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# Welcome



# FEB Pre-Master Programmes



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# 1. What is a Pre-Master Programme?

Pre-Master programmes are designed for **students who need to meet the requirements for entry** into one of our Master of Science programmes.

Pre-Master programmes are NOT degree programmes, so you do not get a degree or a diploma.

Upon successful completion, you can enrol in the corresponding Master's programme.





HBO = University of Applied Sciences

WO = Research University





## 2. Our Pre-Master Programmes

**For HBO  
 students**

14  
 programmes

**Specific HBO-A&C**

2 programmes

**For WO  
 students and  
 international  
 degrees**

14  
 programmes  
 plus  
 EORAS

## HBO 30/45 EC

- **Marketing**
- **Business Administration**
  - Change Management
  - Health
  - Management Accounting & Control
  - Small Business & Entrepreneurship
  - Strategic Innovation Management
- **Human Resource Management**
- **International Business & Management**
- **International Economics and Sustainable Development**
- **International Financial Management**
- **Supply Chain Management / Technology & Operations Management**

45 EC

- **Finance**

60 EC

- **Economics for HBO**

30 EC for 'related' HBO background, see admissions table 30 EC

## 30 EC Specific HBO-A&C

### Accountancy & Control (A&C)

- For HBO-Accountancy
- For HBO Finance & Control (NL elective)

Reduced from 60 to 30 EC in '25-'26

## WO & int'l diploma 45 EC (minus exemptions)

- **Marketing**
- **Business Administration**
  - Change Management
  - Health
  - Management Accounting & Control
  - Small Business & Entrepreneurship
  - Strategic Innovation Management
- **Human Resource Management**
- **International Business & Management**
- **International Economics and Sustainable Development**
- **International Financial Management**
- **Supply Chain Management / Technology & Operations Management**
- **Finance**

60 EC (minus exemptions)

- **Accountancy & Control**
- **EORAS (Econometrics, Operations Research & Actuarial Studies)**

NOT for BDK or IB, NOT for HBO

## Tailor made

Economics



# Our 30 or 45 EC Pre-Master Programmes for HBO

## 30 or 45 EC

- **Marketing**
- **Business Administration:**
  - Change Management
  - Health
  - Management Accounting & Control
  - Small Business & Entrepreneurship
  - Strategic Innovation Management
- **Human Resource Management**
- **International Business & Management**
- **International Economics and Sustainable Development**
- **International Financial Management**
- **Supply Chain Management / Technology & Operations Management**

These are NEW programmes (since 2022) containing:

- **15 EC general academic courses (methods)**
- **15 or 30 EC Master specific courses**

Two variants:

- ✓ 30 EC package is for students from a specific list of **related DUTCH HBO** programmes
- ✓ 45 EC package is for all other HBO students

Example of programme		
Semester	Course	EC
1	Research Skills for Pre-MSc	5
1	Statistics for Pre-MSc	5
1	Research Paper for Pre-MSc	5
1/2	Master specific courses	15-30

**September intake only! February Master inflow only for 'very good' 30 EC students**





## Our 45 EC and 60 EC Pre-Master Programmes for HBO

### 45 EC

- Finance

### 60 EC

- Accountancy & Control
- Economics for HBO

The same programme for  
 ALL HBO backgrounds

These are NEW programmes containing:

- 15 EC general academic courses
- 30 or 45 EC Master specific courses

Example of 45 EC programme		
Semester	Course	EC
1	Research Skills for Pre-MSc	5
1	Statistics for Pre-MSc	5
1	Research Paper for Pre-MSc	5
1/2	Master specific courses	15-30

Example of 60 EC programme		
Semester	Course	EC
1	See OCASYS.rug.nl	30
2	See OCACYS.rug.nl	30

**September intake only!**



## Specific 30/60 EC Pre-Master Programmes A&C for HBO

### 30 EC Specific HBO-A&C

#### Accountancy & Control (A&C)

- For HBO-Accountancy
- For HBO Finance & Control (NL elective)

### Accountancy & Controlling

For HBO-Accountancy, 30 EC:

MSc A&C starts in February

For HBO-BE (partly in Dutch), 30 EC

MSc A&C starts in February

Example of programme		
Semester	Course	EC
1	Research Skills for Pre-MSc	5
1	Statistics for Pre-MSc	5
1	Research Paper for Pre-MSc	5
1/2	Master specific courses	15-45

**September intake only!**



## Our Pre-Master Programmes for WO & international diplomas

### WO & int'l diploma 45 EC (minus exemptions)

- Marketing
- Business Administration
  - Change Management
  - Health
  - Management Accounting & Control
  - Small Business & Entrepreneurship
  - Strategic Innovation Management
- Human Resource Management
- International Business & Management
- International Financial Management
- Supply Chain Management /  
Technology & Operations Management
- International Economics and Sustainable Development
- Finance

### 60 EC (minus exemptions)

- Accountancy & Control
- EORAS (Econometrics, Operations Research & Actuarial Studies)

### Tailor made

- Economics

### NEW programmes (since 2023) containing:

- 15 EC **general academic** courses, plus
- 30 or 45 EC **Master specific** courses

Or

- tailor made for Economics

Or

- 60 EC broad quantitative deficiency package for Econometrics, Operations Research and Actuarial Studies (EORAS); only for students with WO-BSc with a large mathematical component.

45 EC packages **usually smaller** because of exemptions based on WO background, e.g.:

- Statistics
- Research Skills
- Research Paper

Exemptions are individual-based and awarded **BEFORE** the start of the programme

**September intake only!**



## Unique in Groningen:

- Students with **EVERY HBO or WO** background can do a Pre-Master Programme at FEB to get entry to **ANY MASTER** programme, except EORAS.

This means:

- Our pre-masters are selective: about 70% of the Pre-Master students successfully enter the Master.
- But once in the Master, our Pre-Master student perform slightly better than ‘other’ Master students.



**September intake only!**





## Mathematics: an important basic skill for masters in Economics & Business

There are 3 options:

1. Mathematics **is included** in the programme at **VWO+** level (Finance, IFM, SCM/TOM, ECON, EORAS)
2. Mathematics **is NOT included** in the programme and not required for the master (A&C specific HBO programmes)
3. Mathematics **is NOT included** in the programme, but is needed for some Pre-MSc and our MSc courses (all other programmes)

No recent mathematics experience? Prepare yourself by doing the FEB Summer or Spring Mathematics course! Strongly advised for Economics for HBO

*For option 1 & 3: we expect adequate math levels when you start the Pre-Master, final regulations for each Pre-MSc programme are still under development (check the website in February)*







### 3. Admission & Application

#### 30/45/60 EC for HBO

**Entry Requirements:**

- Finished HBO-Bachelor degree
- and:
- 60 EC: all fields accepted (except for EORAS)
  - 45 EC: all fields accepted
  - 30 EC: only for list of related Dutch HBO programmes.

#### 30 EC Specific HBO-A&C

- For 30 EC: finished HBO-A&C (240 EC)
- For 30 EC: finished HBO Finance & Control (240 EC)

#### 45/60 EC for WO and int'l degree

**Entry Requirements:**

- Finished WO-Bachelor degree
- and:
- all fields accepted, except for EORAS (only with strong mathematical background)

WITH POSSIBLE EXEMPTIONS for WO BACKGROUND, NO EXEMPTIONS FOR HBO-courses!

*Students with Dutch degree: enroll in studielink before July 1st*

*With international degree: before May 1st*

**We advise you to apply asap even though you have not finished your current programme and always check the University website.**



# Admission table for 30 EC Pre-MSc

Dutch HBO bachelor (NVAO accredited)	CROHO	Business Administration (MAC, SIM, SB&E, Change)	Business Administration (Health)	International Financial Management	International Business and Management	International Economics and Sustainable Development*	Human Resource Management	Marketing Management	Marketing Analytics & Data Science	Supply Chain Management & Technology and Operations Management
Accountancy	34406	V	V	V	X	V	X	V	V	V
Bedrijfsconomie	34401	V	V	V	V	V	X	V	V	V
Bedrijfskunde	34095	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Bedrijfskunde - MER	34139	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Bedrijfskunde en agribusiness	34866	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	X	V
Bedrijfsmanagement MKB	34106	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Business IT & Management	39118	V	V	V	X	V	V	X	X	V
Business Studies	34145	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Commercieel Management	34126	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Commerciële Economie/Speco CE	34402	V	V	V	V	V	X	V	V	V
(International) Finance and Control	35520	V	V	V	X	V	X	V	V	V
Finance Tax & Advise	35517	V	V	V	X	V	X	V	V	V
Financial Services Management	34414	V	V	V	X	V	V	V	V	V
Hogere Managementopleiding voor de Mobiliteitsbranche (IVA)	34995	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	V
Human Resource Management	34609	X	X	X	X	X	V	X	X	V
Industrial Engineering & Management/ Technische Bedrijfskunde	34421	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	X	V
International Business	30029	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
International Business & Entrepreneurship	30031	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
International Business and Languages	34407	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
International Business and Management Studies	34996	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
International Business Management (Tio)	34144	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Management in de Zorg	34598	X	V	X	X	X	V	X	X	V
Ondernemerschap & Retail Management	35523	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Small Business & Retail Management	34422	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Trade Management Azie	34041	V	V	V	V	V	X	X	X	V
All other HBO bachelors		You are eligible for the 45 EC variant of these Pre-Master's programmes								V

V	Direct admission to the 30 EC programme.
X	No admission to 30 EC programme.
V	Direct admission to 30 EC programme Marketing, but we strongly suggest to only transfer to the Marketing Management (MM) master profile.
"Remark for students preparing for MSc Business Administration - Management Accounting and Control"	If you do not have a solid background in finance, accounting and control we advise you to NOT choose the Pre-MSc MAC profile.
* formerly known as Economic Development and Globalization	

'If you have a Dutch University BSc, please look at the affinity table. If you have to do a pre-master, you are eligible for the 45 EC variant and will receive exemptions based on your earlier education.'

No rights can be derived from this table, the information is subject to change.



## English requirement

You need sufficient command of the English language

VWO level ('own' responsibility)

***Dutch High School  
 / Bachelor Diploma***

Test	Overall Score	Speaking	Writing
IELTS (Academic)	6	6	5.5
TOEFL IBT	80	20	20
Cambridge B2 First, C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency	169	169	162
B2 for all sections of the University of Groningen Language Centre Test			

***International  
 Bachelor  
 Diploma***

See: [www.rug.nl/feb/education/study-programmes/pre-msc/?lang=en#admission](http://www.rug.nl/feb/education/study-programmes/pre-msc/?lang=en#admission)



## 4. Tuition Fees: you only pay for your ECs

### In 2025-26:

60 EC	€	2.601
45 EC	€	1.951
30 EC	€	1.300

You can only take the assigned courses with the corresponding amount of EC!

So it is NOT allowed to take any extra courses!!

### For detailed & up-to-date information see:

[www.rug.nl/education/master/international-students/financial-matters/tuition/pre-master-programmes](http://www.rug.nl/education/master/international-students/financial-matters/tuition/pre-master-programmes)

<https://www.rug.nl/education/application-enrolment-tuition-fees/tuition-fee/pre-masterprogrammes>

*N.B. You are not entitled to reimbursement if you deregister during the academic year, unless you have filed a request for deregistration via Studielink in the first two months of your enrollment (so before Nov 1<sup>st</sup>)*



## 5. EC Threshold after 1<sup>st</sup> year



### 60 / 45 / 30 EC after one year

When you have successfully passed all the mandatory courses of your Pre-Master programme, you can be admitted to the regular Master programme. **Congratulations!**



### When after one year you have obtained the threshold of at least:

- 50 EC of your 60 EC programme
- 40 EC of your 45 EC programme
- 25 EC of your 30 EC programme

your Pre-Master year can be prolonged with the maximum of one year. In that (full) year you have to finish your pre-Master programme.



### Be aware:

- You are not allowed to start with the regular Master until finishing your Pre-Master ('harde knip').

So: you can miss 5 EC for a programme of 45 EC or less, and 10 EC for a programme of more than 45 EC





## Less than the threshold?

Admissions to our Pre-Master programme is valid for only one year and you can enter only once. When you have obtained less than the threshold for your programme, you failed the Pre-Master programme. You are not allowed to proceed in the Pre-Master.

If you still wish to enter the Master's programme, you can enrol in the relevant, regular Bachelor programme (in that case several exemptions are granted, but it certainly will take a lot more time).

*(Beware of the legal higher tuition fees since this will then be your second bachelor degree)*



Nota bene: if you struggle in the first block you can unenroll before December 1st and restart one year later.





## 6. Students' Experiences



**Hard work pays off!**



# My Pre-Master experience:

- Tim Harte/ MSc BA SIM
- Selina Kuhr/ MSc ED&G (new name IE&SD)
- Sanam Ali/ MSc HRM





## Some final remarks

- International and Dutch HBO students work relatively hard
- The **analytical** parts of the study, especially Mathematics and Statistics can be challenging (Mathematics not in the programme for everyone!)
- Sometimes **scientific writing** issues occur (i.e. writing a research paper and thesis independently)
- We also have **some customized packages** for students from RuG psychology and sociology who want to go to the MSc Marketing, Change or HRM; for students with a health related academic bachelor who want to do the MSc Health; and for students with international studies background who want to do the MSc IE&SD. Please look at our website (tba).
- As I said before: the results of Pre-MSc students in the master are comparable to or even a bit better than those of “regular” students
- In the past, pass rates of the Pre-MSc Programmes were comparable to those of our regular programmes (around 70 %)
- Our experience: once in the master, students will receive their MSc Degree





# Would you mind?



- We would like to know more about your interests and mathematics background!
- Do you want us to keep you informed?







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**We hope to welcome you  
 in September 2025!**

Apply soon to secure your spot 😊



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# More information:

[www.rug.nl/feb/master](http://www.rug.nl/feb/master)

- Information about all FEB master's degrees

[www.rug.nl/feb/premaster](http://www.rug.nl/feb/premaster)

- Information about all FEB pre-master's programmes

[www.rug.nl/feb/online-masterday](http://www.rug.nl/feb/online-masterday)

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- Alumni portraits
- Life at FEB

If you have any further questions,  
 please contact us at [prospectives.feb@rug.nl](mailto:prospectives.feb@rug.nl)





## Faculty Accreditation

### National:



### International:



*FEB belongs to 1% business schools worldwide with both **EQUIS** and **AACSB** accreditation*







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