

RSM MBA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

2026 FACTSHEET



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Accreditations, ranking, and networks

RSM has 50 years of experience in business and management education and is consistently ranked amongst Europe's top-ranked business schools. It is among the 1% of schools worldwide with a 'Triple Crown' accreditation from EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA. RSM is a member of CEMS, the global alliance in management education and PIM, the Partnership in International Management.



International Full-time (FT) MBA Office

The International FT MBA Office is the first point of contact for exchange participants in the RSM MBA programme. Students are welcome to contact us via for information and assistance at mba-exchange@rsm.nl.

Services for exchange students include:

- Assistance with visa and residence permit application via RSM Registrar's office
- Access to grading portal and academic transcripts via RSM Registrar's office
- Orientation day
- Full access to our Career Centre
- Full access to RSM's active [alumni network](#) worldwide
- Full access to Student Association activities

RSM also welcomes exchange students at Bachelor and Master level. For more information, please click [here](#).

Admission requirements & application process

To take part in the RSM exchange programme, a student needs to:

- be an MBA student;
- have a minimum of three years relevant full-time work experience (excluding internships);
- not have had an unsuccessful application to RSM's MBA programme in the past;
- have good proficiency in English language.

Nomination process

Deadline for exchange nominations is **1 May, 2026** (autumn term only).

All student nominations need to be sent by the respective partner school to mba-exchange@rsm.nl by the 1 May deadline.

The required documents are:

- Curriculum Vitae, including full name (as per passport), date of birth and email address
- copy of the personal details' page of their passport
- English language test (please check [here](#) for exemption details)

Language tests taken in an examination centre	Score
Cambridge English scale Exams: B2 First, C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency	169 - 175
IELTS Academic, with overall band score	6
LanguageCert Academic	65
Person PTE Academic	61
TOEFL iBT Traditional and Paper Edition	80
TOEIC (the threshold value must be achieved for both elements) Listening and Reading	865
Speaking and Writing	335

Students who need a Visa or residence permit must also provide:

- proof that they can support themselves financially for the duration of the exchange;
- certified copy of birth certificate in the original language and translated into English (needed for the City Hall registration in case a student needs to stay in the Netherlands for more than 90 days);
- proof of health insurance;
- proof of English language test

This information is subject to change; please check [here](#) for updates.

The visa application is a time-consuming process involving your timely and accurate provision of relevant documentation. Support will be provided by RSM Registrar's Office and the Erasmus University Immigration Team from late May / early June.

After receiving all nominations and provided that all admission requirements are met, RSM will send the official letter of acceptance to the student/school.

Academic content

Dates

Incoming students attend elective courses during RSM's MBA Module 5 which takes place **from 4 September to 12 December, 2026**. RSM is also planning for an orientation day that will take place in September (exact date to be confirmed).

Courses

A full-module course load consists of three electives, providing a total of 9 EC. 1 EC is the equivalent of 28 (study) hours. Each elective includes 18 in-class hours. Students will be able to submit their preference of electives from the portfolio that we offer for our [international full-time MBA programme](#) students. Electives open only to RSM's [Executive MBA programme](#) students are not included in the list of options for exchange students.

Exchange students will participate in the general preference ranking system. To make the course selection process as fair and transparent as possible, we developed a system that allows students to rank a maximum of 6 courses in order to help them secure seats in at least 3 (or the required number) of preferred choices. Exchange students are allowed to take more than three electives if their home school requires them to take more. The maximum number of courses that a student is allowed to take is six. From experience, the majority of the full-time MBA exchange students require an average of three to five elective courses based on their home school requirements. Should a student need six electives, this will need to be approved by RSM's MBA Programme Council on a case-by-case basis.

Language of instruction

All courses are taught in English.

Class information

Class profile

The MBA programme is a post-experience programme. The average age of RSM full-time MBA students is 30 with seven years of working experience. The average age of RSM's Executive part-time MBA students (who may also participate in some electives) is 35 with 11 years of working experience.

Class format, participation and attendance

RSM's MBA classes are a mix of lectures from RSM faculty and visiting faculty using mostly case studies. Guest speakers are also regularly invited. Students can expect to be involved in group-based work; presentations; and in-class discussions. Class sizes vary between 10 and 40 students. Class participation and attendance are reflected in the students' final grades.

In-person attendance of all courses is mandatory.

Courses are offered in different disciplines and there are approximately 30 courses to choose from. Course offering, as well as the tentative schedule, will be published by early summer 2026. Course selection will then commence via an online bidding system. Detailed information on this will follow.

Previous years' courses included Leadership, Sustainability, Strategic Finance and Value Creation, Consulting, Negotiations, Private Equity, Financial Engineering, Innovation Management and New Marketing Strategy in the Digital Age.

Please see Appendix A for an overview of 2025 electives.

Grading

Individual courses will be assigned a final grade using the Dutch grading scale:

10	9.5 – 10	Excellent
9	8.5 – 9.4	Very good
8	7.5 – 8.4	Good
7	6.5 – 7.4	Satisfactory
6	5.5 – 6.4	Pass
1-5	1.0 – 5.4	Fail

Transcripts are compiled by the Registrar's Office adhering to RSM standards and procedures. They are sent to the home school once all outstanding grades have been cleared.

Accommodation

All exchange students must find their accommodation on the private market. While RSM cannot find living accommodation for you, some information and resources to assist you will become available via a student portal. You will receive access to this after RSM has confirmed your enrolment as an exchange student.

Living expenses

To have a reasonable living standard in the Netherlands, students should have an income of approximately €1700 per month. Below is a rough estimate of the monthly expenses when participating in the exchange programme for a period of four months. Please keep in mind that personal spending patterns vary, and so does this indication. Further information can be found [here](#).

Housing	€1000
Food	€350
Miscellaneous	€200
*Health insurance	€150

*All exchange students are required to have health insurance whilst in the Netherlands; however, there is no school-provided insurance and incoming exchange students can choose their own insurance provider. Incoming exchange students will receive access to helpful information via the RSM StudentHub.

Student Services

Erasmus University offers many facilities such as central library, sports facilities, restaurants, bookstore, supermarket, computer labs, group breakout rooms and a charging point for e-bikes.

The RSM International MBA programme has an active Student Association with many student clubs. Exchange students will have access to the Student Association's intranet. Exchange students are encouraged to actively participate in the various clubs.

Visiting students participating in the full-time MBA have full access to RSM Career Centre, on-campus recruitment, career library and resources and the alumni database.

Exchange Partners – MBA level

The RSM International MBA programme has an average of 10 visiting exchange students each year. The international network of RSM comprises more than 40 partner MBA universities and business schools worldwide.

Appendix A: RSM MBA Elective Courses 2025

** Indicates that a course has multiple categories

Code	Course Name	Faculty	Period
Business and Leadership			
BNEG	Business Negotiations (FT MBA Only)	Maartje Schouten & Dimitrios Tsekouras	Weekday
PIPE	Leadership Pipeline	Anders Ibsen	Weekend
LwP	Leading with Presence (FTMBA Only)	Steffen Giessner / Antonie Knoppers	Weekday
STNeg	Strategic Negotiations (EMBA/GEMBA/CR-EMBA Only)	Giuseppe Conti	Weekend
SPM	Strategic People Management	Madleen Meier-Barthold	Weekday
Finance			
EntFin**	Leadership Pipeline	Yu Liu	Weekend
ETA	Entrepreneurship through Acquisition	Wim Hulsink & Alexander Schuil	Weekend
FDM**	Financial Decision Making and Control	Stefan Kramer & Marcel van Rinsum	Weekend
IPM	International Portfolio Management	Connie Lutolf-Carroll	Weekend
MCT	Managing Corporate Turnarounds (EMBA/GEMBA/CR-EMBA Only)	Joost de Haas	Weekend
MA**	Mergers and Acquisitions	Arjen Mulder	Weekday
SI**	Sustainable Investing	Emilio Marti	Weekday
Marketing			
BSOW	Brand Strategy in an Omnichannel World	Jorn Kupper	Cologne
BiBN	The Brain in Business: Neuroscience for Better Managerial Decisions	Alex Genevsky	Weekday
CCV	Creating Customer Value	Aurelie Lemmens & Mirjam Tuk	Weekend
AMSAI	Advanced Marketing Strategy through AI and Analytics	Sebastian Gabel	Weekday
NMSA	New Marketing Strategy for the AI Age	Pau Virgili	Weekday
QPA**	Quantitative Pricing Analytics	Yequing Zhou	Weekday

Strategy			
CM	Change Management (EMBA/GEMBA/CR-EMBA Only)	Bill Collins	Weekend
CSC	Corporate Strategy Consulting	Ruud Kuijpers	Weekday
DTE	Digital Transformation & Entrepreneurship	Detlef Schoder & Christian Schwens	Cologne
DBGS**	Doing Business in the Global South	Carolie Witte & Marijn Faling	Weekday
EntFin**	Entrepreneurial Finance	Yu Liu	Weekend
ESGSP**	ESG Strategy & Practice	Omar El Nayal	Weekend
FDM**	Financial Decision Making and Control	Stefan Kramer & Marcel van Rinsum	Weekend
IE	Innovation Ecosystems	Murat Tarakci	Weekend
MCI	Mastering Corporate Innovation	Birgul Aslan	Weekday
LEVET**	Leading Entrepreneurship and Venturing in the Energy Transition	Guiseppe Criaco	Weekday
MA**	Mergers and Acquisitions	Arjen Mulder	Weekday
NTBD	Navigating Transformative Business Decisions under Uncertainty	Laura Rosendahl Huber	Weekend

Supply Chain / Operations Management			
DBGS**	Doing Business in the Global South	Carolie Witte & Marijn Faling	Weekday
ESGSP**	ESG Strategy & Practice	Omar El Nayal	Weekend
QPA**	Quantitative Pricing Analytics	Yequing Zhou	Weekday
StratS	Strategic Sourcing	Finn Wynstra & Juergen Scherer	Weekend
SSCM**	Sustainable Supply Chain Management	Morteza Pourakbar	Weekday

Sustainability			
ESGSP**	ESG Strategy & Practice	Omar El Nayal	Weekend
FOM	Future of Mobility	Christoph Wolff	Cologne
LEVET**	Leading Entrepreneurship and Venturing in the Energy Transition	Guiseppe Criaco	Weekday
SI**	Sustainable Investing	Emilio Marti	Weekday
SSCM**	Sustainable Supply Chain Management	Morteza Pourakbar	Weekday

CR-EMBA electives (classes in University of Cologne, Germany) - RSM FTMBA, GEMBA, EMBA only			
BSOW	Brand Strategy in an Omnichannel World	Jorn Kupper	
FOM	Future of Mobility	Christoph Wolff	
DTE	Digital Transformation & Entrepreneurship	Detlef Schoder & Christian Schwens	