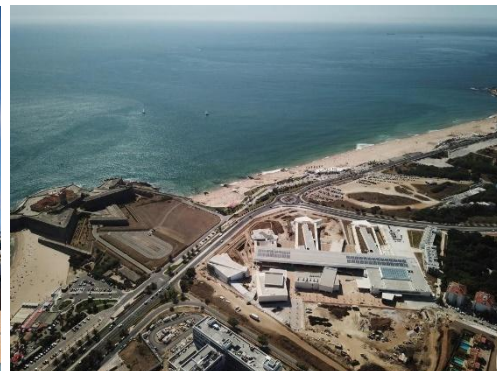


**Information Sheet**  
**Dual Degree Programme UM/NOVA**



**Partner schools:** *Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (UM) and NOVA School of Business and Economics (NOVA)*

**Applicable UM study programme:** *MSc International Business, specialisation Strategy and Innovation OR specialisation Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy*

**Programme duration:** *1,5 year – three semesters*

**Programme structure:** *semester 1 at NOVA, semester 2 and 3 at UM*

**Application deadline:** *1 February 2026*

**PROGRAMME OUTLINE**

Dual Degree Programme				
UM / NOVA				
<i>MSc International Business, Strategy and Innovation OR Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy</i>				
<i>MSc in Management</i>				
School	Month(s)	Course(s)	ECTS	
<b>Semester 1 in Lisbon</b>			At UM	At NOVA
NOVA	Sep – Dec	Marketing Management OR Advanced Marketing		7
		Human Resource Management OR		3,5

		Advanced Topics in Human Resources Management		
		Statistics II* OR Statistics III <i>*In case students do not meet the prerequisites for Statistics II, they are required to take Statistics I (no ECTS) as well. Statistics I is a bridging/preparatory course in August; it is not a mandatory course, nor will it have a grade. However, if students do not have any previous knowledge of Statistics, then it is advisable they participate.</i>		3,5
		Strategy OR Advanced Strategy		7
		Financial Management OR Advanced Financial Management		7
		Research Methods in Management		3,5
		Mastering your Career		2
	Jan	Skills Accelerator		2
<b>Semester 2 and 3 in Maastricht</b>			<b>At UM</b>	<b>At NOVA</b>
UM	Feb – Apr	<a href="#">EBC4042</a> Leadership	6,5	
		<a href="#">EBC4280</a> Research in International Business	6,5	
	Apr – Jun	<a href="#">EBC4267</a> Marketing Intelligence	6,5	
		<a href="#">EBC4106</a> Business Innovation and Sustainable Development	6,5	
	Feb – Jul	<a href="#">EBS4025</a> Writing a Master's Thesis Proposal: IB-Strategy OR <a href="#">EBS4013</a> Writing a Master's Thesis Proposal: IB-Organisation	4	
	Sep – Dec	<a href="#">EBC4210</a> UMIO-Innovate Project	0	
	Jul – Jan	<a href="#">EMTH0001</a> Master's Thesis / Work Project	17	30
NOVA (online)				
<b>Total ECTS credits per school</b>			<b>47</b>	<b>65,5</b>
<b>Overall total ECTS credits</b>			<b>112,5</b>	



Please be aware that the current course offer is subject to change without prior notice.

Participants in the Dual Degree Programme are responsible for getting acquainted with, and for abiding by, the rules and regulations of their host university in a timely manner, especially with regard to examination types, schedules and forms of resits, if any.



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The Education and Examination Regulations (SBE MSc-EER) for the Master's study programmes at the School of Business and Economics of Maastricht University (UM) apply to all Dual Degree programmes. You can find the SBE MSc-EER on the Student Portal (My SBE Intranet), under "Regulations, rights and duties". For courses taken at NOVA the EER from NOVA will apply.

### Fixed curriculum

Please note that all SBE Network programmes (including the Dual Degree programmes) have a fixed curriculum. It is not possible to switch/waive/cancel any of the courses offered in these fixed programmes.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

### Eligibility requirements

- Who can apply: Prospective students who have registered for the MSc International Business in one of the applicable specialisations (as shown in the programme outline above) for the academic year 2026-2027 with start date September.

### Selection procedure

Students can start their application for the Dual Degree Programme with NOVA as soon as they have a valid registration as shown in the eligibility requirements mentioned above.

- Before application: Interested students have to request an application form via e-mail to [dualdegree-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:dualdegree-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl).
- Application: Applicants have to submit the filled-out and signed **application form**, together with a **motivation letter**, **CV**, **copy of passport** and **bachelor's transcript** via e-mail to [dualdegree-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:dualdegree-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl). \*

→ **Application deadline: 1 February 2026**

*\*Note that incomplete applications will not be considered!*

- Selection:
  - **Assessment**  
After the application deadline, the Dual Degree team and the academic advisor will assess all submissions. This process typically takes approximately two weeks.
  - **Interviews**  
Selected applicants may be invited to participate in online interviews. This process typically takes approximately one week.
  - **Results**  
Applicants will be informed of the outcome via e-mail shortly after the interview.
  - **Confirmation**  
Accepted students must confirm their participation via e-mail and pay the required administrative fee within a timeframe of one week.
  - **Nomination**  
Once confirmation and payment are completed, students will be officially nominated to the partner institution in due time.

### Available places

A maximum of **3 slots** are being offered for the academic year 2026-2027.

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

#### **Contact**

Questions or remarks regarding the Dual Degree Programme with NOVA, can be directed to the Dual Degree Team of SBE Maastricht via e-mail to [dualdegree-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:dualdegree-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

#### **Tuition fee and additional costs**

Students have to be registered at UM for the entire duration of the study programme, so even while abroad at the host university. This implies that students selected in the Dual Degree Programme pay tuition fee at UM for the entire duration of the programme. Selected students are exempted of tuition fee payment at the partner school.

Besides the tuition fees at SBE Maastricht, students selected for the Dual Degree Programme with NOVA will be charged an **administrative fee of € 1.000,00**. The Dual Degree Team will provide students with an invoice including detailed payment information and a due date for the receipt of the administrative fee.

**Cancellation:** The administration fee of € 1.000,00 will not be refunded if a student cancels their allocation after confirmation. Only in case of severe personal circumstances, confirmed by a study advisor of SBE Maastricht, the administration fee can be refunded.

At NOVA, students will be charged an administrative fee of € 36,50 (for school insurance, document issuance, etc.), as well as a fee of € 50,00 for issuing the Final Masters Certificate and € 120,00 for issuing the Diploma document (ref. anno 2026).

All costs that come with participation (such as health insurance and visa application, travel and accommodation, study materials and potential fees at the partner school) and other personal costs have to be covered by the students.

Please note that you are not eligible for an Erasmus grant if you participate in a programme for which you have to pay a fee beyond the regular tuition fee, which is the case for our Dual Degree Programmes as they come with an administrative fee.

It is your own responsibility to check with DUO whether you are entitled to retain your Dutch study grant, or “studiefinanciering”, while abroad for the Dual Degree programme.

#### **Grading and results**

As students in the Dual Degree Programme are pursuing two separate degrees, the grades counting towards their GPA are varying from one degree to another. The GPA for the degree from SBE Maastricht (on a 0-10 scale with a minimum passing grade of 5.5) will only be calculated based on the programme components completed at SBE. The GPA for the degree from NOVA (on a 0-20 scale with a minimum passing grade of 10) will be calculated based on all the components of the programme, including the SBE courses. NOVA will convert the SBE grading based on the Portuguese scale follows the directions of the DGES (Direção Geral do Ensino Superior) and the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education. At all times, it is the applicant’s/student’s responsibility to inform themselves about the specific grade conversion both at NOVA and SBE in order to avoid any misunderstandings.

Students in the Dual Degree Programme should be aware that any resits at SBE Maastricht will automatically disable students from obtaining a cum laude distinction for their SBE Maastricht degree.

### **Thesis**

Students in the Dual Degree Programme with NOVA take part in the Writing a MSc Thesis Proposal skills training at SBE Maastricht during the second semester of the programme. After approval of their topic and assignment of a thesis supervisor, students complete the thesis writing during the final semester at SBE Maastricht. Students will also be assigned to a NOVA supervisor who will be responsible for the Work Project process and evaluation on the NOVA side. The deadline for the thesis submission at SBE Maastricht is the start of period 3 of academic year 2027-2028 followed by a defense deadline at the end of period 3 of academic year 2027-2028.

Students should be aware that conducting a Thesis Internship Project (TIP) is not allowed within the Dual Degree with NOVA.

In case students fail to adhere to the thesis deadlines at SBE Maastricht, they have a final resit opportunity scheduled within three months after the first sit deadline. When students fail the resit opportunity, students have to find a (possible new) supervisor and depending on the supervisor and the quality of the thesis, might have to start a new thesis, implying a study delay for which the student has to stay enrolled at SBE.

### **UMIO-Innovate Project**

The UMIO-Innovate project is a consultancy project that will be conducted together with students from other programmes and will be guided by the UMIO Innovate team, SBE's executive education office. It will involve a real-life case with a client. This could be any kind of company or organisation with any kind of problem (i.e. last year the case was a strategy innovation project for SBE itself). See the UMIO-Innovate website to get an idea about past projects: <https://www.umio.nl/innovate/>.

As soon as the project is known, or latest by the end of the first semester in Maastricht, students will have a first introduction session to the UMIO-Innovate project. The project is scheduled to run during the final semester of the Dual Degree, alongside the MSc Thesis writing, which means it will be an intensive semester. Students are required to keep the applicable timeframe free and schedule their presence in Maastricht because regardless of the specifications of the project, it will take place in a face-to-face format operating from Maastricht.

### **Diploma and graduation**

After successful completion of all the requirements of both the Dual Degree Programme, students will be awarded the degree of Master of Science in International Business – specialization Strategy and Innovation OR Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy (60 ECTS credits) from SBE Maastricht and the Master's degree in Management (90 ECTS credits) from NOVA.

Students are eligible for graduation at both schools after completion of all the programme components at both schools. The schools will exchange the needed documents with regards to the graduation process.

In case of no study delay, the actual graduation ceremonies at both schools take place as follows:

- At SBE Maastricht: Spring Graduation Ceremony in April 2028
- At NOVA: June 2028

In case of a study delay, students should be aware that an extension of their enrolment at both schools is required and tuition fees will be due at both schools for the extended period.

**Additional internships/MSc exchange**

Please note that SBE Maastricht does not approve students enrolled in a Dual Degree Programme to apply for or participate in a Master's exchange or an extracurricular internship. Since the Dual Degree Programme already takes 1,5 years, another extension of the programme is not allowed.

**Disclaimer**

Should Dutch government deem a country unsafe for travel (because of sanitary crises, riots or other reasons), UM students will not be allowed to physically go to their exchange destination in that country. This also applies to students in the Dual Degree Programmes of SBE Maastricht. If that would happen, SBE Maastricht reserves the right to cancel the Dual Degree programme for its students and will enable them to continue and graduate in the regular master programme.