

# Welcome to the School of Business and Economics



# MSc Econometrics and Operations Research

Applying mathematical methods to  
economic problems

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# Why should you choose Econometrics and Operations Research?

- Be interested in applying mathematics and statistics to economics and business
- High quality courses
- Small group teaching
- Excellent career perspectives
- Use of dedicated software
- Close links to the corporate world

# What will you learn? (1)

Improve economic decisions in business and the public sector

- Apply, improve and develop models based on mathematics and statistics
- Implement the models using existing or newly developed computer software
- Instantiate the computer models with data and interpret the results
- Control for robustness and sensitivity of the model

# What will you learn? (2)

Four specialisations:

- Actuarial Sciences
- Econometrics
- Mathematical Economics
- Operations Research

Also the flexibility to select a curriculum according to your own wishes

# What is the programme structure? (1)

Block	Econometrics and Operations Research	
1	Stochastic Processes	Game Theory and Optimisation
2	Choice course	Choice course
3	Skills Training	

# What is the programme structure? (2)

Block	Econometrics and Operations Research	
4	Choice course	Writing the Master's Thesis
5	Choice course	
6	Completing the Master's Thesis	

NB. The details of this programme could change; before applying, please check [www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/sbe](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/sbe) for the latest information.





# What is the programme structure? (3)

At least three out of four choice courses should be chosen from the list of E&OR core courses:

- Time Series Methods and Dynamic Econometrics
- Life Insurance I
- Life Insurance II
- Mathematical Finance
- Econometrics Methods for Cross-Sectional and Panel Data
- Empirical Analysis of Financial Markets
- Social Choice Theory
- Industrial Economics
- Equilibrium Theory and Financial Markets
- Algorithms and Optimisation
- Modelling and Solver Technology
- Operations Research Applications
- High-Dimensional Econometric Methods for Big Data

# What is the programme structure? (3)

At most one out of four choice courses should be chosen from the list of other Elective courses:

- Capita Selecta Quantitative Economics
- ECB and Monetary Policy
- Growth and Innovation in Europe
- Open Macroeconomics in a Global Society
- Risk Management
- Supply Chain Operations
- Supply Chain Strategy

# Specialisation: Actuarial Sciences

Applying mathematics and statistics to assess risks in insurance and finance

Core courses:

- Stochastic Processes
- Time Series Methods and Dynamic Econometrics
- Life Insurance I
- Life Insurance II
- Mathematical Finance

Skills training:

- Topics in Computational Actuarial Methods
- Writing a Master's Thesis

# Specialisation: Econometrics

Analysis and testing of economic relationships

Core courses:

- Stochastic Processes
- Time Series Methods and Dynamic Econometrics
- Econometrics Methods for Cross-Sectional and Panel Data
- Empirical Analysis of Financial Markets

Skills training:

- Topics in Computational Econometrics
- Writing a Master's Thesis

# Specialisation: Mathematical Economics

Modelling strategic behaviour

Core courses:

- Game Theory and Optimisation
- Social Choice Theory
- Industrial Economics
- Equilibrium Theory and Financial Markets

Skills training:

- Topics in Computational Econometrics
- Writing a Master's Thesis

# Specialisation: Operations Research

Optimisation of business processes

Core courses:

- Game Theory and Optimisation
- Algorithms and Optimisation
- Modelling and Solver Technology
- Operations Research Applications

Skills training:

- Operations Research Software
- Writing a Master's Thesis

# Master's Thesis

- Study a practical or theoretical problem within the track of your choice
- Combine your master's thesis with an internship – this is strongly recommended!
- Support offered via the TIP program

# Research Master: 2 years

- Includes more experience in doing research, both fundamental and executive.
- Prepares for a PhD
- Operations Research variant:
  - Part of the Business Research master
  - Year 1 is very similar to the OR variant of Ect&OR master (master's thesis is replaced by two electives, last skill is replaced by a hands-on research project)
  - Year 2 deepens OR knowledge with courses of the Dutch network LNMB in Utrecht. Master's thesis is 30 ECTS and can be fulfilled through an internship.



# Research Master: 2 years

- Econometrics/Mathematical Economics research variant:
  - Part of the 2 years METEOR Research MSc in Economic and Financial Research
  - Year 1 is very similar to the Ect/MathEcon variant of Ect&OR master (master's thesis is replaced by two core courses of the research master and the last skill is replaced by a hands-on research project)
  - Year 2 is made out of the specialisation courses and electives from the EFR programme. The fourth semester is devoted to a 30 ECTS Master's thesis.

# Is Econometrics and Operations Research right for you?

Have a solid knowledge in bachelor's level subjects which are fundamental for your choice of subjects in the master's programme

# What are your career prospects?

- Top analyst positions in business or the public sector
- World class PhD programmes
- Academic, research and development careers
- Managerial careers
- Banks, insurance companies, policy advice
- IT development, IT consultancy
- Positions that have been reported by our alumni:

<http://scope-vectum.nl>

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# Careers of our alumni

MSc – Econometrics and Operations Research



72 graduates  
Employed in 13 countries



Actuary  
Analytical Consultant  
Data Scientist  
Financial Advisor



MSc graduates SBE Econometrics and Operations Research period 2004-2015

# Careers of our alumni

MSc – Econometrics and OR Track Mathematical Economics



14 graduates  
Employed in 3 countries



Analytical Consultant  
Research Analyst  
Risk Advisor  
Sales Analyst



MINISTRY OF  
FINANCE



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MSc – Econometrics and OR Track Operations Research



14 graduates  
Employed in 3 countries



Business Consultant  
Software Engineer  
Trading Innovation Manager  
Technical Consultant



ABN-AMRO



MINISTRY OF  
FINANCE



Deutsche Bank



Shell

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Maastricht University

# Careers of our alumni

MSc – Econometrics and OR Track Econometrics



67 graduates  
Employed in 14 countries



Business Intelligence Analyst  
Econometrician  
Consultant  
Risk Analyst



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# Careers of our alumni

MSc – Econometrics and OR Track Actuarial Science



18 graduates  
Employed in 4 countries



Actuary  
Consultant  
Investment Manager  
Product Controller



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# Further questions?

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