



## THE RSM MSC EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE OFFERS YOU

- Learning at one of Europe's [top 10 business schools](#)
- A curriculum taught entirely in English
- Global classmates representing 80 nationalities
- A lively and close-knit student body
- Exchange Ambassadors (buddy system)
- Courses from our specialized Master programmes
- Enthusiastic international staff and teaching faculty
- A stimulating and interactive learning environment
- Recruitment events throughout the year

### Websites

[RSM Master Exchange](#) – Academic year 2025-26

[About RSM](#) – a force for positive change

[RSM campus](#) – Woudestein campus

[Studying in Rotterdam](#) – a corporate hub, close to the commercial heart of Europe

## ACCREDITATIONS, RANKING AND NETWORKS



- **Accreditations:** EQUIS, AACSB, AMBA, place among the 1% of schools worldwide with Triple Crown accreditation
- **Rankings:** A consistent ranking amongst Europe's top-ranked business schools
- **Networks:** Member of [CEMS](#), the global alliance in management education and [PIM](#), the Partnership in International Management.
- **Partners:** Our partners, from both the educational and corporate worlds, are essential for bridging RSM's research and education to real-life practice. Our partners help to bring theory into practice and ensure that the work that we do here at RSM remains relevant and allows us to create the positive impact we aim for in the world.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO

- Support in finding [accommodation](#), either on- or off-campus.
- [RSM Career Centre](#), the link to local and international companies for all RSM students. Its' range of services are internship or career focused. The Career Centre furthermore offers a [Career Portal](#).
- [Language & Training Centre](#) for language courses, including Dutch for beginners.
- [Studium Generale](#) for scientific, social, and cultural programmes
- [ESN-R](#), Erasmus Student Network Rotterdam; to enhance academic and social experiences for international students in Rotterdam, providing a wide range of activities like city trips, sports, musical and cultural events.
- [STAR](#), the Study Association of RSM; the largest in Europe with more than 6,500 members. It organises a wide range of events, including the largest on-campus recruitment event in the NL, STAR Management Week, and RSM STAR Case Competition. Membership discount for exchange students applies.
- Buddy-system: every incoming student is assigned to an RSM student (exchange ambassador).

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The academic year is divided into 5 blocks of 7-8 weeks.

Fall: September – December: Block 1 (early Sept – end Oct) and Block 2 (end Oct – mid-Dec)

Spring: Block 3 (early Feb-mid-March), Block 4 (end March-early May), Block 5 (mid-May – end June)

In general, exams are scheduled at the end or, the week after each block of classes. Re-sits, however, take place in early January (block 1), mid-March (block 2), early May (block 3), end of June (block 4), end of July (block 5)

## LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

Teaching Language	English
Duration	<p>Students can participate in either 1 or both blocks in the fall term and 1, 2 or 3 blocks in the spring term. A full year exchange includes blocks 1 – 4 or 5.</p> <p>Students are expected to complete their entire exchange programme at RSM including final exams. Neither exemptions nor special arrangements with teaching staff can be made to schedule exams or re-sits on other dates, times, or places.</p>
Introduction	<p>At the start of each full-term programme, introduction activities are being organized. Exchange students are strongly recommended to participate in order not to miss out important programme information and it is THE day to meet all fellow students.</p>
Workload	<p>Courses are valued with European Credits (EC, formerly ECTS). At RSM, 1 EC represents 28 student working hours which include in-class hours, self-study, group work, reading/writing papers, exam preparation.</p> <p><u>Fall term:</u> The minimum workload for the full term is 20 EC (Block I &amp; II). Because of the demanding and intensive character of master core courses, the recommended maximum workload is 24 EC.</p> <p><u>Spring term:</u> The minimum workload in electives for the full term is 18 EC (Block 3 &amp; 4 or 20 EC (Block 3, 4 &amp; 5). The maximum workload is 18 EC for one block. The recommended maximum workload for the full term including all three blocks is 24 EC.</p> <p><u>Full year:</u> Students staying for the full year (Block 1 till 4 or 5) need to obtain a minimum of 40 EC.</p> <p><u>Short term:</u> Students staying for one block only, need to obtain the minimum workload of 12 EC.</p>
Examinations	<p>Assessments are based on written or take-home exams, progress reports, in-class presentations, group performance and essays.</p> <p>Within some Master programmes there are some courses that are evidence-based knowledge courses where students obtain a pass or fail, instead of a numeric grade. This is mentioned in course information that is shared with the students.</p>
Grading	<p>The Dutch grading system uses grades 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 the highest. Grades are generally rounded to 1 decimal place. Grades with a 0.4 or lower will be rounded down, and grades with a 0.5 or more will be rounded up. Transcripts from students in our exchange programmes will show grades to 1 decimal place.</p> <p>See also: <a href="#">RSM grading scale</a></p>

Class profile	The master programmes are pre-experience programmes, average age of students is 22-25 years. Most students have some relevant working through internships, part-time management jobs, business projects or start-ups.
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#### CURRICULUM:

Courses at RSM	<p>Courses of the following specialized <a href="#">Master Programmes</a> are open to exchange students: Accounting and Financial Management, Business Information Management, Finance &amp; Investments, Global Business &amp; Sustainability, People, Organisations &amp; Change, Management of Innovation, Marketing Management, Supply Chain Management, Strategic Entrepreneurship and Strategic Management. Students can participate in a combination of courses from different master programmes if timetables do not collapse. An exception is the People, Organisations &amp; Change master programme. If students want to participate in courses from this master programme in the fall term, they are required to take all the courses in both blocks. In the Finance &amp; Investments master programme, there are some courses that need to be taken in both blocks in the fall term as well. Students are informed about this in course information that is shared with them.</p> <p>For course information, please see: <a href="#">Course Catalogue</a>.</p> <p><i>Note: MBA students from our MSc partner schools cannot enroll in MBA courses. The MBA exchange programme maintains its own network of partner schools.</i></p>
Course registration	There are several registration rounds to register for courses. Students will be instructed about 1 week prior to such an registration round.
International Consultancy Project	<p>The cornerstone of the Master Exchange Programme is the International Consultancy Project (<a href="#">ICP</a>). The ICP has a workload of 12.5 EC.</p> <p>In a team of 4/5 international students, all with different backgrounds, competences and skills, students work intensively on a consultancy project for 4 months. Both coaches from the university and company supervise the project and the aim is to respond professionally to a real-world management problem and to learn from working in multidisciplinary and culturally diverse groups.</p> <p><b>Open to</b> full term exchange students only. Because of its' professional and intensive character, students are strongly advised not to take more than one course per block parallel to the ICP.</p>

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	
Open to	Students who are studying at our MSc/MBA partner schools and who are selected by their home university. Open to Master and MBA level students.
English requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL (iBT) score of 80+; minimum sub score of 18 for reading &amp; listening, 20 for speaking and 21 for writing.</li> <li>• IELTS 6.5; minimum sub score of 6.0 for reading, listening, speaking, and writing.</li> <li>• TOEIC 800+ for listening &amp; reading AND 320+ for speaking &amp; writing. Both need to be presented!</li> <li>• CEFR level B2</li> <li>• Cambridge FCE/CAE/CPE/BEC Higher 170; minimum sub score of 170 for reading, listening, speaking &amp; writing.</li> <li>• Another English language certificate of a comparable level with comparable (sub)scores.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: we do not accept language statements from universities anymore, unless it is a statement that the entire programme is taught in English</p> <p>For participation in the International Consultancy Project (ICP) in the Master exchange programme, higher standards have been set: TOEFL iBT score of 95+, with a minimum of 23 on all sub scores, IELTS score of 6.5, with a minimum of 6.5 on all sub scores. We do not accept language statements from the partner university for participation in the ICP</p>
English exemption	Non-native speakers whose current study programme is entirely taught in English and native speakers are exempted from the above-mentioned requirements, though this needs to be shown in your current transcript or any other official document.
After nomination at RSM	About a month prior to the student's application deadline, nominated students will receive a Welcome Email with instructions for the online application system, information about visa and residence permit (if applicable), accommodation, academic calendar, and other relevant information to help them prepare.
Deadline application	<p>It is the student's own responsibility to submit the exchange application in time.</p> <p>Fall: May 15</p> <p>Spring: October 15</p> <p>Late applications will not be dealt with unless agreed upon with the partner school.</p>
Required documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed RSM online application</li> <li>• 1 digital passport size photo (jpg file)</li> <li>• Scan of a recent official transcript (or academic report) showing grades, from the first year to the latest results</li> <li>• Proof of proficiency in English</li> </ul>
Information during and after the application process	<p>Students can check their status in the online application system. Upon approval of the application, students will receive at least consecutive 2 email messages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) One with information on the course registration including specific information about the courses, timetables, etc.</li> <li>2) The other with more detailed information on the introduction, arrival in the Netherlands, the Exchange Ambassador Programme, which is also referred to as the 'final Information email'.</li> </ol> <p>The Letter of Acceptance is sent to students through the online application system.</p>

Visa/residence permit	Students with a non-EU/EEA nationality might need to obtain an entry visa and/or a residence permit to study in The Netherlands. If applicable, students can indicate this in our application system which will initiate the immigration procedure. Visa requirements are subject to change. Always check: <a href="#">Immigration   Erasmus University Rotterdam</a> .
Costs of living	The estimated costs for a period of 4 months are approximately € 6,000. These costs include visa and/or residence permit (if applicable), living expenses, health/3d party insurance (mandatory), books, meals & drinks. However, all costs depend on a student's personal spending pattern and therefore costs may vary.

#### NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTNERS

Online Nomination	By email, RSM Exchange Office will send its partner schools instructions on how to nominate their students in our online system.
Nomination deadlines for partner schools	Fall: May 1 Spring: October 1
Application deadlines for students	Fall: May 15 Spring: October 15

#### THE EXCHANGE OFFICE

Your first point of contact and the hub of communication for RSM's network of more than 170 business schools around the world.

Contact for exchange students: [exchange@rsm.nl](mailto:exchange@rsm.nl)

Contact for partner schools:

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#### EMERGENCY NUMBER OF ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM

In case of major emergencies (life threatening situations) affecting our in- and/or outgoing students or partner schools can dial (+31)640847882. This number is not to be confused with the local emergency number(s), which is 112!



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