult our website for the full list of exemptions.

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 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 2025-2026 can be started in Mobility Online from early November 2024 onwards.

Application deadlines

To submit an application through Mobility Online

For non-EEA * nationals and for students who need a visa: **before 1 March 2025**

For EEA nationals: **before 1 June 2025**

Enrolment deadline

Early October

Enrolments start on 1 July 2025.

The academic year 2025-2026 starts on Monday 22 September 2025.

* 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 1157 for EEA nationals

EUR 5800 for non-EEA nationals

Campus

Stadscampus

Faculty

Business and Economics

More information

[www.uantwerpen.be/
business-economics](http://www.uantwerpen.be/business-economics)



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