

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS

(ACCOUNTANCY)

60 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

WHAT

In the Business Economics programme students become acquainted with almost every functional aspect of the business world: how and why a company is established, how it is financed, how it organises itself administratively, how it produces goods and services, how it markets and sells those goods and services, how it deals with personnel and how the company's management coordinates and steers all those activities. The emphasis is placed on the inside of the business. In the master's programme there are three disciplines that allow you to tailor your curriculum, according to your own interests, and become an expert in one of the three functional fields.

Within the functional field of **Accountancy**, you are trained to start a career as auditor or user of accounting information. You'll learn how to prepare the annual report, in line with the International Financial Reporting Standards, which aims to inform investors, shareholders, employees, customers, suppliers, the government and other stakeholders about the organisation's performance. Based on (international) auditing standards, you'll learn how to check the reliability of these financial statements. The organisation's internal accounting system, as part of the information system, produces important accounting information (budgets, product costs, etc.). Managers use this information to make business decisions as well as to measure managerial performance which influences their behaviour. Management control will teach you how to deal with these different purposes of accounting information. The course programme also covers research methods within the field of accountancy with attention for important academic research questions that are also relevant for practice. Several courses use a problem-based methodology in which students analyse and work out specific case studies in small groups.

STRUCTURE

The master's programme has a **modular structure**. That means that you will no longer be taught according to the traditional semester system. From now on, your courses will be bundled in four modular blocks of six weeks each. You only have two courses per block which allows you to process the content in a more focused and in-depth manner. The teaching methods are challenging: case studies, group assignments, discussion panels, lectures, business games, etc. At the end of each modular block you have exams from the two previous courses. During a modular block you also get interim tests and (group) assignments. As a result, you no longer have exams in January or June.

In the **second semester** you will receive a practical course that fits with your specialisation and in which you become acquainted with the professional field. You will have enough

time in the programme to work on your master's thesis.

Finally, the **master's dissertation** is a very important element. Via that dissertation you can show that you are able to apply the acquired knowledge to a problem independently.

If you want to combine a master's degree with a teacher's degree, then there is the option of following an 'Educatieve master' instead of the above described master. The Master's Programme in Teaching, however is a Dutch taught programme. More information can be found on www.ugent.be/educatievemaster.

LABOUR MARKET

The largest outlet for Business Economics graduates is the business world. We find graduates in every possible position within companies and social profit organisations. Most graduates start their career in the discipline that they choose in the master's programme. After a few years this often shifts. Some graduates are given greater responsibilities within the original field and become a Marketing Manager or Financial Director. Others expand their career within a different functional field or are promoted to general management posts. The broad orientation of the programme makes such career moves easier. A significant number of graduates choose what is called an economic profession: accountant, corporate consultant, fiscal advisor, registered accountant, etc. These professions can be practised as an employee or as a self-employed person. Finally, we also find Business Economics graduates in banks, insurance companies, government services and services close to the government.

Some examples of jobs for graduates in Business Economics:

- Auditor
- Controller
- Account manager
- Digital marketer
- Credit control officer
- Executive director
- Business advisor
- Marketing & communication officer

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TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

1 Rechtstreeks:

- Bachelor in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen
- Bachelor in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: bedrijfskunde
- Bachelor in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: economisch beleid
- Bachelor of Business Economics
- Master handelsingenieur
- Master handelsingenieur in de beleidsinformatica
- Master in Business Engineering
- Master in de handelwetenschappen
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: bedrijfskunde
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: economisch beleid
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: handelsingenieur
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: handelsingenieur in de beleidsinformatica
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business and Information Systems Engineering
- Master of Business Engineering: Business and Technology

2 Na het met succes voltooien van een voorbereidingsprogramma:

MIN 37 SP - MAX 90 SP

- Een diploma van een bacheloropleiding in het academisch onderwijs
- Een diploma van een masteropleiding aansluitend op een bacheloropleiding
- Een diploma van een masteropleiding die volgt op een andere masteropleiding

3 Na het met succes voltooien van een schakelprogramma:

58 SP

- a opleidingen nieuwe structuur:
 - Bachelor in de netwerkeconomie
 - Bachelor in het bedrijfsmanagement
 - Bachelor of Business Management
 - Bachelor of International Business Management
- b opleidingen oude structuur:
 - Gegradueerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie accountancy-fiscaliteit
 - Gegradueerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie expeditie, distributie en transport
 - Gegradueerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie financie-

- en verzekeringswezen
- Gegradueerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie marketing
- Gegradueerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie milieu-administratie
- Gegradueerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie rechtspraktijk

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

- The course is open to students with a least a bachelor degree.
- The programme consists of three learning trajectories. These trajectories should be present in the candidates' educational background in order to be eligible for the master's programme:
 - 1 economics and business economics trajectory: microeconomics, macroeconomics, accounting, marketing, etc.
 - 2 quantitative trajectory: mathematics, calculus, algebra, etc.
 - 3 methodological trajectory: statistics, econometrics, research methods, etc.
- For more information about the required student profile, check the faculty's website:
<https://www.ugent.be/eb/en/degree-students/overview-prospective-students.htm>

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, can be found on the following page: www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements
English: CEFR level B2

The language requirements for this study programme can be found on: www.ugent.be/languagerequirements

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme

studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-science-in-business-economics-accountancy-en/programma

Information sessions

Graduation Fair

afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies

Open Days

There is the opportunity to visit the campus, talk to professors and students, discover the course material and ask questions. Registration will open on May 1st.

24 June 2023

06 September 2023

Enrolling institution

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

Application Deadline (for International degree students)

For students who **need a visa**: before 1st of April

For students who **do not need a visa**: before 1st of June

[Read more](#)

Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: www.ugent.be/tuitionfee

Contact

For students who wish to enroll in this master based on a

Flemish degree: contact Laure Janssens or Frauke Cuelenaere via traject.eb@ugent.be

For students who wish to enroll in this master based on a **non-**

Flemish degree: contact Laura Haek via degree.eb@ugent.be

For students who wish to enroll in this master based on a

Flemish degree: www.ugent.be/eb/nl

For students who wish to enroll in this master based on a **non-**

Flemish degree: www.ugent.be/eb/en