

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS (ACCOUNTANCY)

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## 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 co-ordinates and steers all those activities. The emphasis is on the inside of the business. The Master's programme offers 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.

In the functional field of **Accountancy**, you are trained to start a career as an auditor or a user of accounting information. You will learn how to prepare annual reports, 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 will 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 curriculum also covers research methods related to the field of accountancy, focusing on important academic research questions with a relevance for practice. Several course units use a problem-based methodology, by means of which students analyse and work out specific case studies in small groups.

## STRUCTURE

The Master's curriculum has a modular structure, which falls outside the traditional term system. Course units are arranged in modular blocks of six weeks each. Each block contains only two course units, 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. You sit exams of the two course units at the end of each modular block, but the blocks also

contain interim assessments and (group) assignments. As a result, you no longer sit exams in January or June.

In the second term you will take a practical course unit that ties in 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 dissertation. That Master's dissertation is a crucial element of your training. It testifies to your ability to apply the acquired knowledge to a problem independently.

If you want to combine your Master's degree with a Teacher's degree, then there is the option of taking a Master's Programme in Teaching (in Dutch: '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](http://www.ugent.be/educatievemaster).

*It is possible to participate in a double degree programme with the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen or with the University Clermont Auvergne. In a double degree programme students receive a degree of both the home and the host university.*

## LABOUR MARKET

The largest outlet for Business Economics graduates is the business world. We find graduates in every possible position in companies and social profit organisations. Most graduates start their career in the discipline they chose in the Master's programme, but this often shifts after a few years. Some graduates are given greater responsibilities within the original field and become a marketing manager or financial director, and eventually grow into CMO, CFO or even CEO positions. 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 chooses what is called an economic profession: accountant, corporate consultant, fiscal advisor, marketing consultant, etc. These professions can be practised as an employee or as a self-employed person. Finally, we also find Business Economics graduates in banks, at insurance companies, government services and services close to the government.

Some examples of jobs for graduates in Business Economics:

- auditor

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- accountmanager
- digital marketeer
- credit control officer
- executive director
- business advisor
- marketing & communication officer
- project finance consultant
- M&A analyst
- treasury analyst
- financial controller
- business consultant
- senior accountant
- ...

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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
- Educatieve master in de economie, afstudeerrichting: handelswetenschappen
- Master handel ingenieur
- Master handel ingenieur in de beleids informatica
- Master in Business Engineering
- Master in de handelswetenschappen
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: bedrijfskunde
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: economisch beleid
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: handel ingenieur
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: handel ingenieur in de beleids informatica
- 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:

- Gegradeerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie

accountancy-fiscaliteit

- Gegradeerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie expedietie, distributie en transport
- Gegradeerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie financie- en verzekeringswezen
- Gegradeerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie marketing
- Gegradeerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie milieu-administratie
- Gegradeerde in bedrijfsbeheer, optie rechtspraktijk

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

• The programme is open to students with at least a bachelor degree that consists of the four learning trajectories that are present in Ghent University's bachelor in business economics programme:

- 1 economics trajectory: microeconomics, macroeconomics, labour economics, monetary economics, etc.
- 2 business economics trajectory: accounting, corporate finance, marketing, management accounting, etc.
- 3 quantitative trajectory: mathematics, calculus, algebra, etc.
- 4 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/study-programmes/master-in-business-economics/overview.htm>

- Non-EEA students are required to additionally submit a GMAT or GRE test score, applications without a GMAT or GRE test score will not be processed. EEA students are strongly advised to add a GMAT or GRE test score to their application since the faculty will be granting 8 scholarships to students with outstanding scores on the GMAT or GRE test.

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](https://www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration).

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## 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](http://www.ugent.be/languagerequirements)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-science-in-business-economics-accountancy-en/programma](http://studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-science-in-business-economics-accountancy-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### Graduation Fair

[afstudeerbeurs.ugent.be/en/students/further-studies](http://afstudeerbeurs.ugent.be/en/students/further-studies)

### 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](http://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](mailto:traject.eb@ugent.be)

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

contact Laura Haek via [international.eb@ugent.be](mailto:international.eb@ugent.be).

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

**Flemish degree**: [www.ugent.be/eb/nl](http://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](http://www.ugent.be/eb/en)