

Information Sheet International Triangle Programme



Partner schools: *Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (UM), Stellenbosch Business School (Stellenbosch) and Aston Business School (Aston)*

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

Programme duration: *3 semesters*

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

Application deadline: *1 June 2025*

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

International Triangle Programme UM / Stellenbosch / Aston <i>MSc International Business – Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy</i>					
Stage	Month(s)	Course(s)	ECTS		
Semester 1 in Maastricht			At UM	At SB	At Aston
UM	Sep – Oct	EBC4047 Organisational Change & Consultancy	6,5		
		EBC4280 Research in International Business	6,5		
	Nov – Dec	EBC4048 Organisational Learning	6,5		

		EBC4209 UMIO-Innovate Project (corporate experience)	6.5		
	Sep – Jan	EBS4013 Writing a Master’s Thesis Proposal: IB-Organisation	4		
Semester 2 in Stellenbosch			At UM	At SB	At Aston
Stellenbosch	Jan – Jun	Small Business Academy (corporate experience)		12	
		<p>Two courses to choose from courses below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consumer Psychology (10 ECTS) * ▪ Creativity and Innovation Management (12 ECTS) ▪ Advanced Strategic Management (advanced course) (9 ECTS) ▪ Financial Management (advanced course) (9 ECTS) ▪ International Marketing (9 ECTS) <p><small>* Acceptance depends on whether the course is available on campus because this course is only presented in person.</small></p>		18-22	
Semester 3 in Birmingham			At UM	At SB	At Aston
UM (online)	Jan – Oct	EMTH0001 Master’s Thesis	17		
Aston	Oct – Dec	BNM817 Effective Management Consultancy (corporate experience)			7,5
		<p>Three courses to choose from courses below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BFM223 Sustainability Accounting & Accountability (7,5 ECTS) ▪ BHM 348 Careers and Counselling (7,5 ECTS) ▪ BHM 349 Employee Relations in Context (7,5 ECTS) ▪ BSM 930 Entrepreneurial Strategies (7,5 ECTS) ▪ BHM354 Strategic and International HRM (7,5 ECTS) ▪ BHM356 Workplace Design & Health (7,5 ECTS) 			22,5
Total ECTS credits per school			47	30-34	30
Overall total ECTS credits (depending on which courses chosen at Stellenbosch)			107-111		



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

Participants in the International Triangle programme are responsible for getting acquainted with, and for abiding by, the rules and regulations of their host universities 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 and Network Programmes. You can find the SBE MSc-EER on the Student Portal (My SBE Intranet), under "Regulations, rights and duties". For courses taken at Stellenbosch and Aston the EER from Stellenbosch and Aston will apply.

Fixed curriculum

Please note that all SBE Network programmes (including the International Triangle Programme) 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 *Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy*
- Selection criteria:
 - students who did their bachelor's studies at Maastricht University need to have a bachelor's GPA of minimum 7.5 in the Dutch 0-10 grading system or a B+ in the international A-D/F letter grading system
 - students who did not do their bachelor's studies at Maastricht University need to show proof of:
 - a GMAT Focus Edition score of 565
OR
 - a GMAT Exam score of minimum 600 and an analytical writing score of minimum 5
- Departure criteria: obtained all 26 ECTS from the first semester of the study programme

Selection procedure

Students can start their application for the International Triangle Programme with Stellenbosch and Aston as soon as they have a valid registration for the MSc in International Business – specialization *Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy*.

- Before application:
 - Interested students have to request an application form via e-mail to 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. *

→ Application deadline: **1 June 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 (see *Practical Information* below) within a set time window that will be communicated in the e-mail with the results of the application.

Available places

The number of available slots being offered for the academic year 2025-2026 is still to be confirmed.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Contact

Questions or remarks regarding the International Triangle Programme, 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 International Triangle Programme pay tuition fee at UM for the entire duration of the programme. Selected students are exempted of tuition fee payment at the partner schools.

Besides the tuition fees at SBE Maastricht, students selected for the International Triangle Programme 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.

A fee (EAF) of 8,325 ZAR needs to be paid prior to registration at Stellenbosch University. The EAF consists of the International Registration Fee (IRF) and a Service Fee. Service fees may be utilized for services such as internet, photocopying, printing, washing quota, gym membership, IT services, society memberships, etc. Only two services are compulsory to be deducted from the student's service fee, which is the student card (± R 90), and the Network Availability Fee (± ZAR 600). If you spend more than the service fee allocated amount, you need to pay the outstanding amount prior to your departure. Failure to settle the outstanding amount, will result in your Stellenbosch University transcript being withheld.

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 International Triangle Programmes as it comes 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

The grades obtained at Stellenbosch and Aston will not count towards students’ GPA at SBE and the students’ GPA will only be calculated based on the programme components completed at SBE.

Students in the International Triangle 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 Stellenbosch is scheduled at the end of the semester, shortly after the first-sit exam period. The resit period at Aston is scheduled at the end of the academic year. Meaning that students who fail a course at Aston in the final stage of the programme, will only be able to complete the International Triangle Programme after successfully completing the resit of such course in August. 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 International Triangle Programme take part in the Writing a MSc Thesis Proposal skills training at SBE Maastricht during the first semester of the programme. After approval of their topic and assignment of a thesis supervisor, students complete the thesis writing during the semester at Stellenbosch and Aston. The deadline for the thesis submission is in October 2026 followed by a defense deadline on 31 October 2026.

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 (possibly 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 International Triangle Programme, students will be awarded the degree of Master of Science in International Business – specialization Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy (60 ECTS credits) from SBE Maastricht and an International Triangle Programme certificate.

In case of no study delay, the applicable graduation ceremony at SBE will be the Spring Graduation Ceremony in April 2027.

Additional internships/MSc exchange

Please note that SBE Maastricht does not approve an additional (extra-curricular) MSc exchange or internship to students enrolled in the International Triangle Programme after they have completed the full programme. Since the regular 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 and Network Programmes of SBE Maastricht. If that would happen, SBE Maastricht reserves the right to cancel the International Triangle Programme for its students and will enable them to continue and graduate in the regular master programme.