

Master Programmes

Full-time | MSc | 1 Year
2027 - 2028



ROTTERDAM BUSINESS SCHOOL
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

Future Makers



Study in NL

Studying in the Netherlands means living in a friendly, tolerant, and open-minded country. These three elements are felt not just on a professional level, but also on a social and cultural level. Rotterdam is one of the biggest cities in the Netherlands with more than 180 nationalities, making Rotterdam and the Netherlands ideally suited for welcoming students who aspire to enrich their international knowledge.

ROTTERDAM UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Rotterdam Business School is part of Rotterdam University of Applied Science (RUAS). RUAS is one of the largest universities of Applied Science in the Netherlands. Currently over 40,000 students are studying at RUAS which offers over 90 undergraduate and graduate programmes. With 12 different schools throughout the city, we educate a diverse student population to enter professional careers, which will lead to working together with people of various cultures in an international environment.

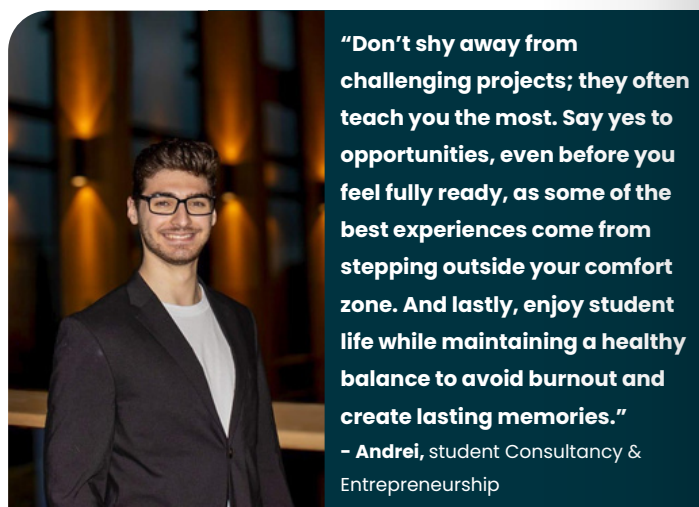
PRACTICAL APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Rotterdam University of Applied Science offers a profession-orientated approach to learning. This is where you will learn to apply the knowledge you are being taught in class into an actual case study or business. It will prepare you for your professional career, we emphasise developing your hard and soft skills over various theories and models. Our lecturers have years of professional experience in multinational companies, and therefore can share their industry expertise. This combination of academic knowledge and practical experiences teaches you how theory is applied in practice through:

- A practical and profession-oriented approach
- Focusing on real-world examples
- Developing skills and competencies
- Solving real company problems

Living in Rotterdam

Rotterdam is diverse in every sense of the word. It is the perfect location to embark on your international study career. Whether your future aspirations lie in logistics, working with start-ups or big multinationals, Rotterdam has it all. Rotterdam is also known for its multicultural atmosphere; we host more than 65 nationalities at Rotterdam Business School. The city is a great environment for students, you can enjoy great culinary experiences, dive into a diverse art sector or go for a bike ride and relax in one of the many parks located in the city.



"Don't shy away from challenging projects; they often teach you the most. Say yes to opportunities, even before you feel fully ready, as some of the best experiences come from stepping outside your comfort zone. And lastly, enjoy student life while maintaining a healthy balance to avoid burnout and create lasting memories."

– **Andrei**, student Consultancy & Entrepreneurship



180 different nationalities living and working together



Home to more than **100.000** students



More than **1.600** start-ups & scale-ups



Biggest port in Europe

Rotterdam Business School

The world of business is experiencing rapid, profound change. This requires professionals with a hands-on approach who can respond flexibly and intuitively to national and international changes. Our students are capable of identifying opportunities and translating them into commercially viable, efficient, and sustainable solutions.

MASTER OF SCIENCE AT ROTTERDAM BUSINESS SCHOOL

At Rotterdam Business School, our master's programmes are designed to prepare you for a thriving future by deepening your knowledge, sharpening your skills, and building your expertise. After completing your bachelor's degree, a master's at RBS can greatly expand your career prospects. Students with an NVAO-accredited bachelor's degree do not need to provide an English certificate.

Our programmes focus on global challenges and emerging trends, offering hands-on problem-solving through workshops, real-world collaborations, and networking with industry leaders.

Located in the dynamic city of Rotterdam, home to a wide range of innovative companies, our strong industry partnerships ensure our modules remain relevant and practical. As a result, our graduates go on to build successful careers across diverse professional fields.

FUTURE PERSPECTIVE OF MSC GRADUATES

93% of graduates employed after six months

70% of international students

Obtain an MSc focused on developing professional skills and competencies

"The practical approach and opportunities to make connections are the best aspects of the programme"

– **Valeriya**, student International Supply Chain Management



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The master programmes' curricula are thoughtfully designed to ensure a balance between contemporary business demands and fundamental knowledge. They encompass essential subjects such as project management and research, laying a foundation for specialised master-level topics. Throughout the program, students develop their personal leadership abilities through immersive experiences:

- Living Labs
- Pressure Cooker weeks
- Real-life company assignments
- Company visits
- Guest lectures
- Alumni involvement

Consultancy & Entrepreneurship



LET'S Entrepreneur-Consult
Negotiate-Lead-Innovate

You have ambitions in Consultancy or Entrepreneurship and aspire to build an international career. The Master in Consultancy & Entrepreneurship at Rotterdam Business School equips you with the tools and experiences needed to succeed in these dynamic fields.

Our programme

The Master in Consultancy and Entrepreneurship prepares you for a career in consultancy, innovation or entrepreneurship. It is a one-year, full-time programme for ambitious graduates who want to solve complex business challenges in a practical and creative way. You learn to analyse strategic issues, turn insights into concrete solutions, and support organisations or ventures in driving change, supported by real-life projects in Rotterdam's hands-on business environment.

Throughout the programme, you work through the full problem-solving cycle: from understanding strategic and organisational challenges to designing, testing, and implementing solutions. You develop a strong foundation in research and analysis, while also building practical skills in stakeholder management, communication, innovation, and execution, enabling you to turn ideas into realistic and valuable outcomes.

LET'S CHANGE

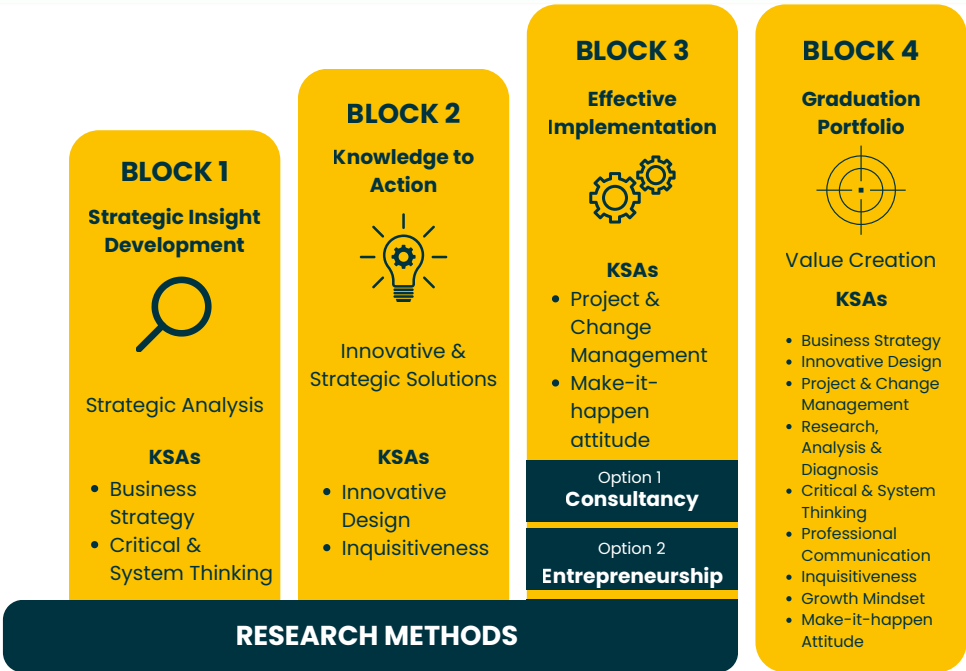
YOUR FUTURE

Graduates perform successfully as Management Consultants or Entrepreneurs:

- As a Business Consultant, you help organisations improve their performance and increase their success. You have a deep understanding of the client in their business environment, are capable of managing change processes and facilitating the formulation and evaluation of business strategies.
- As an Entrepreneur, you will take initiative in setting up or leading a business. You can transform ambitious but realistic strategies and long-term goals to the business operation. The alertness of the entrepreneur leads to recognising opportunities waiting to be seized.



MCE Full time Curriculum Structure



*Subject to change.

International Supply Chain Management



LET'S Monitor-Organise
Optimise-Implement-Lead

Supply chain management is a fast-growing, strategic field, and the Master in International Supply Chain Management at Rotterdam Business School equips you with the skills to lead in it. This programme helps you deepen your supply chain expertise while developing the leadership and resilience needed to drive sustainable business value in a complex global environment.

Our programme

Our intensive full-time, one-year programme is specifically designed to give you the knowledge, skills and attitude you need to excel as a supply chain manager and boost your career. The Master in International Supply Chain Management at Rotterdam Business School prepares you to excel in strategic and operational logistics and advance your career. You will gain in-depth knowledge of supply chains, from core principles to advanced systems, while learning to combine data analysis with strategic thinking using tools like Log Hub and AI-assisted platforms.

Through real-life case studies, collaborative projects, and Supply Chain Living Labs, you will strengthen your problem-solving skills, develop innovative solutions, and enhance your leadership abilities. The programme also explores global trends, innovation and best practices, equipping you to navigate complex supply chain challenges and advance your career with confidence.

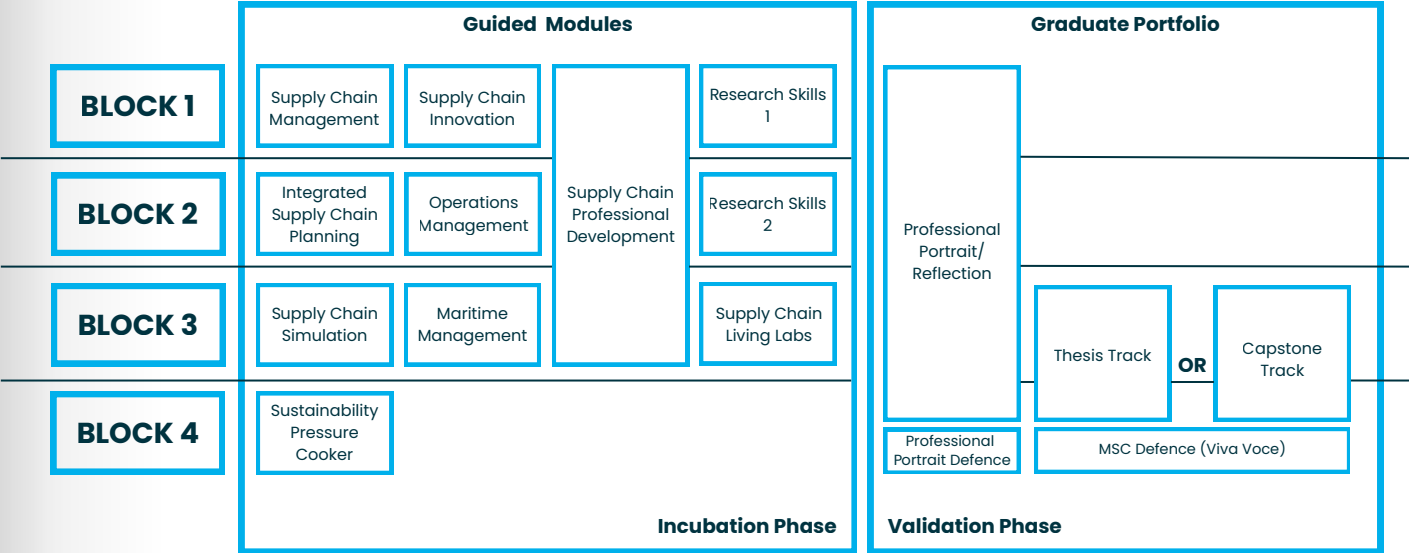
LET'S INNOVATE



YOUR FUTURE

- In the Master in International Supply Chain Management, you will learn to manage stakeholders, from teams to entire organisations, and make smart decisions in a rapidly evolving global market. The programme blends theory with hands-on company projects, giving you practical experience from day one. With a strong focus on intergrated supply chain planning, sustainability, digital transformation, and strategic system thinking. The programme equips future leaders with the tools needed to address modern supply chain challenges and create meaningful impact.
- After completing the master, you will have access to a wide range of career opportunities, from working at multinational companies, SME's or starting your own logistics/supply chain business. The programme is intensive and fast-paced, offering an international learning environment that will prepare you for a versatile career.

MSC Full Time Curriculum Structure



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Sustainability Transition



LET'S Shift-Transform
Design-Catalyse-Steer

Responding to global challenges such as climate change and social inequality, this master's degree provides the knowledge and skills to guide and accelerate complex transitions towards sustainability.

Our programme

Do you truly want to make a difference in sustainability?
The Master Sustainability Transitions (STR) is a one-year, full-time MSc English-taught programme, designed for professionals and graduates who aim to embed sustainability into businesses, governments, or NGOs. The Master programme is designed for curious and creative thinkers and doers who want to contribute to a sustainable future. In just one year, you will earn a fully accredited MSc degree.

This programme combines practice, research, and leadership. You will work on real-life cases from existing organisations, develop evidence-based solutions, and strengthen your transition skills.

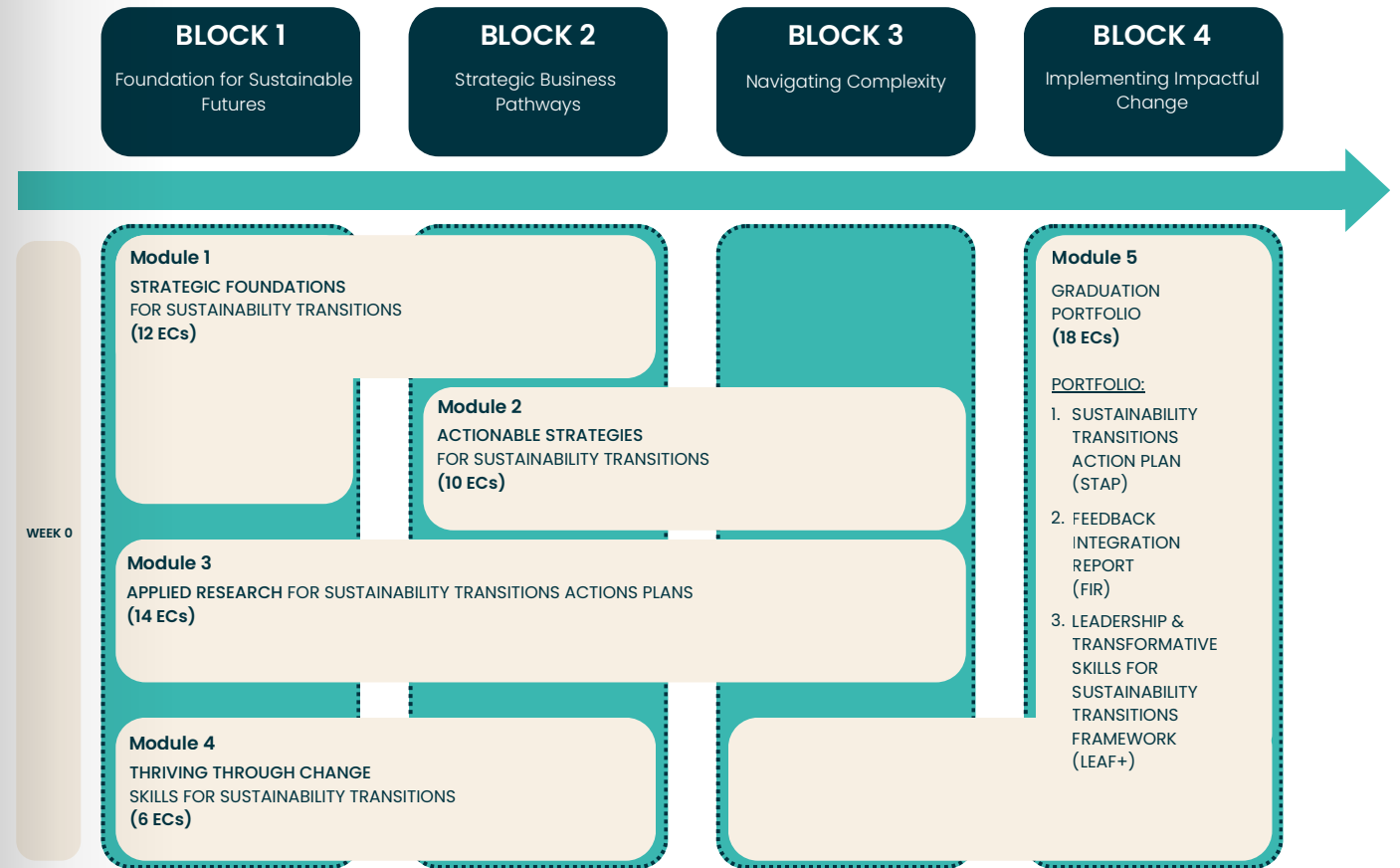
LET'S TRANSFORM

YOUR FUTURE

- Students of the Master Sustainability Transitions will develop the knowledge and practical tools to understand and tackle complex sustainability challenges from multiple perspectives. You will learn how to shape energy transitions, build circular business models, and implement sustainable strategies.
- After completing this master, you will be ready for an impactful career in sustainability— as a consultant, policy advisor, or sustainability project leader. You may also pursue research or strategic roles. The transitions of today and tomorrow need leaders. Are you one of them?



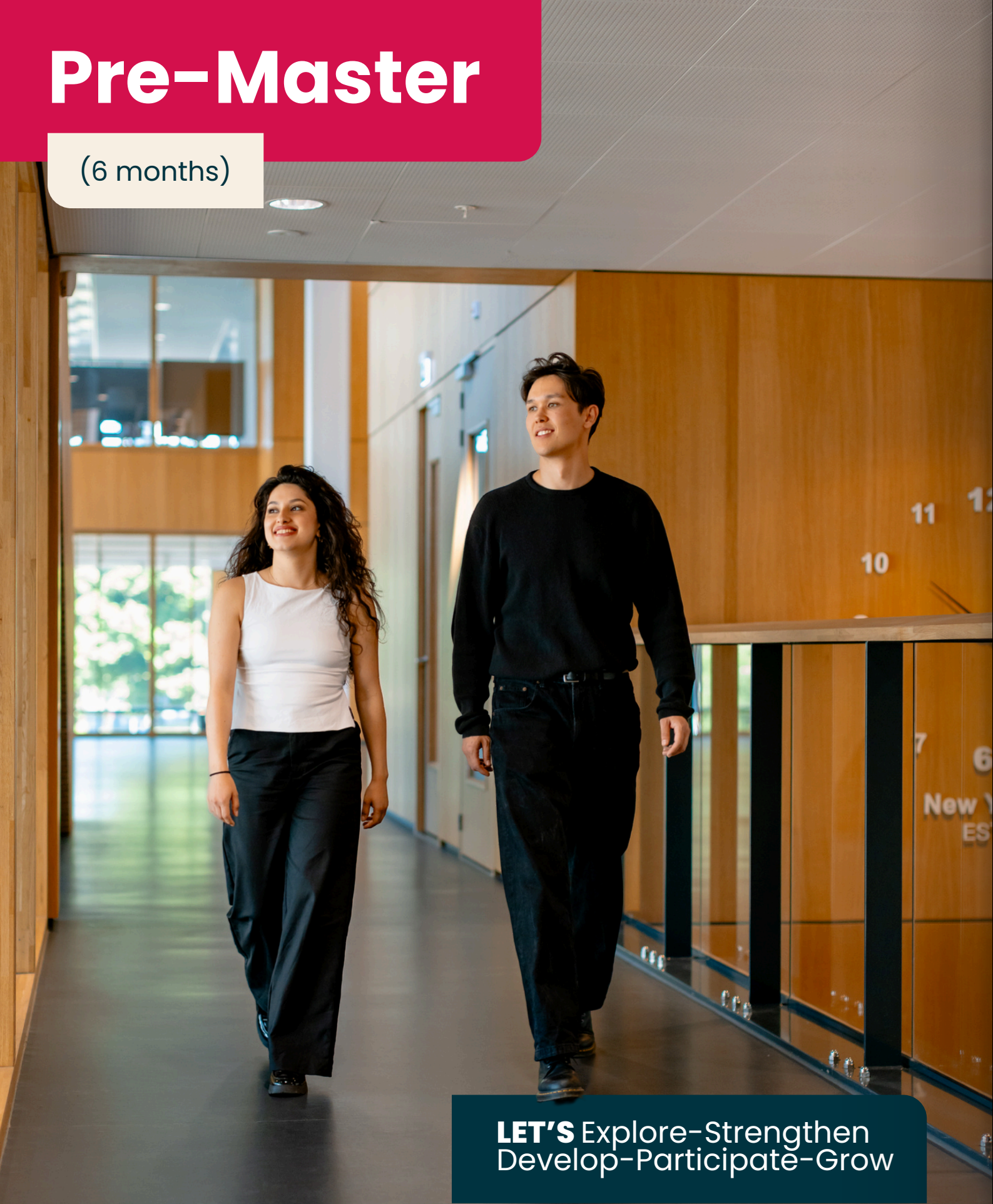
STR Full-time Curriculum Structure



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Pre-Master

(6 months)



LET’S Explore–Strengthen
Develop–Participate–Grow

Rotterdam Business School’s Pre-Master’s programme prepares you for a successful start on the master’s programmes Consultancy & Entrepreneurship (MCE), International Supply Chain Management (MSC), Sustainability Transitions (STR) and Shipping & Transport (institute RMI).

How do we prepare you?

If your bachelor’s degree is in another field, our six-month Pre-Master’s programme at Rotterdam Business School helps you transition smoothly into one of our English-taught master’s degrees.

The programme focuses on four pillars: business management, research skills, personal development, and your future master. You will build essential academic and professional skills while also developing personally, gaining insight into your mindset, communication style, and cultural perspective. Our Pre-Master programme builds on your prior education and brings you to the desired level in terms of content and academic skills. This targeted preparation increases the likelihood of success in the master’s phase and reduces the risk of dropout or study delay.

With small class sizes, interactive projects, and close guidance from lecturers, you will be challenged to think critically, work in teams, and explore your future profession. Upon completion, you will earn an RBS Pre-Master Certificate that gives you, under conditions for STR after a personal interview, direct access to a master’s at RBS or RMI.



Zeynep Mancik
Pre-Master

What is the most important thing that you have learned while studying at RBS?

I gained not only academic knowledge but also important personal and professional skills. I learned the value of feedback, both giving and receiving it, as well as the importance of clear communication and setting boundaries.

What tips would you give to future students?

To students considering the Pre-Master, I would say: see it as an opportunity. The programme lasts only six months, but what you gain from it is incredibly valuable. It is intensive, but also highly educational and enriching. You will develop not only knowledge but also skills and friendships that will benefit you in the future

What are your plans after graduation?

My ambition is to help organisations grow and improve while making a meaningful impact through my work. At the same time, I believe maintaining a healthy work-life balance is important. For me, success is not only about building a career but also about making time for the things that energise me, such as creative activities and spending time in nature. I believe that continuous self-development and making choices that truly align with who you are, are key to long-term success.

What did you enjoy the most about studying at RBS?

The international environment was my favourite aspect. I studied alongside students from many different countries and cultural backgrounds. Everyone brought their own perspectives, which led to more creative ideas and stronger solutions.



Pre-Master Curriculum overview	
Duration: 6 months	Intake: February & September
SUBJECT OVERVIEW	
Block 1 • Research Skills I • Business Project I • Personal Development • Business Knowledge	Block 2 • Business Project II • Research Skills II • Personal Development • Business Simulation • Specialisation master



The port of Rotterdam generates over **500,000** jobs and provides an added value of over €60 billion for the Netherlands.

Explore our master communities

Join a global community of forward-thinking professionals. Stay updated with the latest insights, student stories, and news from our master programmes.

MCE – Master in Consultancy & Entrepreneurship



Ready to expand your network and connect? Scan the QR code to explore the programme, discover student projects, and hear from our alumni.

MSC – Master in International Supply Chain Management



Looking to connect with experts? Or Learn from industry insights, scan the QR code to explore the programme, discover student projects, and hear from our alumni.

STR – Master in Sustainability Transitions



Ready to expand your network and connect? Scan the QR code to explore the programme, discover student projects, and programme insights.



RBS GRADUATES & NETWORK

As Rotterdam Business School is part of Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, industry and the work environment are key. Many of our programmes and the school itself have many links with companies relevant to each field. Many of our graduates go on to have very successful careers in various fields of work. The practical nature of our RBS education prepares students for the working world.



Valeriya Timofeeva International Supply Chain Management

What are your plans after graduation?

My plan is to find a job and stay living and working in the Netherlands.

What did you enjoy the most about studying at RBS?

The practical approach and the chance to connect with people are some of the best parts of the programme. Through working closely with classmates and lecturers, you gain valuable experience while building a strong network along the way.

What is the most important thing that you have learned while studying at RBS?

The programme gives you practical skills that really help kick-start your career. You learn how to apply theory in practice and build confidence for the professional world.

What tips would you give to future students:

Read the material! And you will be at the top! Always ask questions and for help.

Andrei Giurca Consultancy & Entrepreneurship

What are your plans after graduation?

I plan on taking a short break to travel for a few months and visit some of my RBS friends who moved abroad. After that, I'll continue building my company. It's an exciting chapter, and while I'm not sure yet whether I'll be based in The Netherlands or elsewhere, I'm looking forward to seeing where things take me.

What did you enjoy the most about studying at RBS?

I would highlight two things: the people and the vast student life. During my time at RBS, I met inspiring friends, classmates, project teammates, and teachers who helped shape my journey, challenged me to grow, and made the experience enjoyable along the way.

What is the most important thing that you have learned while studying at RBS?

I really appreciated the practical approach of the courses. The challenging projects helped me strengthen my communication, teamwork, and critical thinking skills, while also teaching me how to navigate uncertainty and confidently deliver work I'm proud of.

What tips would you give to future students:

Building connections, your classmates could become future colleagues, collaborators, or business partners, and many lecturers bring valuable industry experience.



PRACTICAL & ENROLMENT INFORMATION

STEPS TO YOUR ENROLMENT

1. APPLY & REGISTER THROUGH [STUDIELINK.NL](https://studielink.nl)
2. Upload your application documents in Osiris Aanmeld. Original documents in German, French, and Spanish are accepted. Documents in other languages need to be translated into English.
3. Within 4-6 weeks of registering you will receive an invitation to complete the next steps of your enrolment, this also includes an online interview for non-EU applicants to talk about your motivation and answer questions you might have. After a positive evaluation you will receive the conditional admission letter. Your admission is finalised after we have received your original documents (payment & visa approved).
4. After payment, we will apply for your student visa on your behalf (only for non-EU/EEA nationalities).
5. Arrange your travel & accommodation (for non-EU/EEA only after receiving the student visa).
6. Supply us with your original documents during introduction week and we will introduce you to the city and assist you with all required legal matters in Rotterdam.

INTAKE DEADLINES

September intake: non-EU: 1 April; EU/EEA: 31 Jul

STR application deadline: non-EU: 1 April; EU/EEA: 1 Jun

February intake: non-EU: 1 Oct; EU/EEA: 31 Dec

MORE INFORMATION

Admissions and the programmes:
Centre of International Affairs (CoIA)

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Phone: +31 10 794 62 51
Chat: rotterdamuas.com/chat

For information or questions related to living in Rotterdam and student life contact coia-studyadvice@hr.nl

ACCESSIBILITY

All Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences locations are accessible. A ramp or lift is available to enter the RUAS buildings. Most locations have special parking spaces. At every location you can find adapted toilets. Do you need extra support? Please always check in with reception so that they can help in case of an emergency, such as an evacuation. If you need specific facilities, discuss them first with a student counsellor. Together with your study programme, you can check what is possible at your location.

SPORT FACILITIES

As a student of RUAS you can use the sport facilities on the Erasmus University campus, which is right next door. Try one of the 50 different sports. More information can be found at erasmusport.nl

STUDENT SUPPORT

The Centre of International Affairs can assist you with several non-programme related matters.

INSURANCE

By Dutch law, all citizens of the Netherlands must be insured. For Non-EU applicants, this is also a requirement to obtain the student visa. EU-applicants need to check if their insurance also covers studying in the Netherlands. Student insurance includes healthcare, liability, legal aid, and household goods.

VISA/RESIDENCE PERMIT (non-EU/EEA only)

We arrange your study visa. Info: rotterdamuas.com/visa

UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING (by SSH)

Rent is between €475 – €715 per month including gas, water, electricity, and internet. Bedding & cooking packages are optional. Reservations are on 'first come, first served' basis. Info: rotterdamuas.com/study-information/practical-information/Student-Housing/

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