MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

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60 ECTS
WHY VUB

VUB education delivers strong individuals, critical minds & world citizens

The Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) offers high-quality English-taught programmes, supported by outstanding research. Being a student at VUB means learning in an open atmosphere of tolerance and diversity and growing into an independent and critical-thinking individual.

All fields of study are offered on 4 student-friendly campuses in the cosmopolitan city of Brussels. At VUB, students have easy access to their lecturers and assistants. Faculty members are available and open to answer questions. VUB is a dynamic and modern university with almost two centuries of history. There are 15.000 students, 21% of whom are international students from more than 120 different countries.

The basis of our academic success

The Vrije Universiteit Brussel was founded on the principle of ‘free inquiry’ as formulated by the French mathematician and philosopher of science Henri Poincaré (1854-1912): ‘Thinking must never submit itself, neither to a dogma, nor to a party, nor to a passion, nor to an interest, nor to a preconceived idea, nor to anything whatsoever, except to the facts themselves, because for it to submit to anything else would be the end of its existence.’

Personal growth with a positive and critical attitude, a sense of responsibility and open-mindedness, these are characteristics that you will encounter in everyone at the university, from professors and researchers to students and staff. It lies at the heart of our academic success.
An evening programme for future managers

Do you have an open mind about management issues and are you interested in cross-cultural interactions in Brussels, the heart of Europe? Are you looking for an additional degree that can lead to a career switch or a promotion?

The Master of Science in Management at VUB offers students with a non-business education the opportunity to study the skills and know-how needed for management positions in an array of global industries and organisations.
Why study Management at VUB?
The Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences & Solvay Business School has its roots in the founding of the Business Engineer programme by Ernest Solvay in 1903. A long tradition of integrating business education with technology was born then and still continues in all of its programmes. Highly skilled professionals with an excellent command of various languages and a good understanding of multiple cultures are needed in national and international public institutions and in multinational companies. As the capital of Europe, Brussels is the perfect setting in which to prepare yourself for such a job.

Academia meets industry
The Master of Science in Management offers Belgian and international students the skills and know-how needed for management positions in a wide range of industries as well as governmental and non-profit organisations. Professors from academia and industry teach you a range of transferable skills including analysis, communication, practicality, intellectual creativity, triple bottom line thinking, ethics and cross-cultural awareness. Particular attention is paid to concepts such as sustainability, economic intuition and vision, required as a foundation for modern management.

International focus
The courses are selected with a multicultural and multidisciplinary audience in mind. This implies that all courses have a broader international focus, meaning the programme prepares you for management positions in varied and complex international environments.

Studying at your own rhythm while working
As the MSc in Management is a one-year programme only taught during the evenings, it is easily accessible for professionals who want to combine work and studies. However, combining a job with a full-time study programme is quite demanding, so we have developed a number of attractive options, with scenarios for spreading the preparatory programme and master over two or three years. It means you can adapt your study to your professional and private life. Ask our study counsellor for more information on spreading out your programme.

More time and preparation for your thesis
In the MSc in Management programme you will get more preparation time and guidance to work on your Master thesis. As the second semester examinations are scheduled in April (following the spring break), there will be no courses taught in the last weeks of the academic year. This way you will have ample time — up to two or three more months — to finalise your thesis. The faculty has also invested in additional human resources to support you throughout this process.
The master programme consists of 60 ECTS and offers a wide view of the field of business and economics. The courses include Accounting, Finance, Informatics, Strategy, Human Resources Management, Marketing, Supply Chain Management and a Master thesis. There is a strong focus on developing analytical skills through a variety of courses providing interactive exercises and group works, such as business games.

The preparatory programme is obligatory for all students (except those with a Master in Engineering with a minor in business) and can be combined with the master programme within the same academic year. It contains of 18 ECTS for Academic Masters or 21 ECTS for Academic Bachelors.

The programme is subject to change. Check [www.vub.ac.be/en](http://www.vub.ac.be/en) for the latest information about the programme.

ECTS (European Credit Transfer System): 1 credit represents 25-30 hours of study activity.
TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL...

... IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC HEART OF THE EU

Studying Management in Brussels — a city boasting many political institutions and the European or global headquarters of multinational companies — opens up a world of opportunities for your career. The population of Brussels is cosmopolitan and multilingual, with the city being a political and economic decision-making centre. The MSc in Management has a very strong connection with those companies and organisations in Brussels: many master courses organise lectures by high-profile industry leaders from companies like Oracle and Toyota, who share their management wisdom with the students.

We are able to create an interaction between academia and experienced members of society and business, thanks to our University’s Fellowship programme. These are exceptional people such as top-level executive officers, visionary politicians or decision-makers. They organise guest lectures based on their expertise and competences, give guidance on master’s dissertations, provide research data and offer or support internships.

Although internships are not part of the programme, the international business context of Brussels offers many internship opportunities for non-working students. Our Career Centre helps them in their search for non-credited internships, with professional guidance.
“Students of the MSc in Management have the most interesting backgrounds, from engineering, to pharmacy, archaeology, sociology... anything you can imagine! Not to mention more than 50 nationalities that enrich the experience in the classroom enormously. The fact that the programme is designed for non-financial professionals only improves the learning methods, not leaving aside the financial aspects of management. Being a psychology professional myself, I found this programme crucial to seeing the bigger picture in the organisation and its context.”

“If you take up this master, be ready to study hard, but also prepare to pick some very smart and interesting brains. Professors encourage students to question what is being taught and they appreciate being challenged intellectually; you will only get out from class what you bring into it.”

M. Renee Barreal (Bolivia)
Alumna MSc in Management
ADMISSION CRITERIA
Admission is based on the review of each application: proof of meeting academic and language requirements, personal motivation, etc.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
Prospective students can provide proof of sufficient knowledge of English as language of instruction by meeting one of the following criteria:

- having successfully completed one of the following language proficiency tests:
  - TOEFL: minimum level: 213 for the computer-based test (CBT); 80 for the internet-based test (IBT); 550 for paper-based test
  - TOEIC: minimum level: 785
  - IELTS: minimum level: academic module 6.5
  - CAE: minimum grade B
  - CPE: minimum grade C
  - ITACE for Students certificate with ERK/CEFR score B2
  - Cambridge English First (FCE)
  - Cambridge English: Business Vantage (BEC Vantage)
  - Cambridge Michigan ECCE
  - Trinity College London: ISE II, GESE Grade 7-9; or ALTE Q mark
  - The Pearson Test of English General (PTE General): minimum level 3
  - The Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic): minimum level 59
- having successfully completed at least one year of secondary education with English as language of instruction, or having successfully completed secondary school in a Belgian institution;
- having successfully completed programme units in higher education with a minimum of 54 ECTS-credits where English was the language of instruction.

For more details on admission requirements and application: www.vub.ac.be/en/apply

DIRECT ADMISSION
BSc in Ingenieurswetenschappen, nevenrichting Bedrijfsbeheer (Applied Sciences and Engineering with minor in Business Management) from a Flemish institution (or an equivalent degree).
Academic pre-master Strategic Business Management and Marketing granted by NHTV (Nationale Hogeschool voor Toerisme en Verkeer) Internationaal Hoger Onderwijs Breda.

ADMISSION THROUGH A PREPARATORY PROGRAMME OF 21 OR 18 ECTS
All non-business university degrees, equivalent to a Flemish academic Bachelor (consisting of a programme taking at least three years of study (180 ECTS) in an academic curriculum) or a Master degree.

NO ADMISSION
Candidates with a degree equivalent to a Bachelor or a Master in Business, Management or in Business Economics related fields.

Application deadline
Prospective students are advised to apply as soon as possible, even if they have not yet obtained their degree. Applications can only be submitted through our website www.vub.ac.be/en/apply
- All students need to apply before June 1st
- Note: if the proof of English proficiency or APS certificate is not ready before the deadline, you can always submit it later instead of missing the deadline

Tuition fees
All Flemish universities in Belgium are subsidised by the government, which results in relatively low tuition fees. The general tuition fee for our master programmes is €890/year. Some master programmes have an increased tuition fee for students with a non EU/EEA nationality. A detailed overview of the tuition fees can be found on: www.vub.ac.be/en/tuition-fees

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