

Information Sheet

Dual Degree Programme UM/HEC Liège



Partner schools: *Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (UM) and HEC Liège School of Management (HEC Liège)*

Applicable UM study programme: *MSc International Business – specialisation Supply Chain Management*

Programme duration: *4 semesters*

Programme structure: *semester 1 at UM, semester 2 and 3 at HEC Liège and semester 4 at UM*

Application deadline: *1 May 2025*

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Dual Degree Programme				
UM / HEC Liège				
MSc International Business - Supply Chain Management MSc in Management - Global Supply Chain Management				
School	Month(s)	Course(s)	ECTS	
Semester 1 in Maastricht			At UM	At HEC Liège
UM	Sep – Oct	EBC4018 Strategies & Technologies in the Supply Chain	6,5	
		EBC4280 Research in International Business	6,5	
	Nov – Dec	EBC4016 Supply Chain Operations Management	6,5	
		Elective	6,5	

		<p>→ Students choose one of the following electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBC4038 Cases in Management Information Systems • EBC4079 Consumer Psychology • EBC4181 Entrepreneurial Finance • EBC4039 Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation • EBC4054 Institutional Investors • EBC4044 International Competitive Analysis and Strategy • EBC4270 Multidisciplinary Business Challenge • EBC4048 Organisational Learning • EBC4154 Performance Management and Strategy Execution 		
Semester 2 and 3 in Liège			At UM	At HEC Liège
HEC Liège	Feb – Jun	Management Analytics		5
		<p>Students select one sustainability course from the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Finance • Life Cycle Management • Reporting and Metrics for Sustainability 		5
		Private International Law		5
		Foreign Language		5
		Logistics and Transportation		5
		Process Optimization & Supply Chain. Value Management		5
		<p>Purchasing, Sales and Operations Planning</p> <p>OR (if previously attended)</p> <p>Students select one course from the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investments & Portfolio Management • Financial Derivatives • Consolidation and IFRS 		5
HEC Liège	Sep – Dec	Change Management		5
		Entrepreneurship and Innovation		5
		Quality, Ethics and Sustainability in SCM		5

		ERP Solutions for Supply Chains		5
		Retail and Distribution Management		5
UM (online)	Sep – Jan	EBS4022 Writing a Master's Thesis Proposal: IB-Supply Chain Management	4	
Semester 4 in Maastricht			At UM	At HEC Liège
UM	Feb – Apr	EBC4013 Strategic Sourcing	6,5	
	Apr – Jun	EBC4268 International Contraction and Relationships	6,5	
	Feb – Jul	EMTH0001 Master's Thesis	17	
Total ECTS credits per school			60	60
Overall total ECTS credits			120	



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.

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 HEC Liège the EER from HEC Liège 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 and admission requirements

- Who can apply: prospective students in the MSc International Business – specialization Supply Chain Management

Selection procedure

Students can start their application for the Dual Degree Programme with HEC Liège as soon as they have a valid registration for the MSc in International Business – specialization Supply Chain Management.

- Before application:
 - Interested students have to request an application form via e-mail to dualdegree-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl.
- Application:



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- 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. **

→ **Application deadline: 1 May 2025**

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

- Applicants' motivation letter, CV and bachelor's transcript will be considered by the Dual Degree Team and the applicable Programme Advisor at SBE Maastricht.
 - The applications considered strongest will be invited for an online interview.
- **Results:**
 - Applicants will be informed about the results via e-mail.
 - The accepted students will have to confirm their participation via e-mail and pay the required administrative fee within a set time window that will be communicated in the e-mail with the results of the application.

Available places

A maximum of **5 slots** are being offered for the academic year 2025-2026.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Contact

Questions or remarks regarding the Dual Degree Programme with HEC Liège, can be directed to the Dual Degree Team of SBE Maastricht via e-mail to 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 HEC Liège 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.

All other 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 will only be calculated based on the programme components completed at SBE. HEC Liège will converse the grades of the SBE courses into the HEC Liège degree based on their national grading system, however HEC Liège will not count a GPA for students’ final degree.

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.

Important note: The resit period at HEC Liège is scheduled at the end of the academic year. Meaning that students who fail a course at HEC Liège in the final stage of the programme, will only be able to complete the Dual Degree Programme after successfully completing the resit of such course in September of the next academic year. This implies that impacted students will have to continue to be enrolled and pay tuition at SBE Maastricht until graduation is possible.

Thesis

Students in the Dual Degree Programme with HEC Liège take part remotely in the Writing a MSc Thesis Proposal skills training at SBE Maastricht during the third 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. The deadline for the thesis submission is at the end of period 5 of academic year 2026-2027 followed by a defense deadline at the end of period 6 of academic year 2026-2027.

In case students fail to adhere to the thesis deadlines, 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.

Diploma and graduation

After successful completion of all the requirements of the Dual Degree Programme, students will be awarded the degree of Master of Science in International Business – Supply Chain Management (60 ECTS credits) from SBE Maastricht and the Master’s degree in Management with a specialization in Global Supply Chain Management (120 ECTS credits) from HEC Liège.

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: Fall Graduation Ceremony in November 2027
- At HEC Liège: mid-October 2027

Additional internships/MSc exchange

Please note that SBE Maastricht does not approve an additional (extra-curricular) MSc exchange to students enrolled in a Dual Degree programme after they have completed the full programme. Since the regular DD programme already takes 2 years, another extension of the programme is not allowed.

An additional internship is only possible with 100% study progress. For more information on internships, please check the requirements of the Internship Office in the Student Portal.

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.