

Information Sheet Dual Degree Programme UM/Queen's



Partner schools: *Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (UM) and Queen's University Smith School of Business (Queen's)*

Applicable UM study programme: *MSc International Business, various specialisations*

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

Programme structure: *semester 1 at Queen's and semester 2 and 3 at UM*

Application deadline: *1 February 2027*

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Dual Degree Programme				
UM / Queen's				
MSc International Business MSc of International Business				
School	Month(s)	Course(s)	ECTS	
Semester 1 in Kingston			At UM	At Queen's
Queen's	Sep – Dec	Business in the Global Economy		6
		Digital Skills for a Connected World		6
		Global Strategy		6
		Leading Global Teams		6

		Professional Skills Development Workshop		0
		Elective 1		6
		Elective 2		6
		→ Choose an elective from the list below: • International Marketing Strategy • Finance for Global Managers • Global Operations Management • Business and Management in the Asia Pacific Region		
Semester 2 and 3 in Maastricht			At UM	At Queen's
UM	Feb – Apr	Specialisation course 1	6,5	
		EBC4280 Research in International Business	6,5	
	Apr – Jun	Specialisation course 2	6,5	
		Elective	6,5	
	Feb – Jun	Writing a MSc Thesis Proposal	4	
Queen's (remotely)	Jul - Aug	Global Consulting Project		6
UM	Jul – Jan	EMTH0001 MSc Thesis OR ETIP0001 Thesis-Internship Programme	17	
Total ECTS credits per school			47	42
Overall total ECTS credits			89	

Specialisation at SBE Maastricht

Students choose one IB specialisation for their UM degree from the list below:

- Accounting and Financial Analysis
 - Course 1: [EBC4074](#) Advanced Financial Accounting
 - Course 2: [EBC4069](#) Risk, Control and Compliance
- Information Management & Business Intelligence
 - Course 1: [EBC4059](#) Business Process Management
 - Course 2: [EBC4107](#) Business Intelligence Case Studies
- Managerial Decision-Making and Control
 - Course 1: [EBC4262](#) Corporate Reporting and Internal Decision-Making
 - Course 2: [EBC4069](#) Risk, Control and Compliance
- Marketing-Finance
 - Course 1: [EBC4053](#) Behavioural Finance

- Course 2: [EBC4113](#) Financial Product Development: A Marketing-Finance Approach
- Strategic Corporate Finance
 - Course 1: [EBC4053](#) Behavioural Finance
 - Course 2: [EBC4057](#) Corporate Finance
- Strategic Marketing
 - Course 1: [EBC4076](#) Service Management
 - Course 2: [EBC4267](#) Marketing Intelligence
- Strategy and Innovation
 - Course 1: [EBC4269](#) Knowledge, Innovation and Technological Change
 - Course 2: [EBC4106](#) Business Innovation and Sustainable Development
- Supply Chain Management
 - Course 1: [EBC4013](#) Strategic Sourcing
 - Course 2: [EBC4268](#) International Trade and Relationships



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 Queen's the EER from Queen's 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 2027-2028 with start date September.
- Eligibility criteria:
 - Students need to show proof of completion of a university-level bachelor's degree in business with an average grade of 7.0 or higher on the Dutch grading scale¹.
 - Students who at the time of application are in the last semester of their university-level bachelor's programme in business, need to show proof of an average grade of a 7.0 or higher on the Dutch grading scale in that programme at the time of application.

¹ Inquire with the Dual Degree team on the grade conversion in case of a non-Dutch degree.

These students can only be conditionally accepted to the Dual Degree and be nominated to Queen's, however in case these students will not be able to finish their university-level bachelor's programme in business before the start of the Dual Degree, their acceptance and nomination to the Dual Degree Programme will be cancelled.

Selection procedure

Students can start their application for the Dual Degree Programme with Queen's 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.
- 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 February 2027**

**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

The number of available slots being offered for the academic year 2027-2028 is still to be confirmed.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Contact

Questions or remarks regarding the Dual Degree Programme with Queen's, 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, students selected for the Dual Degree Programme with Queen's will be charged an **administrative fee of € 1000,00**. 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 € 1000,00 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 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.

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. The GPA for the degree from Queen's will only be calculated based on the programme components completed at Queen's.

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 Queen's will 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 under supervision of a supervisor from SBE Maastricht. The deadline for the thesis submission is at the start of period 3 of academic year 2028-2029 followed by a defense deadline at the end of period 3 of academic year 2028-2029.

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 both the Dual Degree Programme, students will be awarded the degree of Master of Science in International Business, Open Programme (60 ECTS) from SBE Maastricht and a Master of International Business (60 ECTS) from Queen's.

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 2029
- At Queen's: May or June 2029

Work permit for Canada

It is possible for Queen's University graduates - which you will be after successful completion of the Dual Degree - to get a limited working permit for Canada through the post-graduation work permit. More information can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/about.html>.

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.